



# Fan Mail

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MAY 2024

## GUILD EVENTS: MAY 28, 2024

### Route 66 2026 Centennial Celebration ART Quilt Project Reveal

The May program will feature quilts that will celebrate Route 66 locations or attractions on Route 66 between Chicago and Los Angeles. This project is sponsored by Art Bits St Louis.

The creators of each of these quilts will provide a little background about the inspiration of their quilt and the process of making the quilt.

We'll also hear about the plans for 2024 through 2026 of the traveling exhibit of the quilts.

### Historic U.S. Route 66



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Candy Grisham, President**

Dear Members,

There are so many great things going on in our group; workshops, mini groups, round robins, sew days, challenges. Something for everyone is what I like to think. I am looking forward to the Route 66 challenge reveal at the May meeting. Thank you to everyone who is selling their raffle tickets for our beautiful shibori quilt – it makes the guild have more to offer. Thank you to all those who make charity quilts for kids and Honor Flight. We are a giving group. Thank you to everyone who serves on a committee or volunteers in some way. It makes the group work, and it makes it our group.

Candy Grisham  
President

## **SALEM'S BARBEQUE REMINDER**

The Salem Methodist Church is having their annual Barbeque on **Saturday, May 18**, at the Salem Methodist Church 11-5 pm (or until the BBQ is gone).

If you plan to preorder, call George at the church by May 16 (314-954-6400) with your order. Pay cash or check at time of pick up on Saturday. The menu was previously sent in email.

NOTE: If planning to attend and involving a group of family or friends, let George know as he is concerned about running out of food. He merely needs approximate numbers (e.g., "Hi, Bits Member, I am coming Saturday with 4 adults and 3 kids.")

These are really Nice Men's Club folks and we are caring, hungry quilters.



## **Bits 'n Pieces 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash!**

**"Girls Just Want to  
Have Fun...Quilting"**

**When: June 25, 2024, 7-9pm**

**Where: Bluebird Park, at the  
Recreation Building (near the  
Pool).**

**Join us for: Cake & Ice Cream,  
Fun & Games, and a Cindy  
Lauper 1984 Look-Alike  
Contest**

**So think Big earrings, Big  
Necklaces, Big belt, Flowy  
shirt & skirt, crazy hair with  
clips, colored hair.**



**Cindy Lauper**

## GUILD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 23, 2024

Darlene Kopta, Secretary

### **Corrections to March Minutes:**

- **A majority vote** by raised hands for the By-law approval to make it official.
- **The Charity Raffle** is not this year, but at the 2025 Quilt show.
- **Honor Flight** – Judy asked for 41 more quilts to supply an additional flight this year and members agreed.

**March Featured Presenter:** Dave Walker – Fiber Artist. He gave an interesting and entertaining presentation on fiber landscaping. Dave did a workshop the following day.

**Programs:** Debbie Reynolds provided a review of future 2024 monthly programs and activities.

**Anniversary Party:** Linda Reel gave an update for our guild birthday party in June. Theme: **Girls Just Want to Have Fun!** No dinner, just cake and presents. Come dressed as a Cindy Lauper Look-A-Like! No salad supper this year due to the birthday party.

**Route 66** : Wendy Richards provided an update. The quilts will be revealed at the May meeting. If you have a quilt in this event, bring it to the May meeting by 5:30pm at the church or drop it off at Quilted Fox.

**Cover Our Kids (COK):** Diana Priess provided an update on quilts received and quilts delivered to a variety of agencies. She read thank you notes of appreciation. The new **Sew Date is Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**- bring

lunch & machine. Help is always welcome: Kits are available, some are ready for quilting; some are ready for binding.

**Quilt Raffle Tickets:** Dianna Kogut reported funds that have been collected to date. Please sign up for future selling events.

**2025 Quilt Show:** The 2025 Quilt show is 11 months away. A food truck will be there. We will be using large clear 24X24 plastic bags replacing the pillowcases. This should speed up process of getting the quilts to owners at the end of the show. Darla will sell them at \$2 a bag. Darla provided an update of pipe & drapes, featured quilter-we'll meet the nominated quilters at the Sept. meeting and then vote and decisions have been made for our Special Exhibits-Fabulous Faces and Route 66.

**Retreats:** Teresa Basler gave a report of the April retreat. She also announced there are still openings for the June retreat at Todd Hall June 14-16. There will also be more retreats scheduled and announced at a later date.

