

GUILD MEETING APRIL 25, 2023

Catherine (Cate) Thoele

Presents

Color, Quilting, Flower Arranging

Catherine has been a member of the American Institute of Floral Design (AIFD) since 1993. She has Received Numerous Honors & Awards and was involved in numerous research trips, botanicals and adventures all over the world.

Catherine initiated the first "Art In Bloom" Program at the St Louis Art Museum in 1999 and it has been a Museum Staple ever since. In 1999 over 6,000 people visited the show. Today over 24,000 attend the three day event each year. She has won 38 awards for her 16 Show Floral Pieces presented from 1999-2022.

The 2019 show was the largest, most well attended and one of the most lucrative art shows at the museum since it opened in 1909.

Catherine will share with us how Design Principles like the Golden Ratio and the Fibonacci Sequence appear throughout nature and in our art... our paintings, floral arrangements and even our quilts.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Candy Grisham, President

I must tell you the energy at the meeting was over the top wonderful. I have had several new members comment on how friendly and open we are. That says a ton!

So exciting to hear Darla's report about the show and just how successful it was financially and artistically. She is going to chair the 2025 show too!

Looking forward to springtime and some of our new activities. We will be having a new member picnic soon – watch for more information.

Sew days continue with fun sew, Honor Flight and Cover Our Kids planned. Great workshops too! Thank you to all who have volunteered and participated.

Happy Sewing!

Candy Grisham
President

THANK YOU AGAIN

Just a final thank you to all the Committee Members and Guild Members who all volunteered and entered quilts, attended the show, shopped the vendors and entered the raffles. It was such a great show and I hope I can repeat it in 2025!

In a few short months, I'll be in touch with information regarding the 2025 Fanfare of Quilts!

Thank you all!
Darla Gibson
QS Chairperson 2025

BITS 'N' PIECES GUILD MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2023

Teresa Basler, Secretary

President, Candy Grisham:

- Opened the meeting and welcomed current and new members. She announced the church will be purchasing a new chair rack to help accommodate additional chairs due to our increased member meeting attendance.
- A motion was made to approve the previous month's minutes and seconded.
- Candy announced April's program will be a presentation by Catherine Thoele - Color, Quilting & Flower Arranging. Her expertise is in floral design and she'll be discussing design principles and colors.

Honor Flight Quilts:

- Judy Humphrey read a very moving letter from a 94 year-old veteran thanking the guild for his honor quilt.
- Judy reminded the guild about an upcoming workday on April 4th at Jackman's from 10:30-4:00 to work on honor quilts for upcoming honor flights. Bring your machines, tools and lunch. Kits will be available. Please sign-up if you plan to attend.

Workshops:

- Sara Seagrist will chair this new position. Sara shared information about an upcoming Jenny Lyon Trunk Show and workshops. The workshops are August 23 & 24, 2023 and are titled Fearless Free Motion – Start with a Square and Blooming Sheers. The workshops will be at Jackman's on Lindbergh and each workshop is \$60. Members can sign up for the workshops in April & May.

Retreats:

- Teresa Basler announced that both upcoming guild retreats March 31-April 3, 2023 & June 23-26, 2023 both at Itchin To Be Stitchin are **full**. More will be planned. If you hear of retreat centers, please share them with Teresa. All members are welcome!

Membership:

- Jane Dodge reported there were 120 members present and there are 11 New Members.

UFO's:

- Sarah Weible pulled three names for participation prizes.

Fun Sew Day:

- Mary Lou Knox has scheduled the next sew day on April 1st from 9:30am-4:00pm at the West County Fire Headquarters on Henry Road.

FANFARE OF QUILTS – POST SHOW RECAP:

- Candy acknowledge Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair, with a bouquet of roses and gift certificate thanking her for her leadership for a successful quilt show. Darla has agreed to coordinate the 2025 quilt show! Darla thanked her committee for their hard work & efforts with a card and fabric lollipop!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Candy introduced three new ideas for the guild to consider and volunteers if someone wants to take one on. 1) Small Raffle for small, miscellaneous guild expenses, 2) a small platform for Show & Tell and 3) a Christmas Party gift exchange.

SHOW & TELL OF WINNING QUILTS

Meeting was closed.

