

## GUILD EVENTS: FEBRUARY 27, 2024

**Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair  
and the “Quilt Diva”  
Present  
A Tour of our Fanfare of Quilts 2025**

**P**lease join us on Tuesday, February 27th as I take the “Quilt Diva” on a tour of our Fanfare of Quilts.

She is VERY curious and will ask a TON of questions — I sure hope I can answer them all!

In return, the “Quilt Diva” will help ALL members learn everything from **WHY** we do the quilt show to **HOW** we pull this off! **AND** she will provide a **LOT** of other information as well.

After all the information the “Quilt Diva” and I will be presenting, we hope everyone will have a better understanding of our Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show.

But to add a little fun tonight, there will be prizes for the lucky| in-person attendees.

So mark your calendars and we hope to see you on the 27th!

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Candy Grisham, President**

**A**re you looking forward to spring? I am! Thankful for these warmer days and sunshine.

Weren't you inspired by Crisis Nursery? What a calling. I am so glad we can provide comfort in these small ways.

The February meeting will be recorded if you can't make it. It will be all about the Quilt Show. But.... Try to come to the meeting. The big reveal will take place for the raffle quilt. I've gotten a sneak peek and it's beautiful.

See you later this month,

Candy Grisham  
President

## **SUPPORT SALEM'S BARBEQUE**

Hi Bits Members

We have a wonderful place to meet at the Salem Methodist Church.

We can also support their efforts in a Delicious way. Consider marking your calendar this year for May 18 and September 14 (11-5pm) for the most delicious and home cooked barbecue!!

You will be reminded in May but don't miss out and give yourself a cooking break. Take home meal or sit a spell under the tent and chat. Good either way.

- Margaret Gaal

## **REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS**

A small committee has been working on updating the bylaws for BNP. The last revision was August 2003.

Following is a copy of those By-Laws showing the revisions, additions, and deletions that will be presented in February and voted on in March. Most of the revisions are needed to reflect our 5013C status and the internet.

Please review these ahead of time if desired and then present questions when reviewed at the February meeting. Please contact me directly at [candyce54@gmail.com](mailto:candyce54@gmail.com) if you have questions ahead of the meeting.

Thank you  
Candyce Grisham

# Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild

## Revision Proposals 2024

### By -Laws

#### Article Name

The name of the organization shall be Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild

#### Article II Purpose

The purpose of the guild shall be to preserve the heritage of quilting, to be a source of information and inspiration, to encourage and mentor new quilters, to perpetuate a high quality of excellence in quilting and related arts, and to be a gathering for people with a common interest.

#### Article III State of Autonomy

The Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild shall be an independent, 501 c3 nonprofit organization. It may, with the approval of membership, enter into affiliation with other organizations, establishments, or individuals with the purpose of carrying out a specific project, but it shall not affiliate permanently with any other organization, establishment or individual. ~~However, upon recommendation of the Executive Board, and approval of the membership, the Guild may enter into membership with other quilting organizations.~~

Section A. No member or nonmember may profit personally or directly by soliciting or advertising the sale of merchandise at Guild Meetings without prior approval of the Executive Board.

Section B. It shall be the option of the Executive Board to invite members to teach a Guild Sponsored function at a stipend to be set by the Executive Board.

#### Article IV Membership

Section A. A member shall be defined as follows:

1. Active Member One, who pays annual dues, attends meetings, participates in Guild activities, and/ works on committees; shall have voting privileges; shall have the right to hold office or committee chairpersonship.
2. Honorary Member May be extended at the discretion of the Executive Board. Honorary Members may attend all meetings and receive the Newsletter. They are not required to pay dues and are not eligible to vote or hold office or committee chairpersonship.
3. Charter Member. One who was a member when the Bylaws were adopted (February 1986). List shall be maintained by the Membership Chair.

#### Section B. Dues

1. Dues shall be payable annually. The guild calendar year for dues shall be January 1 through December 31. Active members who renew their membership shall pay annual dues to be set by the board.

