

GUILD ZOOM MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2022

“The Santa Suit Quilt”

Presented by

Shelly Gephart and Kimberly Morrow



The Santa Suit Quilt® is both a children's book... and a new tradition that is honoring quilt making.

Shelly and Kimberly are two first time authors living in the quaint town of Hoschton, Georgia. They are both loving wives and mothers and have spent years honing the craft of creating Christmas magic within their homes, all while getting into a little mischief themselves.

The night of the presentation, Shelly and Kimberly will be selling their book to our members for a discounted price of \$10.00, but is currently available on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble for

\$12.95. After we chat about the book and what other quilters have done with it, most members are immediately plotting their new “Santa Suit Quilt” project...making quick rag quilts, some traditional...what will be your project?

The Santa Suit Quilt tells the tale of the very first Santa Suit Quilt. You see, Santa, has mishaps every year and ruins his suit. And after 400 years of delivering Christmas presents, Mrs. Claus has quite the pile of ruined suits. One year she decides to make a quilt for Santa and she includes one square of velvet from one of his ruined suits. When she gives Santa his gift, he is beyond thrilled at the thoughtfulness of the quilt. He also realizes that even though it has just one square from his magical suit, it contains Christmas magic. And since every quilt is made with love...it's everything Christmas is about...love and magic. Now Santa is a generous soul and he re-gifts his magical Santa Suit Quilt to a child he sees sleeping. He leaves that child a note, letting the child know it's a magical quilt.

Quilters have been reading this story to their children, grandchildren, nieces and any other Santa believer in their lives and secretly making a Santa Suit Quilt to be “left” for the child. Some children awake covered in their own Santa Suit Quilt, some have a gift sent “special delivery” from the North pole on their porch, and there are so many more fun ideas.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits n Pieces Friends,

A BIG "Thank You" goes out to Patti Moreland, Candy Grisham, Darla Gibson, Marsha Bray, Joyce Zepp and Jane Dapkus for organizing and presenting an exciting Demo night! It was a wonderful night to learn new tips & techniques, to become aware of rulers that can make our measuring & cutting easier, and, of course, a chance to mingle with friends, both familiar (not old) & new.

Now it's time to think of those special holiday gifts you plan to get done. There are lots of retreats going on so you can get started. Also, our next guild meeting will have a holiday theme - The Santa's Suit Quilt, a book written by Shelly Gephart and Kimberly Morrow.

Remember, this month, we will have Show and Tell Live! Bring your quilts so we can see your beautiful workmanship up close & personal!

Always in Stitches,
Phyllis Bednarek
President

NO GUILD MEETING MINUTES
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
Teresa Basler, Secretary



Due to the fun Round Robin Event scheduled for the September 27, 2022 guild meeting, the guild's Secretary had the evening off.

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

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Quilters!

Thank you to everyone that has been working on the Quilt Show forms! I appreciate the early entries!

Please continue to get these submitted and if there are any questions on the form, feel free to email me at ddgibby64@yahoo.com

A couple of quick reminders on the Forms:

1. If you are entering a quilt that should be hung with others from a group project, please check the box marked "Group" and fill in the group name it is to be hung with. For example "Crazy Quilters Round Robin". Please ask your group to use the same (or at least similar) verbiage to make it quick and easy to match up.
2. There are usually questions about the very last question on how the quilt was quilted. Please use the method that was used on MOST of the quilt OR the method you would like to make sure it is "judged" under. So, if you did the majority of the quilting on a Long Arm Hand Guided but you stitched in the ditch on your domestic, list it as Long Arm Hand Guided. The other way to consider this is, if your non-quilting friend asked you how you quilted it, what would be the first thing that pops in your head!

My address is on the form, so feel free to mail them to me if you don't plan to be at a guild meeting soon. I will not be at the October meeting but I will find a Quilt Show Committee person to pick them up for me.

Thank you all so much!
Darla Gibson

THE CHARITY RAFFLE

Sue Meyer, Coordinator

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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.

