

GUILD EVENTS: JUNE 25, 2024

Bits 'n Pieces 40th Birthday Bash!

**“Girls Just Want to
Have Fun...*Quilting*”**



Cindy Lauper

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Candy Grisham, President

Dear Members,

Girls (and guys) Just Want to have Fun!!!
I am looking forward to our 40th birthday celebration and hope you are too. We are awesome and this will be so much fun.

Cake, ice cream, games, a look alike contest (do you have your beads?) and just fun. I hear there are prizes too.

No business meeting, No free table, No drop off quilts - Just birthday party fun.

See you on the 25th and remember it's at Blue Bird Park

Candy Grisham
President

WOOLY WOMEN MINI GROUP JULY MEETING CANCELED

There will be **no Wooly Women meeting on July 7, 2024** because of the Fourth of July holiday. The next meeting will be **August 4 from 2:00 to 4:00** at the West County EMS & Fire building , 223 Henry Avenue. Wooly Women is an open group welcoming any Bits member who would like would like to join us.

- Carolyn McIntosh.



UFOs - (Unfinished Objects)

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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).

GUILD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 28, 2024

Darlene Kopta, Secretary

Business - Debbie Reynolds opened the meeting. Motion to approve the April minutes and corrections approval was made by Nancy Peters and Chris Williams seconded it.

Program – The Route 66 presentation was revealed by Wendy Richards. Sally Pelikan was our Vanna White, pointing to each quilt as the creator shared information. There were 49 quilts on display. The exhibit will be shown locally, regionally and nationally. Upcoming locations to be determined.

Round Robin – Met during the beginning of break.

Retreats – Teresa Basler announced that there are still openings for the June retreat at Todd Hall June 14-16 and will accept entrants until June 1. There will be 2 retreats at Itch'n to Be Stitch'n; May 2-5, 2025 and June 20-23, 2025.

Quilt Raffle – Barb Nagel announced that 3000 tickets were sold plus what was collected tonight. Sign up to sell tickets on Sign-up Genius email. She will not collect stubs or money In June but will be starting in July.

2025 Quilt Show – Darla shared information on nominating and voting for the Featured Quilter at the 2025 Show. The nominated person must be available and attend the Quilt Show. Forms were given out and will be emailed. There will be an In Memorandum at the Show for those that have passed away.

Darla is selling 24" clear bags for \$2 each to be used to store/drop off quilts to the Show. There will be a Food Truck for lunch and coffee in the morning both days!

Cover Our Kids (COK) – Diana Priess announced the next COK sew day. No donations will be collected at the June meeting. She will be collecting backing fabric (2+ yard pieces) at the July meeting.

Guild Birthday – We will be celebrating Bits 'n Pieces 40th Birthday Bash at our next guild meeting, June 25, 7-9 pm at Bluebird Park, at the Recreation Building (near the pool).

\$2 Raffle – Prizes were drawn and given by Cotton Cuts. Order at www.cottoncuts.com and use the code bits for a discount.

Membership – Karen Grogan reported there were 123+ people in attendance. There was a drawing for prizes.

Quilt Raffle Tickets – Kathy Abrams drew for prizes for those that turned in their money.

Show & Tell

The meeting concluded at 9 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 25th 7-9 at Bluebird Park at the Recreation Building (near the pool).

Teresa Basler,
Reporting for Darlene Kopta, Secretary



Route 66 2026 Centennial Celebration ART Bits St. Louis Quilt Project Reveal

The May program, the Route 66 Reveal, was a huge success. Each of the 49 quilts brilliantly portrayed a location or attraction along Route 66. This great road ran between Chicago and Los Angeles. This project was sponsored by Art Bits St Louis and Wendy Richards coordinated this GREAT project.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...OR A GUILD

Just **THANK YOU** to everyone for everything done to make the Route 66 reveal evening such a success. It takes a village...or a guild! Wendy Richards, Route 66 Coordinator

I am very excited from the wonderful Route 66 display last night! I cannot wait to get to spend more time with the quilts during our March 2025 show! Thank you Wendy and all those that participated for including us in your big reveal! Darla Gibson, 2025 Fanfare of Quilt Chair.