2. New members joining after the June meeting shall be assessed ½ the annual dues.
3. Dues shall not be refundable.
4. Failure to pay dues by February meeting shall be considered withdrawal from the guild.
5. Members and nonmembers may be assessed an additional fee above the annual dues for special meetings/programs/speakers/projects as established by the Executive Board

Section C. Guests are welcome and will be charged a fee of Two \$2.00 dollars to attend meetings. A guest, deciding to join the guild at a meeting at which the guest fee has already been paid, will have Two \$2.00 dollars deducted from the joining dues. Guests attending national speaker programs are charged a fee of Five (\$5) dollars to attend. A guest, deciding to join the guild at a meeting at which a guest fee has already been paid, will have Five (\$5) dollars deducted from the joining dues.

Section D. The guild is a non-discriminating organization as regard to race, color, creed, age, sex, handicap, or national origin.

Section E. Each new member will have access to Bylaws and membership rosters in the Members only section of the Bits 'n' Pieces website. Password to the Members section provided upon paying yearly dues. ~~shall receive a current copy of the by laws. Each member shall receive annually a current membership list.~~ Membership rosters shall not be used for the purpose of solicitation or personal gain.

Section F. All members are encouraged to wear name tags at regular scheduled meetings. Each member shall be responsible for purchasing her/his name tag.

#### Article V Elected Officers

Section A. Elected Officers shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. No elected officer is eligible to continue in the same office for more than two consecutive years.

#### Sections B Duties of the President

1. Presides at all general meetings and Executive Board meetings.
2. Serves as ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating committee
3. Signs checks in the absence of the Treasurer
4. Calls additional meetings as necessary
5. Creates any temporary committees: budget, by-laws review, nominating, Ways and Means, Quilt show , Raffle quilt, bazaar, etc.

### Section C Duties of the Vice President

1. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and assist the President at all times in such work as may be assigned to him/her.
2. She/he shall also be in charge of the monthly program. Responsible for writing, sending contracts to selected presenters (local & national) and insuring receipt of contract signatures. Responsible for coordinating hotel, meals and transportation of presenter.
- ~~3. The Vice President must receive approval of the Executive Board before making any monetary commitments above the agreed upon Seventy five (\$75) dollar fee~~

### Section D Duties of the Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received, pay all bills, and maintain a bank account.
2. The Treasurer shall issue checks within the approved budget. Bills for amounts not budgeted and /or over the budgeted amount must have the approval of the Executive Board

### Section E Duties of the Secretary

1. Keeps records of all general and Executive Committee meetings
2. Conducts general correspondence of the Guild.
3. Serves as a custodian of all documents.
4. Sends a copy of the minutes to the President and to the Newsletter Chairperson prior to the newsletter deadline.
5. Presents minutes of prior meeting monthly if not published in the newsletter.
6. Chairs review of bylaws when requested by the Executive Committee.

### Article VI Executive Board

#### Section A. The elected officers constitute the Executive Board

1. Acts for the Guild in the event of an emergency.
2. Controls matters relating to the management and development of the Guild.
3. Appoints the Audit Committee, consisting of two non-board members, and the current or incoming and outgoing Treasurers to examine the fiscal records of the Guild prior to the change of officers.
4. Reviews budget for the coming term with the Standing Committee Chairpersons

#### Section B Vacancies

1. If a vacancy occurs during the first half of the election year, nominations from the floor shall be presented at the meeting following the meeting at which the vacancy is announced the election will be held immediately.
2. If a vacancy occurs during the second half of the election year, the vacancy will be filled by majority vote of the Executive Board.

3. An elected officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Board and Standing Chairpersons. Conditions for removal include misappropriation of funds, negligence (not performing duties assigned to them).

#### Section C Meetings

1. The Executive Board will be required to meet at least once a year, in January, to prepare the budget. Additional Executive Board meetings may be called by the President.

#### Section D. Nominations and Elections

1. The Nominating Committee shall be formed in September to prepare a slate of officers and shall consist of a volunteer chairperson and two additional volunteers, none of which are officers.
2. The slate of officers shall be published in the November newsletter.
3. The elections of officers will be held annually at the November meeting.
4. Nominations may be made from the floor. If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate may be adopted by the membership by acclamation.

#### Article VII Standing Chairpersons

Section A Standing Chairpersons shall be Membership, Newsletter, Workshop, Publicity, ~~Historian~~, Parliamentarian, Librarian, Service Projects, Quilt Show, Guild Projects. ~~and Block of the Month~~. Standing Chairpersons are appointed by the President.

