

## GUILD MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2023



### MJ Kinman Presents Gems and Joy

MJ Kinman will present her “Gems & Joy” slide lecture and trunk show sharing her 25 year adventure in learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world using fabric.

She will talk about the techniques she uses to create and assemble the hundreds of pieces in each diamond, and the quilting techniques that enhance a gem’s facets . And she will share what she learned about the importance of choosing joy and saying “no” to fear as she made the leap from the Corporate Life to the Creative Life.

MJ Kinman’s passion is creating quilts inspired by beautiful gems. The key is freezer paper and MJ is delighted to share her technique with students via in-person and virtual classes.

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 re-released by C&T Publishing in 2020.



## GUILD MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2023

Teresa Basler, Secretary

### President, Candy Grisham:

Before starting with the Round Robin Techniques sessions, the business meeting was held.

### Business Meeting:

Welcome to all our new members.

A motion was made to approve the previous month's minutes and seconded.

The Treasurer's report is on the Website.

We now have a SQUARE terminal. We are currently getting it set-up. It will be available for guild activities soon.

### 2025 Quilt Show Committee – 536 days until the show:

Darla Gibson's update stated that the committee is almost full. She still needs someone to lead the Charity Raffle, Publicity and someone & ideas for displaying the quilt in public spaces.

The first quilt committee meeting might be the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November, a meet & greet. Then meetings will be via Zoom in Jan/Feb 2024.

### Programs:

Patti Moreland announced that October's presenter will be MJ Kinmon – Diamond Quilts & Women Who Own Diamonds.

### 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. Information is available on guild website.

### Guild Retreats:

Teresa Basler announced there's still room for the retreat at **Todd Hall on September 29, 30, Oct 1, & 2, 2023**. If you're interested, contact Teresa ASAP. Deposits needed by 8/25/2023.

Check the guild website for 3 retreats scheduled for 2024.

### Guild Challenge – Color Challenge:

Trish Hill reminded everyone entries are due at the November meeting. Be sure to put the number of your block on the front. On a post-it note, indicate your color and color theory.

### Route 66 Challenge:

Wendy Richards reminded us of the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submitted interest forms. Final projects due 4/15/24.

### Membership:

We had two new members and 3 guests tonight. 98 members attended tonight's meeting. Prizes were awarded.

### Tonight's Round Robin Techniques Process:

89 people have signed up. Use QR codes for handouts or go to the website. Each person goes to 4 session and each sessions will be 15 minutes with 5 minutes between. Thanks to those that are demonstrating.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jean Goldsberry has established a Nominating Committee. Voting will be at the October meeting.

Cover Our Kids & Membership leads have completed their 2 years and are ready to turn these teams over to new members.

The meeting ended. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 7:00pm at Salem Methodist.

Respectfully yours,

Teresa Basler,  
Secretary

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

It's Fall! Love this time of year or the cooler weather (quilting time), the colors and the excitement of the season.

Wasn't the September demo time a blast. Patti and her team did a fantastic job. We have a lot of exciting plans for the fall and beyond in the guild. MJ Kinman is our speaker and workshop presenter – can't wait to hear about the fabulous gems and dames – for October.

The challenge will be revealed in November and the holiday party fun in December. Many of the guild committees are working on special plans for 2024 including a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. Keep on quilting – the quilt show will be here before you know it.

Thanks,

Candy Grisham  
President

## **THE HOLIDAY PARTY** December 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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.

More detailed information about food will be announced at the October Bits meeting.

Thanks from Santa's Elves,  
Denise Souris, Annamarie Erba,  
and Ann Clark.

### **UFO - (Unfinished Objects)**

Megan Buttery [muttery8119@sbcglobal.net](mailto:muttery8119@sbcglobal.net) and Ginny Rainey [kengin9259@gmail.com](mailto:kengin9259@gmail.com)

Don't forget to work on your UFO's. In November, we will be raffling off a small prize for those that have notified us of a completed UFO from their list since August.

For those not familiar with the UFO competition here is a brief summary of how it works this year:

*You fill out a form at the beginning of the year with all of the projects you would like to finish 'this year'. As you finish each project you bring it to show and tell and tell the UFO table you have finished it. (You can also email us a picture if you are unable to come to the meetings. We give out prizes twice a year based on who has completed the most projects (etc.) Currently, we use the size of the quilt in inches. You also get credit for quilting it yourself.*

We will also raffle a couple of small prizes from now until the January meeting. Find our table at the meetings.

