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# **GUILD MEETING MARCH 28, 2023**

# The

# 2023 Fanfare of Quilts Recap presented by

# **Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair Extraordinaire**

I am always amazed, at each quilt show, and particularly this one with the talent and gifts of our guilters! The quilts were absolutely awesome! I had a lot of compliments given to me about the great organization of the show and what a great job I did. However, " didn't do the work, the Committee did the work and I plan to do a bit of a Thank You for each of them at the meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. It honestly takes and army and we had one! We had 200 time slots to fill for the volunteers - and YOU filled them. We had 48 slots to fill on the committee - and YOU filled them. We had 400+ guilt locations in the show – and YOU filled them. It was definitely **NOT me** that did this - it was YOU! the Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt **Guild!** I cannot wait to celebrate with you on March 28th! Darla Gibson 

# The

# 2023 Fanfare of Quilts presented by Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild

This "Quilt Show" starts with the many wonderful comments, followed by the list of Ribbon Winners. Then a small glimpse into these fabulous winning creations, and finally the BIG THANKS. Enjoy.

Thank you to Darla and the committee for the quilt labels! It's such a lovely momento from a fabulous show. - Sarah Weible

I was talking to a women as she was leaving on Sunday. She was so impressed with the show and how it was run. - Megan Buttery

Everything everyone did was first class. It was a wonderful show. Darla, I hope your boss gave you the day off today. – Carol Spindler

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard for a successful show. The quilts layout was spectacular, Roxanne's and the memorial displays were so nicely done. The vendors were very happy. We had great demos and all were well attended. And how about those baskets! Our giving to the community continues. All the behind the scenes activities was like clockwork. Thank you so much - Anne Perry

Thanks to you Darla for the magnificent job you did with the show! – Bernadette Delannay

I thought this show ran like clockwork-work! No detailed overlooked. I'm nominating all of you to run in the 2024 Presidential race. I don't care what party you pick - I'm voting for you! Thanks for a magical experience. - Coke Hennessy

As a ceramic and fused glass artist I have participated in many shows and I have loved every one of them. This quilt show, my first quilt show that I had the opportunity to participate in from the beginning was amazing! The skill of the quilters, the beauty of the quilts were beyond the skill of the artist, almost magical! Thank you to all those that made this Fanfare Quilt Show one to remember! - Christine Ortbals

I thought the show was top notch. The friends I invited enjoyed the displays and demos and thought everyone was helpful and friendly. A BIG Thank You to the committee for all their efforts, time and talents! - Darlene Kopta

Great job Darla organizing an awesome show! Your support team as well! - Sara Seagrist

I must say ditto to all that has been said about the quilt show. Darla and her team did a fabulous job and I've heard so many great comments. Way to go. - Candyce Grisham

So thankful for everyone that attended, volunteered, shared a quilt, led a committee and bought raffle tickets! - Darla Gibson

## **RIBBON WINNERS**

of the

# 2023 Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show

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Best Domestic Quilting Nancy Sinise Color in Our World
Best Wearable Ann Clark Elegant
Judge's Choice Peggy Anderson (3) Love Entwined
Judge's Choice Mary Ann Stark (1) My Town And Country
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Viewer's Choice 2 Mary Ann Stark (2) My Town And Country
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Alzheimers: Life Sentence
Lorrie Oltman Award Mary Mohl Without Parole
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Honorable Mention Mary Ann Anderson (4) Split Rock Lighthouse
and
First Quilt Certificate Malory Grogan X Purrfectly Cozy



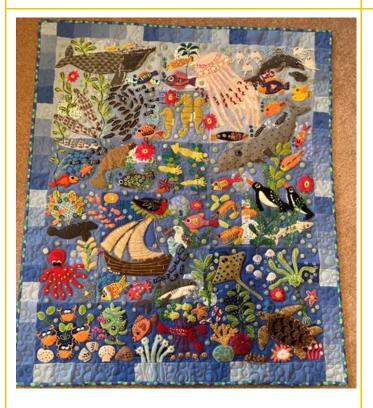
Mallory just turned 10 and started her first quilt when she was 8 1/2. This information was proudly sent in by Grandma, Karen Grogan.





