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GUILD EVENTS: AUGUST 27, 2024

Gina Janes

Batting by the Roll
Presents

My Guild to Your Guild . . . and batting too.

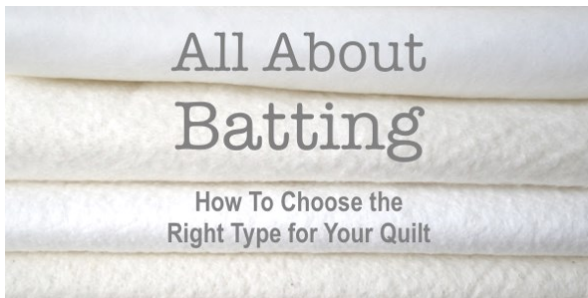


Mom was definitely instrumental in my love of sewing. She was a college professor in the home economics department and had me involved in every activity there was that needed a small child, "Make it Yourself with Wool", 4-H, and so much more.

I remember sewing my first project at 9. I made my first quilt when I was pregnant with my first child, my sister-in-law helped me with it. Then along came the Hannibal Piecemakers Quilt Guild in 1994. So much fun and wisdom from quilters.

Mom and I bought our Gammill Statler in 2010 to do our own quilts and pay for our hobby lol. (Not sure it has yet.).

2019 started Batting by the Roll because I couldn't find batting locally and figured I wasn't the only one in the area, which has been a fun 5 year adventure.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Candy Grisham, President

Dear Members,

One of the greatest times I have had in this guild is serving on different committees. It has let me get to know so many wonderful people and see what they are doing with their creativity and work. This guild is PHENOMENAL because so many members step up and chip in.

I am hoping to encourage someone to step up and be the president and another someone the treasurer.

The **President's job** really is easy, and everyone helps.

Duties of the President

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

The **Treasurer** now has a laptop with all the spread sheets built in, so life is so much easier. Also, the retiring treasurer is going to be the quilt show treasurer so a huge job relief. You would work together.

There will be a nominating committee contacting members soon but if you think you are interested, please let them or me know. Thank you.

Duties of the Treasurer

- The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received, pay all bills, and maintain a bank account.
- 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

Candy Grisham
President

ROUTE 66 CHALLENGE

Just a reminder that the book info is due by July 31 to Harriet Zipfel.

If you did a route 66 piece and have not submitted, please do so. We want this book to be a great as the exhibit.

If for some reason you have not received communication about this, please contact Harriet.

Any questions, contact Harriet Zipfel 2r2tnoe@gmail.com

The Rolla Guild, Peace and Plenty Raffle Quilt

The Rolla guild, Peace and Plenty would like to have several of us come October 3rd to share what we have been doing and our raffle quilt.

Anyone interested in organizing a small group to go. Maybe showing items like the round robins, Rt. 66 as well as the Raffle quilt and talking about the quilt show.

Maybe take some quilts to show that might be in the show.

Let me know if you are interested.

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thank you

Candyce Grisham

GUILD MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2024

Darlene Kopta, Secretary

Opening – Candy Grisham started the meeting with the Guild Birthday Party Slide Show.

Program – Our own Harriett Zipfel talked about creating art quilts using orphan blocks. She had several wonderful samples to see and encouraged us to play, play, play!

Minutes – A motion was made by Tracy Back to approve the May minutes (there were no June minutes) and Sandy Sagan seconded it.

The Quilted Cow – Store Owner, Lori Lovins, told us about her new quilt shop that will be opening in St. Peters on September 9th, 10 am – 7 pm. Show up for the Grand Opening to enter to win prizes!

Rolla Quilt Guild – October 3rd we're looking for some of our mini groups to present projects, show our Raffle Quilt and sell tickets to our sister guild.

Programs – Debbie Reynolds announced the upcoming line up. In August Gina James of Batting by the Roll will be here. She's giving us 2023 pricing!

Quilt Show - Joyce Zepp spoke about the need for new items for the Charity Raffle that will benefit St Louis Crisis Nursery. Items do not have to be quilt related.

Darla Gibson shared info on publicity for the Quilt Show: There are new postcards that will go out to stores. Bookmarks & flyers can be printed from the guild website to share.

Registration forms will be available at the September meeting; deadline to enter is mid-January.

The website has been updated; click on Quilt Show 2025 for all the latest info!

