

GUILD MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Kacie Starr Long

Founder & CEO of "SEW HOPE"



Having once made history, at the age of 26, as St. Louis' youngest elected official and first African-American woman to represent her district on the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, Kacie Starr Long is a leader with a passion for serving in her community and advocating for those in need.

"Sew Hope", a sister center to "City Sewing Room" is a faith-based non-profit community sewing center in Florissant, MO.

The Sew Hope Mission is to serve the St. Louis community well by providing a unique gathering space that attracts women of all races and ages to share and learn from each other through the art of sewing, quilting, and crafting.

In addition to providing classes, workshops and workspace for sewers, quilters and crafters, they give back to the community through special initiatives through working with individuals who have been incarcerated.

Sew Hope will reopen in their temporary location, Florissant Assembly of God, on November 8th. (Their building is being renovated after the July 2022 Flooding.)



GUILD MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2022

Teresa Basler, Secretary

Awesome presentation by Santa Suit Quilt Company.

President Phyllis Bednarek opened the business meeting with mail. Sappington House is celebrating their 75th year anniversary. Their family quilt will be on display at Crestwood Hall. Check out the Sappington House website for more information.

Slate of New Officers: President: Candy Grisham, Treasure: Valerie Steele. December will be formal elections.

Quilt Show -Forms. Blank forms are available on the guild website. Flyers & bookmarks are also available. Distribute them around town.

Travel Posters: Louise Morris suggested displaying the Travel posters from the guild challenge at the March 2023 Quilt Show. If you have a Travel poster submission, complete a quilt entry form.

Holiday Blocks & UFOs: Sarah Weible reminded everyone that blocks are due at the December meeting. A prize drawing was held for UFO participants.

Retreats: Teresa Basler announced there is one more spot open for the upcoming retreat at Peace & Appliqué in Bloomington, IL, November 11, (1pm) 12, 13, and 14. \$60 per night (\$180 for 3 nights). CORRECTION: The fee of \$120 was quoted during the meeting. We need 6 people and currently have 5 committed. Contact Teresa if you're interested - 314-550-2496.

HONOR FLIGHTS: Judy Humphrey delivered quilts for the upcoming flight... "the 100th flight from St. Louis". Four St. Louisians will lay wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is quite a honor. This event will be televised. She shared a moving thank you note sent to the guild by a veteran recipient.

Zoom Sew Fun Day: Chris Williams. The next Zoom Sew Fun Day is November 5th.

Christmas Party Update: Gail McCartney. Party is on 12/13 at 6:00 pm. Desserts: A-K; Appetizers: L-Z - Appetizers.

Margaret Gaal asked for left over blocks for kids aging out of the foster system. She's happy to take orphan blocks, scraps, or make 12 1/2" block and bring them to the Christmas party in December.

The St Louis Art Museum is hosting an exhibition: Global Threads: The Art and Fashion of Indian Chintz. The group is going December 15 and enjoying lunch afterwards at the Art Museum. More details are contained in the newsletter.

Membership: Jane Dodge asked for long standing members with no changes in address, email, phone numbers, just send a check and name for 2023 enrollment.

Tonight's Attendance: In-Person: 67; On-Line Zoom: 11

New Mini Group: Sharon Domyan announced the starting of a new UFO group. There are 6 open spots with a total group of 8. This would be a "rotating" group. Once a person finishes two UFO's, they would rotate out, someone else rotates in and so on.

Show & Tell - ooh's and aah's!

Teresa Basler
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Phyllis Bednarek, President

Dear Bits & Pieces Friends,

After our speakers, Shelly & Kimberly, presented their Santa Suit Quilt Book, I think we all felt the warm holiday spirit with all its wonderful Christmas magic.

Watching the books fly off their tables made me think of all the lucky children, grandchildren & great grandchildren who will listen to this heart-warming story on Christmas Eve!

We have one last presentation of the year before our holiday party. The presenter is Kacie Starr Long from Sew Hope, a community sewing center located in Florissant. Our guild will donate both fabric and monetary gifts to Sew Hope to help rebuild their facility after it was damaged from the last torrential rain storm!

I hope you will join us to support this wonderful group so they can continue to promote a strong community connection through the creative world of sewing.

Lastly, we will be voting for our new President and Treasurer at the November meeting. Be sure to attend so that your vote will be counted. Let's continue to keep growing strong in our own community so that we continue sharing our creative spirit with each other.

Still Stitchin',
Phyllis Bednarek
President

FANFARE OF QUILTS 2023 MARCH 18-19

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QUILT SHOW 2023 UPDATES

Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair

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Hi Quilters!

We are getting closer to our big weekend! Less than 5 months away! I hope everyone is working diligently on your quilts and entry forms to put the quilts in the show!

