

GUILD MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2023

GETTING TO KNOW BITS 'n' PIECES' MINI GROUPS

Presented by Pat Moreland

What are Mini Groups and why are they so important to members? In this presentation I'll explain what mini groups are, their respective purpose, and how you can benefit from joining. I'll show you how to join one and how to start up a new mini group. I encourage each member to check out the listed mini groups on the guild's website. And I welcome all questions and comments any member may have on the mini groups.

THE BITS MINI GROUPS

Art Bits – Art Quilting (Wendy Richards)

A-Team – Applique (Judy Vogt)

Beginner's Luck – Developing Skills and techniques (Chris Williams)

Crazy Quilters – Crazy Quilt Block Exchange (Darla Gibson)

Nighttime Needlers – Friendship and handwork (Susan Calzone)

Pieces of Friendship – Block Exchange (Nancy Muskopf)

Pretty Paper Piecers – Paper Piecing (Linda Keeler)

Quilt with heART – Art Quilting (Barbara Nagel)

Scraps – Work on Charity Quilts (Nancy Muskopf)

Southern Stitchers – Block Exchange (Lynn DeWitt)

Traveling Company – Social monthly Activities and outings (Gale Mac Cartney)

WIP – Finishing WIP's (works in progress) (Sharon Donyan)

Zoom Chat Group (Evening) - Chat & Sew from your own sewing room (Chris Williams)

Zoom Chat Group (Daytime)- Chat & Sew from your own sewing room (Chris Williams)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Candy Grisham, President

Greetings Quilters,

The quilt show is almost here! So exciting – I cannot wait.

Please share the information about it to friends and family. Check out the share link on our Facebook page as well. The more sharing, the more folks who will come to enjoy it.

Darla gave us a great presentation with all the information about sleeves, drop off, sign ups and more. Please sign up to work and just enjoy the time. Be sure to spread the word to all your friends.

I filled out 5 pages of a UFO list for Sara! Now some of those are to quilt but still. It's ridiculous but I found that filling out the pages really motivates me to get it done.

The form can be found on our website – see what you can add to your UFO/WIP list I have a lot of PhD's – Projects half done but no PIGS – Projects in grocery sacks (they are in plastic boxes).

Patti is going to put together a February program about all of our mini groups and upcoming programs. Exciting programs and workshops in the works!!

See you in February and Happy Valentine's Day.
Candy

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

Candy Grisham
President

GUILD MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2022
Teresa Basler, Secretary

New guild President, Candy Grisham, opened the meeting. She introduced Darla Gibson to discuss tonight topic: Fan-fare of Quilts Prep Presentation (link provided in a later email).

PRIZE TIME give-a-ways popped up periodically throughout the presentation.

Volunteers for the quilt show are still needed. A signup genius link is available listing many volunteer opportunities.

Quilt Raffle – This group gave prizes to members who turned in tickets tonight. In addition, help is needed to sell quilt raffle tickets at local quilt stores.

Budget – After a clarification, a motion was made & seconded to approve the 2023 budget.

Programs – Patti Moreland will share this year's programs at the February meeting.

Guild Challenge – Trish Hill will present the next challenge at an upcoming meeting.

Newsletters – Information for newsletters are due the 2nd Tuesday of every month to Cindy Holten.

Membership – In-person: 83 members On-line: 16
New Members: 3

Fun Sew Day – February 4 at the Firehouse. See Mary Lou Knox.

New Business

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival - June 15-17, 2023.
Check out their website www.kcrqf.com

A new member gathering will be planned after the quilt show.

Show & Tell

Meeting was closed.

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

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.

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QUILT SHOW 2023 UPDATES
Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair
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Hi Quilters!

As I write this, I realize we are just over 4 weeks from the Quilt Show! A couple of details for our final push:

1. Drop Offs will be scheduled and you will be contacted by your drop off person to determine the best time for you to bring your quilt(s) to them. You should be contacted sometime during the week of March 6th.
2. At the show, please remember DO NOT store purses and valuables behind the Membership table. They will not be monitored and if you do store something there, the guild and members will not be responsible for ANY losses that occur.
3. There will be no concessions at the show so please plan accordingly to make sure you have lunch or snacks. We will have some bottled water for those working that day. But, we will not have any other refreshments.
4. Have your quilts ready by February 28th meeting – that gives you plenty of time between now and then and a few days leeway for your drop off person.
5. Make sure to check your scheduled times for working at the show. If anything happens last minute that you cannot make your slotted time, please contact Lisa Smith at 314-494-5614 so she can ensure there is coverage if needed.

