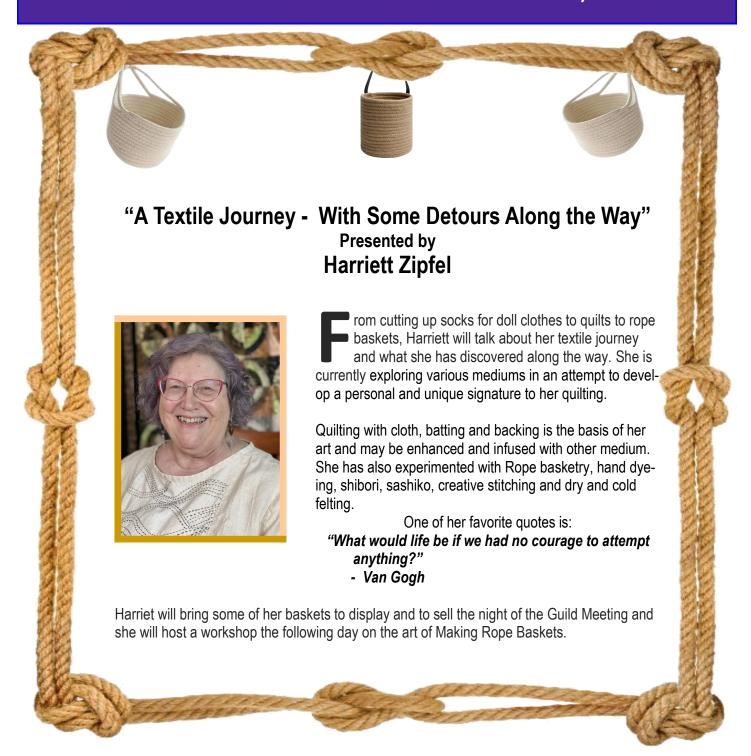


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GUILD ZOOM MEETING AUGUST 23, 2022



GUILD ZOOM MEETING MINUTES JULY 26, 2022 Torson Booker Connectors

Teresa Basler, Secretary

Tonight was the guild's annual Salad Supper. It was very well attended and so great to see everyone. The meeting started with enjoying fellowship and dinner.

Honor Flight Presentation - Judy Humphrey gave a wonderful presentation of the Honor Flight program including a video. What a wonderful day for our veterans celebrating their service. Judy also spoke of her rewarding personal involvement with the Honor Flight program. She also talked about the Honor Flight quilts from the guild and how the veterans respond to receiving the quilts.

UFO's - Sarah Weible presented checks to UFO winners. There will be another UFO opportunity in 2022.

Quilt Show - Darla Gibson talked about the upcoming quilt show March 18-19, 2023. Go to the website for a quilt entry form. Spread the word about the guild March quilt show. Bookmarks are available on the guild website.

Sew Hope Charity Raffle - Please submit new or in good condition items for the charity quilt raffle supporting Sew Hope.

Respectfully Submitted, Teresa Basler, Secretary

SUCH A GREAT TIME!!!

Many members commented on this first face-to-face guild meeting. But this comment best summed up the general consensus of finally sharing fellowship with guild friends:

Thank you Patti, Judy, and all involved in making our guild's July Salad Supper meeting happen. It was a very enlightening and enjoyable evening.

I thought the "brown bag" your own meal with beverages and desserts provided worked really well and the Honor Flight program was very informative and moving. <u>Such a great</u> time!

Thanks again, Susan Calzone

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends.

Our Salad Supper was a huge success! Thanks to Patti Moreland and Debbie Reynolds for planning, decorating our festive tables and, of course, providing our sweet treats.

Almost 60 members attended and all enjoyed an evening catching up with friends and making new friends.

Our presenter for the evening was our very own Judy Humphrey. Judy donated years of volunteer work in support of the Honor Flight Program. She gave so much of her time and dedication to make a memorable flight for each of the veterans which they will always treasure.

The video explained so well how each flight is carefully planned and choreographed to make sure each veteran's trip is a tribute to their service to our country.