#### Section B Duties of Membership Chairperson

1. Shall collect dues, keep a current membership roster, and publish roster regularly on website and ~~publish an annual directory~~.
2. All funds shall be transferred to the Treasurer with accurate records.

#### Section C Duties of the Newsletter Chairperson

1. Shall format and distribute the newsletter via the website monthly with the exception of December.

#### Section D Duties of the Workshop Chairperson

1. Shall ~~engage speakers~~, work with the VP to contact speakers for workshops, choose site, and set fees with the Executive Board approval.
2. Shall receive registration fees and forward same to the Treasurer.
3. Shall post information about the speaker, classes, site, fees in newsletter and through social media

#### Section E Duties of the Publicity Chairperson

1. Shall publicize Guild meetings and activities via newspapers, public library bulletin boards or magazine articles
2. Shall work with the Quilt Show committee to coordinate publicity

Section F Duties of Historian

1. ~~Document Guild activities with photos and newspaper and magazine articles contained in scrapbook form.~~

Section F Duties of Librarian

1. Have library materials available at all meetings.
2. Maintains materials for library, records the cost of new materials and maintains circulation cards.
3. Maintains an updated inventory.
4. ~~Assess and collect fines, forwarding money to the treasurer monthly.~~

Section G Duties of the Parliamentarian

1. Shall be appointed by the President.
2. Shall be versed in rules of parliamentary procedure to advise the President, Executive Board and Guild members on points of order and proper procedure according to Guild By-Laws and Roberts's Rules of Order (most current edition)

Section H Duties of Service Projects Chairperson

1. Shall propose and coordinate Special projects as approved by the membership.
2. Shall distribute finished articles to designated recipients.
3. All fees collected shall be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Sections I Duties of the Guild Project Chairperson ~~the Block of the Month Chairperson~~ Yearly guild activity such as a block of the month, mystery, or round robin activity.

1. Shall present the ~~monthly block of the month~~ quilt group activity.
2. All fees collected shall be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Article VIII Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the proceedings in all cases not provided in the by-laws.

Article IX Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present provided the amendment has been sent to each member at least one week prior to the meeting.

Article X Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild, all assets shall be assigned to an organization chosen by the membership in accordance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(Revised - October 1988)

(Revised - November 1991)

(Revised - February 1998)

(Revised - July 1999)

(Revised - August 2003)

(Revised January 2024)

## Standing Rules

1. Quorum and Majority: Attendees at general membership meetings shall constitute a quorum. A motion shall be passed if approved by a simple majority.
2. Reimbursements: An officer, committee chairperson or member who has received prior purchase approval must submit a receipt or written statement to the Treasurer for payment
3. Newsletter: ~~The charge per year for nonmembers shall be Ten \$10 dollars.~~ Published on the website
4. Library: Library use is limited to Guild Members only. ~~There will be a Fifty cent (\$.50) per month overdue charge, not to exceed the value of the item.~~ If an item is lost, the members must replace it; if no acquisition information exists, a flat fee of Twenty \$20 (Twenty) dollars shall be charged. Members may not renew unless/until ~~outstanding fines are paid,~~ or item replaced, and Librarian advises Membership Chairperson. ~~Fines~~ Replacement fees collected will be forwarded to the treasurer or used to purchase replacement.
5. Workshops:
  - a. Each event shall have a volunteer coordinator(s) to manage publicity, registration, properties, etc.
  - b. Lecture and workshop fees shall be determined by the coordinator with the approval of the Executive Board, and be relative to the cost of the speaker, rent, and other expenses.
  - c. Members shall have reduced rates compared to non-members
  - d. Registrants shall be members of Bits 'n' Pieces to receive reduced rates. Membership payment may be made concurrently with registration
  - e. The Executive Board, upon advice of the event coordinator, reserves the right to cancel any workshop or lecture which doesn't have sufficient participation (to cover expense at least one (1) month prior to the event. Contracts with speakers shall include a clause to this effect.



