

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Fun Fabulous Fabric Manipulation Presented by Cheryl Sleboda

Texture...Technology...Textiles...Teacher!



These are the things that identify the many aspects of my sewing career. I'm a full time quilter and fiber artist who loves heirloom sewing techniques made modern. I know when you think of heirloom sewists, you think of someone who looks like me, right?

I love to do fabric manipulations to raise the surface of my quilts. My work is often small... think 6 inches square. I love vintage linens and the modern quilt and art quilt movements. Basically, I'm not your grandmother's quilter.

I'm on a mission to be unique and weird in the quilting world. I used to groan at the headline "Not your grandmother's quilts". But you know what? That's what we do! We make stuff our grandmothers could not make! I'm ok with that. And you should be too.

I teach and lecture around the country, and I get RAVE reviews from people who attend my talks and classes.

I've been on many episodes of Quilting Arts TV and It's Sew Easy TV, and countless magazines and newspapers. I have a fun line of products from heirloom sewing tools to sewing skull shirts to show off your rock n roll quilter style. I also have a company focused on cosplay called "Sew Much Cosplay" and I have been teaching costuming for many years.

I am influenced by my other hobbies and interests, including comic books, science fiction, Japanese comics and culture, and pop culture from the 80's.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Candy Grisham, President

Dear Members,

I am looking forward to fall – aren't you. I seem to spend less time quilting in the fall because it's so darn nice out. And I am so looking forward to our September speaker and her take on textured fabrics.

This month's meeting will be pretty busy with a national speaker and the presentation, and voting on the Featured Quilter for the quilt show.

The Quilt Show planning is in full steam – are you ready? Look ahead to October when we will have demos on sleeves, forms, set up and more.

Mark your calendars! And get your Round Robins finished because the November meeting has been moved to **November 12th** in order to move it away from Thanksgiving.

Linda Waugh has been the steadfast gatherer of Sunshine and Shadow for the guild for the past 8 years. She has passed the baton to **Jean Weber**. So if you need to share anything about a great award or happening or a bit of shadow about a member, please contact Jean at jean-wbr@yahoo.com

In the meantime let's storm Linda Waugh with thank you's for a job well done.

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Candy Grisham
President

MEMBERSHIP

Karen Grogan, mgrogan11@att.net
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- Welcome again to our three new members from our August meeting - **Juanita James, Ruth Grimes and Barbara Burns.**
- Since we have past the mid point of the year membership dues are now \$12.50 for the remainder of the year.
- Looking forward to our September 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!

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.

GUILD MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2024

Darlene Kopta, Secretary

Program – Candy Grisham started the meeting by introducing guest speaker, Gina James of Batting by the Roll from Hannibal, MO. Gina talked about different batting that she offers and showed challenge quilts from her guild, Hannibal Piecemakers, for inspiration.

Rolla Quilt Guild – On October 3rd we will be sharing some of our quilts with our sister guild. Quilts include Route 66, Round Robin, Challenges, small groups and raffle quilt. We'll also have raffle tickets for sale.

Membership – Beth Roehm announced 3 new members, 239 members total and 86 in attendance.

Minutes – Candy called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Tracy Back to approve the July minutes and Sandy Sagan seconded it.

Quilt Show – Darla was unable to attend; Candy shared the following:

1. We had 5 nominees for Featured Quilter. At the September meeting we will present the nominees with a short bio and have them show you a sample of their work. From that we will ask you to vote and by the end of the meeting we will announce our Featured Quilter!
2. Great News! Penny and Judy have filled or are about to fill, all of our vendor spaces!
3. Due to adding space for 5 vendor booths, we are losing a row of quilts. This means there may be extra limitations of the number of quilts each member can submit. Since we have 230+ members, it will be difficult to include everything! That being said, we'd like to have your submissions – no matter what number. So, if you have 5 quilts, please submit them. We will evaluate the space available and work through what will fit. Many things are dependent on the number of quilts we can allow. Including, # of members with quilts, size of quilts, and final layout. Remember, there is a place on the form for you to choose "I want this quilt in the show" or "This quilt is available if there is room". Please make sure to mark that box so we get the ones you want in the show!
4. Speaking of forms, our plan is to have forms available starting in September. We believe (if all works out) that there will be an online version and a paper version. Forms will be due either online or to Nancy Peters no later than January 13th. Due to the complexity of the layout, we need extra time.

