

GUILD MEETING MAY 23, 2023



Try Something New

Presented by
Laura Piland

Laura is a quilter, pattern designer, and homeschooling mom of three boys. She's also a former math teacher, so with being a math teacher together with a last name like "Pi"-land, she says there's a strong love of "pi" in her house!

However her quilting journey was almost short lived. This is her story: The first time I remember sitting at a sewing machine, I was probably 7 or 8. I sewed a tank top and pair of shorts for a 4-H project. I hated it. The process was long and frustrating. The final product was not soft or stretchy

like store-bought clothes. I swore off all sewing.

Fast forward to my adult years. In 2010, a friend had a baby, and I felt the need to make a quilt (who knows where that inkling came from!). I had a hand-me-down sewing machine from my mom "just in case" I needed to sew something. Once I got started, I quickly realized the cheap sewing machine was not going to cut it. I did lots of research and bought a vintage Bernina Record 930. Whenever I had a quilting question, I called my mom, Googled it, then watched a YouTube video. The quilt didn't turn out too bad, and as they say, the rest is history!

Both of my grandmothers quilt, as does my mom. My maternal great grandfather was a Singer sewing machine repairman. My grandmothers both like to quilt by hand (they piece by machine). My mother pieces and quilts by machine, but prefers to bind by hand. However, I do everything by machine. If it can't be done by machine, it most likely won't get done! I primarily sew on a Juki TL-2010Q now, and I have a 1989 Gammill longarm.

I love trying new things and rarely make the same quilt twice. My style is eclectic. I make modern quilts, traditional quilts, and quilts in-between. I make large quilts, mini quilts, and all sizes in-between. I occasionally sew other items, but you'll mostly see me working on a quilt. And I make a lot of quilts! Usually over 50 each year!

I started Slice of Pi Quilts in 2016 after many requests for patterns for the quilts I was creating. You can find all of my patterns in both digital and professionally printed booklets in my [Etsy shop](#). In 2019, I started the [Quilting & Sewing Deals Facebook group](#) where I post sales, discounts, and coupon codes to quilt shops all around the web! I also travel to quilt shops and guilds to teach and present trunk shows of my quilts!

The online quilting community helped me start quilting (and love it!), and I'm so grateful to be a part of it! Please take a look around, leave a comment, and [sign up for my newsletter](#). I'd love to get to know you, too!

Tonight Laura will present her delightfully eclectic trunk show and give you a plethora of ideas for your next quilts.



BITS 'N' PIECES GUILD MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2023

Teresa Basler, Secretary

President, Candy Grisham:

- Opened the meeting and welcomed current and new members
- A motion was made to approve the previous month's minutes and seconded.
- Candy introduced April's presenter Catherine Thoele - Color, Quilting & Flower Arranging. She gave a very interesting presentation on the Fibonacci sequence and the Golden Ratio.

May's Meeting Presentation:

- Patti Moreland announced that Laura Piland of Slice of Pie Quilts and pattern design will be here. Her presentation is "Try Something New".

Workshops:

- Sara Seagrist announced sign ups are open at the meeting's break for the two 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.

Guild Challenge:

- Trish Hill explained the 2023 Color Challenge. Pick up information at this meeting's break.

2023 Raffle Quilt CD:

- CD's are available at break for \$10

2025 Quilt Raffle:

- Judy Vogt of the A-Team announced the pattern Sweet Surrender for the new quilt. The pattern has been ordered. A committee is needed.

Cover our Kids:

- Joyce Zepp. On May 8, 2023 (Scraps Day), she'll be cutting batting and backing. Stop by if you can help. Joyce reported that 80 sets of 3 yard quilt kits are ready. Watch for more info for a sewing day at Jackman's on 5/28 to turn these kits into quilts.

Membership:

- Jane Dodge reported there were 119 members present, 5 New Members and 4 guests.
- There will be a new member picnic lunch on Thursday, May 4 from 12-2 at Schroeder Park in Manchester, MO. Current members are encouraged to come to meet new members and share information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Candy asked for the approval of two addendums to the budget. One for the Raffle Quilt of \$1,500 and One for Ways & Means for \$100 for expenses and \$500-\$600 for income. Both addendum items motions were seconded and approved.

New Wool Group:

- Chris Williams announced the start of a wool group. First meeting is on Sunday, May 7 from 2-4pm. They will continue to meet on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Guest from Thimble & Thread:

- Adele invited our members to a presentation by Susan Marshall (a national & international quilter) at the Shrewsbury Community Center on May 12, at 7pm

Fiber Festival

- Friday – Sunday, May 5-7, 2023 at Meramec Community College

Show & Tell

Meeting was closed.

Respectfully,
Teresa Basler
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Candy Grisham, President

Communication – It's so important. There are so many ways to communicate in our guild: face to face, meetings, Facebook, email list, newsletter, phone, text. We want to make sure everyone is getting the information they need without being overwhelmed by it.

