

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: NOVEMBER 12, 2024

THE ROUND ROBIN FINALE



Mama birds and all the baby birds will be revealing their completed quilts at the November meeting. The quilts all started with one of the birds making a center block. Then each of the other birds added a border for a total of 3 or 4 borders. Each nest had a theme for their quilt such as Traditional, Modern, Contemporary, Improv or Christmas. It will be so fun to see the results.

Those with completed (or almost completed) quilts will need to be at the meeting by 6:30 to meet with Nancy Sinise for instructions and to meet with your nest. If you can't be there, please have someone else bring your quilt.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Important Information About Membership Dues

If you were one of the 93 in attendance at our October meeting you know we voted to raise our membership dues. **Annual membership dues will now be \$35 beginning in 2025.** Our guild strives to provide quality programming with National Speakers for our members and charity quilts for the community. These expenses, along with the other expenses to run a guild, have been rising and dues have not changed for many years. We will begin our Membership Renewal January 1, 2025 and at that time be able to start accepting credit card payments through our new Square processing technology. You can pay in person at the January meeting OR Online through the Membership Tab at our website. It's very simple:

- Go to the guild website: www.bitsnpiecesguild.com.
- Click on the Membership tab in the black heading at the top
- On the Membership page you will see a large BLUE button that says "Buy Now".
- That button will take you to a the first checkout page. There is a \$1.50 surcharge for using this easy service (but you won't have to pay for postage or envelope!) The total is \$36.50.
- Click on the BLUE Checkout button and fill in the rest of your payment information.
- At the bottom of this second checkout page there is one more BLUE button to click that says "Pay 36.50"
- You will receive an email receipt immediately. EASY PEASY!

We will be notified of your payment with your name, email and phone number. With that information we will check your email and phone numbers for updates to our membership directory. If your home address has changed from the one listed on the online membership list, please email Beth Roehm at bethroehm57@gmail.com with your new address so she can update our online directory.

If you would rather write a check you can go to that same membership page from above and at the bottom of the page there is a BLUE link to download the "Bits Membership Form 2024" Please print off that form, fill it in, enclose payment (check made out to Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild) and send it to the Salem Methodist Church address listed on the form.

Any checks for membership renewal received before the end of the year 2024 **will not be cashed** until the new year for accounting purposes. You may bring renewal in December but it will not be processed until January.

You must be a dues paying member to participate in the Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show in March.

Our guild is 243 members strong and looking forward to a new year 2025 filled with a big quilt show, great programming, small groups and retreats and many opportunities to serve the community by sharing cozy quilts. So get ready to renew your membership on January 1st, 2025!

Happy Holidays!

Karen and Beth

GUILD MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2024
Jean Goldsberry for Darlene Kopta, Secretary

GUILD MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2024

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

Program: Quilt Show - Candy Grisham showed a video on How to Put on a Quilt Sleeve by Bonnie at AQS. You can find the video on the Guild website.

Darla Gibson passed out Quilt Show registration forms and went over how to fill them out. You can also use the online forms located at the top of the Guild home page. If you turn in your forms online, you will receive a confirmation email.

Registration forms are due no later than January 15th. If using the paper forms, it was suggested that you bring them to the December meeting to avoid postal delays with the holidays.

You can prioritize which quilts you want in the show by numbering each entry. Quilts must be completed (including sleeve) by March 1. *Route 66 Quilts do not need a form. Wendy will be handling those. Thanks Wendy!

A new option on the form: "This Quilt is For Sale". The Guild will not be part of the sale in any way. You will be contacted directly by the prospective buyer. Darla also mentioned that this is a Quilt Show, not a Quilt Sale so please don't try to sell every quilt you show.

Patti Moreland gave an update to volunteer opportunities. There will be Drop-Off, Valet and Set-Up assignments. Volunteers are needed to hang quilts on Friday. We will need 18 wagons, 12 -18 baskets and several stepladders.

Lisa Smith will be coordinating volunteers through Sign Up Genius. In January you will get an invite. If you don't have a Sign Up Genius account, you can make one after you sign up. There will be opportunities for all – some are seated. Candy reminded us that if you are not stable on a stepladder, please don't try it! There are many other things that need to be done that don't require using a ladder.

Darla Gibson announced: AND if you sign up to work at the Quilt Show, you get in FREE!

Budget – President Candy Grisham discussed our budget and membership dues. Dues have been \$25/yr. for over 10 years. Candy proposed that starting the 2025 session, our dues be raised to \$35/yr. Tracy Back made a motion and Karen Grogan seconded it. Candy then proposed the increase to the members; a large majority voted in the affirmative.

Membership - Please turn in Membership dues by February meeting. You can bring a check or cash to a meeting, mail a check, or pay on our Guild website. If paying online please do so after January 1, 2025. Thank You!