**Email Blasts:** Contact Darla if you are not getting the guild email blasts.

**Attendance:** 104 members in attendance; 2 new members and 2 visitors.

### **Show & Tell**

The meeting ended. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00pm at Salem Methodist.

Teresa Basler,  
Reporting for Darlene Kopta, Secretary

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

### QUILT SHOW CHAIR Darla Gibson

The Quilt Show Committee is working hard to make the show an awesome event in March 2025! Shortly, we will begin asking for your help with spreading the word so please be prepared to pitch in! We need publicity between now and the show – the more attendees, the better our bottom line!

In the meantime, the Committee has made a decision regarding quilt drop off. As announced at the April Meeting, we are going to ask for the quilts to be placed in clear plastic bags. This will make it easier for us to determine which quilt is in which bag, especially to stream line the pickup process.

The Committee has decided that the clear plastic bags should be NO SMALLER THAN 14" x 16" and NO LARGER THAN 24" x 24". Now, please understand that we will not be measuring the bags but we do not want to get the bags so small or so large that they become difficult to work with. If, for example, your bag is 15" x 15", we will accept it BUT if it is 12" x 12" we will ask the drop off person to ask you for another bag.

Darla will have the 24" x 24" bags for sale at each meeting through February for \$2 per bag, or you can purchase your own. There may be a limited quantity as we do not want to end up with a significant inventory after the show, but we will try to have them available as needed.

We also announced at the meeting that we will have two special exhibits at the show! The first is called Fabulous Faces by Freddy Moran and Jean Impey and is a display of 20 small quilts that are portraits made by either Jean or started by Freddy and finished by Jean. Here is a Pinterest link to learn more about the display <https://www.pinterest.com/jeanschedules/fabulous-faces-by-freddy-moran-jean-impey/>.

The second exhibit will be the Route 66 quilts from our own members. We will get to see these at the upcoming May meeting and they will be displayed at the show so we can enjoy them again. They represent the cities and states along the famous Route 66. I am excited to see this display.

We are finalizing the show flyers and postcards that will be used as publicity and hope to have that done by June when we can begin distribution to quilt shops and members. I am excited about the new postcards as I think it ticks up the professionalism of our show! I know you will want to share them with EVERYONE YOU KNOW!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting and if you have questions, just let me or someone from the show committee know! You can reach me at [ddgibby64@yahoo.com](mailto:ddgibby64@yahoo.com)

Thank you,  
Darla

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

Have you picked up your tickets? As of the April meeting, we still have 52 members who have not picked up their tickets. We will be sending a targeted communication to anyone that has not picked up their tickets. As a reminder, each guild member is responsible for selling 4 packets of tickets. Each packet has 6 tickets. 1 ticket is \$1 or a packet is \$5. Additional tickets are available if you wish to sell more. There will be drawings for prizes throughout the year for those that sell tickets and those that help with ticket sales events at local quilt shops. The person selling the most tickets will also receive a prize.

This month we have 4 sales events scheduled. Candy Grisham will be selling tickets at the Modern Quilt Guild on Saturday, May 11. We will be selling tickets at Jackman's in Fairview Heights, IL on Wednesday, 5/15 and 5/22. We will also be selling tickets on Monday, 5/27 at Jackman's on Lingbergh. If you can help, please signup using SignupGenius (see April 25 email).

So far, the committee has collected over \$2500 from quilt shop and member sales. Keep up the great work! The proceeds directly benefit the guild and help keep membership fees reasonable.

Thank you for everyone's support in making this important fundraiser a success.

**Raffle Quilt Ticket Sale Committee**  
Dianna Kogut / Barb Nagel - Co-Chairs  
Barbara Alsup  
Margaret Gaal  
Ann Lashley  
Jennifer Pearson  
Gay Stewart  
Emily Wall

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

### **CHARITY RAFFLE**

Joyce Zepp, Coordinator

You bought that kit five years ago, and you were sure you were going to complete it, but there it sits, taunting you. But your interests have moved on, AND THAT KIT SHOULD TOO! I have just the solution—donate it to the Charity Raffle!

But we are not only looking for quilt kits or quilt-related items. We have already received a handmade purse, a framed cross-stitch, as well as a quilt kit. Unique items are not only welcome, but desired.

The only caveat is that the items be in excellent condition, preferably new.

We will be filling 100 baskets, so get those creative juices flowing! I will be collecting items at guild meetings, and my team will be putting together the baskets as we get closer to the show.