Did you know our email list goes out to all members? Darla and I check every message that goes out to make sure it is guild related – that is why you see our names on each message. The email for this is bitsnpiecesguild@groups.io and anyone in the group can send a message.

The newsletter comes out once a month – right before the meeting.

The Website is an ongoing great source of information too and we have our private members only page. Do you need the password? Contact one of the board members or webmistresses.

We have so much to offer as a guild with our activities, workshops, charity work, library, UFO, challenges, and programs. Now we have a new mini group for wool. So exciting. We hope that you get the information you need or know who to ask to find out and enjoy your quilting time.

A huge thank you to everyone who steps up when the call goes out. The A-Team has taken on the raffle quilt for the next two-year cycle. We do need a Raffle Ticket coordinator. Please contact me if interested.

The response to the Color Challenge was overwhelming. Trish Hill has taken this on and there were 70+ folks who signed up at the meeting. I'm sure more will do so in the future. Should be a fabulous challenge.

Candy Grisham
President

MEMBERSHIP

Priscilla Kosednar
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We now have over 230 members. Thank you to everyone that attended our brown bag picnic. It was fun to be able to welcome some new members and meet members that have been part of the guild for a few years.

With our membership growing, we could use help at the membership table with our attendance tickets. Please contact Jane or Priscilla if you can help with our May and June 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, stop by the membership table to pick it up.

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 April meeting, 29 Honor Flight quilts were turned in. That makes a total of 100 quilts available for the November flight...Wow!

I'm continuing to make up kits. To the people who use their own fabrics and the variety of patterns you use, amaze me.

Now I'll be focusing on the first flight in March of 2024. You all are wonderful !

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COVER OUR KIDS

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COK was the recipient of SO MANY QUILTS in April! Fifteen of those have been donated to Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. The Ronald McDonald House will be receiving 28 quilts, and Home Sweet Home will be receiving 20. Thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and talent!

Several members joined us at the church on May 8 to cut batting and backing for the numerous tops we had been given. There will be plenty of quilts available at our next meeting for quilting, and I hope to be able to put together some kits for piecing.

As you will recall, last January we gave A Safe Place/Mary's House of Hope 33 quilts. Many of those were given to clients, but some were used as items for two fundraisers. I received a call from the woman who organizes their fundraisers, wondering if we would be willing to provide two bed-size quilts, one fall-themed and one Christmas-themed for future fundraisers. If it seems like too much for one person, perhaps a small group or several friends might get together to satisfy this worthy request. If interested, let me know. Thanks, Joyce Zepp

Thanks,
Joyce Zepp





UFO'S

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The first deadline is fast approaching to show your finished UFOs.

All work shown at a meeting, that is already on your UFO list, by the June 27th meeting will be counted towards our first prize awards of the year. These prizes will be awarded at the July meeting.

Any project shown at the May meeting that is a Holiday Quilt of any kind, will get an extra chance entered for the September drawing.

I recorded so many UFOs last month! Nice work ladies!!

Thanks!
Sarah Weible

Better Beginnings Update

The group will meet at the Manchester Fire Station, 223 Henry Ave, Manchester, MO 63011; on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6-9 PM.

Thanks, Sara Seagrist

TO YOU MATH MINDS

Candy Grisham spent a little time on the computer recently and found this great article that relates these math sequences to quilting. If you are interested, take a minute to read. She came away with the "Ah ha" moment of ok this is why proportions matter and when we see a quilt we like they may have used this rule (unwittingly). Just more to think about..

<https://phoebemoon.com/quilting-with-fibonacci/>



Linda Waugh, Coordinator
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Dear Guild members:

Karen Turner, a past member of our guild and past member of Art Bits, is having serious knee issues. Her husband spoke with one of our members and asks for prayers and support as Karen heals and recovers from this health issue. I know Karen will appreciate your prayers of support and cards to get her through this difficult time.

Ivy Osborn needs our prayers and support as well. An MRI shows a small tumor on her kidney, and since this tumor cannot be reached because of its location, her whole kidney will be removed. Her surgery will be sometime in June. She's asked us for prayers now and through June. Let's shower her with our prayers and cards to support her through this difficult time.

Our guild continues to show a compassionate and generous spirit for our members and past members who are in need of our support.

Thank you for keeping Karen and Ivy and any other member who needs our prayerful support.

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

Linda Waugh

COLOR CHALLENGE

2023 Guild Challenge
Trish Hill, Coordinator
314 303 2179

Rules

- Must be 36 by 36 inches, three layers quilted and finished.
- Use one or more of the blocks you pulled, no other blocks can be added
- Make a quilt using the color and the color theory you picked at the meeting.
- You may add one neutral color to the color theory pallet.
- You may use any method or technique and may embellish any way you would like as long as nothing extends past the 36-inch measurement or higher than 1/4 inch.
- Quilts may be quilted any way you want and must be finished with either binding or facing.
- Quilt label should include guild challenge 2023, title of piece, your color, your theory, your name, finished date, any techniques used.
- Completed Color Challenge quilts due at the Oct. meeting.