Programs – Debbie Reynolds announced a change in the 2025 schedule. January will now be Demos. If you are interested in demonstrating a quilting technique or tip, please contact Debbie. Candy announced the April Workshop; Mini Rings with Sew Kind of Wonderful rulers.

Nominating Committee – Tracy Back presented the nominees for officers for 2025-2027 season. President: Patti Moreland and Treasurer: Kay Stevenson

Raffle Quilt Tickets – Candy Grisham shared that top seller, Chris Ortals, has sold about 1500 tickets so far. The time was turned over to Chris so she could share her enthusiasm and tips for selling raffle tickets. Share our Guild's story, be sincere, ask them engaging questions and have cookies and Super Ticket Packs in your purse wherever you go! Chris showed us her beautiful quilt made up of photos of everyone that bought a Super Ticket Pack. Chris said, "You just need to show others how they can help in the community through our Guild."

Barb Nagel gave an update on Raffle Ticket sales; over 7500 tickets have been sold. She encouraged us to meet a goal of 10,000 or more. Barb has a large photo and framed info you can use to sell at work, etc. Let her know if you want to borrow it.

COK – Diana Preiss reported on the Fall Frolic sewing day. There was a great turnout with 15 people in attendance. We have around 100 quilt tops that need to be quilted. Please pick up one, or more and hold on to any pieced quilt tops you have for now. Many quilts have been delivered to Crisis Nursery, Forward Bound and KVC foster care. 368 quilts have been donated so far this year! Diana shared a letter from Evelyn's House, a hospice facility for terminally ill patients of all ages. They are requesting donations; quilts 54" x 65" minimum. Diana will be meeting their needs with your help.

During the November 12th meeting you can pick out a quilt if you know someone that is in need in our community. Be thinking about who you can share a quilt with! You can follow up with the Guild by sharing who you were able to help.

Mercy Pediatric Hospital is still in need of bereavement quilts.

Drawings – Prizes were awarded for the Raffle Tickets Sales, Fat Quarter and Membership.

Show and Tell

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully,

Darlene Kopta
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Candy Grisham, President

Dear Members,

After October's meeting we should all be ready for the quilt show, right? I am still trying to decide which pieces to enter.

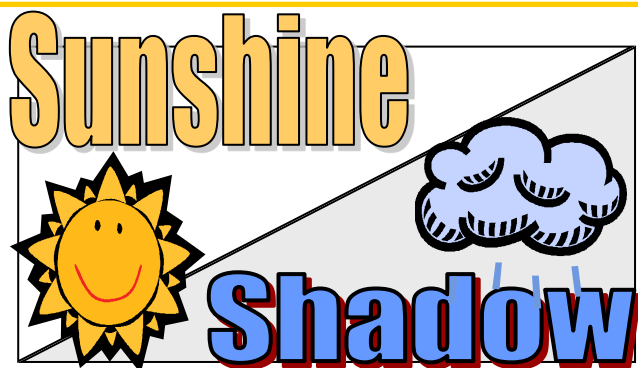
Darla has done a fantastic job with bringing our quilt show together to make it look so professional. It is definitely a step above others.

Watch for the sign-up genius to be posted to get involved. If you are in the show you should sign up for either set up or take down and another shift too. Many hands....

As my term comes to an end, I want to thank everyone on committees, in the guild and beyond who have stepped up to help. As Chris Orbals told us the other night, everyone has a story.

I am looking forward to assuming a different position and helping ease the next board right on in!!!

Candy Grisham
President



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Mary Miller's husband had a golf cart injury earlier this week. He avoided surgery but will need to wear a sling for a month. Mary said they didn't need anything at this time, but thanks us for our concern.

Gail MacCartney's celebration of life was on Monday October 28th at 1:00 at St. Mark Presbyterian Church 601 Claymont Drive Ballwin, MO 63011.

Donations may be made to National Public Radio in memory of Gail and cards may be mailed to Gail's daughter: Danielle MacCartney 36 W. Glendale Road St. Louis, MO 63119

Holiday Party



Judy Humphrey 314-650-0663

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Tuesday, December 10th at 6pm

What to Bring:

1. **Can goods** for the church to give to "Circle of Concern". The Grocery cart will be at the door when you arrive.
2. For the **food**, bring whatever you want. Appetizer, main dish, veggies or dessert. Try to use small dishes so we can fit all the food on the table.
3. Bring your **Post Card** to exchange. Put it in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside. As you come in the door we will have a basket for you to put your post card in.
4. Bring your **Holiday Smiles**.

Many have taken the stiffener to make a Post Card and I don't think everyone understood that the exchange was for the Holiday Party. Plus many may not be able to attend the party for one reason or another.

So if you couldn't exchange your post card at the Holiday Party, bring it to the January meeting and we will have an exchange.

Any questions, please contact me, Judy



FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Darla Gibson

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Hello All!

