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GUILD MEETING JANUARY 24, 2023

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PREPARE FOR

Fanfare of Quilts



Presented by Darla Gibson

Join us at our January meeting and learn all about the final push for preparing for Fanfare of Quilts 2023.

We will talk about topics such as:

- **Sleeves**
- **Pillow cases – how to package your quilts for your Drop off Person**
- **What is a Drop off Person?**
- **How can you help at the quilt show?**
- **What to expect on Friday's set up?**
- **What to expect on Saturday and Sunday during the show**
- **When will we pull the raffle tickets?**
- **What will happen at take-down on Sunday?**
- **How/when do I get my quilts back**
- **Win prizes**
And more....

Also, if you need assistance with taking a picture of your quilt for your entry form, please email Darla at ddgibby64@yahoo.com. We will set up a time for you to come early to the January meeting to get the picture taken. Limited spots will be available and you **MUST sign up in advance.**

See you there!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Candy Grisham, President

Greetings Quilters,

As we look forward to 2023 and beyond, I would like to share an intention with you.

Intentions (not resolutions) are thoughts often associated with yoga or mediation but can also be guides for life. My daughter in law shared these with me from her grandmother – both quilters – and they resonate with me each day.

Kindness – Beauty – Learning.
Intentions to strive for each day.

Thinking about plans for Bits and Bits Quilters I see kindness in our caring and sharing with each other, our giving of our time and our quilts for kids and veterans. I see beauty in our quilts, our fabulous quilt show coming up. I see learning each time we gather and share new patterns, blocks, and quilts.

Our quilt show is going to be fabulous. Darla and her committee have it planned, and it will be wonderful to see all the quilts again in one place. Patti has great programs scheduled for the meetings. Joyce has a new committee and will be having a fun workday later this year. Sarah continues with UFO's. So much more to come. Thank you to all those who stepped forward to be on committees and plan fun activities for us.

See you in 2023 and let us have some quilt fun.

Candy Grisham
President

GUILD MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2022

Teresa Basler, Secretary

President-Phyllis Bednarek opened the meeting. Our guest speaker tonight was Kacie Starr Long-Founder and CEO of Sew Hope.

With the correction noted in the November newsletter minutes, i.e. voting is Nov. 22, 2022, not at the December meeting, the minutes were approved and seconded.

Voting. The members voted Candy Grisham for President and Valerie Steele for Treasurer. Motion was made & approved.

Newsletter: Candy Grisham requested that Cindy Holten extend the due date for the newsletter due date to the second Tuesday of the month.

Tonight was the last night to turn in **empty spools** to **Judy Humphrey**.

UFO's: Projects must be completed by Dec. 31st for it to count this year.

Nighttime Needlers will begin in January on the first Thursday of each month. Susan Calzone is the coordinator.

Christmas Challenge: Blocks are due at tonight's meeting. Blocks will be awarded at our December meeting. Conflicts?-contact Sarah Weible.

The Traveling Company of Bits 'n Pieces is arranging a visit to the St. Louis Art Museum. Contact Gail MacCartney for more specific information re: admission, date & time and to RSVP.

The January Meeting will be devoted to "**All you ever needed to know about the Quilt Show**"

Christmas Party – December 13th at 6pm.

Two new Mini-Groups: UFO Sewing club – 1) Sharon Domyan – They will meet at Quilted Fox. AND 2) **Better Beginning Quilters Group** – Sara Seagrist – For new quilters or those who wish to sharpen their skills. Look for more information in the newsletter for both new mini-groups.

Final Fun Sew Day "in-Person" is Saturday, December 3, 2022. Contact Mary Lou Knox.

Membership – Jane Dodge – Attendance prizes & 2023 membership forms.

Thanks to all the volunteers for the Moving Company – from Phyllis Bednarek.

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
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Hi Quilters!

We are less than 4 months away from our quilt show and lots of things will be happening soon! Please plan to attend the January meeting where we will have everything you need to know about preparing for the quilt show. In the meantime, here are some details that you need to know including the deadline for the Quilt Show Forms!

