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SEPTEMBER 2022

GUILD ZOOM MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Bits n Pieces Sampler Platter / Round Robin

Presented by Guild Members:

**Kate Hall, Joyce Zepp, Jane Dapkus,
Louise Morris, Darla Gibson, Candy Grisham**

**This will be an "IN Person ONLY" meeting
NOT on Zoom**

We are sorry but at this time we do not have the equipment or the expertise to video tape the presentations or to offer these presentations on Zoom

There will be six different presentations offered in a round robin fashion:

1. **Kate Hall** will present no ruler, no pinning improvisational curved piecing
2. **Joyce Zepp** will show us how to choose fabric for a "one block wonder" and share hints on how to choose appropriate strip size for different fabric (large vs small motifs)
3. **Jane Dapkus** will share three Binding Techniques
4. **Louise Morris** will show us how to use the "Double Diamond Ruler
5. **Darla Gibson** will Demo Paper Piecing
6. **Candy Grisham** will show us "60 degree Diamond Designs" and more

Six stations will be set up around the room. Each member will have the opportunity to sign up to watch 4 presentations and will rotate to the 4 stations at 20 minute intervals.

Our monthly business meeting will be held after the presentations.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

In my first letter to you as president, I called the year of 2021 our "Year of Hope". It took us a full year before we were able to see our hopeful dreams come true. It finally came this past January.

Each meeting we are together I see a few more faces of new members and, of course, seasoned members who have ventured out. I would love to see even more members at our next meeting, Round Robin Demos. We have so many talented members in our guild and they are willing to share their talents with us. Please come and learn from them and share in the camaraderie of our guild.

My term as President is coming to a close. Our Treasurer, Debbie Reynolds, who took this position during her first year of joining the guild is also retiring. Please think of joining this creative and innovative team. Let me know if you are interested in either position and want to contribute to the excitement and creativeness of our group.

On a final note, Gail MacCartney and her team offered to plan our Holiday party!! Another opportunity to get together and celebrate our friendships!!

See you in September!
 Phyllis Bednarek
 President

Listed below are all the Guild's current Mini Groups and Retreats, along with the contact information.

MINI GROUPS			
Art Bits St. Louis	Wendy Richards	636 394 9250	whoob@aol.com
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	Judy Vogt	636-293-2440	javogt52@gmail.com
Beginner's Luck	Chris Williams	314 452 5912	cwill@earthlink.net
Crazy Quilters	Darla Gibson	636-448-8135	ddgibby@charter.net
Nighttime Needlers	Open		
Paper Piecing	Linda Keeler	314-971-0989	stlkeeler@yahoo.com
Pieces of Friendship	Nancy Muskopf	636-458-0360	khnam@att.net
Scraps	Nancy Muskopf	636-458-0360	khnam@att.net
Southern Stitchers	Lynn DeWitt	314-249-6124	velindadewitt@sbcglobal.net
RETREATS			
Retreats	Theresa Basler	314-550-2496	tbasler@swbell.net
Retreats (Weekends)	Laurie Schrader	314-750-3360	laurieaschrader@gmail.com
Retreats (Zoom Fun Sew Day)	Chris Williams	314 452 5912	cwill@earthlink.net
Retreats (Live Fun Sew Day)	Mary Lou Knox	636-225-3279	mknox911@charter.net

GUILD ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 23, 2022

Teresa Basler, Secretary

The meeting opened with our guest speaker: Harriett Zipfel;
A Textile Journey - With Some Detours along the Way.

President Phyllis Benarek started the business part of the meeting:

The December Christmas Party will be held December 13, 2022.



Guild Officers: We need nominations for chairperson by next month. We also need to fill positions for President and Treasurer.

After two years, our **Tax Exempt Status** came through. If you need to buy something FOR THE GUILD ONLY, obtain a copy of the tax exempt letter from Jean Goldsberry.

BATIKS PLUS donated fabric to be used for various guild activities. Value of the fabric = \$4,570.

Presentation: Thimbles & Threads guild is hosting Ricky Tims for a presentation, Sept. 9th. Doors open at 6:00 pm; presentation at 7 o'clock. The cost is \$15. Check out the Thimbles & Threads website.

Honor Flights: Judy Humphrey has kits available for Honor Flights.

Zoom Fun Sew Days: Next date is set for Saturday, September 3rd. See Chris Williams for more information.

