

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: OCTOBER 22, 2024

Let's Get Ready!

for the

Bits n Pieces 2025 Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show!

Our Program Presentation will be about

1. **What's New**, including:

- 1) How to fill out the **NEW** Quilt Registration Form
- 2) Our **NEW** Valet Drop-off Procedure and . . .

2. **What's Not-So-New**, including:

- How to Make the Perfect Quilt Sleeve
- How to Sell the Most Raffle Tickets

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Candy Grisham, President

Dear Members,

Grab every day! As I recently lost two friends it occurs to me more and more that it is important to make every day count, to find joy, to tell those around you that you love them.

Find that passion that moves you forward. I am thankful for this guild. Everyone chips in in some way and makes it better and brighter. We are generous, thoughtful and kind.

I hope your days are filled mostly with sunshine. Thank you for honoring me as the Featured Quilter at our next show. I am looking forward to it.

Ok that's how today felt. I hope to have something for you about a get together for Gail MacCartney but not sure when it is coming together.

The library is missing several Christmas books and they appear to not have been checked out. No problem. If you have them please return or let Francine know.

Candy Grisham
President

MEMBERSHIP

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Welcome again to our three new members from our September meeting: Rene' Zar, Susan Veenstra, and Jean Porter.

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 past the mid point of the year (can you believe it!!) membership dues are now \$12.50.

Looking forward to our October meeting. Please make sure you wear your Name Tag, and stop by our Membership Table to say, "Hi", pick up an attendance ticket and a piece of candy!

Karen and Beth

GUILD MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2024

Jean Goldsberry for Darlene Kopta, Secretary

President – Candy Grisham called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Program - Debbie Reynolds introduced Cheryl Sleboda from Paducah.

Cheryl Sleboda's program was Fun Fabulous Fabric Manipulation. Cheryl shared her quilting story and journey into fabric manipulation. She talked about smocking, yoyos, tufting, pleats and gathers. She had many examples of her quilts that included her techniques. She can be found at www.muppin.com. Her shop is Muppin's Sewing Emporium in Paducah.

Quilt Show - Darla Gibson has bags for sale for the quilt show. Megan Buttery has envelopes that need to get dropped off at quilt shops. See her if you can help. Iris Moore is handling the bed turning. If you have a quilt over 50 years old you can submit it to Iris.

Featured Quilter - Teresa Basler announced the nominees for featured quilter at the show:

- Anne Clark is a life long sewist. She showed a Judy Neimeyer paper pieced quilt.
- Candy Grisham is a multigenerational quilter. She has taught classes, written a book and won ribbons. She showed a beautiful pieced quilt.
- Carol Spindler has sewn since grade school. Carol is extremely involved with charity quilts. She has won awards at challenges.
- Harriet Zipfel sewed as a child but now makes a variety of art quilts. She has taught classes and won awards.

Ballots were distributed.

Minutes - Minutes from September meeting were approved.

COK - Diana Preiss talked about Cover our Kids. There will be a sew day at Salem church a week from Monday at 9:30. It will be all day, bring a lunch.

Future meeting - November and December meetings are not the regular days. November 12 and December 10 are revised dates.

Baggie Blocks - Sue Meyer thanked everyone that does baggie blocks. She showed a quilt made from baggie blocks.

Holiday Party - Judy Humphrey talked about the Holiday Party Tues, Dec 10 at 6 p.m. Bring:

- Canned goods for Circle of Concern
- Bring whatever food you want - appetizer, meat, vegetable or dessert.
- Bring fabric post card. Put it in an envelope and seal it. Put your name on it. It will be extended until January. Post card should be 4X6.
- Bring holiday smiles.

Break Time

Workshop - Barb Nagle talked about the Cheryl Sleboda workshop which is tomorrow at Jackman's. There are still a couple of openings.

Quilt exhibit - Barb Nagle announced there are 6 members of Bits that are having a small quilt exhibit the month of October at the Crossroads Art Council in Wentzville. There is a reception Oct. 6. There will be food and drinks. The members are Barbara Nagle, Chris Orbals, Harriet Zipfel, Amy White, Sandy Sagan and Jean Goldsberry.

Raffle committee. There are some events at quilt shops. You should have received a Sign up Genie for sales at Itchin to be Stitchin. They need people for Oct 7 and Dec. 2.

Drawings - Cotton Cuts drawing was done.

Membership has 3 new members. Attendance prize drawing was done. There were 107 members present.

UFO - Megan Buttery had drawing for UFO winners.

Featured quilter. The votes were tabulated and the featured quilter was announced as Candy Grisham.

Show and tell.

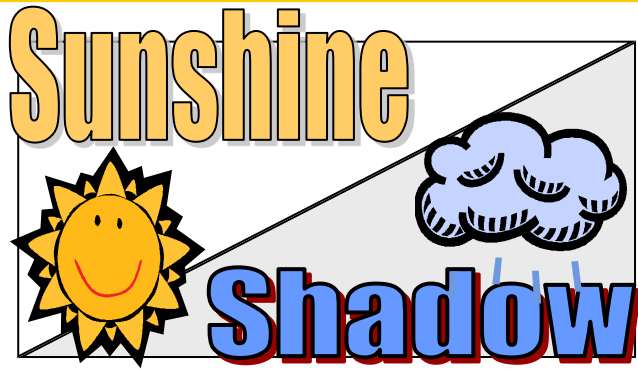
Announcements - Candy announced that the City Sewing Room is having an annexary in November. You can pick up a bag of scraps and make a block to be turned in and made into a quilt.