### **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!

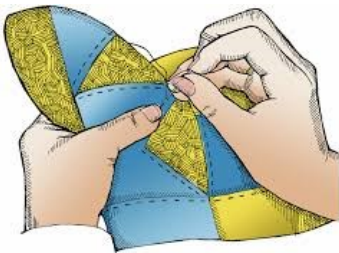
**How many can  
YOU  
check off?**

### **HAND QUILTING**

**Living Word Quilters**

**Debbie Ernst, Coordinator**

**dle521@hotmail.com**



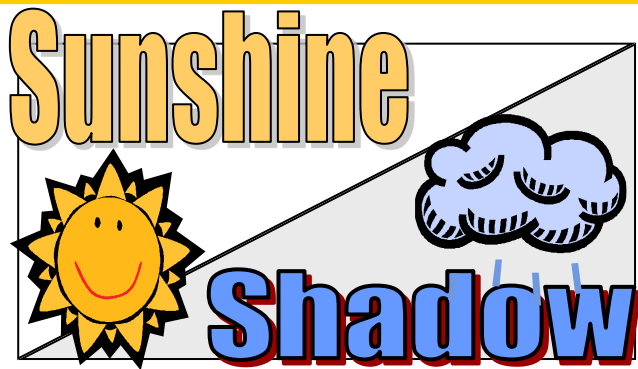
Do you have a family heirloom quilt that needs finishing?

Do you have a quilt top that you would like hand quilted?

Do you need a quilt for a special baby in your life?

Hand quilting is not a lost art! The Living Word Quilters meets Monday mornings at a church in Wildwood. We enjoy quilting and fellowship, and we would love for you to join us for some slow stitching too. Proceeds from our quilts go to missions of this church.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Debbie Ernst.



**Linda Waugh, Coordinator**

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**Julie Harris'** exhibited and won an Honorable Mention award for her miniature quilt piece "Radiance" at the recent Paducah Quilt Show. This piece had 1220 pieces and the individual blocks were 2.25 inches. Three cheers and kudos to Julie for her creativity, her love for color and tiny pieces, her patience and most of all her love for doing beautiful quilts.

**Cindy Bell Neville's** quilt, "Penguin Playground" is published in the AQS Quilt Art Engagement Calendar for 2025. Woohoo!!! to Cindy and she was featured at the Calendar book signing at the Paducah show. I was there and saw her smiling and proudly signing each calendar that was purchased!! Yay Cindy! The Calendar is available for purchase on the AQS website. Her quilt is featured on the January calendar, the first week. Woohoo!!!

**Peggy Anderson's** mom fell April 29 and broke her hip. Her mom had surgery April 30. I recently saw a photo of Peggy and her Mom on FB and her Mom looked like she was doing well. Peggy is asking us to send her mom prayers and happy thoughts. Let's do this so she has a successful recovery.

Please contact me with any sunshine and shadow requests or announcements.

Thanks so much to all of you!

Linda Waugh  
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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Karen Grogan, [mgrogan11@att.net](mailto:mgrogan11@att.net)  
Beth Roehm, [bethroehm57@gmail.com](mailto:bethroehm57@gmail.com)

Our Bits'n'Pieces Quilt Guild is now 230 quilters strong! We have had 14 new members join since January! Welcome again to all that are new....If you don't already have a HEART name tag please stop by the membership table and pick one up. You can wear it under your regular nametag and this helps us get to know our newest members at our 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. Also at the membership table we have membership cards for those that want them.

Guests are always welcome. We ask for \$2 as a guest fee, except when we have a national speaker, then the fee is \$5.

Karen and Beth

## **JULY WORKSHOP UPDATES**

- Following is the workshop flyer for the July 2024 workshops. We will have signups for both workshops starting at next week's BNP meeting.
- Please note that both of the instructor will only be offering one workshop with a limited number of students. Please e-mail me if you have any questions.
- Please contact Sara Seagrism with any questions you may have.

## **COVER OUR KIDS and MORE**

**Diana Priess, Coordinator**  
**dianajpreiss@aol.com**

Our April Guild meeting was a great success, and 32 Absolutely Beautiful Quilts were submitted for donation this month!! They are Gorgeous!! And we had almost as many Pieced Tops that were submitted for Quilting!! Thank You All So Much for Your Dedication!!!! We will be donating them this month, and report back to you at our May Guild Meeting.

