



# *Fan Mail*

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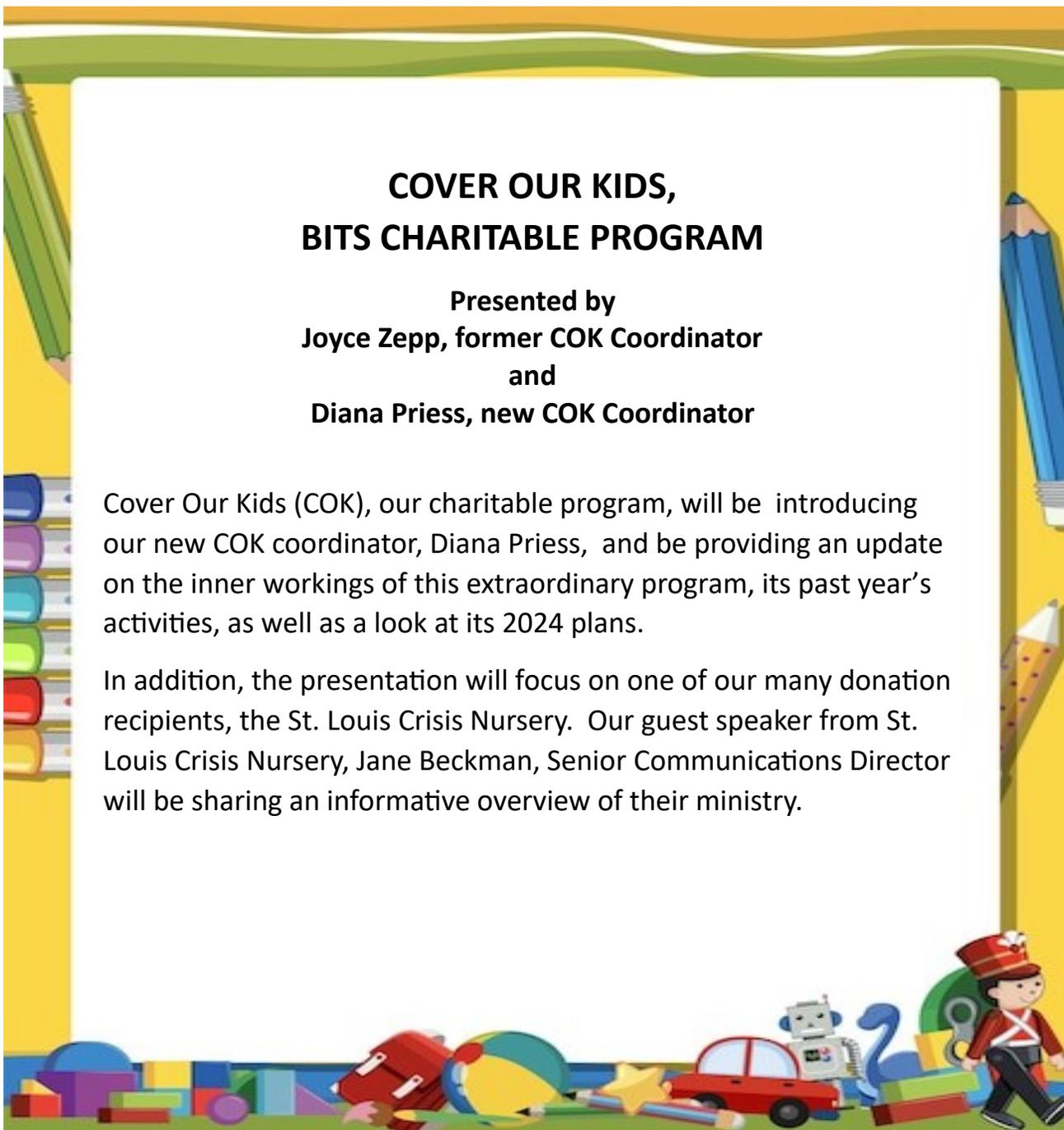
## GUILD EVENTS: JANUARY 23, 2024

### **COVER OUR KIDS, BITS CHARITABLE PROGRAM**

Presented by  
**Joyce Zepp, former COK Coordinator**  
and  
**Diana Priess, new COK Coordinator**

Cover Our Kids (COK), our charitable program, will be introducing our new COK coordinator, Diana Priess, and be providing an update on the inner workings of this extraordinary program, its past year's activities, as well as a look at its 2024 plans.