If you have any questions, contact Megan Buttery or Ginny Rainey.

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

### QUILT SHOW CHAIR Darla Gibson

I am happy to report that I have filled all the slots for the Quilt Show except for one, the community case displays.

This job entails contacting the various community centers and asking them if we can place a display in the case that would publicize quilting and our QS 2025. Then, putting together the displays and installing them/uninstalling them. This work typically takes place now as you begin to request dates of Jan – Mar 2025 for the cases and then again in Jan – Mar 2025 to install the cases. If you are interested in this, please let me know.

If you are on the committee for 2025, you should have received an email from me on Friday 10/6 about 3:10 pm. I included the Committee List and Budget from 2023 and the first meeting date of January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please review the information sent and be ready for the meeting!

For those of you NOT on the committee, don't worry! We will need every volunteer we can get before this is done! This will include volunteers to get Publicity Related items out and volunteers to work during the quilt show. More will come on all of that as we get closer. Oh, and of course! We will need your quilts! So, begin thinking about what you want to display in the show so that you can make sure it is done in time! I cannot wait to see the fabulousness!

Lastly, a simple reminder that as of today, October 10, 2023, we are a few short **522 Days until the show!** Mark your calendars!

Thank you, Darla

### RAFFLE QUILT CHAIRS: Barbara Nagel 314-724-5838 & Dianna Kogut 314-413-9389

The Raffle Quilt Chairs reported there were no updates at this time.

Thank you Barbara Nagel and Dianna Kogut

### ALERT ❖ ALERT ❖ ALERT

As of October 10, 2023, there were only **522 days until THE GREATEST QUILT SHOW EVER** to be held on March 15-16, at Queeny Park.



**AND WE WANT YOUR QUILTS IN THE SHOW!**

**Sew rev up your sewing machines and your Quilting Machines and make a beautiful quilt for display.**

**Hoping to see YOUR gorgeous creation displayed at the 2025 Fanfare of Quilts!**



## MEMBERSHIP

Jane Dodge  
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Priscilla Kosednar  
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The Membership Chairs reported there were no updates at this time.

Thank you, Jane Dodge and Priscilla Kosednar

## COVER OUR KIDS

Joyce Zepp  
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314-593-6283

The Cover Our Kids Chair reported there were no updates at this time.

Thanks, Joyce Zepp



### **COLOR CHALLENGE 2023 Guild Challenge** Trish Hill, Coordinator 314 303 2179

Finished Color Challenge quilts will be displayed at the November meeting. Please drop your quilts off at the church. I will be there between 5:00 and 6:45pm to receive quilts for hanging.

To make things easier to hang please have the Block paper you received in the envelope pinned to the front of your quilt along with a post-it note or index card that has your color and color theory. Don't put your name on the front.

your label on the back of the quilt should have: Guild Challenge 2023, Title of piece, your block name, your color, your color theory, your name, finished date and any techniques used.

I'm looking forward to seeing the finished pieces, if you have any questions call me at 314-303-2179.

Thank you, Trish Hill



Linda Waugh, Coordinator  
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**Kathy Chitwood's** husband, Terry, passed away in the early morning of September 26th and was surrounded by his family.

He had ongoing health difficulties for several years and spent much of this summer hospitalized. He was very recently put on hospice care.

Let's support Kathy with prayers and our thoughts these forthcoming weeks and months. I know she'll appreciate cards and emails. Thanks so much.

Please send any Sunshine or Shadow requests to me.

Thank you, Linda Waugh

**“IN PERSON FUN SEW DAYS CANCELED”**

**Mary Lou Knox, Coordinator**

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314-223-0375 (TEXT)

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

Thank you, Mary Lou Knox

**“ZOOM FUN SEW DAYS”**

**Chris Williams**

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

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

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

November 1, 15

December 6, 20

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

1- 3 p.m.

November 2, 16, 30

December 14, 28

Let me know if you have questions. Thanks, Chris

**WOOLY WOMEN**

**Carolyn McIntosh, Coordinator**

[rncintosh1800@yahoo.com](mailto:rncintosh1800@yahoo.com)

Chris Williams is stepping down as coordinator for the Woolly Women. Please welcome Carolyn McIntosh as the new coordinator.

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, and December 3.

Let me know if you have questions. Thanks, Carolyn

**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**

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**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