Deborah Ernst Best A-Team Twisted Sisters

Arts Bits STL Best Art Quilt; Viewer's Choice 3 Wonderful Things– 100 Years of King Tutankhamun



Judy Humphrey Best Applique Hand Trade Winds



Mary Lou Melkowski Best Applique Machine Sparrows At Cobblestone Court



**Peggy Anderson** Best Bed Quilt; Best Hand Quilting; Judge's Choice; Viewer's Choice Love Entwined



Susan Calzone Best Traditional Pieced Frolic With A Twist





Julie Harris Best Small Wall Hanging Radiance

**Barb Warner** Best Large Wall Hanging My Miscellany A 2020 Challenge



**Patti Moreland** Best Juvenile Winnie The Pooh And Penelope Too Celeste Clark Best Holiday Bunny Town Fun



Naomi Noor Best Home Item Cactus Flower



**Dot Branson** Best Group Quilt Round And Round She Goes, Where She Stops, Nobody Knows





**Gretchen Watkin** Best Long Arm Quilted - Hand Guided Cat Zone

**Coke Hennessy** Best Long Arm Quilted - Computerized King Size Bed Quilt



Nancy Sinise Best Domestic Quilting Color in Our World

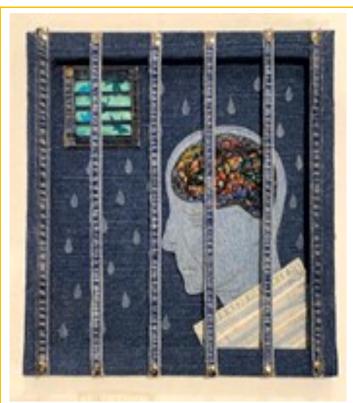




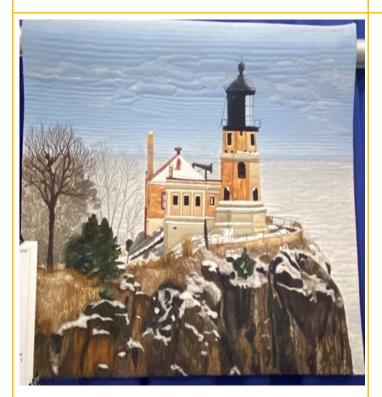
Ann Clark Best Wearable Elegant



Mary Ann Stark Judge's Choice; Viewer's Choice 2 My Town And Country



**Mary Mohl** Lorrie Oltman Award Alzheimers: Life Sentence Without Parole



Mary Ann Anderson Lorrie Oltman Award Honorable Mention Split Rock Lighthouse

I have captured as best I could the beauty, talent, and awesome creativity of each quilt and quilt item that was awarded a show ribbon(s).

But in order to fit all photos in a limited space AND still end up with a somewhat recognizable photo, some slight distortion was inevitable. I do apologize for this.

You may have noticed that only one quilt was given an entire page. And I believe those of you who are mothers, grandmothers, greatgrandmothers, aunts, sisters, the male version of the aforementioned, and friends, and you recall how you felt at the tender age of 10 after winning something for what you made, will, I'm sure, understand why.

I hope you enjoyed the "show".

Cindy Holten Editor

# 8 The BIG THANK YOU

Chairman	Darla Gibson
Treasurer	Valerie Steele
Announcer	Tracy Back
Award Ribbons	Laura Andrew
Bed Turning 1	Iris Moor
	Sue Meyer
Charity Raffle	Mary Jo Voltz
	Mary Mohl
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Concession Decs	Kathy Young
Database Demos	Nancy Muskopf
	Terri Tinker
	Mary Miller
Drop Offs	Darla Gibson
	Nancy Peters
In Memoriam	Peggy Anderson
	Linda Waugh
Insurance	Nancy Sinise
Judges	Jane Coons
Layout	Nancy Peters
Membership	Priscilla Kosednar
·	Jane Dodge
Photographer	Richard (Mac) McKeever
Pipe and Drape	Darla Gibson
Post-Show Quilt Distribution	Marsha Bray
Program and Documents	Cindy Holten
Public Library Cases (Sachs)	Mary Ann Stark
Publicity 1	Tamra Phelps
Queeny Venue	Darla Gibson
Quilt ID signs	Nancy Muskopf
Raffle quilt	Megan Buttery
Registrar	Darla Gibson
	Nancy Peters
Sewing Machine Raffle	Priscilla Kosednar
Show set up	Candy Grisham
Signs Indoor/Outdoor	Debra Kramer
	Don and Kathy Young
Sign permission	Nancy Sinise
Special Exhibits	Candy Grisham
Table Raffle	Jane Dodge
	Darla Gibson
Takedown	Marsha Bray
	Tracy Back
Vendors	Judy Vogt
	Penny Edinger
Volunteer coordinator	Lisa Smith
Website	Marsha Bray
	Megan Buttery

# **2023 FANFARE OF QUILTS RECAP & RAFFLE WINNERS**

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#### CHARITY RAFFLE RECAP SUE MEYER, CHAIRMAN

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The Charity Raffle Committee wishes to thank all the members of the guild for all your donations that made the booth a success. If it wasn't for you, we would not have had 142 items to bid on.