There are ten confirmed at paid vendors that will be at the Quilt Show – see our Facebook page for details.

Clear bags to store quilts for the show are available for \$1 each.

Round Robin - Nancy Sinise announced the finished Round Robins quilts will be presented at the November meeting.

Holiday Party – Judy Humphrey showed the fabric postcards that can be made to exchange at the party. Get your stabilizer from her and get creative. Put your name on an envelope and place postcard inside. Holiday/seasonal theme.

July 23, 2024—Minutes continued

Route 66 - Wendy Richards asked those that had revisions to return their quilt at the August or September meeting or bring to her home or the Quilted Fox on Thursday or Friday.

First exhibit will be at our Quilt Show in March. Wendy has many locations chosen for this traveling exhibit.

COK – Diana Priess has lots of quilt tops that need to be quilted and asked for volunteers to take one or more.

Membership – Karen Grogan announced that 4 new members joined tonight and there were 101 in attendance. Prizes were drawn.

Fat Quarter Raffle – Marsha Bray drew for prizes.

UFO – Megan Buttery drew to give out prizes for those who completed their UFO's.

Show & Tell

The meeting concluded at 9 pm.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Welcome again to our four new members from our July meeting - Marlene Sherman, Dinah Marchand, Carolyn Rubsam, and Ellen Orr.

To all new members:

- You should be getting emails from main@BitsnPiecesGuild.groups.io. concerning guild news. If you are not, please let us know. Please do not respond to those emails - there is usually a person connected to the event or announcement that is being sent to respond to directly.
- Since we have passed the mid point of the year (can you believe it!!) membership dues are now \$12.50.
- Looking forward to our August meeting - make sure you Wear your Name Tag, and stop by our membership to say, "Hi", pick up an attendance ticket and a piece of candy!

QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Darla Gibson

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Quilters!

Wow! Did this month go fast or what!? I have a few items to update you on and there will be much more to come soon. Here are the current updates:

1. At the August meeting Megan Buttery and Naomi Noor will have folders of publicity information to go out to other guilds and stores. If you are a member of a guild and/or you are planning any type of a shop hop with friends - or just want to plan one for fun! - please stop by and pick up some folders for distribution. Megan and Naomi want to keep track of what is going out, so be sure to be specific as to where you are planning to go. The sooner these packets get out, the better!
2. There was a misprint in the newsletter last month. We are NOT allowing pillow cases for your quilt drop offs. We are ONLY allowing clear plastic bags. Someone on the Quilt Show Committee will be selling these at all upcoming meetings for \$2/bag (Yes, some of you got a deal last month as I misquoted the price!) Look for the Quilt Show Committee table. We will follow up with information on how to mark the plastic bags with detailed instructions, for now, just know, pillow cases are NOT acceptable for drop off. The plastic bags will be easier to carry, easier to return and easier to make sure you have the proper quilt!
3. Thank you all for your submissions on Featured Quilter. We are in the process of contacting each nominee and plan to have the slate and vote at the September meeting. Good luck ladies!
4. Show plans are moving along and we look forward to keeping you updated. Please make sure to check out the Fanfare of Quilts event page on Facebook to see all of our great vendors! We already have 17 different stores paid and ready to go in March! It is a plethora of collaborative creations!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know.

Thanks, Darla Gibson

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

Barbara Nagel 314-724-5838

& Dianna Kogut 314-413-9389

Ticket sales continue to go well. We appreciate everyone who has picked up and sold their tickets! There still is plenty of time to turn in your money and sell a few more if you wish. If you haven't been able to pick your tickets up yet, we will be mailing your tickets to you in the next week so please be on the lookout.

We took a little break from selling raffle tickets in local quilt stores over the summer. However, we will resume scheduling events soon. Signup will be sent using SignupGenius. 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.

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

The Bits 'n Pieces Guild is one generous group of people. Items have been coming these last several months, and I can see that we are going to have some really great baskets for the Charity Raffle at our March '25 quilt show. **BUT WE STILL NEED MORE!!!**

More what, you ask? Items that you could see wanting yourself. New or like-new items. That kit you thought you would do but now realize you never will. A travel iron. A set of rulers. A book on making appliques using freezer paper—and some freezer paper. But also, think outside the box—things do not have to be quilting-related.