Respectfully,
Teresa Basler
Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

Priscilla Kosednar
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Jane Dodge
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We have 225 members, and that includes over 40 new members for 2023

Welcome to all new members who joined in 2023. Please stop by the membership table and pick up a HEART name tag. This helps us get to know our newest members at our meetings.

At most meetings, we have attendance prizes at the end of the meeting. Please wear your name tag, and pick up a ticket at the membership table when you arrive. If you ordered a name tag at the March meeting, we have those ready for you

Guests are always welcome. We ask for \$2 as a guest fee, except when we have a national speaker, then the fee is \$5.

Jane Dodge and Priscilla Kosednar

HONOR FLIGHT SEW DAY

At the March meeting 26 quilts were turned in.

We now have 81 quilts towards the November flight!

Judy Humphrey
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COVER OUR KIDS

Joyce Zepp
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314-593-6283

The Cover Our Kids booth at the quilt show garnered lots of interest, and several new members told me that they were joining the guild because they wanted to participate in our outreach.

When the show was done, Our Lady's Inn, a maternity home and one of the vendors at the show, was given all the quilts that had been displayed in our booth.

On April 10, we had a work day in the church basement where several volunteers organized groups of 3 one-yard pieces of fabric in preparation for a sew day.

We will let all members know via email how to participate in the sew day when details have been finalized.

Special thanks to Linda, Mary, Chris, Nancy, Sara, and Teresa for your help in organizing the fabrics!

Thanks,
Joyce Zepp



UFO'S

Sarah Weible, Coordinator
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314.313.3360



Welcome to our new members! We're so happy you are here.

It wasn't too long ago I was new as well and UFOs were as alien to me as it sounds.

If you aren't familiar with the program, it's just basically a way to get and keep you motivated to complete your unfinished projects. You can win a participation prize throughout the year and twice a year we have cash prizes for completed work.

I sit at a table against the wall at meetings with a sign that says "UFOs". Please stop by, introduce yourself and ask any questions that you might have regarding the program. Its NEVER too late to join!

Last month we awarded three participation prizes. The winners were Patti Moreland, Nancy Stratte and Dee Vogt. Dee, please stop by and claim your prize. We missed you last month. Congratulations ladies! All they had to do to be eligible was to have turned in a form of unfinished projects.

We didn't have a traditional show and tell at March's meeting so we will repeat the chance for an extra ticket for participation prizes for any work shown -that is already on your UFO list, that came from a **Block of the Month**. Also eligible for an extra ticket will be any completed UFO shown that was from a **Kit**.

I look forward to seeing all your lovely completed projects that don't fit into these two categories as well! Please remember to stop by before the meeting or at break and we will record your progress.

Thanks!
Sarah Weible



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

Dear Guild members:

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

Linda Waugh

EMPTY SPOOLS GUESS WINNERS

Total Spools - 1093

The spool guess results:

All winners were within 18 of this number

1st- Wendy Schoenfeldt

2nd - Julie Appelbaum

3rd - Elaine Tiefenbrunn

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS AND EVENTS

Threads of Friendship Quilters' Guild, Park Hills, MO
June 24, 2023

Hearts 'n' Hands Quilt Guild O'Fallon, IL
Quilts from the Heart
June 10 and 11

Please check the March 2023 issue for details of these quilt shows.

"IN PERSON FUN SEW DAY"

Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator

mknox911@charter.net

636-225-3279 (HOME)

314-223-0375 (TEXT)

We meet at the West County Fire Headquarters at 223 Henry Road from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

I need at least SIX (6) people who are committed to attending in order to host the day. If enough quilters do not respond, then other arrangements for the day will be made.

To learn when the next In Person Fun Sew Day is scheduled, please contact, Mary Ann Knox at any of the numbers above.

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.

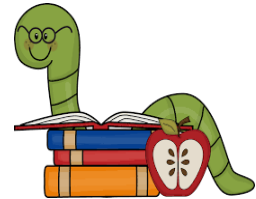
Of course, all are welcome. Contact Chris Williams for more information.

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

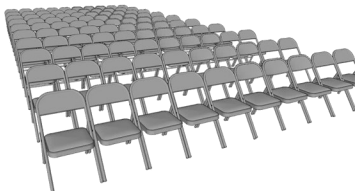
THE COMPANY

SET UP/TAKE DOWN MEETING CHAIRS

Mary Lou Knox

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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!!!!