The ladies who made all of this possible were Sarah Weible, Mary Mohl, Mary Jo Voltz, and Kathy Wharton.

Sew Hope Charity will receive a nice donation check from our guild. They will welcome any donations of fabric, sewing machines, clothing patterns and

quilt pattern books. Another donation location is City Sewing Room on Arsenal at I 44. Please remember these charities when you have extra.

- Sue Meyer, chairman

SEWING MACHINE RAFFLE

Babylock Verve Sewing/Embroidery Machine Donated by Jackman's Fabrics Retail value \$1,299.99

> Was won by Lisa Hindrichs



**Raffle Quilt** "Frozen Fountain"

This Gorgeous Raffle Quilt Was won by Colleen Towler

(She bought the ticket at Jackmans several months ago.)

**Peggy Plunkett** sold the winning ticket at Jackmans awhile back and she received a \$30 gift certificate from Jackmans.

MARTELLI TABLE RAFFLE Donated by Martelli Enterprises Retail value \$3,500.00

And the Winner is . . . Celeste Clark

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Candy Grisham, President

By the time you read this, the Fanfare of Quilts 2023 will be a memory. It's hard to imagine that it has finally happened.

A huge shout out and thank you to Darla Gibson for chairing this project over the past 5!!! years. Her leadership was always spot on and so organized.

Nancy Peters did the layout with help from Nancy Sinise, Darla and Trish Hill. So many committees and hands go into making this an exceptional show we can all be proud of.

The March meeting will showcase the ribbon winners but in my mind anyway we are all winners. We share our gift and love of quilting with all we come into touch with.

My heart is full, and I hope yours is too.

Thank you to all who helped, who entered quits, and who came to the show. We are an amazing group.

Candy Grisham President

#### MARCH MEETING

The March meeting will be a recap of the show for the members. We will have a **very brief** business meeting, **no show and tell** other than the quilt show pieces and a big thank you to Darla.

Please let me know if you have something to announce during the business meeting.

We gained 26 new members just at the quilt show!!! and I expect more at the meeting so it will be a time to welcome new members as well.

- Candy Grisham

#### BITS 'N' PIECES GUILD MEETING MINUTES February 28, 2023 Teresa Basler, Secretary

President, Candy Grisham, opened the meeting. She announced this would be the last time to use Zoom for meetings unless there's a virtual speaker. January minutes were approved.

**Presentation:** *Getting to Know Our Mini-Groups* Patti Moreland explained what a "mini-group" is and provided an overview of the "mini-groups" within the guild. She also announced the programs for the rest of 2023.

**Quilt Show** – Darla Gibson spoke to reminders for quilt show volunteers, i.e., check in at membership table, get an apron, if available, wear khakis, and don't forget your guild name tag. She also reviewed other important information for the show. If you win a ribbon, bring the quilt to the March meeting. Reminder of no concessions at the location, use Facebook to send out quilt show information and do not bring valuables.

**Quilt Raffle** – This group awarded prizes to members who turned in tickets tonight.

**Retreats** – Teresa Basler announced the two upcoming guild retreats. March 31-April 3, 2023 at Itchn To Be Stitchin – this retreat is full. The other retreat is also at Itchn To Be Stitchin on June 23-26, 2023 and there are 3 spots available.

**Honor Flight Quilts** – Judy Humphrey There will be a workday on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Jackman's from 10:30-4:00 to work on honor quilts for upcoming honor flights. Bring your machines. There was a parade of Charity Quilts – very impressive.

**Cover our Kids** – Joyce Zepp She thanked all to has contributed in any to COK quilts. She gets about 30-50 per month. She recently took 44 to a charity.

**UFO's** - Sarah Weible Turn in UFO form by 3/15 for participation prizes. Read newsletter-UFO section for extra chances for a prize. Awards to be handed out in July and January.

Membership – In-person: 105 members New Members: 6

Show & Tell

Meeting was closed.

Respectfully,

Teresa Basler Secretary

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Priscilla Kosednar pkosednar@sbcglobal.net

#### Jane Dodge janestl@gmail.com

Welcome to our new members. We have 26 new members from the Quilt Show, and several new members who joined at our last meeting. Let's show everyone a big welcome and say hello to someone you do not know.

We would like everyone to wear a name tag at our meetings. Stop by the membership table if you have ordered a name tag or need to make a temporary one for the meeting.

We have attendance prizes at most of our meetings so there are tickets at the membership table for you but you will need a name tag of any kind to participate. Save your ticket for the end of the meeting.