UFO's: Check the guild website for the UFO form. Lists of projects are due by Sept. 15.

Quilt Show: Nancy Peterson for Darla Gibson. She has forms for quilt entry. Forms are also available on the guild website. Copy/print form for each quilt. Contact Darla or Nancy if you have questions. Quilts can be dropped off as early as October.

Survey Monkey Questionnaire: Patti Moreland thanked everyone for completing the survey monkey questionnaire. It was decided that the guild would pay for sessions once or twice a year, preferably in colder months, instead of paying for all presentations.

Round Robin Demos: September meeting. There will be 6 demos/stations, each 15 minutes long. Members can sign up for 4 presentations and then rotate. This will not be available by Zoom.

Rope bowl class: Reminder the rope bowl class is at Jackman's tomorrow at 10 am.

Raffle Quilt: Megan Buttery thanked for help in selling tickets at the various quilt shops. She's open to ideas/places to display the quilt in order to sell raffle tickets.

In-Person Fun Sew Days: Mary Lou Knox was so thrilled that the last sew day was held and the attendees were actually there in-person instead of Zoom. They finally got to SEE each other. It was fun, interactive.

Moving Company: Mary Lou recognized and thanked the volunteer Movers. Consider helping for the next meeting.

Retreats: Teresa reminded the members about the upcoming September day retreat at Warm 'n Cozy on Sept 13-15, 2022. Use Signup Genius link to indicate which days you'll attend. Watch for more information about upcoming retreats in future minutes.

Cover our Kids: Joyce Zepp received 50 quilts tonight. She has tops to be pieced, quilting needed, and help with binding.

Christmas block challenge: Fabric for the Christmas blocks are now available for \$1.50. Fabric is cut and ready for purchase. See Joyce Zepp.

Charity Raffle: Sue Meyer announced that the Sew Hope office in Florissant flooded and lost sewing machines and fabric. This group teaches people to sew. They are associated with City Sewing Room. CSR are storing donated fabrics and equipment until Sew Hope has recovered.

Show & Tell: Virtual.

Membership: Attendance prizes were awarded. Total attendance was 57. 25 members on Zoom and 32 members in person. We have 5 new members with a total of 25 new members this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teresa Basler, Secretary

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's the time during the Quilt Show Planning that the team begins asking for your help! The first ask for this month is to start completing your quilt show entry forms for the March 2023 Quilt Show.

The forms have been uploaded to the Bits 'n' Pieces Website for you to print and copy as needed. Please note that there are 2 pages and both pages need to be completed. If possible, please try to copy them onto one sheet of paper - it makes keeping track of the 2nd page much easier!

Also, please make sure that you include a color 4 x 6 picture of the quilt. We don't want a picture of the pattern, we want one of your actual quilt! We use these pictures to place the quilts into the quilt show so that all the quilts are displayed at their best. For example, we try NOT to put a red/white/blue quilt next to a purple/orange quilt as they are not necessarily complimentary.

If there are any questions as you complete your forms, please reach out to me at ddgiby64@yahoo.com.

I thank you in advance for submitting the forms early. Note, the quilt doesn't have to be completed for the entry form but it does need to be completed by the quilt show so please make sure you are only entering what you can get done!

One last note, Quilt Show Entry Forms are due at the **January 2023 Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Meeting**. They can be mailed to me (my address is on the form) if you are not planning to attend meetings in person yet. Quilts MUST be completed by end of February so they can be given to the drop off person...more details on that to follow, but for now, I just wanted you to have the deadlines.

Thank you!
Darla Gibson
Quilt Show 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.



EMPTY SPOOLS

Everyone has been bringing in their Empty Spools for the quilt show.
The **Last Date to turn in Empty**

Spools is the Bits Christmas Party.

Why so early? I need to have the container made. Plus I need to count the spools. And after the quilt show, what to do with all the plastic spools? **RECYCLE!**

I have found a man who recycles empty plastic spools and makes small containers. He works for Sue Spargo and sells them thru her website. Go to Suespargo.com and look them up. They are beautiful and not real expensive. I've ordered some and am really pleased with them and he was pleased to know we were shipping them to him rather than throwing them away.

Okay, anyone have a use for the wooden spools? Call Judy Humphrey at 314-650-0663 if you any ideas.

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TICKET SALES



Thank 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/60B094DADA92CA2FE3-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 **Drawing** 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

Can you find your name tag hiding in your stash or your junk drawer?