In addition, the presentation will focus on one of our many donation recipients, the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. Our guest speaker from St. Louis Crisis Nursery, Jane Beckman, Senior Communications Director will be sharing an informative overview of their ministry.



## **INTRODUCTIONS OF OUR NEW OFFICERS**

### **Meet Our New Secretary, Darlene Kopta**

Darlene is a self-taught quilter and creator. She enjoys expanding her quilting skills and sharing her talents with others.

She has taught beginning quilting classes and was a presenter for a sister Quilt Guild.

Darlene moved from Dallas where she has parents, two married kids and five grandchildren and one daughter in Pittsburgh. Darlene spends a lot of time traveling to visit family.

She enjoys nature, hiking, mushroom hunting, cooking and reading. Darlene is also a certified yoga instructor; leading others to find balance and mindfulness.

### **Meet Our New VP, Debbie Reynolds**

I am the new Vice President and responsible for Programs. I have big shoes to fill following Patti Moreland.

I joined Bits N Pieces Guild in January of 2020 right before the shut down with the pandemic. So I got to know some of you via Zoom and a few got together in a park sitting a distance apart and wearing masks.

In January of 2021, I volunteered to be the Treasurer. I was treasurer for 2021 and 2022.

My quilting journey started in 2016 after I retired. I had been sewing all my life including making my own clothes when I was a teenager. As soon as I started my quilting journey in 2016 I was hooked.

I'm looking forward to helping to make our guild a fun and informative club for the next two years.

## **PLEASE HELP**

***To ALL Bits Quilters,***

***Wendy Richards and I have been discussing the possibility of developing a means to sell some of the quilted items Bits members have made.***

***This could take many different forms (craft show, exhibit with sales, one-day specialized sale, etc).***

***To help us determine the interest in such a sale we would like to ask for your help.***

***Below is a link to a brief (less than five minutes of your time) survey. The survey is anonymous though there is a space to provide your name if you choose.***

***We will use the information obtained to help us decide if this idea is worth pursuing.***

***Please click on this link to the survey:***  
***<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGT2TCS>***

***Thank you for your help!***

***Happy quilting!***  
***Barbara Nagel, Bits member***

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

Happy New Year 2024!

What a wonderful year we had in 2023 for the guild. An absolutely fabulous quilt show, workshops, parties, charity donations, challenges and more. We have such a great guild because everyone participates in some way. If you are new to the guild, jump right in, it's a wonderful way to get to know others and be a part of it all.

We are looking forward to this year with three workshops (one held over from 2023), a new group activity, the unveiling of the raffle quilt, COK and HF workdays and an Anniversary Party. We are 40 years old this year. (Don't I wish) and put the June meeting on your calendar for a fun time.

Keep making those quilts for the 2025 Fanfare of Quilts Show.

Just a word about \$. We only have income from the quilt raffle and our dues. This supports all we do in the guild. We have a low amount for dues and have kept it that way because everyone renews and sells raffle tickets. Please do your part and keep this going.

Happy Quilting. See you at the guild meeting.

Candy Grisham  
President

**Winners of the 2023 Viewers Choice**

1st Belinda DeWitt

Tied for 2nd: Polly King and Julie Harris

**Winner of the 2023 Guild Challenge**

Linda DeWitt



**KING TUT GOES TO HOUSTON**  
**Sally Pelikan**

The members of the group from Art Bits that were able to go to the International Quilt Festival in Houston at the beginning of November 2023, were interviewed by Superior Threads, which was a sponsor of the show. Afterward they sent a letter which read:

*Hello Sally,*

*I wanted to let you know that the video of your quilting group and "Wonderful Things" will be posted to our social media pages and YouTube on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. I can also email you the link once it is live.*

*Thank you again for reaching out and for sharing your process with us on such a beautiful quilt. Our whole team has loved it!*

*Best,*  
*Sydney Fort*  
**Graphic Designer**  
*Superior Threads*

Wonderful Things - 100 years of King Tutankhamen" is currently displayed in a show at the Texas Quilt Museum in LaGrange, TX.

- Sally Pelikan

**QUILT SHOW CHAIR**  
**Darla Gibson**

The Count Down to Fanfare of Quilts 2025 continues! As I write this, we have just 432 days to get ourselves ready for the show!

The committee started meeting in January and we will meet every month on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

We may need some additional committee help so please keep a lookout for ways you can serve on this committee.

