

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: JUNE 24, 2025



Danielle Cyvas

business Association. They continue to grow and thrive, focusing on faith, family, and community.



Warm N Cozy was founded by Debbie Chitty, Mother, and Danielle Cyvas. Daughter.

Since opening in 2016, Warm N Cozy has grown. The shop moved from the original location into a larger space, still on Main Street.

In 2019, Warm N Cozy was named the Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for Illinois by the Small Business Association.



Danielle will be presenting the many features of the Stripology. The Program and the workshop the following day 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!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patti Moreland, President
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Our May speaker, Suzanne Koenen, was such an inspiration. I left thinking about how vibrant my own workspace could be filled with jars of tiny scraps of color! What fun! What joy!

As we head into the second half of the year, we will have more great speakers and workshops, sew days, and parties (including our upcoming Watermelon Social).

Our guild is a wonderful place where I hope everyone can find inspiration, connection, and some joy, whether it be attending monthly meetings or in a mini group setting.

With so many new members we are hoping to offer new "mini group" opportunities. If you have an idea for a new group or want to start one, please don't hesitate to call and let me know. I will try to help you make it happen! My hope is that every guild member can find their way into a smaller group to get to know other quilters on a more personal level.

Thank you all for stepping up to help others find Joy!

Patti Moreland
President

MEMBERSHIP

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We enjoyed a very HAPPY hour a couple of weeks ago with several of our new members. It was great getting to know each other and talk about how our guild can welcome and get our newest members involved.

Look on our website for the updated membership list with all renewed and new members listed. Hope to see you all at the meetings....Guests are always welcome! Guest fee is \$2 unless we have a national speaker and then the fee is \$5. Wear that nametag to meetings and you too can take an attendance prize ticket and a piece of candy! ☺
Happy Summer!

Thanks,
Karen Grogan and Beth Roehm

GUILD MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2025

Valerie Maule, Secretary

The meeting started off with a presentation from Suzanne Koemen – An Artful Journey.

Business Meeting

Changes in meeting dates:

The minutes from the April 22, 2025 meeting were approved and seconded.

Our July 22, 2025 meeting will be a Watermelon Social. Start time is 6:00pm. Sign up to bring a salad or dessert. There will be a Dessert Raffle.

The June & July guild meetings will start with a Show & Tell at 6:45pm. The monthly presentation will begin at 7:00pm. This is just a trial for these two months. Moving the time up should prevent the meetings from going late into the evening.

The November meeting date has changed to November 18, 2025.

The December meeting date will be held on December 9, 2025

Workshops

The June 24th Stripology Class is currently full. A waiting list has been started. If enough people are interested, a future workshop could be scheduled. Contact Nancy Sinise if you're interested.

A Laura Heine class may be scheduled for April or May 2026.

Cover our Kids - 197 quilts have been donated to 4 different agencies. Thank you to all who donated quilts.

Retreats

1) The May 2-5, 2025 retreat at Itchin To Be Stitchin was successful. Projects were started, worked on and some completed over the weekend. Fun was had by all.

2) The next retreat is scheduled for June 20-23, 2025 at Itchin To Be Stitchin. There's still room available. Contact Teresa Basler to sign up. This will be the last retreat at Itchin To Be Stitchin for 2025.

Donations for Tornado Victims

City Sewing Room are taking donations. They are also making market bags to donate. Please help however you can.

Honor Flights

Thank you for the quilts for the veterans for the latest flight.

UFO's

The sister's encouraged all to finish one project by next month. Complete a form and be eligible for a participation award in June.

Membership

1) 108 members attended tonight's meeting. One new member and several visitors.

2) A new membership happy hour was held and enjoyed by all.

Think about starting a new small group of any kind.

Current Challenge

Harriett Zipfel Specific: The project must be black, white and one additional color. The size should be an increment of 3" length & 3" width, i.e., 3"X3", 6"X9", as large as 18"X18". No specification on the edge, your choice.

Support other Quilt Shows

There will be a quilt show on June 7 & 8, 2025 in Belleville, IL at the Whiteside Middle School.

Show & Tell

Minutes taken by
Teresa Basler substituting for Valerie Maule

ROUTE 66 EXHIBIT BOOK AND SCHEDULE

After a very long process, we are excited to announce the Route 66 exhibit book is published and ready to order. We are doing a special one-time large order; after that, books will be available print-on-demand. Order form is attached. If you have questions, please contact Candy Grisham or Wendy Richards directly.