Color 101 for Clueless Quilters

- There are many tools that you can use but I find a 12 or a 24 segmented color wheel and a 3 in 1 color tool by Joan Wolfram to be all you need.
- **Color Terms:**
 - Primary colors: those colors you can't mix. Red, Yellow, Blue. These are also the colors used to make any other color on the color wheel. Secondary colors; made by mixing 2 primary colors together. Orange, Green and Violet.
 - Tertiary colors: these are made by mixing a primary color with the adjacent secondary color. There are 6 of them, red-violet, blue-violet, blue-green, yellow-green, yellow-orange, and red-orange
 - Warm colors: these colors stand out, they advance, they pull response from you. They have heavy concentrations of red and yellow.

- Cool colors: these colors recede, they blend in, and they are calming. They have heavy concentrations of blue and violet
- Color: described by hue, value and intensity
- Hue: a color or a wavelength
- Value: lightness or darkness of a color
- Intensity: is the purity of the color, which determines the brightness or dullness
- Tint: color plus white
- Tone: color plus gray
- Shade: color plus black
- Neutral color: black, white, beige and gray. However, I think other colors can be neutrals also, but I'm going to say they need to be a cool color

Color Theory

- Color theory is a grouping of colors that are pleasing to the eye.
- Monochromatic: any tint, tone or shade of one color
- Analogous: using 2 to 5 colors that are adjacent (next) to each other on the color wheel.
- Complementary: using any 2 colors opposite each other on the color wheel
- Split Complementary: using any color with the 2 colors on each side of its complement.
- Triad: using any 3 colors equally spaced from each other on the color wheel.
- Tetrad: using a combination of 4 colors on the wheel that are 2 sets of complements.
- Key color: predominant color in your color scheme or palette.
- **General guidelines for using color:**
 - Keep in mind that theories are guidelines, they are not set in stone. Value makes your quilt sparkle but color gets the credit.
 - Prints add texture
 - Something unexpected adds excitement.
 - Coordinate but don't over match.

**If you have any questions call or text Trisha Hill
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"IN PERSON" FUN SEW DAY

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The NEXT "IN PERSON" FUN SEW DAY IS SCHEDULED for SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd!!

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, June 1st, 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!!!!

Please email, call, or text me at one of the numbers above **by Thursday, June 1st** if you are interested in attending. Remember, I have to have a minimum of six (6) quilters attend in order to host the day.

NEW MINI GROUP

WOOLY WOMEN

Chris Williams, Coordinator

There were 14 members who came to the newest Bits group – Wooly Women!

We meet on the first Sunday of each month at the
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223 Henry Ave.
Manchester MO 63011

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
This group is about learning about wool applique – of all kinds.
The next meeting is about learning the basics.
We have room for more members.

If you are interested, contact Chris Williams –
cwill@earthlink.net.

BROWN BAG PICNIC REVIEW



A Brown Bag Picnic was recently scheduled for Thursday, May 4th. The purpose of the event was for our members to get together and welcome our newest members and for the new members to learn more about our guild's activities as well as for all attendees to share quilt projects and "stories" and simply to get to know one another.

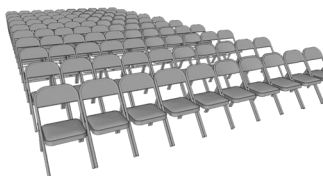
According to Jane Dodge, the coordinator, the brown bag picnic was fun. She reported that there were about 24 members came with a nice mix of new members and more "established" members attending.

What a wonderful event to have...**thanks, Jane**. Sounds like a great event to continue each year.



THE COMPANY SET UP/TAKE DOWN MEETING CHAIRS

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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.

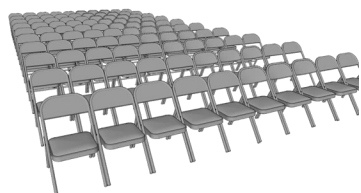
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LET'S GET CREATIVE!!!



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 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.

Two Free-Motion Quilting Workshops with Jenny Lyon

Signups for the Jenny Lyon August 23rd and 24th workshops will continue at the May meeting. Classes are filling fast with workshops 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 and lunch 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.

Let Jenny inspire your FMQ journey!! Jenny has a unique and exciting approach to free-motion quilting on a domestic machine. She encourages every student to expand their knowledge of FMQ through the color lens of their own creativity. Jenny uses fabric color and print designs to inspire every student to express their own unique style of FMQ. Your FMQ class project won't be like anyone else's because it's your creativity on the fabric canvas.

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.

WORKSHOPS WITH JENNY LYON

Fearless Free Motion Quilting – Start with a Square

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Jackman's Fabrics – 1234 N. Lindbergh Blvd. 63132

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM



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.

Free Motion Quilting – Blooming Sheers

Thursday, August 24, 2023

Jackman's Fabrics – 1234 N. Lindbergh Blvd. 63132

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM



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?