- f. There shall be no refunds unless the event is cancelled. Refunds shall be made with thirty (30) days of cancellation of the event. In case of extreme emergencies (severe health problems, death in the family) the Executive Board may refund the fee to the participant. (member or non-member)
  - g. Any member who provides transportation, room and boards to the speaker shall receive free admission to all workshops given by that person.
  - ~~h. Any member who provides a restaurant meal to a speaker will be reimbursed for both meals up to Fifty (50.00) dollars total.~~  
Members will be reimbursed for the speaker's meals provided at restaurants at a per diem rate (\$50/day) (\$25/halfday) with no reimbursement for alcohol.
6. Fund Raisers: All prizes from raffles or auctions held by Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild will be non-exchangeable and nonrefundable. Because we operate as a not-for-profit organization, the Guild cannot act as agent or retail vendor for any member or nonmember in order to sell any item or work through a guild raffle or auction. All raffle tickets will state the prize in non-exchangeable or nonrefundable.
7. Election of Officers:
- a. August or September selects nominating chairperson
  - b. October present slate of officers
  - c. November vote on slate
  - d. December installs officers

## GUILD MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2024

Theresa Basler, Former Secretary  
(Sitting in for Darlene Kopta, Secretary)

### **Business Meeting:**

- A motion was made to approve the previous month's minutes and seconded. The Treasurer's report is on the Website.
- Meeting Closures – if the Parkway School District is closed or has a snow day, then the guild does not meet.

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

- Darla Gibson asked for volunteers for a guessing game (pines, needles or clips). More information about the quilt show at the February meeting.

### **Programs:**

- Debbie Reynolds provided speaker and program information for January – April 2025.
- For the February Guild Meeting, Darla Gibson will discuss the quilt show.

### **Cover Our Kids (COK):**

- Joyce Zepp provided a summary of the recipients our COK quilts. She thanked everyone for their talents. Diana Price is the new coordinator for COK.
- Sara Seagrist provided three COK sew dates, March 30, June 5, Sept 26 all at Salem Methodist Church from 9:30am-2:00pm.
- Tonight's speaker was Laura Cooper from Crisis Nursery. She shared an overview of the Crisis Nursery operations and services they provide to families. She appreciated the donated quilts.
- Sara Seagrist talked about the rescheduled **MJ Kinman workshop in July 2024**. In March 2024, there is the Kimono workshop and April is the David Walker workshop, which is currently full, but there is a waiting list. Contact Sara if you have questions about any workshops.
- Sara also asked for batting scraps, must be 12"X12" or larger.

### **UFOs:**

- Megan Buttery – there were two drawings tonight for completed projects.

### **Guild Retreats:**

- Teresa Basler announced there's still room for the retreat at **Sew Sweet Quilt Shop in Brunswick, MO on February 25-28, 2024**. The April retreat at Itchin To Be Stitchin is full. There is still room for retreaters for the **Todd Hall retreat June 14-17, 2024**. If you're interested, contact Teresa ASAP.

### **Membership:**

- We had five new members and 3 guests tonight. 95 members attended tonight's meeting. 218 paid dues for 2024 as of 1/23/2024. Dues can be paid by check or on-line. Prizes were awarded.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Guild income comes from membership dues and Raffle Quilt tickets. Big Expenses are for workshops, programs and charity.
- Salem Methodist has been very generous to the guild. Our rent is considered a donation. The church let's us use this space for meetings, scraps sewing days, workshops and storage.
- A PC will be purchased for administrative and guild continuity.
- Membership dues will stay at \$25.
- The 2024 budget was approved and seconded.
- Nancy Sinise introduced a new guild activity – "Round Robin" block. More information to be provided.
- Anniversary Party – Linda Reel is organizing. Theme: Girls Just Really Wanta Have Fun. Volunteers will be needed.

### **SHOW & TELL**

- The meeting ended. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00pm at Salem Methodist.

Teresa Basler  
Former Secretary  
(Sitting in for Darlene Kopta)

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

We have started the quilt show meetings with the Fanfare of Quilts Committee. We meet the first Tuesday of the month via Zoom. Using this format up until the quilt show should ensure us a fantastic show! Thank you to all who have volunteered. I believe I have close to 35 Committee Chairs. This may seem like a lot but we have narrowed the jobs down to as manageable as possible positions so no one feels overwhelmed.

We do have a need for one more person! We need someone that can put up displays in public library and rec centers in January and February 2025 that show off quilting and advertise the show. This person will need to be able to collect several items to display (or have items) that fit in cases. The Committee did some brainstorming and is checking into some places that they are aware of to get them reserved. The volunteer would just need to follow up and get the items in place (and picked up). If you are interested in helping out with this, please let me know!