Lastly, please please share the show information with your friends and family so they can come and support the show too!

Thank you all so much for supporting the 2023 Fanfare of Quilts!

Darla Gibson



HONOR FLIGHT

Judy Humphrey, Coordinator

Honor Flights are scheduled for March 19th (60 quilts), May 20th (80-90). The

May flight is sponsored by Anheuser Busch and is a larger group. I'm asking our guild to donate quilts to cover the May flight; March is already covered.

Donations of fabric (patriotic) and embroidery (again patriotic) would be appreciated. We plan to have a sew day to bring guild members together to work on these wonderful donation quilts. The quilts only need to be 36 x 36" and done in patriotic materials. Some kits are available at each meeting.

Please contact Judy Humphrey at jhumphreyr@gmail.com if you would like to help with the embroidery. Donations can come to the Bits regular meetings.



MEMBERSHIP

Priscilla Kosednar
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Jane Dodge
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Coordinators

REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!

Hi Quilters! Your DUES for the Guild were due in January so please send in your membership dues as soon as possible.

Dues are \$25 for this calendar year. Please bring a check or cash to the February meeting. There will be forms at the February meeting.

With your check, please include your name, address, email contact and phone number. You can also send in the membership form, from the Bits website, with your check.

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. If you have ordered a name tag, it is available at the monthly guild meetings, or ask a friend to pick it up for you. We also have replacement magnets if you need one for your name tag.

Happy Quilting,
Jane and Priscilla

COVER OUR KIDS

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In the month of January, 33 quilts were delivered to Comtrea Health Center, a comprehensive behavioral health center in Jefferson County. They run the domestic violence shelter A Safe Place, as well as Mary's House of Hope. While they are located in Jefferson County, they serve many domestic violence survivors from the greater St. Louis area.

Their goal is to provide comprehensive care for their clients, including mental health and substance abuse treatment, primary and dental care, children's advocacy, and community education.

If you are interested in becoming a supporter of this ministry, there are a couple upcoming events you might be interested in. The evening of March 18, 2023, they are having Designer Bag Bingo at the Villa Antonio Winery in Hillsboro, MO, and April 22, 2023, their annual gala event will be held at the Corpus Christi Center in Imperial, MO. You may contact Kim Elbl at 636-232-2339 for more information.

Thanks,
Joyce



"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: mknnox911@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.

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.

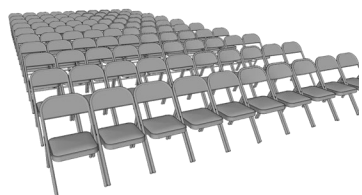
You can return them during the Guild Meetings or send them with a friend who will be attending in person.

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

Thank You,

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
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It's that time again. Please fill out a UFO form and turn it in by March 15 to be eligible for participation prizes throughout the year. If a pattern, layer cake, Jelly roll, charm pack, fabric bundle, or kit was purchased – it qualifies as a UFO.

If you were given or inherited a quilt top from Great Aunt Tilly that you'd like to finish – it qualifies as a UFO. Those placemats, table runners, wall hangings, etc. that you started and haven't finished – qualify as a UFO. A project stuffed under the bed, in the closet, on a shelf in your sewing room – qualifies as a UFO. The UFO can be a couple months/weeks old to even older than you!

For your form – the only information needed at the time you turn it in is: Your name, a working title for the project and Approximate date it was started or items purchased.

For your UFO to count as completed - You need to have a Form on file with me with that quilt/project listed, you need to Finish it, Show it at a meeting's Show and Tell, Measure the project, and Tell me who and how it was quilted. Don't forget to stop by my table and let me know you will be showing a UFO so I can be sure to give you credit! Prizes for completed UFOs are awarded in July and January.

Any UFO completed and shown at the March meeting that was a BOM (Block of the Month) gets an extra chance for a participation price. Be on the lookout for other ways to earn even more chances for UFO participation prizes in the future. But you must have a form turned in ASAP. I'll accept them by hand, Email, snail mail, phone call, smoke signal, dictation or even ask to reuse last year's form!



Linda Waugh, Coordinator
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Dear Guild members:

Stay healthy this year, and if you have any Sunshine or Shadow news, please contact Me.

Thanks so much.
Linda Waugh