As a reminder, guests are always welcome. Guest fee is \$2 unless we have a national speaker and then the fee is \$5

If you know someone who wants to join, we have printed membership forms available at our meetings.

Jane Dodge and Priscilla Kosednar

#### HONOR FLIGHT SEW DAY

There will be an Honor Flight Sew Day - Tuesday, April 4th, at 10:30-4:30, at Jackman's Fabrics.

Come and join in to sew Honor Flight quilts. Judy will have some kits available but feel free to bring your own material and pattern to help make Honor Flight lap quilts.

Bring your own lunch and drinks. Irons and cutting mats will be available.

Please let Judy know you are coming at <u>jhumphreyr@gmail.com</u> Let's reach our goal!

# COVER OUR KIDS

## Joyce Zepp joycezepp83@gmail.com 314-593-6283

Wow! You guys are amazing! I sent out a special request for 5 to 10 larger quilts for former sexually exploited and trafficked kids, and you gave me 12, plus an additional 38 smaller quilts! In addition to the 50 quilts, there were five tops returned. I think that is the biggest collection of donations since I have been working with COK! I haven't yet determined where they will all be donated, but I will keep you posted.

On February 13, several members gathered at the church to sort through our stash of fabrics. We organized much of the fabric into one-yard cuts, which will later be grouped into three-piece sets. We will be inviting the guild to attend a sew day where you will be able to use these sets with patterns specifically designed for three one-yard cuts. Look forward to more information next month.

Thanks again for your dedication to our guild's charity activities. It is very much appreciated. Joyce Zepp

Thanks, Joyce



## <u>UFO'S</u> Sarah Weible, Coordinator <u>s.weible@gmail.com</u> 314.313.3360



hank you to all who've turned in a UFO form AND to those who showed off their completed UFOs at the last meeting! We are off to a great start.

Anyone showing a completed UFO at the March meeting that is on your list and a **Block of the Month**, will get their name entered a second time into the participation drawing. This is an "extra" chance.

I reminded you to read the newsletter to find out the next "extra" chance for an entry. April's "extra" chance will be for anyone showing a UFO that is on their list that was from a **Kit**. If you have completed a kit quilt that is on your list, save the showing for the April meeting.

Please feel free to turn in a UFO form, if you haven't already, or add to your current list until April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are a new member and want to participate, please talk to me – we'll figure something out



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

Dear Guild members:

Unfortunately, I have some shadow news for us. Former member, Doris Benz, died Mar 10. She would have turned 94 on her birthday, which this year is Easter, April 9. She is remembered for bringing her cardinal street puppet to the Cardinal challenge that Nancy Peters hosted. Three of us "flew" the bird into the meeting. It is 10 feet across. Doris also belonged to the "Out of the Box" mini group.

Stay healthy and please contact me with any Sunshine and Shadow news.

Linda Waugh

# THE QUILT SHOW CHAIR'S MUSING BEFORE THE SHOW

As I write this it is Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, just one week to set up day for the Quilt Show. There are so many last minute details that we are working through as a committee that it seems overwhelming some days. I cannot thank the Committee enough for all of their work,

If you see any of the committee, make sure to give them a big thank you for all of their work. I could not have done this without them.

I could also not do it without each of you that made a quilt, volunteered to help during the show, or gave me moral support over the last year! Thank you all so much for everything. It has been a joy to chair because of all of you.

I hope you enjoyed the show and I look forward to presenting the ribbon winners at the upcoming March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. - Darla Gibson, QS 2023 Chair



I received this poem and picture as a thank you for a quilt I made my girlfriend, Nancy Lincoln Stoll. She said it would be okay to publish in the newsletter. I don't remember the name of the quilt pattern.

- Tamra Phelps

The Flower Garden Quilt For Tammy Jane

A brand-new quilt before me lies. You smile and laugh, "Hey girl, Surprise!" For months you marked and cut each square, then patched together all with care. Until at last the quilt was done. You say it wasn't work, it's fun.

Now, knowing you and viewing it, I think the quilt's a perfect fit. As in the cloth I clearly see Is stitched the story of both you and me. My zeal for plants and flowers sewn In bright profusion, just as grown. Sweet blooms of every shade and feature. (Plus, here and there a backyard creature!)

And you are there reflected true In all the patterns of varied hue. Big-hearted red is what you are, so generous even from afar. And sunshine yellow of the cheer you bring to those who hold you dear. Crazy purple's in there too for all the downside-up you do. And loyal blue its message sends to me, so glad to call us friends.

