

## GUILD MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

### Bits n Pieces Sampler Platter / Round Robin - 7 pm

- This monthly business meeting will be a short 30 mins. and held prior to the Sampler Platter/Round Robin Demos.
- We will NOT have time for Show n Tell, but please save your Show n Tell for the October meeting.
- There will be the Honor Flight table, Cover our Kids Quilt Drop-Off and the Free Table.

### And Now...We proudly present...ELEVEN Amazing Demos!

1. Jamis Kresyman – Faux Piping on Binding
2. Candy Grisham – “Curved Oval Ruler and Piecing - Blue Onion”
3. Trish Hill – Creating Half-Rectangle Triangles
4. Barbara Warner – Accordion Books Demo
5. Barbara Nagel –Intro to Ruler Work
6. Harriet Zipfel – Facing (rather than binding) a Quilt
7. Lori Feldman – Floral Raw Edge Applique
8. Lisa Smith – AccuQuilt Cutter Demo
9. Jane Baumstark – Fabric Folding Technique
10. Tracy Volansky – Shortcuts for Storing Fabric Yardage
11. Chris Williams – Seminole Piecing

- ♥ There will be 11 stations set up around the room, in the library and in the entrance area. Each member will have the opportunity to sign up to watch 4 demos and will rotate to their 4 chosen stations at 20 minute intervals.
- ♥ Members will be asked to sign up ahead of time on "sign-up genius" to select their first choice in demos and avoid the crowd, or if they aren't able to sign up ahead of time, they can sign up before the meeting.
- ♥ Handouts will be accessible in one of two ways:
  - 1) Handouts will be uploaded to our website. Members can access and print the handouts ahead of time or after the meeting...or...
  - 2) Each handout will be assigned a QR Code. The QR Code will be posted in the Meeting Room. Anyone that wants a copy of the handout at the meeting can scan the QR code with their phone and immediately pull up the handout.

## GUILD MEETING MINUTES

**AUGUST 22, 2023**

**Teresa Basler, Secretary**

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### President, Candy Grisham:

Our guest speaker was **Quilt Skipper: Jenny K. Lyon**. Her presentation focused on **Imperfections**.

### Business Meeting:

A motion was made to approve the previous month's minutes and seconded. The Treasurer's report is on the Website.

Welcome to all our new members.

### 2025 Quilt Show Committee:

Darla Gibson gave an update as to the progression of the formation of the committees. She still has a few key committee lead roles that need to be filled. She'll send out information and asked for volunteers.

### Programs:

Patti Moreland needs a few more volunteers for the Round Robin meeting. Topics might be: a technique, a tool, shortcuts, quilting thread, etc.

### Workshops:

Sara Seagrist talked about the upcoming **MJ Kinman workshop on October 25<sup>th</sup> & October 26<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-ups are open now. If interested, you can contact Sara ahead of time.

### Guild Retreats:

Teresa Basler announced a retreat for **Todd Hall** on **September 29, 30, Oct 1, & 2, 2023** based on open availability at Todd Hall. If you're interested, contact Teresa ASAP. Deposits needed by 8/25/2023.

Information will be sent via guild email with details on 3 additional guild retreats for 2024! SIGN UP NOW!!!

### Cover Our Kids:

Joyce had quilts to be pieced and quilted. A "thank you" letter from The Crisis Nursery was read.

### Guild Challenge – Color Challenge:

Trish Hill reminded everyone that entries were due at the November meeting. Be sure to put the number of your block on the front. This will help for voting.

### Raffle Quilt:

Dianne Kogut needs committee members.

Please help if you can. The raffle is a major source of guild income.

### Membership:

We had nine new members tonight. 115 members attended tonight's meeting. Prizes were awarded to winners.

### SHOW & TELL

### Mini-Groups:

Chris Williams announced the next "zoom" Fun Sew Day – Sept 9, 2023 from 9:30-3:30.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Candy stated that Jean Goldsberry has taken care of the state & federal not for profit forms for the guild.

**Christmas Party – December 12, 2023.** Judy Humphrey is coordinating. There will be a gift exchange and a Bring & Take. Cotton Cuts donated 150 bundles. Make anything you want - bring to the party wrapped.

Nominating Committee needed for next meeting to replace, Secretary, Programs & VP.

Thimble & Thread will have an auction at their next meeting.

The meeting ended. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00pm at Salem Methodist.