5. By the way, this is NOT post-marked by...it is DUE BY! We will do our best to start submissions in September to give you extra time up front.

6. Set Up – we are working on revising the process for set-up. Specifics will be reviewed in October. Please note – we will expect all set up people to follow the directions and layout provided...no exceptions!

Programs – Debbie Reynolds announced upcoming programs through February. There are some spaces available in 2025.

Christmas Party – Candy reminded us of the **Christmas Party December 10th at 6 pm at Salem Church**. Make a holiday postcard to exchange. Judy Humphrey has peltex stabilizer to give postcards more body.

COK – Diana Preiss shared all the wonderful work our guild is doing for charity. 63 finished quilts donated and 53 pieced tops were brought to meeting. Quilts will be donated to Mercy Children's Hospital and Queen of Peace. Pick up kits to quilt! There is a specific need for smaller quilts for a keepsake for those children pass away. Smaller quilts should be receiving blanket size (30" x 36-40") and can be flannel.

Next **COK Sew day, Monday, October 7th**. Theme is Fall Frolic; there will be kits to sew.

Baggie Blocks – Sue Meyer showed a quilt made completely of cat fabric.

Fat Quarter Raffle – Marsha Bray drew for prizes.

UFO – Megan Buttery drew to award gift certificates to Jackman's for those who completed their UFO's. Megan also has postcards you can give out to publicize the Quilt Show.

Raffle Quilt Drawings – Barb Nagel drew for prizes for those that have turned in their raffle ticket money.

Show n Tell

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively yours,
Darlene Kopta
Secretary

FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Darla Gibson

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Quilters!

Hello everyone! I hope you are all diligently working on your quilts for the show! The Committee is making HUGE strides in ensuring you have an excellent quilt show.

We have filled all of our vendor spaces and we have a wonderful variety of vendors, both quilting and non-quilting related for your non-quilting friends. We are diligently working on the quilt show entry form and the October meeting will go over all things quilt show prep related thanks to Candy and Patty.

Please take a moment to go out to Facebook and reshare all of our posts related to the show and the vendors with everyone on your friends list. This will ensure that your friends and family are made aware of all happening.

At the September meeting we will be voting on Featured Quilters. This is someone from our guild that will be honored for their contributions to Bits 'n' Pieces and the quilting world. We have four nominees for you to choose from and they will be presented along with a ballot for you to vote during the meeting break. We will make the announcement of the Featured Quilter by the end of the meeting. I cannot wait to see who you pick, all nominees are talented and deserve this honor!

I will have more plastic bags for quilt drop off at the September meeting – see you there!

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

Thanks, Darla

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

**Barbara Nagel 314-724-5838
& Dianna Kogut 314-413-9389**

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sale Committee:

Dianna Kogut / Barb Nagel - Co-Chairs

Barbara Alsup

Margaret Gaal

Ann Lashley

Jennifer Pearson

Gay Stewart

Emily Wall

Please contact the Raffle Quilt Tickets Committee for details or questions.

Quilt Show Sew Busy



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CHARITY RAFFLE Joyce Zepp, Coordinator

The Charity Raffle committee met September 14 and completed 28 baskets! They are varied and quite attractive. We also have wall hangings, table runners, and more items that can be made into baskets, but we will continue to take donations through the end of January. The goal is to have 100 items total.

Thanks to all who have donated, but please continue to comb through your stash for kits you know you will never make, like-new items you really don't use, and anything you think will attract buyers for our charity!

Thanks, Joyce

You're Invited!