Also we wanted to get this info out for planning purposes for October. We will be hanging the exhibit for the month. There is also a quilt show and exhibit possibility for all guild members. Please contact me directly with questions.

66 Exhibit Schedule and information for Crossroads Gallery October 2025

310 W. Pearce Blvd (lower level) Wentzville, MO 63385

- Tuesday September 24: Hang the exhibit — will need a crew for this
- Sunday October 5 2pm - 4pm Artists Reception
- Tuesday October 28: Take down the exhibit — will need a crew for this

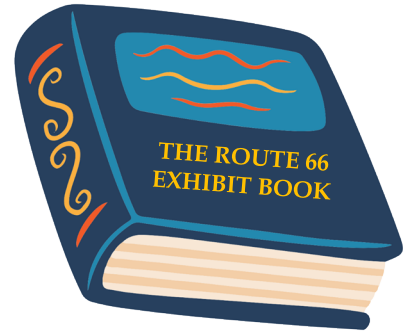
Does anyone want to do a gallery talk during the month?
Other opportunities during that month:

Pieces of the Heart Quilt Show Oct 16 - 18 info and entry form:

<https://www.crossroadsartscouncil.org/event/pieces-of-the-heart-quilt-show/>

From gallery: The gallery competition for artists that month is also themed Route 66. If any of your artists want to compete in that, they are welcome to do so, those pieces have to be 12 x 12 or smaller. There is a charge of \$6 per entry for members and \$12 per entry for non-members. Drop off Tues 9/24, pick up Tues 10/28. These pieces can be for sale, gallery takes 15%.

Thank you,
Wendy/Candy





Jean Weber, Coordinator

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Thankfully this month there were no reported Shadows!

Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild 2025 Challenge

Harriett Zipfel - 2r2tnoe@gmail.com

This year the theme is black and white and red all over! Well, not exactly. This year your challenge is to select black and white fabrics and pair them with a fabric the color of your choice.

Guidelines:

- The fabrics can be solids or prints.
- You chose the color of fabric you want to pair with black and white.
- The quilt dimensions can range from 3" to 18". No quilt should be greater than 18" on a side.
- Quilts should measure in increments of 3", so 3", 6", 9", 12", and 18" are acceptable dimensions.
- Quilts must consist of three layers. Three dimensional quilts will be accepted.
- Quilts that do not meet these guidelines will not be eligible for vote or awards. (But we can display and admire your work anyway!)

Due Date:

The **November 2025** Guild meeting.

Awards:

The membership at the November 2025 meeting will vote for first, second and third place quilts. Prizes will be awarded to the people who made the top three quilts.

SUMMER. . . A TIME OF FOOD, FUN, FRIENDS, AND THE SALAD SUPPER . . .

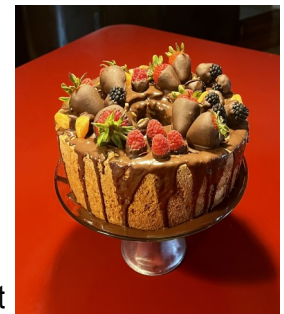
Christine Orbals says, "I have been asked to **"Chair" the July Salad Supper** this summer

which we are calling a Watermelon Social, complete with watermelon, games, opportunities to meet new members and make new friendships!" Although I am the Chair it is indeed a group effort by all the members of the Quilt with heART facet of Bits.



Recognizing that Bits has many "mini groups" that do much for our community we have accepted a request by the COK and Scraps mini groups to also use this venue as a way to help support their growing need for batting! As you are aware Scraps and COK donated over 500 quilts in 2024 and the need continues to grow.

With that in mind our Watermelon Social will include a Dessert Raffle with many donated delicious desserts that will be offered in a raffle for cash and batting. At the May Bits meeting you will hear more about the Watermelon Social and we will have a place at the table offering a "taste" of the Dessert raffle. We will have a cake to be raffled and won the night of the May meeting!



So dig those quarters and crumpled up dollars out of your change jar (we all have them!) and bring them and batting to the Watermelon Social in July, we look forward to you helping support one of our own mini groups.

During the May and June meetings you will hear so much more about this special event and you can enter the special Dessert raffle for \$1 a ticket!

2025 GUILD RETREATS

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Reasons to attend a Retreat:

- ♥ focus on a project(s) with no distractions?
- ♥ meet friendly guild members.
- ♥ all skill levels welcome.
- ♥ great way to learn something new or share experience.
- ♥ get-a-way weekend
- ♥ finish up UFO's.

