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Salem Methodist Church ♥ 14825 Manchester Road ♥ Ballwin, MO
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GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: DECEMBER 10, 2024

OUR HOLIDAY PARTY **Tues, 12/10/24, 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 Humphrey, at 314-650-0663
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MINUTES RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 2024 ISSUE WAS PUBLISHED

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MINUTES
Jean Goldsberry for Darlene Kopta

Candy Grisham called the meeting to order at 7:00
Minutes for September and October meetings were approved

Program: Nancy Sinise Round Robin. There were six groups with 4 or 5 people per group. Each group set their rules. Each group had a Mama bird in charge.

Peggy Anderson's group was relaxed with no theme.

Debbie Reynolds group did modern.

Patty Moreland's groups had no theme, no rules. Variety of quilts
Nancy Sinise's group did improve, contemporary, try it you might like it.

Wendy Richards group did improve and modern
Each group showed their quilts. Each quilt was unique. Many different sizes and colors.

Officers were presented: Patty Moreland for President and Kay Stevenson for Treasurer. Motion by Harriett and seconded by Darla. Vote was unanimous

Marsha Bray was recognized for running the web site for many years. She was presented with a gift. Megan Buttery and Sarah Seagrist are taking over the web site.

Linda Waugh was recognized for being Sunshine and Shadows person for 9 years. Jean Weber has taken this over. Linda was presented with a gift.

Judy Humphrey - Holiday Party. Party will be Tuesday, December 10 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Salem Methodist Church. Bring food items for food pantry. Bring whatever food you want to share. No large platters. Bring post card for exchange. Put post card in envelope with your name on outside. Bring a holiday smile.
December party - no free table, no show and tell, no raffle tickets. It is strictly a party. No COK drop offs

COK - (Diana Priess) Started the evening with over 100 quilts to be quilted. There are only 5 left. Thanks to all for helping. In January will be accepting pieced tops again. Do not bring COK in December. We donated to Evelyn's house this month where minimum size is 54 x 64. This is hospice center for Barnes Jewish West. They reached out to us. Mercy Children's asked for bereavement quilts to give to a family when a baby passes. We took over 40 quilts. They want smaller quilts. Sizes from 24 x 36 to 48 x 48. COK started something new tonight. They had quilts available in the lobby for members to take to a family or someone in need that would benefit from a quilt. Quilts are being taken to Hope House. Remaining quilts will be taken to Rankin Jordan. What was brought in tonight is going to Catholic Family Services. They came to us and said they are doing a Christmas Party for needy families. They would like to give quilts. Biggest need for COK is backing which is a minimum of two yards. We have to be careful with batting. Some quilters like 80/20 and some like polyester. We don't like the big fluffy polyester. Because of fire hazard some are concerned with polyester.

Special thank you to Diana and her crew for all their work.

Wendy Richards has display cases at display case to Ballwin Pointe. Needs small quilts for display.

Wendy Richards shared that a group of artists in the group are doing a show at Longview Farm House Gallery. Tomorrow at 1:00 there is a panel discussion and gallery talk. Thursday and Friday there is a boutique where all artists have items for sales.

Membership - Karen Grogan. Dues are now \$35 per year. 2025 Membership drive will start Jan 1. Prefer you wait until Jan.1 to register for accounting reasons. There are 3 ways to join or renew:

1. Go to website, download form and mail in check
2. Pay at membership table at Jan or Feb meeting by cash, check or credit.

Encouraged - online. This is easy. Go to www.bitsnpiecesguild.com, click on membership, click on big blue button "buy now". Membership page - \$36.50 - there is \$1.50 service charge to charge. Click on checkout, fill out information, name, phone, email, credit card info. Confirm. You will receive an e-mail confirmation. If you send a check before Jan 1, it will not be cashed until January.

There are 98 or 99 people in attendance. Two attendance prizes were given.

If you don't think you are getting guild e-mails let them know.