We are ordering in larger quantities now as this is just more efficient. So please check your email, as we will send an information from the Guild when we are ordering name tags

To order a name tag, please send an **email to:**
Jane Dodge or Priscilla Kosednar

Name tags are \$10, check or cash. We appreciate the exact amount as we are not always able to make change at our meetings.

You will be able to pick up your name tags at the Bits meetings.

As a reminder, guests are always welcome at our meetings. There is a \$2 charge for meetings or \$5 if we have a national speaker. New members who join will pay \$12.50 for the remaining meetings this year

At the August meeting we had 5 new members join, so our membership is now 178.

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla

COVER OUR KIDS

Joyce Zepp
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314-593-6283

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

Thirty completed quilts

were submitted to COK at the August meeting!

We will be contacting prospective recipients and delivering your lovely work in the near future.

Thanks to all who donated completed quilts and finished tops, as well as those who picked up kits to work on over the next few weeks.

- Joyce and Laura



2022 HOLIDAY BLOCK CHALLENGE

Joyce Zepp
joycezepp83@gmail.com

Gold and silver will be the colors of the holidays this year!

You can purchase your glittery fabric inspiration **now**. The cost is \$1.50 for a fat 8th. Use one of our two fabric choices (or two of two, if you desire) to get your creative juices flowing, then add your own fabrics to make your block come to life.

Make your 12 ½" X 12 ½" square and turn it in no later than the **November meeting**.

For every square you turn in, you will have the chance to win a set of blocks at our Christmas party.

Contact Joyce Zepp with questions: joycezepp83@gmail.com or 314-593-6283



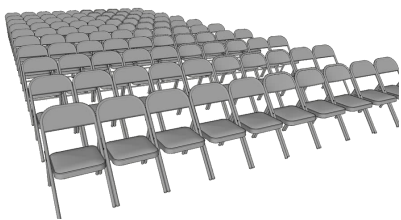
THE COMPANY

SET UP/TAKE DOWN MEETING CHAIRS

Mary Lou Knox

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

Email: mknnox911@charter.net



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



If you haven't turned in a UFO form this year and want to be included in our participation drawing at the September meeting, please send a list of your unfinished projects.

I must have your list by **September 15**. A handwritten note sent to my e-mail address at s.weible@gmail.com works just fine.

There is plenty of time left to complete projects this year, but now is not the time to slow down!

Our next deadline for completed projects is December 31.

Happy stitching!!



Linda Waugh, Coordinator
Lkampwaugh@charter.net
314-941-3195

Dear Guild members!

Gratefully there are no Shadows to repeat. And I hope you all are having plenty of Sunshine in your lives.

Should you have any Sunshine or Shadow you'd like to share with the membership, please contact me (see above).

Thank you.
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.

What does Fabricologist mean?

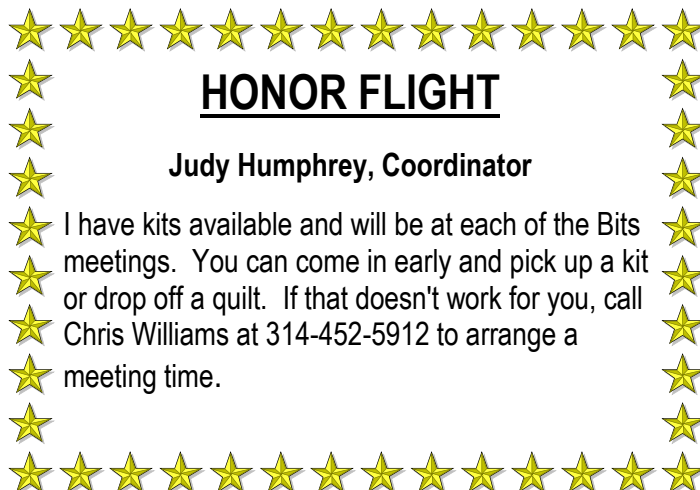
If you look in the Dictionary you will find this definition:

Fabricologist (Fab-ri-kol-uh-jist), noun

1. One who has perfected the art of stashing fabric.
2. An expert accumulator of cloth intended for future.

Seams...this fits a lot of us.

- Judy Humphrey



Judy Humphrey, Coordinator

I have kits available and will be at each of the Bits meetings. You can come in early and pick up a kit or drop off a quilt. If that doesn't work for you, call Chris Williams at 314-452-5912 to arrange a meeting time.