Please join us in the main gallery of the
Crossroads Art Council,
October 6, 2024, 1-3pm
For a reception celebrating

Quilt With heART and Sew

An exhibit of Fabric Art, Glass, Basketry
created by

Jean Goldsberry
Barbara Nagel
Christine Ortals
Sandy Sagan
Amy Santhuff-White
Harriett Zipfel

This is our first show together and we are excited to share our work at this intimate gallery for the month of October. Two other exhibits running concurrently are "Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water" and "Layres of Art". Refreshments provided.

Crossroads Art Council (CAC)
310 West Pearce Blvd. (lower level; door faces Allen Street)
Wentzville, MO 63385

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.

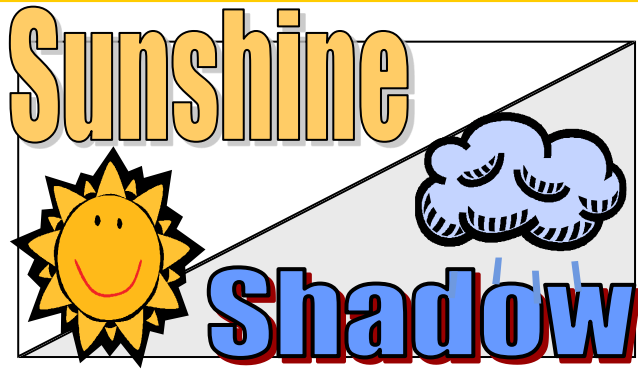
Maximum participants: 20 (Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.)

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.



Jean Weber, Coordinator

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**My name is Jean Weber and I am the new
Sunshine and Shadows coordinator.**

And I thank Linda Waugh for doing a wonderful job
for the past eight years!

If you know of guild members who have news to
share with the group or members who need our
thoughts and prayers please notify me so that I can
communicate the info to the guild.

Please see my contact information shown above.

I appreciate your help.

PRICE REDUCTION!

You don't hear that very often!

**FUN, FABULOUS, FABRIC MANIPULA-
TION WORKSHOP**

There are still a few spaces available for the
Cheryl Sloboda workshop on September
25th, at Jackman's (Creve Coeur), from 10 to
5. And to make it even more exciting, there
is no longer a fee for the class kit that she
provides for each participant!

The cost of the workshop is only
\$42.50!! That's a steal!

Please contact Barbara Nagel, 314-724-
5838 or barbara488@aol.com for more infor-
mation. And take a look at Cheryl's
webpage, muppin.com, for examples of her
work.



**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.

Candyce54@gmail.com

thank you

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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FORWARD BOUND

Sponsored by Cover Our Kids & More!!

You've all heard the expression "Pay It Forward". Well, this Holiday Season we are giving each of You an opportunity to "Pay It Forward".

How many of us know of someone in need? Friends, Family, maybe someone in our church? In our personal lives, we actually have dear friends in their 70's who are raising their grandchildren; and we see the joy, but we also see the exhaustion and the weight of such a responsibility. How many times have we thought, how can I help? How many times have each of us had good intentions, but life happens and we don't get it all done?

Well, we as a committee have been thinking a lot about this, and the Blessings that each of us have received in delivering your Beautiful Donated Quilts! As a result, we at COK would like to make it different this year for all those needy families we all know.

At our November Guild 11/12 Meeting, we will be giving each of You an opportunity to choose 1 to 3 quilts to take to a child/teen/family in need this Holiday Season. If you have a special quilt or quilts that you would like to donate instead of choosing one at our meeting, that is ok too.

Together we can all make a dark day a bit brighter and share our love by participating in "Forward Bound".

Also, please remember to:

SAVE THE DATE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7,
for the "FALL FROLIC"
9:30 - 2:30

Ballwin Methodist Salem Church

Come join us for Fun and Games as we gather to create beautiful patterns of "Falling Leaves", "Pumpkins", "Apple Picking" & More in our quilts!!

We will have patterns and fabric for you to choose from, or you are welcome to bring your own. Also please bring your sewing machine and supplies, and an extension cord (cutting mat and rotary blade and risers optional) and Bring your lunch.

Stay as short or as long as you like.
We'll be at the church, looking for You to be a part of our Party!!