To have a quilt in the show you must be a member

Darla - Quilt Show. We will be taking forms for the quilt show at the December meeting. Forms are due January 15. How to enter:

Fill out a paper form, attach a photo, mail in
Online upload a photo - no charge. On website, click on quilt show registration. You must have all info. You cannot start and come back. You should get a confirmation e-mail. Check your junk e-mail.

Bed turning - Iris Moore - turn in form same way as all quilts. If you have a long story about the quilt, on form put see e-mail and send email to Iris or Darla. Quilts are handled in bed turning. If very fragile do not enter in show. Iris is drop off person for bed turning. She needs quilt earlier so quilts can be reviewed. Need by January meeting.

Publicity will start heavy in January. If you are going shop hop or retreat you can bring flyers to your event. St. Louis Library offers \$5 free printing each month you're your library card. Flyers are on line. Darla has 24 x 24 clear bags for sale. Each quilt must be in a clear bag. This will speed up take down process.

Break at 8:05

Marsha had drawing for fat quarter bundles.

Drawing was made for people who turned in raffle ticket money.

Show and Tell.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PATTI MORELAND **INCOMING PRESIDENT**

Hi!, I'm Patti Moreland. I'm married with four children, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandbaby due before this newsletter publishes! I've had four fulfilling careers; Elementary School Teacher (2 years) , Stay-at-home mom (10 years), Sales Rep & Marketing Director at AT&T (20 years) and Retiree, Artist and Quilter (12 years). I am loving this most recent career change.

My love of quilting is relatively new. My grandmother was a seamstress and drapery maker but my mom couldn't sew a button on. I sewed one skirt, a matching Easter outfit for my first two children, a few pair of pajamas with matching robes. Then I put the sewing machine away for 20 years. After I retired and moved to a 55+ Community, an avid quilter and neighbor begged about six of us to "Sip and Sew" with her. She provided everything from the fabric to the drinksand my love of quilting was born! That was 2013. I quickly realized that quilting was a whole new world. I took a few classes and tried to utilize a new technique on every quilt. I even try to piece and machine quilt my quilts.

I joined the Bit's n Pieces Quilt Guild in the summer of 2017, just in time to participate in the 2018 Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show. When Covid hit, participating in the guild in small groups on zoom was a lifesaver. In 2022 & 2023 I served as the Vice President of the Guild, when we were "zoom"ing meetings and just beginning to meet again in person. Those were some crazy times.

I am excited to serve as your President over the next two years. I am honored to be following the lead of Recent Past Presidents: Candy Grisham, Phyllis Bednarek , Jean Goldsberry and Peggy Anderson. I will strive to continue to create a kind and welcoming space to share ideas, inspire each other, and to care for others less fortunate by transforming our time and talents into beautiful quilts too numerous to count.

As I mentioned earlier, my latest career is the most fun because I am doing what I love doing... hanging out with special, talented people like all of you!

Patti Moreland
President

CANDY GRISHAM **OUTGOING PRESIDENT**

It has been a quick two years, and I want to give a special shoutout to all the committees and officers who helped make everything flow and be successful. Darla organizing the Quilt Show – getting our branding and name out there. Marsha, Megan, and Sara run the website. Linda and now Jean keeping us all up to date with Sunshine & Shadow. Membership with Karen and Beth smiling at us each month and keeping the roster up to date. Valerie keeping the books straight, paying the bills, and of yes converting everything to the guild laptop. Marsha with our monthly raffle tickets that generate a bit more cash for special things such as shelves and wagons. Barb and Dianna with their team manage the selling of a record-breaking number of raffle tickets. Barb also takes our left-over free table items to City Sewing each month. Diana and Gayle and all who help with Cover our Kids. Wow they have found new organizations and helped us donate so much love and care. Judy with Honor Flight providing our veterans with comfort as they are recognized and honored. Megan keeping the UFO list and prizes. Francine and Sara kept the library active and vibrant. Debbie and before her, Patti provided great programs. Sara with several well organized and attended workshops. Darlene and Jean keep the minutes up to date. Teresa organizes these great retreats. Linda R and Linda W gave us a great 40th year celebration. Cindy keeps us up to date with the newsletter.