Please finish your round robin quilt by Nov 12 meeting. The round robin will be the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04.

Respectively yours,

Darlene Kopta
Secretary



Jean Weber, Coordinator

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Gail MacCartney There is sad news in our guild this afternoon. Gail MacCartney, a member of our guild has passed away.

There will be a Memorial Gathering for Gail on Monday October 28th from 1:00-3:00 at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in the Northex of the church.

This gathering is for Bits'n'Pieces members and Gail's daughters and granddaughter. The primary remembrance will be held at a later date in California.

St. Mark Church is located at 601 Claymont Drive in Ballwin, MO 63011

Gail's daughters are requesting any photos you might have to be included in a slide show.

In the meantime please keep Gail and her family in your thoughts. passed away on October 5th.

Photos may be mailed to:

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ARE BITS QUILTERS VULNERABLE TO SCAMS

Why are you a target for Scammers...Because someone may perceive you as old and vulnerable. I came to this awareness recently in reading an article about women seeking a Friend which resulted in a "pig butchering scam". Or in my personal case, I received phone calls from ALL over this nation wanting to help me with unpaid taxes. Who knew that Mark in Wincobie, Washington, could offer outstanding service to relieve my tax debt AND who wanted to help me.

Reality Check Girls . . .

Just because you have grey hair or are single or widowed you certainly are NOT foolish.

Some ideas to empower your safety:

- Scam calls are strong but you can place your name on a No Call List (do again as updates do matter) <https://agomo.gov/app/NoCallRegistration> or phone 866-289-9633.
- I did call the Missouri Attorney General office to report the scam and as messages were left, I included the scam numbers given. At least I reported and felt I took care of ME. AND I have no unpaid taxes....aargh.
- Pig butchering scam: The scammer gains a victim's trust over a prolonged period of time. They Fatten them up (flowers sent etc. to you) and then they go in for the kill (your money and savings) for little things like car repair and more.
- So Ladies, talk and listen to each other, be sensitive to life's impact on that quilter, watch out for each other and review with your family or trusted finance/attorney how to protect yourself.
- THINK: if I give my money to that man, will I limit my ability to shop at the fabric sale? You KNOW your priorities!! Missouri Shop Hop!

Margaret Gaal

FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Darla Gibson

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Hello All!

The quilt show committee is continuing the work of ensuring we have the best show ever!

We are thrilled that we have been able to get additional vendors this year. And, we have many that are not quilting related to appeal to a larger audience than quilters. We hope this helps you draw in your non-quilting family and friends! Many things to enjoy!

This does mean that we had to eliminate a row of quilts. So, we will be asking you to ensure that you consider your choices when entering quilts. We are not asking for fewer entries as I want everyone to submit as many quilts as they'd like in the show.

There is a place on the form to choose "I want this quilt in the show" or "This quilt is available for the show". This will allow us to review all entries and decide based on space what can go in, what you want in, and what we MAY have to take out. The problem is that we don't know quilt sizes and shapes until the forms are submitted and there are many variables that go in to how the quilts are arranged. So, please submit forms for as many quilts as you would like to enter. We will do our best to show all of them! We will have more information on the entry forms at the October meeting.

These are all wonderful problems to have! And, we look forward to the challenge!

I hope everyone is enjoying their early fall and finding time to enjoy your hobbies!

Thanks, Darla

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

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

REVISED ENTRY

At this point, nearly all guild members have received their tickets and 62% of our members have sold at least \$20 worth of tickets. Way to go! We will continue to have a few sales events at local quilts shops. So far, quilt shop sales have brought in over \$1400 in sales. We appreciate everyone who has volunteered to work at one of these events.

If you recently joined the guild, there is still time to pick up and sell your tickets. Please look for our table at the next guild meeting.

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 ps. 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

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

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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 Meeting (November 12), 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".

Bereavement/Swaddling Quilts Guidelines

Many of you have requested more information regarding Guidelines for our Bereavement Quilts. It is Wonderful to see how many have stepped forward for this need!

Mercy Children's Hospital has requested:

- *Soft, Soothing, Calming Colors
- *Soft Fabrics
- *Minimum Size: 24" by 36"
- *Maximum Size: 48" by 48"

These will be donated to parents/families, to hold, swaddle, and cuddle their young infant/toddler one more time.

You may bring these completed quilts to any monthly Bits Guild Meeting, and we will make sure the hospital receives them.

Thank You So Much for Your Dedication in this endeavor!!

COK SEW DAY RECAP and the GOOD PROBLEM WE HAVE

REVISED VERSION

Our "Fall Frolic" COK Fun Sew Day was a Great Success, with 15 in attendance!! We had a great time creating, cutting, sewing, and laughing together!!

All of our guild members have been busy contributing to our COK Quilts! In September, we donated 28 quilts to Crisis Nursery. And in October we delivered 7 quilts to Family Forward, plus 40 quilts to KVC Foundation, formerly Great Circle. Each of these groups were so grateful and expressed great thanks toward supporting their mission and ministry of dedication. Thank You All for each part you have played in each quilt, whether cutting, piecing, quilting, or binding. Each step together has shown the love we send with our quilts!

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Please Note: "Forward Bound" has been put on hold for now, as more pressing needs have presented themselves. More to come at our October monthly guild meeting.... See You There!!

Blessings to All!!
Diana