

## GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: JANUARY 28, 2025



### IT'S DEMO NIGHT BY OUR OWN TALENTED MEMBERS

*The meeting in January will consist of demonstrations by our own guild members. These are the demos that are currently planned:*



Carol Spindler - Small Quilts on Point

Ruth Grimes - Accordion 1/2 sq triangles

Barbara Warner - Embroidery stitches and Waste Canvas

Kathie Sammons - Printing on Fabric

Theresa Schultz - Glue Basting

Darla Gibson - Disappearing 9 patch

Sandy Sagan - Misty Fuse

Lori Feldman - AI for Quilt Naming

Candy Grisham - Piping on Binding



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*Later in the month we will have an on-line sign up set up so that you can choose 4 of the demos that you would like to attend. Each demonstration will be approximately 15 minutes long. There will be instructions written by the demonstrator available online afterwards.*

*Our monthly meeting will take place after the demonstrations.*

## FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

### **QUILT SHOW CHAIR**

**Darla Gibson**

[ddgibby64@yahoo.com](mailto:ddgibby64@yahoo.com)

Well, we are just a short 68 days until Fanfare of Quilts. Let's finish strong!

We need your quilt entries by January 15, 2025 (that's really soon!). They can be done manually or via the online format. Manual forms are on the web site as is the link for the electronic entries.

If you are doing a manual form, do not plan to mail it as it will probably miss the deadline. Please plan to drop it off to Nancy Peters at her home or at the next Scraps Meeting (Monday 1/13/25) or to Darla Gibson (either home or work), call or email to arrange.

Also, please make sure to sign up for Volunteering for the quilt show. We will need everyone to assist with everything from Set up to Take down! Lisa Smith has sent a link to Sign Up Genius. Just click the link and pick your spots. Remember, there are sit, stand and in between positions so pick what works for you!

I am very excited about all that is happening and I cannot wait to see it all come together!

Please email at [ddgibby64@yahoo.com](mailto:ddgibby64@yahoo.com) for questions!

Thank you,  
Darla Gibson

### **RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS**

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

### ***Don't stop now!***

There's still time to sell more raffle tickets!

If you need more tickets, contact Dianna or Barb and we'll make sure you get them.

There will be a couple more shop sales so be on the lookout for SignUp Genius. And please plan on turning in all your ticket money at the February meeting.

Thank you, everyone, for all your hard work!

### **RAFFLE CHARITY**

**Joyce Zepp  
[joycezepp83@gmail.com](mailto:joycezepp83@gmail.com)**

This is the last month to donate to the Charity Raffle. We have plenty of baskets, but if you have something to help fill them, items will be collected at the January meeting, or you can contact me to arrange delivery to my home. Thanks to all who have contributed thus far. Joyce Zepp, 314-593-6283

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## President Patti Moreland

Happy New Year 2025!

Looking back, 2024 was an amazing year for Bits n Pieces, celebrating 40 years as a guild, growing in number from 217 to 243 active members, making and donating over 440 COK quilts and over 200 Honor Flight Quilts and continuing to form and grow our mini groups and relationships. We have such an amazing guild where everyone participates in some way.

If you are new, you've picked a great time to join us. Looking forward to everything we have planned for 2025 takes my breath away! Top of the list is our "2025 Fanfare Of Quilts" Quilt Show and Raffle. I can't wait to see all of our quilts hanging together again. And then there are all of our great programs, workshops, Retreats, Sew Days, COK and HF Workdays, new challenges, Salad Supper, mini group gatherings and so much more.

Please don't forget to send in your annual dues. Our dues and Raffle Quilt support everything we do in the guild.

Enjoy finishing up those beautiful quilts you have entered in our 2025 Fanfare of Quilts Show!

See you at the guild meeting.

Patti Moreland  
President

## MEMBERSHIP

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Beth Roehm [bethroehm57@gmail.com](mailto:bethroehm57@gmail.com)

Happy New Year!  
It's Membership Renewal Time!