The guild celebrated 40 years! We have gone digital for membership, raffle tickets, quilt show entry and workshops. More to come. We have updated the bylaws after 20 years and although we raised the dues, they stayed the same for 20 years. We have had great programs, workshops, and a fabulous show in 2023 with another to come in 2025. The basement storage is clean and organized thanks to Patti, Darla, and others.

I know you will continue to support the guild and its officers as they provide us with great quilt education, service, and community.

Candy Grisham
Former President

FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Darla Gibson

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Just a reminder that it is count down time for Fanfare of Quilts 2025.

The thing we need now is for everyone to submit their forms for entries into the quilt show. These can be paper forms or online.

Paper Forms can be found on the web site under the menu for Quilt Show 2025 – then “Click Here” for forms, rules and information.

Reminders – please make sure to print out BOTH sides of the form using ONE sheet of paper. And, make sure to include a 4” x 6” color photo of the quilt.

Online forms can be found on the main page of the website under the menu “Quilt Registration Form”. Just be sure to have everything ready, including a color picture to upload before you start. You cannot save your progress so you’ll have to enter everything start to finish. I recommend printing off the paper form so you know what you need ahead of time.

Deadline for quilt show entries if January 15, 2025. We will be taking forms at the December meeting – remember that is December 10th! Or, you can mail them to either Nancy Peters or me if you utilize paper forms.

I will have the 24” x 24” plastic bags for sale (\$2) each at the December and January meetings. After that, I will sell until I am out of stock so that we don’t end up with a lot left over.

Thank you so much!

See you soon!

Darla Gibson

RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS

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

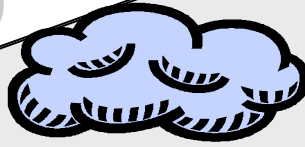
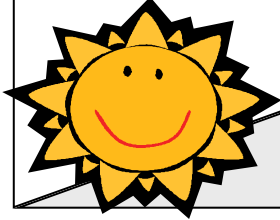
Thank you to all guild members who have sold their raffle tickets and turned in their money. With the Quilt Show right around the corner, please wrap up your sales and turn your money in by the February meeting. We greatly appreciate your support!

RAFFLE CHARITY

**Joyce Zepp
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The Charity Raffle Committee has approximately 70 baskets made at this point, with many items still to put in baskets. We will continue to collect items through the end of January. You may bring them to meetings, or call Joyce Zepp, 314-593-6283, to arrange item delivery. Thanks to all who have already given items for the raffle.

Sunshine



Shadow

Jean Weber, Coordinator

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Karen Grogan's Father passed away 12/3. He was 95 years old The funeral service will be held in Kansas City on Saturday 12/14. Karen would appreciate your thoughts at his time. Loss of a parent is always difficult but even more so at this time of year. You may e-mail her mgrogan11@att.net or send cards to Karen Grogan 824 Timber Glen Lane Ballwin, MO 63021.

Amy Kerkemeyer and Kay Strebeck (also a Finalist in 2023 Monarch Challenge) were honored to be included among the finalists for the Cherrywood Challenge this year. The theme was "Poppy" with clear references to the Flanders fields poppies of WWI. Amy's quilt was an art quilt that included poppies and her quilting alluded to the fallen heroes of past wars. Kay's quilt was an extreme close-up of the center of a poppy. The Cherrywood Challenge is an annual art quilt challenge held by Cherrywood Fabrics in Minnesota. For a fee, Cherrywood supplies 8 curated fat quarters which are the only fabrics allowed for creating the 20"x20" quilt top. The next Cherrywood Challenge is entitled "The Abyss" (cherrywoodfabrics.com) and is due on 15 May 2025. Kay and Amy's quilts were at the Houston International Quilt Market and Festival in November, and each quilt will travel throughout the US this year to numerous quilt shows and venues.



THE MASTERPIECE KING TUT

The quilters in Art Bits just absolutely knocked this out of the pyramid.