Respectfully yours,

Teresa Basler,  
Secretary

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Candy Grisham, President**

I am looking forward to the program in September where everyone will get to see some of the talent and knowledge our group has to share. Patti has some great demos planned - please watch for future notices to sign up. The meeting will be a bit different - short and sweet, followed by the demos. No Show & Tell in September.

In the meantime please think about **volunteering** within the guild. I need a nomination committee (simply need a secretary), Membership and Cover Our Kids. If we all do something the task is easy. It's a great way to get to know your guild members better and have fun in the process. The committees can be 2,3,4,5, or more - just one as a leader and guide.

I'll be asking at the next couple meetings so if you don't want to hear me talk about it, volunteer now.

Thanks,

Candy Grisham  
President

## **THE HOLIDAY PARTY**

The Holiday Party Gift Exchange will be a little different this year. Cotton Cuts will donate some of their scrap bags for our Gift Exchange Projects.

Everyone who is interested can grab a scrap bag at the September BITS meeting and make a cute little project for the gift exchange. The Gift Exchange project should be something that is small and cute and will probably take only a few hours to make. Project ideas include a Mug Rug, Ornament, Small Pouch or Bag, Pincushion, Coasters, etc. Projects should be wrapped or put in a little paper bag including your name as the maker.

As you arrive at the December Holiday Party, please drop your wrapped project in the designated big basket or table for the BITS Santa Elves to randomly distribute during the Holiday Party. Looking forward to seeing all your creative gifts.

Thanks from Santa's Elves,

Denise Souris, Annamarie Erba,  
and Ann Clark.

## FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

### QUILT SHOW CHAIR

**Darla Gibson**

Our next Quilt Show is on March 15 - 16, 2025. We need a few more people to round out the committee. Here are the positions we are looking for and we'd love to have your help!

- ★ **Award Ribbons** - this person designs and creates the award ribbons that are handed out at the show.
- ★ **Charity Raffle** - this person (or persons) organizes the Charity Raffle from collecting items, putting together baskets and organizing the raffle during the quilt show. This is a big job and I do recommend having a few people coordinate together. You will also be in charge of picking a charity. The charity needs to mesh with the Guild's overall goals and align with other charities we support, but doesn't have to be one of those charities.
- ★ **Concessions Decorations** - this person puts together a nice center piece for each of the tables in the concessions area.
- ★ **Publicity** - This person is in charge of getting the flyers and advertisements placed for publicizing our show.
- ★ **Signs - Indoor** - This person is responsible for creating the indoor signage and making sure that it is put in place the day of set up and then taken down during take-down and put away for future use. Some of these signs are for our special exhibits, such as group exhibits from our mini groups and challenges.
- ★ **Signs - Outdoor** - This person is responsible for getting a permit for our large outdoor sign, getting it set up (corner of Manchester and Wiedman) and putting out the other "real estate" type signs along the roads and intersections to direct people to the Quilt Show.
- ★ **Special Exhibits** - This person will arrange and book a special exhibit for the show. The special exhibit is used in the publicity to help bring people to the show.

Again, I'd love to have anyone that feels their talents match any of these positions to volunteer. And, if you don't feel you match the position but you want to push yourself, we are happy to have you.

The plan is to meet once per month (probably the 1st Tuesday) via Zoom around 6:30 pm. The plan is to start in October.

Please let me know what you might be interested in. I will be posting these in the Newsletter also. And, if you need more information, please reach out to me.

You can reach me to volunteer at [ddgibby64@yahoo.com](mailto:ddgibby64@yahoo.com) or 636-448-8135.

Can't wait to hear from you!

### RAFFLE QUILT CHAIRS:

**Barbara Nagel & Dianna Kogut**

Are you a new or an established Bits 'n Pieces member interested in getting to know other Guild members?? We've got the **perfect opportunity** for you!

Join the Raffle Quilt Committee and help prepare for the 2025 quilt show!

We meet periodically to plan the who/when/where/how of organizing ticket sales and as it gets closer to the show, we'll be at various quilt shops and venues in the community selling tickets to support the Guild.

For more information, please contact Dianna Kogut (314-413-9389) or Barb Nagel (314-724-5838). Looking forward to meeting you!

### 2025 FANFARE OF QUILTS VOLUNTEERS

Hello all! I hope you have had a relaxing and quilting summer!

I wanted to make sure that I had not missed anyone that wants to volunteer for the 2025 quilt show!

At this time I have the following people returning:

Nancy Stratte – Demos (I think with Mary Miller and Terrie Tinker?)

Iris – Bed Turning

Lisa Smith – Volunteers

Candy Grisham/Patti Moreland – Set up

Cindy Holten – Flyers/Books/Tickets/Other printed items...