In the mean time, we will need EVERYONE to submit a quilt to hang in the show. At least one, two if they are small! So, as you work on your projects, be thinking about what you'd like to display!

At the February guild meeting, I will do a short program on all things show related so that you know how the show works and what we will be asking from each member.

If you have specific questions regarding the show, please feel free to email me at [ddgibby64@yahoo.com](mailto:ddgibby64@yahoo.com). I'll add them to the program and answer for everyone!

Thank you and I'll be in touch with further details.

Darla

**RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS:**  
Barbara Nagel 314-724-5838  
& Dianna Kogut 314-413-9389

**CHECKLIST FOR THE**  
**2025 QUILT SHOW**

- Gather your Pattern and Fabric.**
- Cut, Sew, Press.**
- Quilt Your Quilt.**
- Fill out the Registration Form.**
- Take a Photo of your quilt.**
- Make a Label and Hanging Sleeve.**
- Prepare a Pillowcase for your quilt.**
- Volunteer at the Show.**
- Have FUN!**

**How many can you check  
off?**

## MEMBERSHIP

**Karen Grogan**  
[mgrogan11@att.net](mailto:mgrogan11@att.net)

**Beth Roehm**  
[bethroehm57@gmail.com](mailto:bethroehm57@gmail.com)

At the end of 2023, we had 259 members! The Membership Roster is on the Bits web page, under the Members Only section.

We'd like to extend a big "THANKS!", to Tracy Volansky, owner of All Things Quilty, who has generously donated lovely precuts for our meeting door prizes.

The new year is here and your guild membership DUES are DUE by the end of January! Dues are \$25 for this calendar year. If you haven't heard already we are excited to announce that dues can now be PAID ONLINE!

It's very simple:

- Go to the guild website: [www.bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://www.bitsnpiecesguild.com).
- Click on the Membership tab in the black heading at the top
- On the Membership page you will see a large BLUE button that says "Buy Now".
- That button will take you to a the first checkout page. There is a \$1.50 surcharge for using this easy service (but you won't have to pay for postage or envelope!) The total is \$26.50.
- Click on the BLUE Checkout button and fill in the rest of your payment information.
- At the bottom of this second checkout page there is one more BLUE button to click that says "Pay 26.50"
- You will receive an email receipt immediately. EASY PEASY!

We will be notified of your payment with your name, email and phone number. With that information we will check your email and phone numbers for updates to our membership directory. **If your home address has changed** from the one listed on the online membership list, please email Beth Roehm at [bethroehm57@gmail.com](mailto:bethroehm57@gmail.com) with your new address so she can update our online directory.

If you would rather write a check you can go to that same membership page from above and at the bottom of the page there is a BLUE link to download the "Bits Membership Form 2024". Please print off that form, fill it in, enclose payment (check made out to Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild) and send it to the Salem Methodist Church address listed on the form.

You may also bring your check or cash to the next guild meeting on January 23, 2024. Bring your filled out form or be ready to fill out a form at the meeting.

Name tags are \$10 and you can order and pay for them at guild meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on January 23rd - remember to wear your name tag!

Thank you, Karen Grogan and Beth Roehm



**Linda Waugh, Coordinator**

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314-941-3195

**Anne Perry** In December it was announced that Anne has stage 4 lung cancer. She then asked for prayers as she began her battle.

Today we can happily announce that **Anne is now home from the hospital!** She is breathing much better and she seems to be on the road to recovery.

Please continue to show Anne your support through your prayers, cards and emails. Showing your support and friendship, means so very much to her.

Thanks so much,  
Linda Waugh

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

**Chris Williams**

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

#### **First Saturday of odd months:**

January 6, March 2, May 4, July 6, September 7  
and November 2.  
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

#### **ZOOM CHAT & SEW GROUP:**

##### **1st and 3rd Wednesday evening**

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

##### **2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**All members are welcome.**

Contact:

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

## UFOs - (Unfinished Objects)

Megan Buttery [mbuttery8119@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbuttery8119@sbcglobal.net)  
Ginny Rainey [kengin9259@gmail.com](mailto:kengin9259@gmail.com)

If you have any completed UFOs for 2023, please email or tell us at the January meeting so they can be included in your 2023 totals. We will be giving out the end of the year prizes for 2023 after the January meeting.

For 2024 UFOs, email your list for 2024, fill out a new list from the website or let us know if you want to continue with your old list.