I don't think there was a dry eye in the room by the end of the video! Thank you, Judy, for all you do for these great men and women!

Lastly, we have an exciting program this month. Artist Harriett Zipfel will present her "Textile Journey".

Please refer to the newsletter for more information about the speaker and her workshop.

Keep on stitchin', Phyllis Bednarek President

FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023 MARCH 18-19

CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR SHOW SET UP (3/17) and TAKE DOWN (3/19) and OTHER SHOW VOLUNTEERS

QUILT SHOW 2023 UPDATES

Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair ddgiby64@yahoo.com - 636-448-8135.

Quilters – it has been a hot yet rainy summer so far! I hope you all have found time to be inside and working on your quilts for the 2023 Fanfare of Quilts!

We will be providing forms at the August meeting (and online) for you to use for submissions. The quilts do not need to be completed until February 2023 **BUT** we do require a picture of YOUR quilt, in whatever state it is in – please do NOT provide a picture of the pattern – at the time you submit it for entry into the show. Once you commit with an entry form, we will be relying on you to complete the quilt!

During the next few months, we need help from ALL members! We need to start getting the word out about the show. Tamra Phelps is our PR person and is diligently putting together packets to get to all the local and not so local quilt stores. If you and your friends happen to be taking a road trip to some of your favorite stores, please contact Tamra for a packet to drop off with Show information. Or, if you are a member of another guild, please pick up a packet to take to their meeting.

Also, many of you have book clubs, sewing groups, gardening clubs and many other hobbies that have groups that get together – small or large. You can find the bookmarks and flyers on the website under the Quilt Show Member's page. PLEASE print some out at home and plan to share with your groups. You can also put them up at libraries and stores that have public information boards!

Let's think creatively about how to spread the word! Thank you in advance for your help with the bookmarks and flyers. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of the quilt show committee members if you have any questions.

Quilt Show Committee – our next meeting is August 2nd at 6:30 pm via Zoom!

Darla Gibson QS Chairperson

THE CHARITY RAFFLE

Sue Meyer, Coordinator

suziequilt@hotmail.com

Remember the Charity Raffle Committee for the Quilt Show has chosen the **Sew Hope** charity that will benefit from our "brown bag raffle".

Please consider donating an item for the charity raffle. It can be a kit, fabric (FQ's; 1/2 yards, or more - no scraps), a finished project, a pattern, a notion, etc. If you have any questions, email Sue Meyer at suziequilt@hotmail.com.



Please keep saving all those empty spools for a "Guess the # of Spools" at the Quilt Show. The spools can be dropped off at the meetings.

- Judy Humphrey

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TICKET SALES



hank you to all who have been selling the Quilt raffle tickets. Especially those that are picking up additional tickets to sell at group gatherings in the future.

All of the profits from the Quilt raffle sales go to our guild. For each packet of tickets that you sell you will get a chance in our 3 sales drawings for a small prize.

The quilt is so beautiful. Each time I see it I am amazed at the workmanship. Thank you 'Paper Piecers' and Jane Coons for creating this special quilt for the guild.

For those of you that can't come to the guild meetings and know you want to sell/purchase tickets we have come up with several methods of getting them to you.

- 1) Email me at the email below and if you are close to my house (Webster Groves), work (O'Fallon, MO) or one of the quilt shops I visit, I will drop off your envelope with the tickets.
- 2) If you know the names to be put on the tickets, send me a check at the address below and I will fill out the tickets for you and turn them in at the next Guild meeting for you.
- 3) If you live outside of St Louis, email me and I will mail them to you.

Besides the tickets that we ask the guild members to sell, we will be selling tickets at various quilt shops around the area. For every two-hour shift at one of these stores you will get your name in the sales drawing mentioned above.

This is a fun way to meet other members and see what is in the quilt shops. We also get the chance to show off the beautiful quilt and advertise our Quilt show!

Please look at the dates in Signup Genius by clicking on the link below. Please look at the shop locations. Some of them are in Illinois. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/608094DADA92CA2FE3-quilted

We are still working on other dates too. I will send out an email when we add a new date.