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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
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Jane Dodge
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Coordinators

Hi there quilters. Please take time to check your name on the membership roster. You will find a link to this section on the Members Only tab on our website.

If there are any typos that need correction, or changes you would like to make, please email Jane Dodge.

We also would like to welcome 5 new members this month bringing our membership to 184. Remember to wear a name tag at our meetings and say hello to a new friend.

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Our Holiday Party will be
held December 13, 2022.

Details to follow.



COVER OUR KIDS

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Coordinators

Just a reminder that all quilts turned in to COK need to be labelled with a Bits label and freshly laundered.

If you need labels, I always bring some to the meeting, or email me and I will mail some to you.

COK is a big job, and quilters taking care of these small items themselves really help me out.

Thanks,
Joyce and Laura





2022 HOLIDAY BLOCK CHALLENGE

Sarah Weible, Coordinator

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CHANGE OF COORDINATOR

Joyce Zepp has passed the baton to me, **Sarah Weible**, for the remainder of the challenge. She already did all the hard work so it was an easy yes. There are two choices of blocks – a dark blue with silver or a cream color with gold. Both are lovely and from the looks of the ones turned in at the September meeting, they work beautifully into a quilt square.

Here's how it works: A baggie with one 18" x 10 ½" piece of fabric can be purchased for \$1.50. You go home and decide what you want your block to look like. It must contain some of the fabric you purchased and be returned to me as a 12 ½" x 12 ½" square block by the **November** meeting. Once I receive your block, your name goes into a drawing at the December meeting to win enough squares to make a holiday quilt. Every time you turn in a block you get your name entered. The more blocks you make, the bigger chance you have to win.



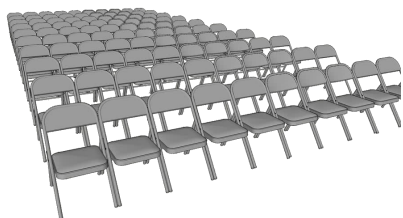
THE COMPANY

SET UP/TAKE DOWN MEETING CHAIRS

Mary Lou Knox

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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
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September's meeting was so much fun and there were many things happening. Since this meeting, was so busy, we decided to postpone our participation drawing until the **October** meeting. This gives more time for those last minute participants to get a list of UFOs to me by October 15th.

Send your list to me s.weible@gmail.com – it doesn't have to be fancy. If I already have a list from you....no worries – you are all set! See you in October.

Happy stitching!!



NOTICE: DATE CHANGE
October's Fun Sew Day Will BE Held on
October 22nd!!!!

Because of a scheduling conflict, October's FUN SEW DAY will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. We will still begin at 9:30 am and end at 4:00 pm. We will still be meeting at the Manchester Fire House on Henry Road. Please consider joining us on this new date!! We always have lots of fun talking, sharing, and QUILTING!!!!

Please email, call, or text me at one of the numbers below by Thursday, October 20th if you are interested in attending. I have to have a minimum of six (6) quilters attend in order to host the day. Come and sew or just visit with us. You can come all day or just part of the day if you wish! **See you on Saturday, OCTOBER 22nd!!!!**

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Linda Waugh, Coordinator
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Dear Guild members!

Kate Hall's husband has been in ICU and needs our prayers. Let's storm heaven that he improves, and let's also support Kate with cards and emails. Her information is in our guild membership list.

Suzanne Mullaney was having serious leg problems in the last month and was to Saint Luke's hospital and then onto Saint Luke's Surrey Place for rehab. She is now at home and receiving home health visits weekly. She's keeping her spirits up and taking one day at a time. She recently saw the Doctor and he said, when she is ready she can drive. Suzanne wanted you to know that she really appreciates your cards and thoughts of support that you have sent, along with your prayers.

Thanks so much. .
Linda Waugh

BITS LIBRARY
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Please return all materials, books, magazines, etc., that have been borrowed for several months or even years to the Bits Library. It is so nice to have things returned so that others can enjoy them.

You can return them during the Guild Meetings or send them with a friend who will be attending in person.

For more information, please contact Francine at 636-891-5084.

Thank You.