At our last meeting, I mentioned the adorable pin cushion cup and plate someone had donated...and, sadly, it disappeared off the donation table. Whoever donated that, can you make another? And if so, please give it to me personally. I want all the donated items to actually make it into a basket!

Just a reminder that the recipient of the Charity Raffle this time will be the St. Louis Crisis Nursery. It is my hope we will be giving this important charity a significant gift, and I am sure that with our guild's typical generosity, that hope will become a reality.

Thanks, Joyce

FUN, FABULOUS, FABRIC MANIPULATION WORKSHOP! CHERYL SLOBODA

Wednesday, September 25th, 2024
Jackmans (STL), 10:00am to 5:00pm

In conjunction with the presentation by Cheryl Sloboda at the September 24th Guild meeting, Quilt with heART (a Bits mini group) is sponsoring a full-day workshop by Cheryl on September 25th at Jackmans in Creve Coeur. The workshop is limited to 20 people. If you wish to sign up for the workshop or want more information, please come find me at the raffle quilt table at the Bits guild meeting, or contact me by email or text. I hope you can join us!

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Description on the Workshop

Learn unique techniques that will enhance your next quilt! These vintage sewing techniques will raise the surface of your quilt and truly impress. We'll learn heirloom smocking techniques, tucking, ruching, and lots of other fabric manipulations, and then we'll cover how to put it into a block in your next quilt. Whether you are a traditional, contemporary, art, or modern quilter, you can add a cutting edge, yet classic, look to your next project. Great for beginners and experienced sewists.



The morning session will consist of hand sewing, followed by a one-hour break for lunch (participants supply their own lunch). The afternoon session will consist of machine sewing.

Maximum participants: 20 (Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.)


Cost: \$42.50 per person plus \$25 kit fee = \$67.50

Payment may be made by cash, Venmo, or check (payable to **Barbara Nagel**). Your space is not reserved until payment is received.

Supplies needed:

- At least ten 8" squares of good cotton fabric in solid or solid like colors plus one fat quarter.
- A clear plastic ruler at least 8 inches long (like OmniGrid rulers).
- A fabric marking pencil (light or dark) that shows up on your fabric of choice.
- Thin long hand sewing needles you are comfortable with (Like Jeana Kimball Straw Needles #11).
- Strong thread to match your fabric (like 40 or 50 weight threads)
- Scissors.
- A sewing machine for the second half of the class.
- A double needle for your sewing machine (Schmetz sells a set of 3 different sizes, which is what I recommend to buy).
- A group ironing board and iron to share.
- Optional: gathering foot and pin tuck foot.

Sunshine Shadow



Linda Waugh, Coordinator

ART BITS Mini Group: “King Tut”/ “Wonderful Things - 100 Years of King Tutankhamen” won 2nd Place Innovative Quilts at the 2024 Mancuso Pacific International Quilt Festival.



A great big “CONGRATULATIONS!” to ART BITS for the wonderful and creative work they did to be awarded 2nd Place at this quilt festival.

Chris Williams’ husband, Doug, passed away July 29th. Chris and her two sons had just placed Doug in hospice and within a week, Doug had passed away. Doug was diagnosed with a rare cancer last September, and Chris was so happy that they had almost a year together since the diagnosis. Let’s keep Chris and her family in our thoughts and prayers now and in the upcoming weeks. As we all know, it’s difficult losing a spouse and dad.

Sally Pelikan would like to share an update on her son who had a stroke in July and is slowly making progress. He has been moved from the neuro ICU to neuro acute care. He is breathing on his own and they are gradually removing monitors as he doesn’t need them.

Yesterday they installed a speech valve in the trach so he can talk to his family. Sally is very grateful for our prayers and well-wishes, and requests that we continue to pray for her son as he has a long recovery to get back to his pre-stroke status.

Let’s continue to storm heaven with our prayerful support for him. It means a lot to Sally. And I’m sure she’ll appreciate receiving emails and cards. Thanks so much.

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Sally Pelikan’s “The LOL Quilt” has been accepted in the 2024 Houston International Quilt Festival in the category “Text on Textiles”. The show is October 31 through November 3 at the Convention Center in Houston. You can find show information at quilts.com.

This quilt is made up of acronyms such as UFO (unfinished objects), WOF (width of fabric), and FOMO (fear of missing out). Each acronym is spelled out with alphabet beads.