Thank you in advance for helping.

Megan Buttery 314 North Gore Webster Groves, Mo 63119

MBUTTERY8119@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Checks should be made out to Bits'n'Pieces Quilt Guild.

(Please be careful mailing checks. I have heard that the checks mailed in boxes outside of the local post offices have been stolen. Now I walk into the post office to mail my letters.)

Thank you. Megan Buttery



"Frozen Fountain" by Judy Niemeyer

The quilt was

Pieced by the following members of the Pretty Paper Piecers: Ann Clark, Gail MacCartney, Elizabeth Stewart, Gay Stewart, Denise Souris, Mary Lou Knox, Jane Coons, Judie Benedum,

Francine Boillat, Tamra Phelps, Sue Potter and Linda Keeler.

Quilted by our uber talented Jane Coons.

The <u>Drawing</u> will be Sunday, March 19, 2023 at the Fanfare of Quilts 2023 Quilt Show at Queeny Park.

Tickets sell for \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5.

MEMBERSHIP

Priscilla Kosednar pkosednar@sbcglobal.net

Jane Dodge janestl@gmail.com Coordinators

We are pleased to let everyone know that we have 24 new members this year.

If you are looking to invite new members to an event or volunteer for an activity, Jane Dodge can give you a list of those new names and email addresses.

We have 174 members, after new members joined at our fun salad supper.

Guests are always welcome to attend meetings. The fee remains \$2 for regular meetings and \$5 when we have a national speaker.

We can order a Bits name tag for you. Just contact Priscilla Kosednar, pkosed-nar@sbcglobal.net or Jane Dodge, janedstl@gmail.com and we'll order your name tag.

Happy Quilting, Jane and Priscilla

COVER OUR KIDS

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Laura Khoury cabernut@gmail.com 636-227-8885 Coordinators

Fifty quilts were delivered to Children's Hospital this month! Another delivery was made to Home Sweet Home, which received 19 of our larger quilts.

The mission of Home Sweet Home is to give under-served families a sense of pride and to improve the quality of their lives by providing basic household furnishings.

A huge "thank you" to all who have helped and are continuing to help make COK so successful.

- Joyce and Laura



22 HOLIDAY BLOCK CHALLENGI Joyce Zepp joycezepp83@gmail.com

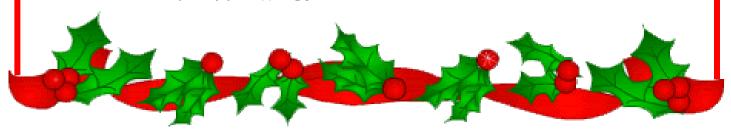
I know it's 100 degrees outside, but the holidays will be here before you know it, so it's time to get those holiday ideas flowing!

The guild has purchased two beautiful fabrics for the holiday block challenge, and starting at the August meeting you will be able to purchase a fat 1/8 for \$1.50. (Yes, I know, the price has gone up.)

If you are unfamiliar with the way this challenge works, participants will create a 12 ½" square holiday block that incorporates one of our chosen fabrics. For each block turned in, you will receive a chance to win enough blocks to make a throw quilt.

The drawing will happen at our holiday party, which means all completed blocks must be **turned in by the November meeting**.

Questions? Email Joyce at joycezepp83@gmail.com



THE COMPANY SET UP/TAKE DOWN MEETING CHAIRS

Mary Lou Knox

Cell: 314-223-0375 - Home: 636-225-3279

Email: <u>mknox911@charter.net</u>



The Company is a group of guild volunteer members who come to each Bits and Pieces monthly meeting to "set up/break down" the chairs and tables for our guild. I usually ask for a minimum of 6 volunteers for each meeting. To volunteer, please email, text, or telephone Mary Lou Knox. I usually send out an email ahead of time looking for volunteers, or you can sign up at any guild meeting. Volunteers must arrive at the church at 6:00pm to help and remain afterwards to reset the room.