"Wonderful Things - 100 Years of King Tutankhamen" has been accepted into The Road to California quilt show (Jan 22-25, 2025) and AQS Daytona (Feb 19-22, 2025)

We are still waiting to hear about acceptance into AQS Branson and AQS Paducah.

Sally Pelikan

KEYSTONE ART GALLERY

Jean Goldsberry is the featured artist at the Keystone Art Gallery from December 6 – 30, 2024.

Join us for the opening reception of Jean Goldsberry - Fiber Arts on Friday, December 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy light refreshments and a variety of quilted art by St. Louis native Jean Goldsberry of the St. Louis area Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild.

Keystone Art Gallery is at Five Oaks on Warson
1200 N. Warson Rd., Olivette, MO, United States, Missouri 63132

**KAY POLSGROVE STEVENSON
TREASURER**

An introduction from our new Treasurer

I grew up in Campbell, MO, the Peach Capital of Missouri, in the Missouri Bootheel. Raised by Depression era parents, we did not buy a lot of things from the store, if it could be made at home. In elementary school, almost all of my clothes were made by my mother. I learned to do some simple sewing, like making "tube" dresses for my Barbies out of leftover polyester scraps. I distinctly remember hand embroidery being, what today we would call a trend, around 1976. I had a long sleeve chambray shirt that I hand embroidered lots of things on. I loved that shirt and even had my school photo taken in it that year! In high school and college, I really got into counted cross stitching.

Throughout my 20s and when my children were young, the needle and thread or sewing machine would come out mostly for repairs. I did make my daughter a little elf skirt with bells for a school play and my son a pair of white fleece pants to complete a snowman costume for a school musical when no white sweatpants were to be found.

When lock down began, I made 100s of masks for organizations that were asking for them, that, along with a new friend that was a quilter, segued into wanting to start quilting.

I moved to STL in July of 2021, and shortly after that my father passed away. I had always wanted an embroidery machine, I think from my early days of hand embroidery and cross stitch, but I just don't have the eyes for that anymore (that's a long story for another time). So using part of my inheritance, I purchased a single needle embroidery machine. I now combine embroidery with quilting, but I have plans to start, and FINISH, several quilts that I have purchased materials for (without embroidery) in 2025 to clean up my sewing room.

**UFOs
Megan Buttery**

Make sure to finish up your UFOs for 2024 by the January 28th meeting. We will be determining the end 2024 winners on Wednesday January 29th.

2025 Ferguson Library Quilt Show

Registration is now open for the Ferguson Annual 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 attached registration form or in person at the library.

<https://forms.gle/ren7kZ1V1MwB22dp7>

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COVER OUR KIDS and MORE
Diana Priess, Coordinator
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Happy Holidays from the Cover Our Kids & More Committee!!

2024 has been a wonderful year for us! In November, we donated 42 quilts through our new program, "Forward Bound"! Additionally, 38 quilts were donated to Catholic Charities Family Services and 14 Bereavement Quilts were delivered to Mercy Children's Hospital!! Many hearts were warmed and reminded that someone Loves and Cares for them!!

This brings us to a total of **440(!)** Quilts donated for 2024!! Thank You So Much!!

Additionally, all our Quilt Kits have been claimed by our Bits Quilters!! We are thrilled that so many of you came forward to help us out - we went from over 100 to Zero!! Thank You! Thank You!!

We are looking forward to collecting your Pieced Quilt Tops again in January! Here are the COK Quilt Guidelines, which will also be available on our website:

Quilt Guidelines

Minimum Size: 36" by 36"

(Bereavement Quilts can be 24"x36")

Maximum Size: 84" by 84"

Seams along Outer Perimeter: Back Space or Sew a "Victory Lap" around perimeter of Pieced Top (this avoid seams separating when quilted)

Wash in Fragrance-Free Detergent, No Pet Hairs or Smoke Odor

Label on Reverse

Optional: Include Backing and/or Batting (Much Appreciated!)

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

Happy Holidays to One and All!!!!!!

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!!