January 1st has arrived and now is the time to renew your guild Membership Dues. **Annual membership dues are \$35.** There are three ways to pay your dues:

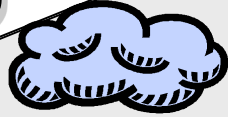
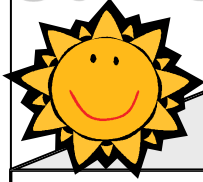
1. Pay Online now by following the following procedure:
  - Go to the guild website: [www.bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://www.bitsnpiecesguild.com).
  - Click on the Membership tab in the black heading at the top
  - On the Membership page you will see a large BLUE button that says "Buy Now".
  - That button will take you to a the first check-out 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"
2. 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.
3. You can pay your dues in person at the January Guild Meeting using cash, credit or check.

**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 great year in 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 renew your membership today!!

Thanks,  
Karen Grogan and Beth Roehm

# Sunshine



# Shadow

**Jean Weber, Coordinator**  
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**Merrily Woodford**, a previous guild member of Bits'n'Pieces passed away on December 28th. Her family will hold a celebration of life at Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, Schrader Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO 63011, on January 30, 2025 from 2:00-6:00 pm. Her obituary can be found at <https://www.schrader.com>

**Barb Philbrick's** husband, Richard, passed away December 12th. He had been fighting cancer for a number of years. Barb and her husband were planning to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March with a family reunion. Much of their family lives out of town.

A celebration of life will be held in March at that time. Her husband's obituary can be found on the St. Louis Cremation website using the link <https://stlouiscremation.com/obituaries/richard-balcom-philbrick/>

Barb would appreciate your expression of sympathy either to her e-mail [barbphil42@gmail.com](mailto:barbphil42@gmail.com) or her home at: 510 Dove Drive St. Charles, MO 63301

Lets keep them in our thoughts as they go through this difficult time.

## Route 66 Project News

By Wendy Richards  
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Our final count is....66!!! During the last two years, the count has varied between 53 and 68. Life happens... and, amazingly, we landed at 66. We are excited to have the first full reveal at our own Fanfare of Quilts 2025.

After that, the next committment is Crossroads Gallery in Wentzville for October of 2025.

In 2026, so far, we have the Route 66 Visitor Center in Eureka for 3 months, then the History Museum in Springfield, MO in November and December.

We are in contact with the Will Rogers Museum in Oklahoma and a museum in Illinois.

If anyone has contacts for other locations, please let us know! We'd like it to show on Route 66 locations for 2026, but we're open for anything else after that. We are entering it in Road to California and Houston, as well as hoping to be in the Quilt Museum In Paducah.

We plan to have an exhibit book available by our quilt show. It will have a photo and story for every piece. It is a labor intensive project — photos, editing, and more editing!

## 2025 GUILD RETREATS

Teresa Basler  
tbasler@swbell.net

At this time, I have 2 retreats scheduled:

**Itchin To Be Stitchin – Staunton, IL**  
18130 Ranken Rd., Staunton, IL 62088  
itchntobestitchn@hotmail.com

Friday, May 2-Monday, May 5, 2025  
ALMOST FULL

and

Friday, June 20-Monday, June 23,  
2025

PLENTY OF SPACE for double/triple  
and private rooms.

**For three nights:**

Sharing a room with a friend, \$65.00  
per night; per person/TOTAL \$195 -

**Deposit \$97.50**

Private room, \$130.00 per night/  
TOTAL \$390 - **Deposit \$195.00**

**Deposits are due ASAP. If we don't fill  
the space immediately, Itchin To Be  
Stitchin will offer our "open" space to  
others.**

***Itchin To Be Stitchin has become very  
popular and reservations needs to be  
made almost a year in advance.***

**Secure your spot NOW by contacting  
Itchin To Be Stitchin TODAY and put  
down your deposit. Their phone num-  
ber is: 618-635-2429**

**Put a RETREAT on your Christmas list.  
If you're been GOOD, maybe Santa will  
send you on a relaxing, fun, all the sew-  
ing your heart desires retreat.**

**Other retreats will be schedule through-  
out the year at Todd Hall.**

**Let me know of other retreat centers  
you would like to visit. Watch for up-  
dates with new retreats.**

*Happy Holidays and a year of happy  
sewing throughout 2025.*

**Teresa Basler**

## UFOs Megan Buttery

Make sure to finish up your UFOs for 2024 by the Janu-  
ary 28th meeting. We will determine the 2024 winners  
on Wednesday, January 29th.