Three other members of Art Bits contributed blocks to this quilt - Melinda Jackson (SRR - stitch rip repeat), Jamis Kresyman (LMK - let me know), and Wendy Richards (ROFL - rolling on the floor laughing).

Congrats! Kudos! Woohoo! To Sally and her Art Bits’ helpers! If you’re attending this quilt show, don’t forget to LIU (Look it up), that is “The LOL Quilt”. BTW (By the way), Ricky Tims is a teacher this year at the quilt show/festival.

Shirley Donovan Woohoo! she is home from the hospital and is doing much better. She will continue to get extensive therapy since her right leg is not cooperating.

Let’s continue to cheer Shirley on and support her with cards and lots of prayer.

Her information is:

Shirley Donovan
421 Piper Court
Troy, MO 63379

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Sunshine & Shadow continued

Ivy Osborn: I had a good visit with my neurosurgeon today. Cervical fusion is scheduled for March 18. It will be painful and no guarantee of outcome. I chose to try because my hand is just wasting away now. I will be in a neck brace for probably about 3 months. Prayers that I get use back of my hand. Sure hope I'll be back to quilting this summer. Ivy

That poor girl has suffered with so many medical issues for so long. Let's bombard Heaven with prayers for Ivy. And keep those cards and good thoughts going. Let's all hope REAL HARD that we see Ivy at the meetings AND her newly worked on quilts this summer!

Linda Waugh: I've enjoyed the last 9 years serving the guild through managing communication for the Sunshine and Shadow requests. But it's time for me to hand this service to another guild member.

During these years of taking phone calls and emails from our members who needed or were looking for support and reassurance and friendship during a difficult time, I've gotten to know so many of our members; and in regard to a joyful sunshine time, it was a pleasure to share these good times with the guild. This was the best part of my job—not just getting to know members, but connecting members and their requests with the rest of the guild.

Please join me in welcoming Jean Weber, who has graciously volunteered to be the Coordinator of this great program.

Guide to Using the Free Table

The Free Table is for Quilt & Sewing Related Items:

- ♥ Small scraps in baggies
- ♥ Clean, high quality fabric you no longer want, fat quarters to yardage
- ♥ Pieced blocks - orphans - you can't use
- ♥ A kit you no longer want to do it.
- ♥ Magazines & books that are quilting, sewing related
- ♥ Threads
- ♥ Quilt tops you have lost interest in quilting
- ♥ Think of anything you would want to pick up if it wasn't yours!

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

Diana Priess, Coordinator
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Happy August from our COK Committee!

Wow! What a Busy Summer!! At our July meeting, 62(!) Completed Quilts were donated! And 53(!) Pieced Tops were donated!! You have all been very busy Piecing and Quilting, and we So Appreciate All Donations! Some of the organizations we have already donated to include:

- ♥ Kids of Victory
- ♥ Chemawa Indian School
- ♥ Crisis Nursery
- ♥ Family Forward
- ♥ Good Shepherd Children & Family Services
- ♥ Mary's House of Hope
- ♥ Our Lady's Inn
- ♥ Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital
- ♥ St Martha's Catholic Charities
- ♥ Shriners Hospital

Thank You to All our Quilters who have contributed Much Joy to So Many Children in Need!!

And, a Big Thank You to those who have found ways to make our lives easier as Committee Members!! Here are some of the helpful ways **You are All making a difference:**

- ♥ Completing Your Quilt from Start to Finish, submitting it Quilted, Bound, Washed (fragrance free), & labeled.
- ♥ Submitting Your Pieced Top with Included Backing & Binding We can quickly cut Batting, and pass it on to one of our Quilters, so it is finished in a timely manner for donation
- ♥ Remember: All of us can Quilt our Pieced Treasures! Straight Lines, Wavy Lines, and More! We (and these Kiddos!) are not picky!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!!!!

Looking Ahead to a **COK SEW DAY**, "Fall Frolic"!, **October 7, 2024, 10:00 (new time!) to 2:30**, at Ballwin Methodist Church

Kits include Fabric & Patterns titled:

Picking Apples	Sweater
Pumpkins	Falling Leaves
Back to School	

Kits will be available at our Guild Meetings for you to get started early on your chosen Pattern & Fabric.

And of course we will have Games & Prizes & Fun & and Yummy Treats.

Bring Sewing Machine, Sewing Supplies, Extension Cord, and Lunch.