1. Quilt Show Entry Forms are due January 24th!
2. Sleeves are required for ALL Hanging items – no matter the size! Instructions for sleeves can be found on the Bits 'n' Pieces website
3. Volunteer sign ups will begin at the December meeting – bring your calendars so you can sign up!
4. If you know of a vendor you'd like to see at the show, please contact them and see if they are interested. Judy Vogt or Penny Edinger are coordinating so let them know if you have someone that is interested!
5. Charity Raffle items – if you have items to donate to the Charity Raffle, please contact Sue Meyer. Remember, we are looking for NICE, NEW items that someone would like to win through a donation. Please do not include scraps of fabric or used items.
6. Public Relations – grab some flyers and book marks! Get them distributed to quilt stores, other guilds, libraries, stores with public bulletin boards, etc... Let's get the word out so we have a record attendance!
7. Show Details:

A. We will NOT have concessions at the show. Queeny has removed their concessions stand and built one that does not allow fresh food service. If you are planning to be at the show for multiple hours/days and need food on-site, please plan to bring a bagged lunch. There are vending machines with water and soda but that is all they have.

B. Purses/Valuables – we are asking members to secure their own purses and valuables on their persons or in their cars. We do NOT want to utilize the space behind the membership desk on the bleachers as we have done in the past. I have received multiple reports from quilt stores that had thefts during shop hops from where they thought their purses were secure. We do not want this to happen to our members during our quilt show. Please do NOT leave your purse or valuable unattended or expect any other member to watch them.

Thank you for going through this. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions regarding any of the above information or any questions ahead of the January meeting.

Thank you!
Darla Gibson

VOLUNTEERS FOR QUILT SHOW

The guild quilt show is just weeks away. It's time to start organizing volunteers for the show. There are over 200 slots that need to be filled, and we have fewer than 200 members, so please consider signing up for 2 or more slots if you can.

Each job is briefly described; some require standing while others allow seating, so if you need a seated job, please sign up as soon as possible. Please click on the button below to view the online sign up sheet. Thanks to everyone who helps make this show a success. If you have questions, contact me through this site or directly at lsmithmo@att.net.

Lisa Smith

LIBRARY DISPLAY CASES

Although we are uncertain of the number we will have due to rule changes at the county system, we want to be ready to have things for the cases. So please bring to the January 24 meeting small quilts and books for beginners, history of quilting, etc. If you have a miniature quilt that would be great because we will have limited space. The cases are secure, locked.

Maryann Stark

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IMPORTANT!!!

RAFFLE QUILT TICKET SALES



Please turn in your sold quilt raffle tickets by the February meeting!!

This is a reminder that we only have 2 more meetings to turn in your sold quilt raffle tickets.

We really need your help!! We still have 50 percent of the guild that haven't participated yet. This is the only guild fundraiser. It supports guild speakers and various guild activities. We really need your help!

It has been a guild custom that every member sell at least \$20 of tickets for the quilt show raffle. Some people just buy them for themselves. (1 packet is 6 tickets. 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Each members envelope has 4 packets).

Remember for every packet of tickets sold we also put your name in a drawing for another prize. The person that sells the most tickets and the one that sells the winning ticket get prizes too!!

If you need tickets and cannot come to a meeting email Megan Buttery at mbuttery8119@sbcglobal.net. I will be happy to meet you to fill out tickets/ collect money.

Or mail me a check with the names you want on the tickets and I will email you copies of the tickets:

Megan Buttery
314 North Gore
Webster Groves, mo 63119.

(Please mail from a secure mailbox so your check doesn't get stolen.)

Or contact anyone on the quilt committee (Barb Nagel, Luci Sunaga, Pat Hall, Ginney Rainey, Mary Ann Barr or Gay Stewart.)

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.

THE CHARITY RAFFLE

Sue Meyer, Coordinator

suziequilt@hotmail.com

Donations for the charity raffle will conclude at the January 24 guild meeting. Please bring your donations to the meeting or make arrangements to drop off at my house. Baskets are already being put together. Ticket prices will remain the same 6 for \$5 or \$1 for a single. Cash only. Let us support Sew Hope. Questions? Contact Sue Meyer.

MEMBERSHIP

Priscilla Kosednar
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Jane Dodge
janestl@gmail.com
Coordinators

REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

Hi Quilters! Your DUES for the Guild are due in January. Dues are \$25 for this calendar year. Please bring a check or cash to the January meeting. There will be forms at the January meeting.

You can also mail your check with a form to:

Priscilla Kosednar
1049 Cambridge Way Dr.
Chesterfield MO 63017

Also 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.

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

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla

COVER OUR KIDS

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If you are new to Bits, you may be overwhelmed by all the different ministries and subgroups the guild offers. Cover Our Kids (COK) is one of the ministries. We collect quilts of all sizes to distribute to various charities. Quilts can be made independently by members and brought to the COK table at meetings, or COK has prepared kits that can be picked up at meetings and worked on at home and returned when finished. There are three types of kits: kits that need to be pieced, kits that need to be quilted, and quilts only needing to be bound.