Wendy, thank you so much for organizing the Route 66 Quilts. That was quite a big job, but it was amazing. It would be fun to know what city there being displayed as they travel. I'm not sure if that's possible, Thank you again Kathy

Photos of the Route 66 2026 Centennial Celebration Art Bits St. Louis Quilt Project Reveal



FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Darla Gibson

Quilters -

I am excited to say that things are moving along in the planning of Fanfare of Quilts 2025. I thought I'd give you a quick list of highlights - in no particular order:

- We have bookmarks available on the web page for members to print and distribute.
- In July, we will be releasing the colorful Fanfare of Quilts postcards. We will be asking for help in getting these distributed around town!
- We have confirmed that we have two special Exhibits - "The Magic of Fabulous Faces" by Jean Impey and Freddy Moran. If you want to see more, check out the Etsy Shop "FreddyAndJean". AND we have the "Route 66 2026 Centennial Celebration AT Quilt Project" that we got to preview at our May Meeting. I cannot wait to spend time with these two wonderful exhibits.
- We have new signage created and ordered - it will all match, including a new outdoor sign for the corner of Manchester and Weidman.
- We have an event posted on our Facebook page that will allow you to easily share with friends and family.
- We have two food trucks scheduled to be at our event - one coffee, one lunch - and working on a third!
- We have started the process of finding our very own Featured Quilter of Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild for 2025 - don't forget to send in your nominations!
- We will be mailing letters during June to invite vendors to our show.
- We have a "Guess the Spool Count" game for the show attendees.
- We are making arrangements for the Sewing Machine Raffle.
- We have selected Crisis Nursery for the proceeds from our Charity Raffle - and they will have someone in attendance to share more about their organization during the show.
- We have begun collecting items for the Charity Raffle - please contact Joyce Zepp if you have anything to donate.

WOW! that's a lot of stuff. Our Quilt Show Committee is so great! I'm so excited for this show. I hope you are working on your quilts and we look forward to seeing them in person soon!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Committee or me with questions.

Darla Gibson
Fanfare of Quilts Chair 2025

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

CHARITY RAFFLE **Joyce Zepp, Coordinator**

After Jane Beckman, Senior Communications Director for St. Louis Crisis Nursery, spoke at our guild last winter, several members suggested they would be a great choice to be the recipient of the proceeds from the Bits 2025 Quilt Show Charity Raffle, and that suggestion has been ratified.

Donations for the Charity Raffle for the 2025 quilt show are being accepted at each meeting. We need items to fill 100 baskets...and we need baskets!

We have received a few items, but we have a long way to go. And try to think outside the fabric box. What would you be interested in winning at the show? Let your creative juices flow!

Thanks, Joyce

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!

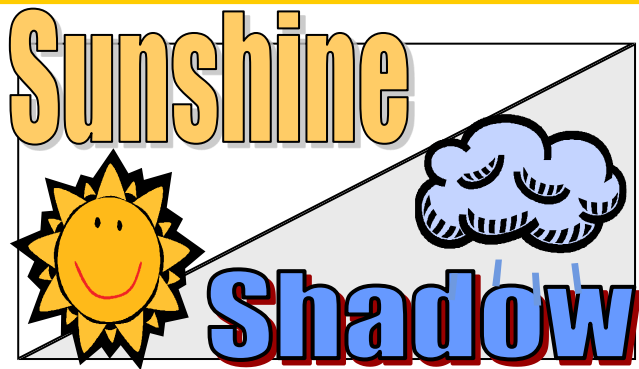
**How many can
YOU
check off?**



WE HIT THE AIR WAVES

Kathy Wharton said there is a local radio station. KLPW, in Union - Washington, MO, that announces events. She asked if it would be okay to announce our 2025 Fanfare of Quilts. Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair, answered with a resounding, "YES!"