Sew Hope Events

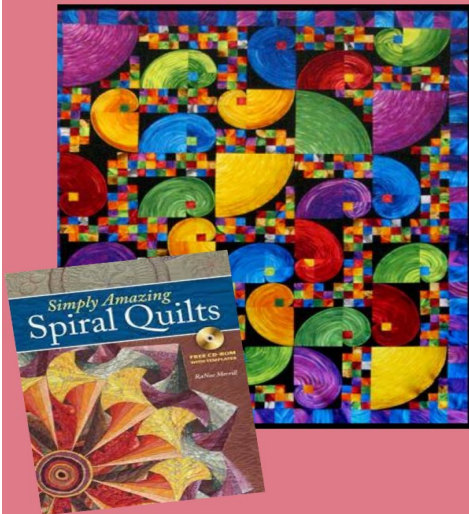
We are planning a fun Quilter's Show & Tell, and craft fair to be held this summer. We are seeking individuals who are willing to be part of the committee. No previous experience is necessary, we are seeking individuals who enjoy planning and working with the community. This will not be on the scale of a quilt show. We are thinking: Vendors + a quilt trunk show + fun. **We will have our first committee meeting on Wednesday, April 19th from 1 pm - 2:30 pm.** If you know someone who may be interested, they can contact me at: KacieStarrLong@gmail.com or 314-324-7248.

For the RaNae Merrill lecture **at Sew Hope on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm.** Registration is \$20.00 and all proceeds support Sew Hope. RaNae is known for her spiral quilting and her award-winning quilts. It should be a fun event. Please share, share, share, and invite friends to attend. You can sign up at: www.SewHopeSTL.com

\$20
Donation

Lecture and Trunk Show with RaNae Merrill

Award-winning quilter, author, and teacher, RaNae Merrill, is coming to Sew Hope. You don't want to miss this exciting event!



RANAE MERRILL
Award-winning
Quilter, Author,
and Teacher

RaNae Merrill is coming from New York City to spend the evening at the Sew Hope Community Sewing Room! You don't want to miss meeting her!

Sew Hope

630 N. Hwy 67 Florissant, MO
Tuesday, May 16th
from 7:00-8:30 PM

Be prepared to see award winning quilts, learn how RaNae does her free motion quilting & meet other creative quilters in St. Louis
Tuesday, May 16th | 7:00PM

Register at www.SewHopeSTL.com

JENNY LYON'S WORKSHOPS

Jenny Lyon August 23rd and 24th workshop signups start at the April meeting. Workshops are limited to 20 students per workshop. Please have your **cash/check (\$60 per workshop)** or **credit card (\$61.75 per workshop)** available at the meeting to secure your workshop reservation. Students will be required to provide their own supplies for each workshop. Check out Jenny's website (quiltskipper.com) for the supply lists. See below for a brief introduction to Jenny Lyon and workshop descriptions.

Each workshop will be a 6-hour in-person workshop with Jenny Lyon, the "Quilt Skipper". The workshops will be August 23rd and 24th at Jackman's St. Louis from 10:30 AM-5:00 PM with a half-hour lunch break.

Jenny Lyon, the Quilt Skipper



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 as 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 free-motion 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?

Jenny Lyon Workshop
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Jackman's Fabrics – 1234 N. Lindbergh Blvd. 63132
10:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Fearless Free Motion - Start With a Square



Using a scrap of large-scale print fabric as a “starter”, students learn how to create a unique free motion quilted quiltlette, step-by-step. This workshop is designed for students with some free motion quilting experience. Although it's not a beginner FMQ class, a timid free motion quilter will gain confidence in this class. This is a great class for students with a little free motion quilting experience who want to learn to combine motifs and discover their own personal style. Various motifs and fills will be taught in class.

Jenny will send out a survey one week before with a variety of FMQ fill designs. Students will vote on their top 4 choices so that the class is targeted to their interests.

Jenny Lyon Workshop
Thursday, August 24, 2023
Jackman's Fabrics – 1234 N. Lindbergh Blvd. 63132
10:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Blooming Sheers



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?