There is another sub-group in the guild called Scraps. They meet the second Monday of each month at the church, and they make quilts to donate to COK. Anyone is welcome to attend those meetings, and if you are interested in more information about Scraps, contact Nancy Peters at 314-604-8410.

So far this year, COK has donated 119 quilts to Children's Hospital, 35 to Great Circle, 30 to Rainbows for Kids, 32 to the Crisis Nursery, 23 to Circle of Concern, and 19 to Home Sweet Home.

A special thanks to guild members Ceil Adams, Mary Ann Barr, and Nancy Zuniga, who helped cut batting and backing for many of the tops that have been donated this year. We will plan another workday after the show to make more kits, and we'd love to have your involvement!

Thanks,
Joyce



The 2022 Holiday Block Exchange

A huge **THANK YOU** to Joyce Zepp for doing all the hard work in setting up this year's Holiday Block Exchange. I loved the fabric and couldn't decide which color to choose – I just picked both of them!

We had 45 blocks turned in which allowed us to put together 5 quilts with 9 blocks each. There was a lovely turnout and made a beautiful display for our December party. The winners of these quilts in progress (UFOs ladies!) were Teresa Basler, Peggy Anderson, Joyce Zepp, Carol Wibbenmeyer and Anna Marie Erba. Congratulations!!

- Sarah Weible

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



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.

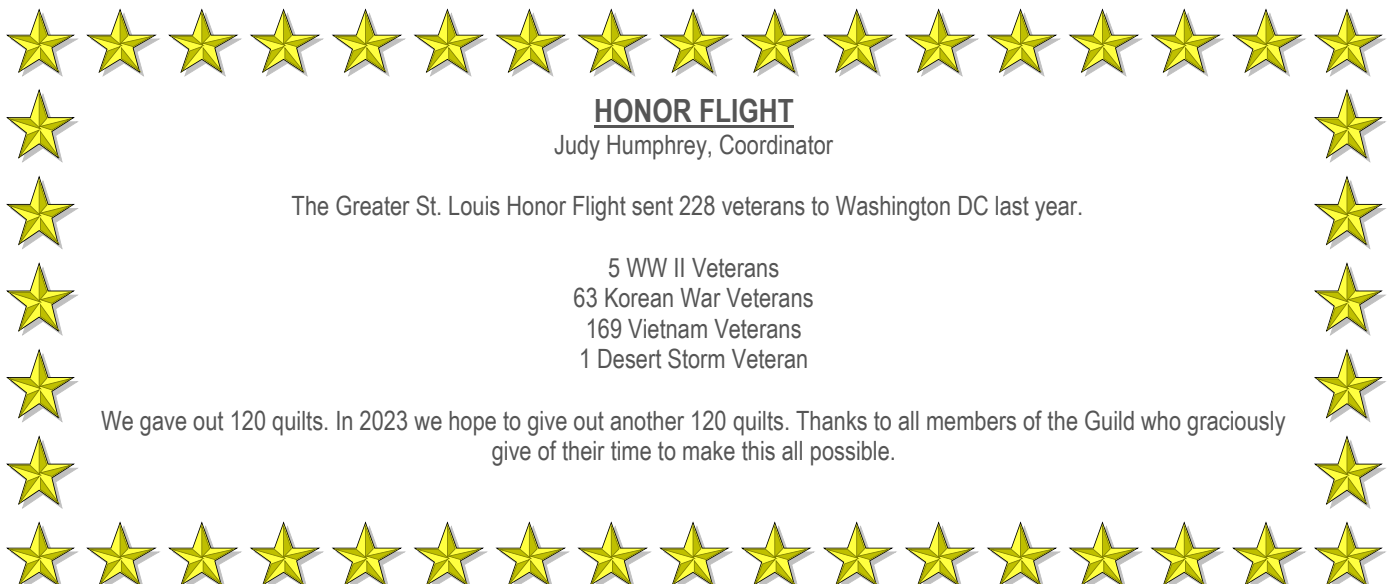
You can return them during the Guild Meetings or send them with a friend who will be attending in person.

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

Thank You,
Francine

NOTICE

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



HONOR FLIGHT

Judy Humphrey, Coordinator

The Greater St. Louis Honor Flight sent 228 veterans to Washington DC last year.