Peggy Anderson – In Memoriam

I will begin asking for Volunteers at the upcoming meeting and wanted to be sure that I hadn't missed anyone else. Or, even worse dreamt up that you told me you were coming back – LOL!

Please confirm with me by the end of this week so that I can make sure to ask for the appropriate volunteers.

Thank you again to everyone – I appreciate your help and I'd love to have you again!

**DARLA GIBSON**

## MEMBERSHIP

Jane Dodge  
janestl@gmail.com

Priscilla Kosednar  
pkosednar@sbcglobal.net

Can you believe it!! Our membership continues to grow and we now have over 250 members. Please take the time to say hello and introduce yourself to someone you haven't met. Our newer members wear a ♥ nametag.

Please think about carpooling. We have members all over the St. Louis area. You can use the roster to check zip codes and make some new friends who live near you.

Just a reminder, please wear your name badge to our meetings. It is the best way to meet newer members, make new friends and make everyone feel welcome.

Guests are always welcome. We ask for \$2 as a guest fee, except when we have a national speaker, then the fee is \$5. When you invite a friend, please think about carpooling

Jane Dodge and Priscilla Kosednar

## ***Mark your calendar!***

The 2023 15th Harvest of Quilts Quilt and Craft Show will be held at Old National Events Plaza, 715 Locust St, Evansville, IN, September 15 & 16, 2023.

Over 200 quilts will be displayed by the Raintree Quilters. Scores of varied hand-made craft and quilted items are available for sale that would make great Fall decorations and Christmas gifts. Don't miss the Raffle Baskets and the Silent Auction of very nice hand-crafted and quilted items.

Raintree Quilters Guild has selected Another Chance for Animals as its featured charity this year to benefit pet adoptions.

Quilt Appraisals by appointment will be available.

Tickets available at the door, Admission is \$10, ages 12 and under are free. Hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Hours are Friday and Saturday 9AM-5PM.

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May all of you continue to stay healthy and your lives be without shadows.

Your support of your fellow members has been tremendous.

Always keep in mind that when sending a card or email of support to our members is like receiving a ray of sunshine and a hug.

We all need support when going through hard times and when a member sees that someone is thinking of them, it makes their burden less heavy.

We all so appreciate your time, thoughtfulness, and friendship.

Please send any Sunshine or Shadow requests to me. Thank you.

Linda Waugh

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## COVER OUR KIDS

**Joyce Zepp**

**joycezepp83@gmail.com**

**314-593-6283**

Ladies, you have truly outdone yourselves! I received 81 quilts this month. Seventy-five of those quilts will be going to Good Shepherd (part of Catholic Charities), which has three different focuses: pregnancy support, foster care, and adoptive services. The other six quilts are seasonal and will be going to Safe Place/Mary's House of Hope as items for their fundraising events.

They are having two events this fall. The first is a music-themed trivia night on 10/28/23 at the Festus Elks Lodge Reception Hall. The second is their annual holiday event, Designer Bag and Bling Bingo on 11/17/23 at the Meramec Arnold Elks. For more information on either event, contact Kim Elbi at 636-232-2339.

As many of you know, the COK coordinator job is a two-year commitment, and my two years will be ending this winter. I would encourage those of you who are interested in this ministry to talk to me at the next meeting. I usually arrive by 6:00, so come early and we can chat. It would be great to have two or three people working together to continue this great Bits charity.

Thanks, Joyce Zepp



### **"IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS CANCELED"**

**Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator**

[mknox911@charter.net](mailto:mknox911@charter.net)

636-225-3279 (HOME)

314-223-0375 (TEXT)

**At the moment there are no Fun Sew Days scheduled.**

Thanks,  
Mary Lou Knox

### **"ZOOM FUN SEW DAYS"**

**Chris Williams**

[cwwill@earthlink.net](mailto:cwwill@earthlink.net).

#### **Wednesday Evening Zoom - first and third Wednesday**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

October 4, 18

November 1, 15

December 6, 20

#### **Thursday Afternoon Zoom - every other Thursday afternoon**

1- 3 p.m.

October 12, 19

November 2, 16, 30

December 14, 28

Let me know if you have questions. Thanks, Chris

### **WOOLY WOMEN**

**Chris Williams, Coordinator**

[cwwill@earthlink.net](mailto:cwwill@earthlink.net).

This group is learning about wool applique of all kinds.

We meet on the **first Sunday of each month**

at the

West County EMS & Fire Administrative Offices

223 Henry Ave., Manchester MO 63011

Scheduled dates:

November 5, December 3.