A couple of reminders (due to questions I've received)

The quilt show entry form **MUST** be completed for each item (no matter if it is a quilt, a wearable, an art quilt, etc). This form is used to make the tags that hang with the entry in the show. The tags help guide our viewers through the show and let them know the quilt's story. The forms also help us organize the show so that we put like sizes of quilts together and show them in all their beauty!

If the item is to be displayed with other quilts from a challenge or a group event, there is a place on the form for that! Just fill in the information of the name of the group and we will match them up.

I have gotten several quilt show entries and hope that you will bring more to next week's meeting. Bernice Dodge will be collecting them for me as I will be unable to attend the meeting. If you would like to mail them to me, my address is on the form.

Don't hesitate to send questions to me at ddgiby64@yahoo.com

I look forward to seeing everyone in November and will work on a more complete show update by then.

Thank you!
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

Please remember that the **last date to turn in Empty Spools is December 13, at the Bits Christmas Party.**

NOTICE

To send an email to the entire Bits community please post at
bitsnpiecesguild@groups.io

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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
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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
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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.

Membership renewal starts Dec 1 for 2023.
Short forms will be available for our members at the November and December meetings.

NAME TAGS \$10.00
Please email Jane Dodge if you would like a name tag.
You can pay at the November meeting.

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla

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,
Francine

COVER OUR KIDS

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Laura Khoury
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Coordinators

We began working with the COK donations in February of this year. Since then, 234 quilts have been donated to 6 different charities: Rainbows for Kids, Circle of Concern, Children's Hospital, Home Sweet Home, Great Circle and St. Louis Crisis Nursery.

We have numerous tops that need to be put into kits with batting and backing. If you are interested in coming to a work day to accomplish that task, please contact Joyce Zepp at joycezepp83@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who heeded the instruction to turn in quilts that have been washed and labeled with the Bits label. Your attention to those details really make a difference!

Thanks,
Joyce and Laura



A CALL FOR QUILT BLOCKS

Friends, with the approaching very cold winter, my thoughts turn to 12 1/2" blocks for Kids coming out of the Foster System.

The organization, Home Sweet Home, helps young adults get on their feet with household items and I want to help with 2 or 3 quilts for 2023.

I am interested in 12 1/2 inch size blocks that I will sew to make a quilt and, yes, it will be a multitude of designs and colors but such is life. The block need not be complicated and I can use sashing to pull the blocks together.

At the Christmas Party on December 13, I will COLLECT any block: orphan block, or one you purposely create, that you are offering. This is a One Time collection. Please consider this idea to help a young adult.

Margaret Gaal
314-288-5096

Guild Christmas Party

December 13 6:00 pm



We will be having appetizers and dessert.

Appetizers: K-Z

Make sure they can be picked up or served individually. We will have tongs to serve with.

Desserts: A-J

We will provide:

Coffee, both caffeinated and decaf, water hot, spiced Cider

Please RSVP if planning to attend and if you have any questions please contact Gail MacCartney at (626)399-4964, gmacc2000@me.com

***Thank you,
Gail MacCartney***



Linda Waugh, Coordinator

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314-941-3195

Dear Guild members:

Debbie Miles: Her son, A. J., announced the passing of his mother: I unfortunately have some sad news to share. After a difficult struggle with heart disease for the past year and a half, my mom passed away this week.

She had developed a passion for quilting after both of her kids left home for college and, through that hobby, was able to spread a lot of joy to her friends and family with her creative crafts.

She greatly enjoyed exploring quilting as well as socializing with the guild. We were both very grateful for the outpouring of support when she fell ill in the form of visits and cards, as they provided brightness in an otherwise difficult circumstance.

AJ, was very devoted to his mom. Please send your emails and cards of sympathy and support to AJ. His email and address are below. Let's keep Debbie's family in our thoughts and prayers.

AJ
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mooradiana@gmail.com

Thanks so much.
Linda Waugh

UFO'S

Sarah Weible, Coordinator

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Christmas challenge blocks are due at our November meeting.

A prize drawing was held for UFO participants. All projects have until December 31st.

Happy stitching!!
Sarah Weible



NEW MINI ROTATING UFO GROUP IN HAZELWOOD

Sharon Domyan, Coordinator

The "Rotating" UFO group will meet the last Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm at the Parks and Recreation office at 1186 Teson Road. You'll bring two of your UFOs to the first meeting so I know what you will be working on. After those two are completed you will "rotate out" and another person will join the group to work on their two UFOs. The first meeting is on November 30th. If you have questions, please **TEXT** me at 636-448-3436 and I will get back to you right away. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks, Sharon Domyan

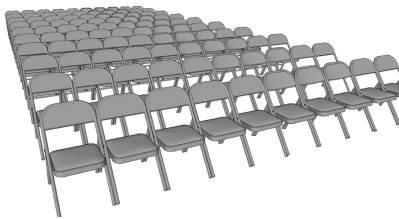
THE COMPANY

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!!!!

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, and safe holiday.