5 WW II Veterans
63 Korean War Veterans
169 Vietnam Veterans
1 Desert Storm Veteran

We gave out 120 quilts. In 2023 we hope to give out another 120 quilts. Thanks to all members of the Guild who graciously give of their time to make this all possible.

UFO'S
Sarah Weible, Coordinator
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UFOs are finished for 2022. Ten quilters shared the prize of \$205. The awardees were:

Mickie Compton, Jane Dodge, Candy Grisham, Mary Lou Knox, Jamis Kresyman, Sherry Mueller, Lillian Nehring, Darlene Sforza, Nancy Sinise and Gay Stewart

Great accomplishments for the year ladies!! For the year 2022, \$440 in checks and 8 participation prizes were awarded.

I am asking for your 2023 lists. You can either turn a list in at a meeting, e-mail, call or text. If you turned in a list last year, you can even tell me to reuse it - just let me know if you have any additions. s.weible@gmail.com 314.313.3360

UFOs are an uncompleted project. It's a project you've started to piece, a project ready to be quilted or needing binding. It's a kit you bought or fabric you just had to have but haven't decided on what to do with it. All I need is a working title and an approximate date you started the project, bought the kit or purchased the fabric.

All UFO lists submitted by March 15th will be entered into a drawing for prizes. That's all it takes - just a form.



Linda Waugh, Coordinator
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Dear Guild members:

Kathy Chitwood's husband is in need of lots of prayer and support Kathy with thoughts of support and strength through cards and emails.

Darlene Sforza had non-threatening surgery December 7, so let's continue to storm heaven for her that all goes well!

Merrily Woodford is has had surgery and several other health issues and needs our prayers and support. Let's bombard her with cards, emails, prayers and all sorts of well wishes.

Shirley Donovan's Father-in-law, Mabrey Donovan, passed away November 4. He was 100 years and 17 days young. He was doing very well until a year ago when his health started to decline. He will truly be missed! Please support Shirley and Pat with your prayers and sympathy cards and emails. Thank you.

Thanks so much.
Linda Waugh

“IN PERSON FUN SEW DAY”
Mary Ann Knox, Coordinator

Happy New Year to all of our Guild members! A great way to start the new year, make new friends, and work on all of those lingering projects is to attend an In Person Fun Sew Day in 2023!!!! Our In Person Fun Sew Days are held the first Saturday of every EVEN NUMBERED month. The sew days this year will be February 4, April 1, June 3, August 5, October 7, and December 2.

Our “Days” are held from 9:30am to 4:00pm. We meet at the West County EMS and Fire Administrative Offices at 223 Henry Ave. in Manchester, MO. You would need to bring your sewing machine, your tools, and a lunch. There is no refrigeration at the site, and tables and chairs are provided. Also provided is an iron and ironing board and also cutting mats.

Notification of the upcoming Sew Day is usually sent out about a week before by email. You can also let me know at any of the Guild meetings that you are interested in attending. A minimum of six (6) people who are committed in attending are needed for the Saturday to proceed. If there are not enough people, then a Zoom Day would be arranged or the day could be cancelled. The final decision is usually made on Thursday before the Saturday Fun Sew Day. We will not meet if there is inclement weather.

Please consider attending one of these FUN DAYS!!! We always have a lot of fun and excitement, we meet new people, and we do get a little sewing done too!!

Contact Mary Lou Knox at home: 636-225-3279, on cell: 314-223-0375, or email at: mknox911@charter.net.

Hope to see you there!!!!

ZOOM SEW ALONG
Chris Williams, Coordinator

Zoom sew along gatherings continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and on every other Thursday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Check the Bits website for a list of dates.

Of course, all are welcome. Contact Chris Williams for more information.

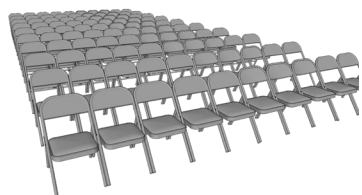
“Better Beginnings” Quilt Skillbuilder Mini Group
Sara Seagrist, Coordinator

Are you a beginner quilter or looking to hone your quilting skills? Would you like to learn the quilting skills from experienced quilters in a small group setting? Monthly meetings will have an experienced quilters from the guild demonstrate the skills that make up a quilt. We'll have demonstrations and share tips and tricks to streamline the process and help you up your game towards the beautiful quilt YOU envisioned.

If you're interested in being a member of “Better Beginning” Skill-builder Mini Group or being a guest speaker at one of our monthly meetings, please contact Sara Seagrist, stlsewer@gmail.com.

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!!!!