At the meeting in February, I will give a presentation to familiarize everyone with the Quilt Show process. This presentation will include some information on how we will choose our Featured Quilter. The Featured Quilter is someone in the guild that will be honored with their own booth to display their quilts. The quilter will need to be able to be at the show for the entire time (or close to it) so that they can answer questions about their quilts, their story and any quilting related questions people may have. The person chosen for this should be someone that has a body of work to represent their quilts and their style as well as someone that is integral to the Quilting Community - either within the guild or further afield. We will have forms with the criteria listed that we will distribute later this year for you to nominate someone. The Quilt Show Committee will present the nominees at a meeting and introduce you to them and then the guild will vote. More information will follow on exactly how this is done.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the show, any of the committee members are happy to hear them and consider them. We strive to make each year better than the last!

Thank you,  
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)

## REMINDER! REMINDER! Membership Dues are Due!

Hi Quilters! Your guild membership dues were due by the end of January. So far for 2024 we have 199 paid memberships and we hope you are one of them! If you still need to pay your dues please do so as soon as possible. Please pay online through the membership tab on our website OR send a check to the address on the membership form you will find on our website. We will also be taking dues at the February 27th meeting. Dues are still \$25 and have not gone up since no-one can remember when!

Nametags are \$10 and we would love to see everyone wear theirs at each meeting. See us at the membership table to order one. We have replacement magnets if you need one for your name tag.

Check the roster in the "Members Only" section of our website and make sure your information is correct. If you have had any changes in your email, home address or phone number please let Beth Roehm [bethroehm57@gmail.com](mailto:bethroehm57@gmail.com) know ASAP. Thanks!

If you have had any changes in your email, home address or phone number please let Beth Roehm [bethroehm57@gmail.com](mailto:bethroehm57@gmail.com) know ASAP.

Thank you, Karen and Beth



**Linda Waugh, Coordinator**  
[Lkampwaugh@charter.net](mailto:Lkampwaugh@charter.net)  
 314-941-3195

**Ivy Osborn** - Has had long time medical and pain problems. She will see a neurosurgeon this month and is hoping to receive answers about the pain she is having. Let's support her with prayer and emails and cards as she still has a ways to go.

**Gail McCartney** - is in the re-habilitation section of the hospital in California for the next 10-14 days to rebuild her strength. Gail is in great spirits and appreciates all of the positive thoughts and prayer she has been receiving these last few weeks. Update: Gail is now home! Yeah!

**Anne Perry** Let's continue to pray for Anne Perry who is home receiving treatment for lung cancer. She is breathing much better and getting plenty of rest.

**Jean Goldsberry** Richard Fallert, husband of longtime Bits member, Marilyn Fallert, and father of Jean Goldsberry, passed away February 4 at the age of 92. He will be greatly missed. The family would appreciate your prayers.

Marilyn Fallert  
 711 South Laclede Station Road, Apt 2113  
 St Louis, MO 63119

Let's continue to pray and send many healing thoughts to each of these guild members. They are active members of our guild and are friends to many of us.

I know too they would enjoy the support and joy that greeting cards and emails would bring to them.

Thank you for reaching out to them.  
 Linda Waugh

## COVER OUR KIDS

Diana Priess, Coordinator  
dianajpreiss@aol.com

Happy February from your COK Team!!

First of all we want to thank Joyce Zepp for the amazing job she did over the last 2 years! Many quilts were donated and many happy faces and hearts were the results of all of her hard work to make this happen!

★♥★ Thank You, Joyce!! ★♥★

Our COK Team has hit the ground running, and I am so happy **Gayle Barron** and **Sara Seagrist** chose to join in the running as such dedicated team members! They have already been working diligently to make 2024 a success for COK! We also are thrilled to have the experience and expertise of **Sue Meyer** join us! Her Baggie Blocks are amazing, and if you haven't stopped by her table at one of our meetings, now is the time! She has, and continues to be so instrumental in putting together artistic, beautiful quilts from the Baggie Blocks she creates! Be sure to pick up a Baggie Block as well as a COK Quilt Kit at both our booths at our February Bits meeting!!

Yes, many requested COK Kits, and unfortunately we did not have enough by far. So at our February meeting, stop by early and pick up a kit to cut and bring to our March COK Sew Day. Or, if you can't join us, pick up a kit anyway and get started on your fun, creative, and beautiful creation for our kiddos!