We still have openings for the **June** retreats at Itchin To Be Stitchin, (short drive-just an hour away from St. Louis) Address: 18130 Ranken Rd., Staunton, IL 62088 PHONE: 618-635-2429

Friday, June 20-Monday, June 23, 2025 – One or two rooms available.
Could be used as a single or share a room.

For three nights:

Sharing a room with a friend(s), \$65.00 per night; per person TOTAL \$195 for 3 nights - **Deposit \$97.50**

Private room, \$130.00 per night/TOTAL \$390 for 3 nights - **Deposit \$195.00**

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

Teresa Basler - Guild Retreat Coordinator (314) 550-2496

UFO Challenge

Rita Nyhoff ranyhoff@att.net
Jane Dapkus dapkusje@gmail.com

Mark June 30 on your calendar! It's the deadline to finish your UFO's for the first half of 2025.

See us at the June meeting or send us an email. Size and how you quilted is all we need. We do love seeing them at Show and Tell, but it's not a requirement.

That's the only deadline we have. You can submit a new list or add to your list at any time. We're all about easy!! Come see us!

Any questions, ask the UFO sisters,
Rita Nyhoff or Jane Dapkus

Hermann Farm Heritage Festival

Hermann Farm, a living history museum operated by Jim and Mary Dierberg and the Dierberg Educational Foundation, will be holding its 2025 Heritage Festival on September 27 in Hermann, Missouri. This will be the third year we have held the event and we will continue the tradition of a day filled with history and fun, set in the beautiful rolling hills of Hermann Farm.

Last year we included the Hermann area's local quilt guild, Nimble Thimbles, with a quilt display and raffle. They are unable to participate this year, so we are reaching out to your group to see if you would be interested in displaying and selling your quilts. The quilt show is held within the Farm's beautiful Stone Barn, which is built in the style of historic stone barns that were found in the area in the 1800's. Last year the Nimble Thimbles displayed about 50 quilts and held a raffle for attendees.

The Festival also features a Deutsch Country Market in the barn including vendors displaying and selling historic craft items. Other activities scheduled for the festival include demonstrators, children's scavenger hunt, visits with the Farm's Shire draft horses, live music, speakers, home tours, food and drink, and so much more. An exciting addition to this year's festival is the participation of the Missouri Civil War Reenactors' Association (MCWRA). Members of the MCWRA will be set up in encampments on the Farm grounds with battles scheduled throughout the day. Hermann Farm staff is so excited for this annual event and we hope you will be able to contribute to our living history. Please let us know if your group would be interested in participating.

Thank you, Eric & Susan Nichols

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

Diana Priess, Coordinator
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What Generous Hearts our Guild Members have, creating and making So Many Beautiful Quilts for Children & More in need! We donated a total of 97(!) Quilts in April and May!! WooHoo!!!

Twenty-seven quilts went to Angels' Arms, providing and supporting Foster Care for so many children who don't have a home. These foster parents give tirelessly to so many children without homes. Some of our quilts were presented to some of the Foster Moms on Mothers Day, and they were clearly appreciated! The remainder went to some of the foster children. The recipients had tears in their eyes. They were so grateful! Angels Arms supports so many Foster Homes! One Foster Mom and Dad has cared for foster children for many years. This couple hangs a photo of each child on the walls in their home. They have cared for more than 80(!) foster children through the years! Incredible Dedication!!

We also donated 17 quilts to the Queen of Peace Center. These quilts were given to Moms and Children who are sadly victims of abuse. Some of them will also be used for Silent Auction baskets at their Annual Gala Benefit to raise additional funds for their center. After the horrible storm this past month, their center was without power. We had just so happened to schedule our delivery the Monday after the storm. Even though it was a warm day, they were thrilled to see our quilts as a reminder that they are not forgotten.

We also delivered 32 quilts to the children and families at the new St. Louis Ronald McDonald House. What an amazing service they provide for families with children in our local hospitals! These families live extended distances away, sometimes from a foreign country, arriving with very little resources. The Ronald McDonald Foundation provides them with a place to stay, a hot shower, and daily meals to sustain them through their child's illness. Most importantly for us to know is that each time we "round up" with a purchase at one of our local McDonalds, we are supporting our very own Ronald McDonald House here in St. Louis. All of those monies at every McDonalds from Arnold to Belleville go directly to our Ronald McDonald House here!