Should anyone else have access to media in any form, please let Darla know.



Linda Waugh, Coordinator

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HAPPY DANCE

NO SHADOW TO REPORT

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

Thanks so much to all of you!

Linda Waugh

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THIMBLE AND THREAD'S RETREAT

Susan Sanders, the retreat coordinator with Thimble and Thread Quilt Guild has a few openings in the **August 16, 17 and 18 retreat** at the Mercy Retreat Center, located at 2039 North Geyer Rd. Cost is \$312 for a single and \$272 for a double with hours from 9am on Friday to 2pm on Sunday. Seven meals are included and they are amazing! The grounds are beautiful and the rooms are very well appointed. Contact Susan at bpandq@aol.com or by phone at 314 822 4673 with any questions or to sign up. - Louise Morris

MEMBERSHIP

Karen Grogan, mgrogan11@att.net
 Beth Roehm, bethroehm57@gmail.com

Welcome again to all our new Members. 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

Hope to see you all at our Birthday bash on June 25th!

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 Seagrist with any questions you may have.

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

Diana Priess, Coordinator

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Happy June from our COK Committee!!

We are off to a great start for the summer!! Wednesday, June 5th, we had our COK Sew Day, "School's Out for the Summer!", and we had 15 in attendance!! We incorporated some Alice Cooper in our Fun Games, talked about Summer Travels, Laughed, and enjoyed homemade Chocolate Layer Cake!! We also pieced lots of Layer Cakes, Charm Packs, and Fat Quarters that were great fun, with lots of creative talent from our group of Textile Artists!

Our next COK Sew Day has been changed from September to Monday, October 7th, 9:30 to 2:30, at the church. It is called "Fall Frolic", and we will have lots of Fun Patterns and Kits, More Games and Prizes, and of course some yummy treats to enjoy together!! Hope You can come join us for that event!

Some Fun and Nice-to-Know Facts for COK:

Our young Quilt Recipients prefer Quilts that are washed in Fragrance-free detergent, with no fabric softener or dryer sheets as many of them are suffering from acute or chronic illness, allergies, and asthma.

Minimum Quilt size is 36" by 36", and Maximum is around 70" by 90".

If you have Backing Fabric in your stash for your Pieced Quilt Top, by all means include it! Pieced Backing is Acceptable also.

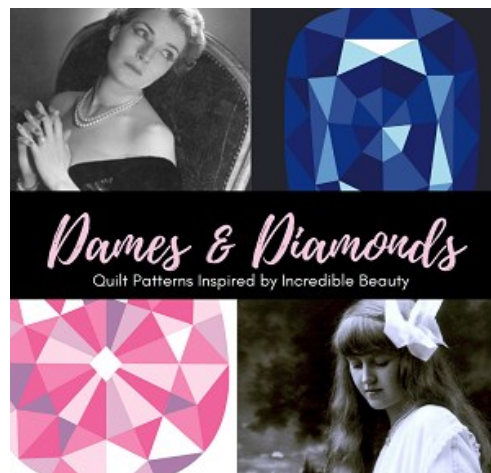
We have several Beautiful Pieced Quilt Tops, packaged with Batting and Backing into "Quilt Sandwich" kits, and ready to pick up at our July meeting for Quilting! We also received 57 Quilts at our May Guilt Meeting! Wow! They are All Beautiful! 12 were donated to Family Forward Children's Home and 15 were donated to Good Shepherd. We will be donating the rest later this month. Stay tuned for details.

Remember, we will not be collecting any quilts at our Birthday Celebration Picnic this month. But we look forward to seeing you all at our July meeting, and keep those Fantastic Quilts coming in!!

MJ KINMAN
WORKSHOPS
RESCHEDULED



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



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

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/>