Speaking of donations, we had so many beautiful completed, washed, and labeled quilts turned in at our January meeting! That is incredible! We received 47 Finished Quilts and 8 Finished Tops to be Quilted!! 11 Beautiful Quilts were delivered to Family Forward, which provides care and support for foster and homeless children and families in need. Additionally, 36 quilts were delivered to Crisis Nursery! They do such an amazing job of providing urgent care for families in crisis with acute and desperate needs. Thank You for your amazing contributions!

Going forward, there are several organizations that have requested larger quilts, as they have older children and teens who would appreciate the larger, "more adult" sizes. Twin and/or Full/Double size is fine. If you want to make one larger, that is good too. They will definitely be appreciated and put to good use for a long time.

Also, we are requesting your Batting scraps. If you have batting scraps of 1/2 yard or larger, please bring them to our February meeting. Our plan is to piece them for some of our smaller quilts. There will be a bright pink bin at each of our monthly meetings to drop your donations for this use.

COK Sew Days!! We have scheduled three (3!) full days to get together, laugh and sew, and make some quilts for our kiddos in need. They are as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 20** (first day of Spring): "Spring into Action!" (3-yard Sprint & Jelly Roll Race!!)
- **Wednesday, June 5**: "School's Out! Let's Sew Sweet Treats for the Kids!" (Layer Cakes, Charm Packs, Fat Quarters, & More!)
- **Thursday, September 26** (first day of Fall): "Fall Frolic! Tumbling Leaves, Sweaters, Pumpkins, and Apple Picking"

**Note:** All COK Sew Days will be at Salem Methodist Church, from 9:30 to 2:30.

There will be a Sign-Up Sheet at each monthly meeting to get an idea of how many kits, etc. will be needed for our day.

If you would like to be a member of our "**Cutting Up Crew**", we will have cutting tables set up at each of our COK Sew Days, so bring your rotary cutter, cutting mat, and risers if you have them.

If you prefer to be one of our "**Party-On Piecers**", a "**Jelly Roll Racer**", or "**3-Yard Sprinter**", just bring along your sewing machine, extension cord, sewing supplies, etc. We will have Irons and Ironing Boards available for your use.

Bring your lunch (or plan to order out), and be ready for Good Times, Games, & Giggles!!

One last thing - if you need batting for a COK quilt you are currently working on, please contact us and we will do our best to have it for you at our next Monthly Meeting!

Thank you, Diana and the COK Team



## UFOs - (Unfinished Objects)

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

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 – placemats, 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).

## “ZOOM FUN SEW DAYS”

Chris Williams

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

**First Saturday of odd months:**  
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)

## ROUND ROBIN

Be sure to check out the link on the main Bits website page for information about the Round Robin Game.

There will be another sign-up opportunity at the February meeting. Please give a call or email if you won't be at that meeting and would like to join in or just have questions.

Thank you, Nancy Sinise

## KIMONO DESIGNS PURSE” WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
Salem Methodist Church – 14825 Manchester Rd. 63011  
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM



**Theresa Gallup**

### Biography

#### ***Fiber Artist, Springfield, MO, KIMONO DESIGNS***

*The kimono is more than just a robe. Like the zen garden and the tea ceremony it is an integral part in Japanese life and culture. They are usually made with great craftsmanship from highly decorated and prized fabrics. During my 7 years living in Japan, I came to value them as much as the Japanese.*

*But times and fashions change. Even the finest garments can become surplus. When I returned to the United States the artist and the home economics teacher in me tried to find a way to breathe new life into these beautiful robes.*

*Combining highly decorative kimono highlights with silk and other fine fabrics I handcrafted one of a kind wearable items and fashion accessories for the North American market. My work has been featured in gift shops and the cover of the 2011 Christmas catalog of the Smithsonian Institution. The care and craftsmanship I use in producing my fashions and accessories make them perfect to give as gifts or to add to your own wardrobe. I hope they will be prized as family heirlooms.*

**Workshop Fee - \$25 Per *Person* + Kit Cost (see below for one of two kit options)**

**Space is Limited to 20 Students  
Students provide their own lunch and assembly supplies**

Learn how to make a one-of-a-kind small purse from Theresa Gallup, Kimono Designs.  
Choose from one of two purse design kits:



**Small purse 7"x9"  
\$24 kit cost**



**Mini Purse - 5"x8"  
\$19 kit cost**

Kits include all **the** fabrics and accents to make your purse - black piping, tassel/bead accent, satin lining, inner lining, magnetic snap, and 52" shoulder cord.  
All other assembly supplies are provided by the student, listed below.