We also delivered 21 quilts to Good Shepherd Children & Family Services. They shelter young and expectant Moms who have no place to go. Many have not completed high school. They are given a small room of their own, provided daily meals, and supported emotionally, usually until their baby is born. They attend classes at the center, with the goal to make sure each leaves with a diploma, good parenting skills, and marketable skills to obtain employment, as well as a home to call their own. It is quite a ministry with high expectations, but they step up to the task every day. We were thrilled to be able to support their ministry in our small way.

The St. Louis Catholic Archdiocese has reached out to us, asking if we can provide quilts for their annual Christmas party given each year for the families they support. We donated quilts to them last year, but not quite enough to meet the need. The families were so grateful! This year their party is in early December, so we will be delivering our quilts to them in time to provide for each family. The need is so great! They are asking if we can provide 65(!) quilts this year so that each family receives one quilt! The need is great but we can do it!!

Thank You All So Much for stepping up to address so Many Children and Families in need! At our May Guild Meeting, we received 39(!) Finished Quilts! - Quilted, Bound, Labeled, and Washed!!!! And we received 46(!) Pieced Tops - some with Backing included!! This represents many hours of creating and sewing, and we so appreciate your Dedication!!

Our COK Committee was very busy at our June meeting, preparing Kits for Quilting (46 in all!). These will be available for you at our next Guild Meeting on Tuesday, June 24th. Hope to see You there!!

The following page is just some of the beautiful quilts COK has received.

Diana Priess

SOME OF THE PHOTOS OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL QUILTS FOR COK





WATERMELON SOCIAL DESSERT RAFFLE

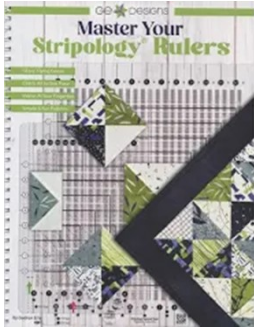
Quilt with heART would like to thank everyone for their support of COK, Scraps and Flights of Honor by purchasing raffle tickets and participating in our first ever Watermelon Social Dessert Raffle at the May Bits meeting.

At the May meeting we had seven members sign-up to contribute a dessert to be included in the July dessert raffle where 20 members will take home and share a dessert with their family and friends. Your contribution of a bought or homemade dessert to be used in the raffle and all the funds raised by the purchase of raffle tickets will be donated to COK, Scraps, and Flights of Honor. Raffle tickets will again be sold at the June Bits meeting and the July Watermelon Social each only \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. All members of the Bits mini group, Quilt with heART are looking forward to making this event fun for all!

This is just a "taste" of the fun we have planned for you at the July 22 Watermelon Social (aka Salad Supper). We hope at our June Bits meeting everyone will continue to sign-up to share dinner, fun and time with new and old friends.

Bit n Pieces 2025 Workshops
By Candyce Grisham

Many opportunities for everyone this year with four different workshops scheduled.
Contact Candy Grisham at candyce54@mail.com for signups or at meetings.



June 25th, 2025, Master your Stripology Ruler \$20 Salem Methodist 9:30-4:00
Stripology is full but another class is available. If you want to be on that wait list please contact Candy Grisham at Candyce54@gmail.com
Danielle from Warm n Cozy (Columbia, IL) is doing a full day workshop “**Master Your Stripology Ruler.**” This workshop 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, 9:30- 4:00 Salem Methodist Church
Pattern & foundation kit fee \$22, Workshop \$25 Total: \$47
Leila Gardunia will be doing a full day workshop **Mini Mirrored Diamonds** teaching beautiful foundation piecing with one of her patterns. Pattern required.

Improve your foundation paper piecing skills and play with color and layout options while making the Mini Mirrored Diamonds quilt. The quilt is made with four different foundation paper-pieced half-rectangle triangles in three sizes. Students will receive instruction on foundation paper piecing and will be able to arrange their blocks to make many modern secondary designs.

October 29, 2025
Erin Grogan
Big Stitch Quilting


Erin Grogan will have a 2 hour workshop on **Big Stitch Quilting**. Something many have wanted to learn and what a great opportunity to see ideas, threads and a demo.



March 27th & April 10th, 2026 – 2 day Laura Heine Class – led by Alice Hein
Sign ups will begin in August 2025

FANFARE OF QUILTS - March 15-16, 2025

If interested in purchasing one of these attractive and commemorative aprons from our 2025 Fanfare of Quilt show, click on the link provided below.



Dark Grey

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Canvas Apron

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