The 'List':

- Includes projects that you started or bought but never finished them. They should be quilting related – place-mats, wall hanging, baby quilts, Block of the Months, kits – anything you want to finish in 2024. I normally put all my UFOs on the list because I never know what I will want to work on in 2024. You have until the April meeting to give us your list.
- When you finish any quilt on your list bring it to a meeting. Tell the UFO table you finished it and display it during Show and Tell. (If you cannot come to the meeting then email with a picture.)
- You earn Points for completing each quilt. {Points are based on the size of the quilt and the type of quilting. (We are going to try something new this year. We can always go back to the old way next year. I will write more on this later.)

We will draw monthly participation prizes And there will be several prizes for the most points at the end of the year.

If you have questions please contact Megan or Ginny (see email contact information above).

## WOOLY WOMEN

**Carolyn McIntosh, Coordinator**  
[rmcintosh1800@yahoo.com](mailto:rmcintosh1800@yahoo.com)

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

## COVER OUR KIDS

**Diana Priess,  
New Coordinator**

**Joyce Zepp,  
Outgoing Coordinator**

Ladies, you have done it again! In December, I received 45 quilts. Ten were distributed to Children's Home Society, and the rest went to Our Lady's Inn.

Just a reminder, all quilts need to be washed and labeled. You can pick up labels at the COK table.

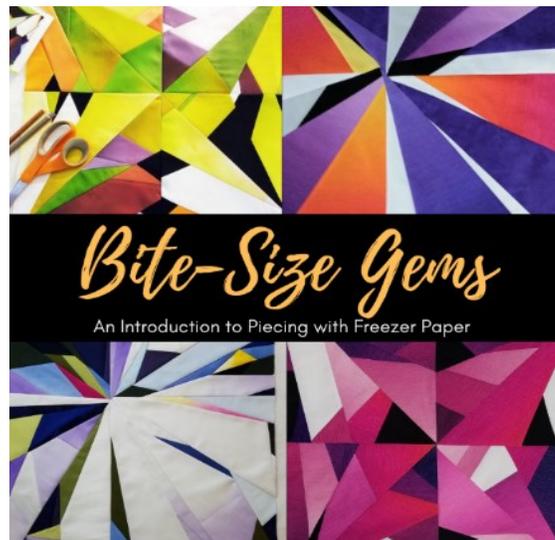
As you may know, the Cover Our Kids responsibilities will be turned over this year to new leadership, and COK will definitely be in good hands.

Candy and I met with the committee 12/6, and they already have some great plans in the works. This energetic group will be introduced to you at our January meeting.

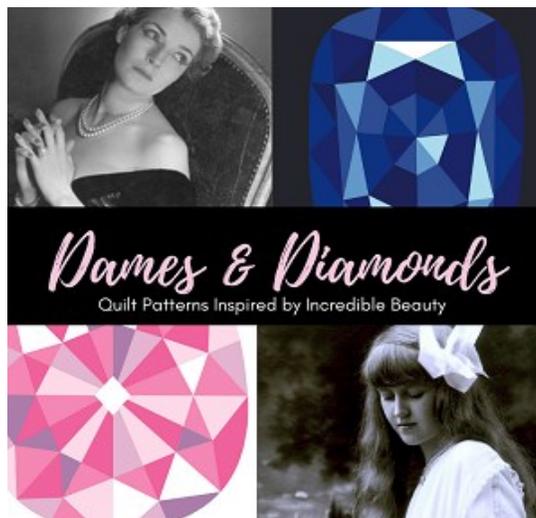


**THE 2024 WORKSHOPS ARE FILLING FAST!!**  
**DAVID WALKER & MJ KINMAN ARE OVER HALF FULL!!**  
**CONTACT SARA SEAGRIST FOR REGISTRATION**

**MJ KINMAN WORKSHOPS RESCHEDULED**



**“BITE-SIZE GEMS” Workshop**  
**Thursday, July 11, 2024**



**“DAMES & DIAMONDS” workshop**  
**Friday, July 12, 2024**

**KIMONO DESIGNS PURSE WORKSHOP**

**Theresa Gallup – Kimono Designs**

**“Small Purses with Kimono Fabrics” Workshop**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**



**Registration Begins at November BNP Meeting**

**LANDSCAPES FABRIC COLLAGE WORKSHOP**

**David Walker – Fabricscapes**

**“Landscape Fabric Collage” Workshop**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**



**Registration Begins at November BNP Meeting**