## 2025 Ferguson Library Quilt Show

Registration is now open for the Ferguson An-  
nual Quilt Show!

February 6, 7, and 8, 2025

Registration will close, January 25th or when all  
slots are full.

After January 25th you may call to inquire if  
slots are still available.

Register with the link below, mailing the at-  
tached registration form or in  
person at the library.

<https://forms.gle/ren7kZ1V1MwB22dp7>

Taneesa Hall  
Adult Services Librarian  
Ferguson Municipal Public Library  
35 N Florissant  
Ferguson, MO 63135  
PH: 314-521-4820  
Fax: 314-521-1275  
Email: [thall@fergusonlibrary.net](mailto:thall@fergusonlibrary.net)

**COVER OUR KIDS and MORE**  
**Diana Priess, Coordinator**  
**dianajpreiss@aol.com**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We are looking forward to collecting your Beautifully Pieced Quilt Tops again, starting with our January monthly Bits Guild Meeting! Of course, your Beautiful Finished Quilts are especially appreciated as we have many kiddos and families still in need in the coming year.

Here are our Cover Our Kids Quilt Guidelines, which are available on our website:

**Cover Our Kids & More Quilt Guidelines**

- ♥ Minimum Size: 36" by 36"  
(Bereavement Quilts can be 24" by 36")
- ♥ Maximum Size: 84" by 84"
- ♥ For Pieced Tops to be Quilted, please Secure All Seams along the Outer Perimeter of your Pieced Quilt Top: Please Back Stitch or Sew a "Victory Lap" around the perimeter of the Pieced Top (This avoids seams separating when quilted.)
- ♥ Please Wash All Finished Quilts in Fragrance-Free Detergent. Avoid Stains, Pet Hairs, and/or Smoke Odor.
- ♥ Sew our Label in any corner of your quilt, on the reverse side.

**Optional for your Pieced Top:  
Include Backing and/or Batting  
(Much Appreciated!)**

**Thank You So Much for Your Dedication to  
provide for So Many in Need!!**

**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!!



# Bit n Pieces 2025 Workshops

By Candance Grisham

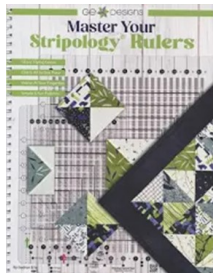
There are many opportunities for everyone this year with four different workshops scheduled. I am working out the details and will have samples and sign ups at upcoming meetings but here is the tentative schedule:



**April 10, 2025 - Norma Stark**

**Mini Rings A Sew Kind of Wonderful mini ruler workshop, 33 x 44"**

In addition, she is speaking and doing a different workshop with Hearts n Hands in O'Fallon, IL that week and we are welcome to sign up (after members) and come to the program.



**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - Danielle** of Warm n Cozy in Columbia, IL

**"Master Your Stripology Ruler"**

This is doing a full day workshop. It will take you beyond just cutting strips, squares and rectangles with your Stripology rulers! Learn to utilize the ruler for 1/4" and 1/8" inch increment cutting, squaring up blocks, cutting 45 degree and 60 degree angles, making basic quilt elements such as a Half-square Triangles and Flying Geese, and more!



**September 24, 2025**

**Leila Gardunia**

**Mini Mirrored Diamonds** This will be a full day workshop teaching beautiful foundation piecing with one of her patterns. Pattern required.



**October 29, 2025**

**Erin Grogan**

**Big Stitch Quilting**

This will have a 2 hour workshop. Big Stitch Quilting is something many have wanted to learn and what a great opportunity to see ideas, threads and a demo.