**Supply List:**

Sewing machine

Black thread

Zipper sewing machine presser foot

Regular sewing machine presser foot

Needle-nose pliers



## “FABRIC LANDSCAPE COLLAGE” WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Salem Methodist Church – 14825 Manchester Rd. 63011  
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM



**David Walker**

### Biography

***Dave Walker**, a 1968 Chillicothe High School graduate, has always felt drawn to the colors, textures, and possibilities of fabric. He began his fiber art journey constructing quilt tops. Eventually he felt constricted by patterns designed by others and in 2009 came up with the idea to use leftover quilting scraps to make landscapes. Over time, the process of cutting up, layering and piecing fabric scraps evolved into works of art he calls Fabricscapes. Dave employs a “bond and sew” technique of raw edge machine appliqué, textile painting, and thread-work using free motion sewing to complement the design and hold the collage together on a muslin backing. All pieces are framed and matted for easy hanging and depict a story of travel, a record of time, or an impression from nature. Fabricscapes have been featured in galleries throughout Missouri and can be found in patrons’ homes from Florida to Alaska.*

*Dave is proud to be a Juried Best of Missouri Hands Artist and has received many awards and recognitions from shows across the state. He has a BSE in Art Education from Northeast Missouri State University (now known as Truman State University).*

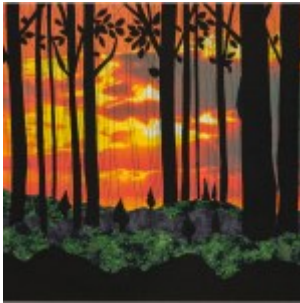
*Dave served 40 years as a Nursing Home Administrator and later a traveling LongTerm Care Consultant. Driving through rural Missouri he collected images and ideas for future fabricscapes. Now retired, Dave resides with his wife, Julie, in Columbia, MO. His work is available for purchase at Art off the Trail in Rocheport, MO and Serendipity Salon and Gallery in Columbia MO.*

**Workshop Fee - \$60 Per Person (includes \$30 landscape collage material kit cost)**

**Space is Limited to 15 Students**

**Students provide their own lunch and assembly supplies**

Learn how to make a fabric landscape from award-winning, Juried Best of Missouri Hands, David Walker, Fabricscapes.



Each student will create their own unique no-sew 18"x24" landscape collage during class. David will present a slide show of fabric collage examples to inspire students. David will demonstrate the raw edge applique technique. The workshop kit includes bonding material and a large selection of fabrics to select from for the class project.

The class project will be ready to quilt at home, frame and hang in a place of pride in your home.

All other assembly supplies are provided by the student, listed below.

**Supply List:**

Paper cutting scissors

Fabric scissors

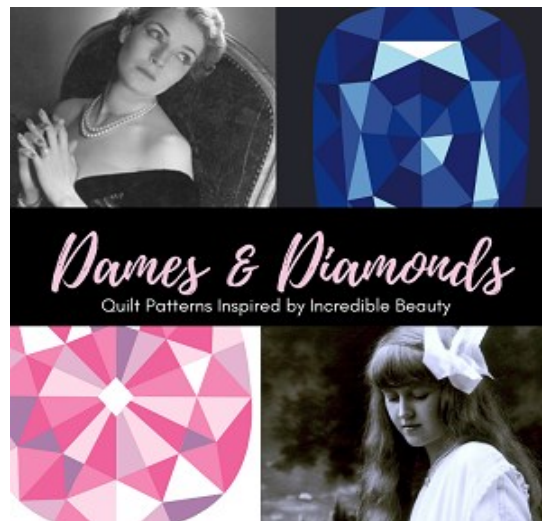
Optional – Solid, prints, and batik fabric scraps suitable for landscape land, skies, trees and water. Fabrics should be in a variety of light to dark shades of green, blue, and brown.

Scraps of fabric with houses, barns, animals or objects of interest such as fences, flowers, trees, shrubs, can also be incorporated.

**MJ KINMAN WORKSHOPS RESCHEDULED**



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



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