Your gift is us cobbled up together for all of life to share and weather. This quilt speaks clearly of joy for living. And wrapped in it I'll feel your giving such caring, beauty, fun, and whole, soothing comfort to my soul. My appreciation has no end. Thank you, Tammy, my dear friend.

Nancy Lincoln Stoll Ann Arbor January, 2023

#### **UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS**

We had several quilt shows that dropped off flyers over the weekend. Here are a couple of them. Let's help support them as they helped us!

Threads of Friendship Quilters' Guild June 24, 2023 Mineral Area College (in the Gymnasium) 5270 Flat River Road Park Hills MO 63601 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Vendors, Country Store, Raffles and More! \$5 at the door - Kids under 10 free Free Parking Call Jodi Forhan 573-883-6334 for more infor- mation!
Hearts 'n' Hands Quilt Guild O'Fallon, IL presents Quilts from the Heart 2023 Quilt Show June 10 and 11 Admission \$7/daily Children 10 and Under Free Whiteside Middle School 111 Warrior Way Belleville, IL (Only 20 miles from St. Louis!) Featuring 250+ Quilts on Display Vendors Demonstration Quilts of Valor Presentation Featured Quilter Scrappy Boutique Antique Quilts & Bed Turning Raffle Quilt Special Exhibit "Be a Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud"

#### "IN PERSON FUN SEW DAY"

Mary Ann Knox, Coordinator mknox911@charter.net 636-225-3279 (HOME) 314-223-0375 (TEXT)

#### NO FOOLIN'!!! "IN PERSON"

#### FUN SEW DAY SCHEDULED for SATURDAY, April 1st

The next "IN PERSON" FUN SEW DAY for 2023 is scheduled for **Saturday**, **April 1st!** I need at least SIX (6) people who are committed to attending in order to host the day. We meet at the West County Fire Headquarters at 223 Henry Road from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. If enough quilters do not respond, then other arrangements for the day will be made. The final decision about the day will be made on **Thursday**, **March 30**<sup>th</sup>, and notification by email will be sent out that evening. Please contact me at any of the numbers below to let me know that you would like to attend.

Hope to see you there!!! WE ALWAYS ENJOY GETTING TOGETHER!!! PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!!!! (It's promising to be an "interesting" day!)

Please email, call, or text me at one of the numbers below **by Thursday, March 30th** if you are interested in attending. Remember, I have to have a minimum of six (6) quilters attend in order to host the day.

#### 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, Francine

## THE COMPANY SET UP/TAKE DOWN MEETING CHAIRS

Mary Lou Knox Cell: 314-223-0375 - Home: 636-225-3279 Email: <u>mknox911@charter.net</u>



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!!!!

# Jenny Lyon the Quilt Skipper Workshop August 23 & 24, 2023



What better way to close out summer with two 6-hour inperson workshops with Jenny Lyon, the "Quilt Skipper"? The workshops will be August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Jackman's St. Louis from 10:30 AM-5:00 PM with a half-hour lunch break. The workshops will be \$60 per person for BNP members, payment secures your reservation. We will have BNP member signups at the April and May meetings. Check out Jenny's website for the supply lists at quiltskipper.com. Jenny is a delightful person and I'm sure you'll love one, or both, of these workshops.

Jenny has been joyfully teaching the art of quilting since 2006. Her classes are encouraging, supportive, and light-hearted. She loves seeing her students realize that they CAN quilt their own work on a domestic machine. She teaches at various guilds, shops, and events throughout the country as well as at major international shows. She uses her domestic sewing machine to create art quilts and wearable art. She loves to watch her machine stitches create line, texture and shadow as they merge on the surface of the fabric. Her work has been juried into a variety of major shows including Houston and Paducah as well art galleries and SAQA exhibits. Some are held by private collectors.

She calls herself the Quilt Skipper because once while quilting her own quilt, she was so delighted by the unexpected beauty of it and what emerged from her needle, that she found herself cheerfully skipping around the house when she took her breaks. It is her joy to create art with free motion quilting.

Jenny lives in Northern California with her husband and an empty nest that leaves more room for books, fabric and notions.

Her current work is centered around whole-cloth pieces, with intricate free-hand freemotion quilting. Because there is little or no piecing, the story is told through the line of the thread. She considers this work to be "sculpting" the fabric, since the stitches create line and shadow upon the quilt's surface.



This is just pure fun! Let's play with squares of sheer fabric, layering them on a quilted background to create colorful effects. This is color theory without color wheels or rules, just playing with color like a Kindergartner! This is a great class for a timid free motion quilter and more experienced quilters can add quilted plants, insects, animals.... This is a joyful class with a minimal supply list – does it get any better than that?