Our May COK Committee meeting was also a Great Success, thanks to our Team of Very Dedicated Angels!!!! I So Appreciate Every Single Contribution!! We sorted, counted, labeled a few, and then packed each one ready for donation this month! We connected backing with our beautiful pieced tops, cut batting to size, and then packaged them into Kits for Quilting - too numerous to count!! A Special Thank You to our Quilters! We will have these Kits ready and waiting for your magic, so be sure to drop by to pick up a few (or many) for the Kids!! We also have a few kits for Binding as well. Some of us like the binding too, so we actually took a few of these kits home with us!

And may I say a Big Thank You to All who donated Backing Fabric at our Guild Meeting. We asked for a minimum 2-yard donations, from your scraps or otherwise, and Boy, did you deliver!! We are thrilled and look forward to seeing these in the many quilts ahead.

And a Special Thank You to Tracy Volanksy, our Guild Member and Owner of All Things Quilty!! Thanks to Tracy and Riley Blake, we received a Huge Shipment of Donated Fabrics for Cover Our Kids!! We are thrilled!!! And So Thankful!!! You will be seeing these Fabulous and Beautiful Fabrics in Backings and Sew Day Kits in the coming months ahead! Thank You, Tracy!!

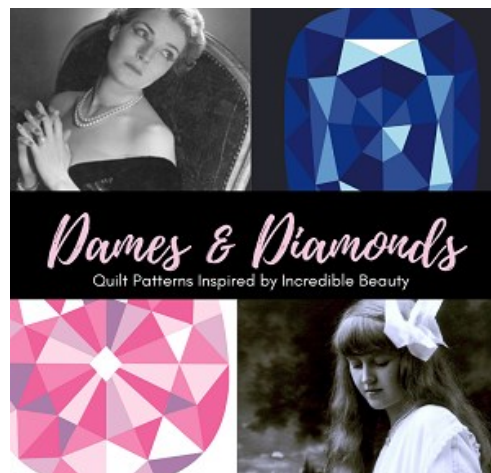
And speaking of Sew Days.....our Next **COK SEW DAY IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 9:30 TO 2:30, AT THE CHURCH!!** We have titled it "School's Out for The Summer: Let's Sew Sweet Treats for The Kids!!" We will have Layer Cakes, Fat Quarters, Charm Packs, and Jelly Rolls - oh my!! And we will even have Layer Cake for dessert after our Lunch!! So bring your Sewing Machine, Sewing Supplies, Extension Cord, and Lunch!! And plan for Prizes and Lots of Fun!! See You There!!



**MJ KINMAN**  
**WORKSHOPS**  
**RESCHEDULED**



**"BITE-SIZE GEMS" Workshop**  
**Thursday, July 11, 2024**



**"DAMES & DIAMONDS" workshop**  
**Friday, July 12, 2024**

## UFOs - (Unfinished Objects)

Megan BATTERY [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).



## COUNTDOWN TO ROUTE 66 RE-VEAL AT THE MAY 28 MEETING

We will be hanging the quilts like we did for the color challenge. We will send additional information out through the guild email/newsletter regarding quilt stands needed for the meeting.

If you cannot be there, please arrange for your quilt to be there. This meeting is also the drop-off for your quilt.

Please contact Wendy Richards ([whoob@aol.com](mailto:whoob@aol.com)) with any questions or concerns.



## Art Exhibit and Reception



Polly Sievert's newest fiber art exhibit, "Nurtured by Nature: A Textural Journey" is now open at the Longview Farm House Gallery in Town & Country, MO.

Those who have been able to have a sneak peek at "Nurtured by Nature: A Textural Journey" have said that it is a combination of an Art Exhibit and an Experiential Journey into the calming wellness practice of being present in Nature.

As a textural fiber artist, Polly utilizes many fiber techniques that can be utilized in your own quilting and fiber art pieces. She loves to share her secrets!

### Upcoming Free Exhibit Events:

Thursday May 9, 2024, from 4:30 to 7pm. Opening Artist Reception. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday May 14, 2024, from 10 to 11:30am "Every Piece of Art has a Story" – Uncover the purpose art has in telling us a story and how that impacts us.

Wednesday June 5, 2024, from 1:30 to 3pm "Sharing my Secrets" – Textural Fiber Art has so many possibilities on techniques to use. Come, Learn, & Be Inspired.

"Nurtured by Nature: A Textural Journey" exhibit runs through June 27, 2024, and can be seen during regular gallery hours, Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm (Closed Memorial Day). The gallery is located at 13525 Clayton Road, Town & Country, MO. You can enter the gallery through the main entrance (glass double doors).

Polly's website is <https://gentlespiritstudio.com/>