If you are interested in volunteering for ANY guild meeting, please contact: Mary Lou Knox. THANK YOU!!!!

UFO'S Sarah Weible, Coordinator s.weible@gmail.com 314.313.3360



The first deadline of the year for completed work was June 30th. I am so pleased with the number of quilters who finished projects during the period of January to June.

We had 17 quilters who participated and will share \$275.00 in prize money! They are:

Peggy Anderson, Phyllis Bednarek, Mickie Compton, Jane Dodge, Mary Lou Knox, Darlene Kopta, Priscilla Kosednar, Debra Kramer, Lisa Marsden, Patti Moreland, Sherry Mueller, Lillian Nehring, Nancy Peters, Darlene Sforza, Polly Sievert, Nancy Sinise and Gay Stewart.

Congratulations ladies! Checks were handed out to those quilters who attended the Salad Supper meeting. Those not in attendance received theirs in the mail.

These ladies completed 145,490.25 inches of work. There are 63,360 inches in a mile. If these inches were laid out side by side - they would equal 2.3 miles! Or one could just say – "That's a ton of work".

It's not too late to participate in the UFO program. Everyone starts with a clean slate. If you already have a 2022 list, you do not need to submit another one. We'll continue working off your present list. Of course you can add to it by sending an email to s.weible@gmail.com. If you would like to join the program, email or hand in a list of ALL your unfinished projects to Sarah Weible or the email listed above. REMEMBER, ANY COMPLETED WORK HAS TO ALREADY BE ON YOUR LIST TO COUNT. You never know what you'll work on so it is important to list all incomplete work or projects you'd like to get started on.

Finished projects need to be shown at Show and Tell (a shout out to me is helpful so you are sure to get credit) or you can email a photo WITH YOU HOLDING YOUR PROJECT to the above address. I also need the size, who quilted it, and how it was quilted (machine or hand).

The next participation drawing for prizes will be held at the September meeting. Anyone who has a list submitted before that meeting will be eligible.

Sew...Get Busy!!!



Linda Waugh, Coordinator

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Dear Guild members!

I have nothing to report for Sunshine and Shadow, but I would like to ask you If you have any Sunshine or Shadow requests or information from

August 10 to August 22, please email them to

Cindy Holten at cmholten@sbcglobal.net

since I will be out of the country enjoying Jaspar National Park in Canada.

Thanks so much! Linda Waugh

BITS LIBRARY

Francine Boillat Effybee534@aol.com 636-891-5084



The Bits Library is up and running. Please return materials that have been borrowed for several months or even years. The pandemic has prevented many members from returning books, magazines, etc. You can return them during the Guild Meetings or send them with a friend who will be attending in person.

It is so nice to have things getting back to normal. For more information, please contact Francine at 636-891-5084. Thank You.



ZOOM MINI EVENTSChris Williams, Coordinator

cwwill@earthlink.net)

Wednesday Evening Zoom: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Thursday afternoon Zoom: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Fun Sew Day ZOOM: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

ZOOM Fun Sew Days: Currently scheduled for 1st Saturday of odd numbered months.

Dates changes will be provided.

Reminders will be sent to those who have signed up.

For information contact: Chris Williams:

cwwill@earthlink.net

IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator

mknox911@charter.net 636-225-3279 (HOME) 314-223-0375 (CELL)

In-Person Fun Sew Days are held on all **even numbered months**

at the

West County EMS and Fire Administrative Offices at 223 Henry Ave., Manchester, MO. 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

The next **IN PERSON** Fun Sew Day is scheduled for <u>Sat.</u>, August 6th.

A minimum of 6 people, who are committed to attending, is necessary to proceed with Fun Sew Day. Otherwise, other arrangements will be made. Please notify Mary Lou Knox no later than Wednesday, August 3rd if you plan to attend! All pertinent information, including Zoom numbers (if necessary), etc., will be sent out on August 5th.

This group has not met in person since March of 2020 so I hope to see a bunch of fellow quilters on August 6th!!!!

Mary Lou Knox