Thank you all for your time at the meeting to go through the form and other important show information. For those of you that have been part of Fanfare of Quilts for many years, I know that this meeting can be a bit tedious. However, I greatly appreciate all of the questions for clarity as well as the positive feedback.

I want to take a moment here and make the formal announcement! I am so sorry I missed this in the last newsletter. The Fanfare of Quilts Committee is pleased to announce that Candy Grisham will be our guild's Featured Quilter at our Show in March 2025. Candy is most deserving of this title with her work for the guild over many years, her beautiful quilts and her work in the quilting community with pattern and book creation.

Please note that ALL of the nominees are very worthy to hold this title and we appreciate their time for going through the process.

Our next big work will be for you to complete your quilt forms and allow us to review them and layout the show. We need all forms either via paper or online entry to be submitted no later than January 15, 2025. This will allow us to get the forms reviewed and the show laid out as quickly as possible. Please remember that the mail service does run slow so an in person drop off or an online submission is highly recommended.

One other thing to note, if you do not get a confirmation email that your ONLINE form has been received, please reach out to me at ddgibby64@yahoo.com so that we can investigate the cause. Paper forms will NOT get a confirmation. Please keep a copy of your paper form for your records. And, remember a picture is required and must be attached to either entry format in color!

Thank you. Again, don't hesitate to reach out with questions!

Darla Gibson
Quilt Show Chair 2025

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

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

No updates at this time.

RAFFLE CHARITY

**Joyce Zepp
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The many items that have been donated to the Charity Raffle are greatly appreciated. We have quite a variety of things to fill our baskets, not to mention the beautiful wall hangings that have been donated. We will continue to collect items until the January meeting. Thanks to all who are helping to make this the best raffle yet!

Route 66 Project Update

By the time you read this, all pieces should be in my possession. All submission forms and checks should be turned in to me. All information for the book should be turned in to Candy Grisham.

2025 exhibits include our own quilt show in March and exhibit at Crossroads Gallery in Wentzville in October.

2026 planned exhibits include Springfield History Museum in Nov/Dec, Route 66 Visitor Center in Pacific for several months, and the newest possibility is the Will Rogers Museum in Claremore, OK, sometime in 2026. Depending on the dates for these, we may also look to enter Road to California. Another possibility is a quilt show in May near Chicago. Very exciting — can't wait to secure dates.

We still hope to be in Paducah and Houston — probably after 2026.

As always, thank you to everyone who has been involved!

Wendy Richards
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**Be sure to check out the three flyers at the
end of the newsletter!**

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE
Diana Priess, Coordinator
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Thanks from our Cover Our Kids Committee!

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!

FORWARD BOUND

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**



*T*hese bereavement quilts will be donated to parents/families, to hold, swaddle, and cuddle their young infant/toddler one more time.

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"

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!!



GALLERY TALK

“The Building of an Art Quilt”

Artist Panel Discussion

November 13, 2024: 1pm to 2:30pm

*Come and Be Inspired.
Bring Your Questions*

Join us also for the
Creative Convergence Boutique

Artist created One-of-a-Kind Gift items for all on your list!

Thursday November 14: 1pm - 7pm

Friday November 15: 10am - 3pm

Longview Farm House Gallery 13525 Clayton Road
Town and Country, MO



Celebrate our Annex-versary!



Saturday, November 9th

extended hours
12-6 pm

Scrap Bag Challenge Showcase

Scissor Sharpening for \$8

Shop the Maker's Mart

Antique Quilt Restoration Talk

Raffle Basket

Refreshments

CREATIVE CONVERGENCE: A GATHERING OF UNIQUE VISIONS

ART EXHIBIT AND SALE



ARTISTS ON DISPLAY:
CHRIS BURTON, CANDY COPP GRISHAM,
MELINDA JACKSON, WENDY CARTER RICHARDS,
POLLY SIEVERT, AMY SANTHUFF-WHITE, HARRIETT ZIPFEL

LONGVIEW FARM HOUSE GALLERY
13525 CLAYTON ROAD, TOWN & COUNTRY, MO
NOVEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 20, 2024
MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM
(THANKSGIVING DAY 8AM- 10AM)

SPECIAL EVENTS

All Events are Free and Open to the Public.
Tell your Friends.

Any Gallery Purchases can be taken home
during these events.

GALLERY TALK

ARTIST PANEL: THE BUILDING OF
AN ART QUILT

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2024
1:00 - 2:00PM

Come, Learn, and Be Inspired.
Bring any questions you may have!

BOUTIQUE AND OPENING RECEPTION

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2024
1:00 - 7:00PM (BOUTIQUE)

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2024
4:30 - 7:00PM
(OPENING RECEPTION)

Wine, Coffee, Water and Snacks will be served.

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 15, 2024
10:00AM - 3:00PM (BOUTIQUE)

MEET THE ARTISTS

THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 28, 2024
8:00 - 10:00AM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2024
2:00 - 4:00PM

Meet some of the Artists exhibiting in the
Gallery.