Let me know if you have questions. Thanks, Chris

### **Route 66 Project Challenge**

This challenge, sponsored by Art Bits, is open to all members of Bits 'n' Pieces, and seeks to celebrate the 2026 Centennial of the Mother Road.

Due date for finished pieces is April 15, 2024. A .pdf File, "Invitation to Participate" (found in our i.o.group)— contains the rules, critical dates, and other important information.

Contact: Wendy Richards [whoob@aol.com](mailto:whoob@aol.com) or 636-399-7695.

### **BITS LIBRARY**

**Francine Boillat**

**[Effybee534@aol.com](mailto:Effybee534@aol.com)**

**636-891-5084**

The library has been reorganized and it should be easier to pull books out of the closet shelves and replace if necessary. The latest books in our library are M.J Kinman's Diamond Quilts and Jenny K. Lyon's Free Motion Quilting from Ordinary to Extra ordinary.

A big thank you to our members who have donated some of their own books and CD's. They are greatly appreciated by many.

See you all at the next Guild Meeting.

Francine Boillat, Librarian





## 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 314-303-2179.**



# MAKE YOUR OWN GEMSTONES!!!

## Two Workshops with MJ Kinman



**MJ Kinman**

Fabric and gemstones, what could be better? If you saw MJ Kinman at the Bits 'n Pieces 2023 Quilt Show, you know that MJ's quilts are showstoppers! MJ's passion is creating quilts inspired by beautiful gems. This is NOT foundation paper piecing! This traditional piecing with MJ's unique technique using freezer paper. Learn MJ's unique design and piecing techniques to create your own singularly beautiful work of faceted light.

Signups for MJ's **October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> workshops** began at the July Salad Supper. So don't wait, these classes are expected to fill up fast! 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 your e-mail for the supply lists. See below for a brief introduction to MJ Kinman and workshop descriptions.

Each workshop will be a 6-hour in-person workshop with MJ Kinman. The workshops will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Jackman's St. Louis from 10:30 AM-5:00 PM with a half-hour lunch break.

MJ's work has been exhibited at the National Quilt Museum, the International Quilt Museum, the New England Quilt Museum, Quilt Festival (Houston, TX), Quilt Week (Paducah, KY), and Festival of Quilts (Birmingham, UK). Her work is included in collections as varied as Maker's Mark Distillery, the National Quilt Museum (Paducah, KY) and the International Quilt Museum (Lincoln, NE), plus many private collections around the United States.

MJ's popular Birthstone Series patterns feature traditional birthstone gems, and her Diamond Divas Series offer large, artistic quilts easily customizable by makers. Her first book, Gemstone Quilts, was released by C&T Publishing in 2020.

## MJ KINMAN WORKSHOPS



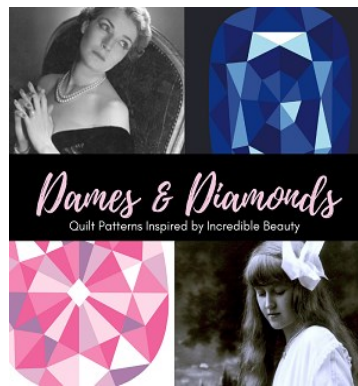
### **“BITE SIZE GEMS” WORKSHOP**

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023

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

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

- ◆ Learn how to create a freezer paper pattern based on a mock-up of a bite-size gem that MJ provides.
- ◆ Understand how different types of fabrics impact the flow of light and color across your design.
- ◆ Create your own color palette for your gemstone.
- ◆ Learn MJ's tips for organizing and streamlining your work.
- ◆ Learn MJ's piecing techniques.
- ◆ Assemble your fabric facets to create your own 18"-square mini-quilt of faceted color.



### **“DAMES AND DIAMONDS” WORKSHOP**

Thursday, October 26th, 2023

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

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

- ◆ Choose from one of MJ's four patterns inspired by some of the world's most beautiful gems!
- ◆ Work on one of the fully charted gem patterns during class
- ◆ Create a quilt block from the pattern during class.
- ◆ Enjoy MJ sharing stories of the gems and their outrageous, eccentric, and intriguing owners.
- ◆ Learn about the codes and visual clues MJ uses to help piece a gem together.
- ◆ Learn about the dazzling variety of colored gemstones so that you can select your gem colors. (Hint: there are no wrong answers!)
- ◆ Understand how different fabrics impact the flow of light and color across a quilt design.
- ◆ Practice the assembly techniques as you create your own stunning gem block.