

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: AUGUST 26, 2025

Trunk Show – Kaffe Fassett Fabric Quilts Presented by Cheryl Reinagle and Cookie Little



Cheryl says, "Most of our inspiration *Fassett Collective*, with over 100,000 Members are so helpful, providing answers to questions we have about quilts, a pattern, or technique."

comes from a Facebook group, *Kaffe* members from all over the world.

"Constant use has not worn ragged the fabric of their friendship." – Dorothy Parker

"This quote surely describes us!" says Reinagle. She made *Trip Around the World* at 18 with help from her grandmother. Her first "Kaffe" quilt was in 2012.

Little began quilting without a pattern making baby quilts. One was made from embroidery blocks she had stitched as a child. She also stitched around the printed designs in the fabrics she chose. Her first "Kaffe" quilt was in 2013, *Just Too Easy*.

Kaffe Fassett Collective fabrics, even though designed by three people, go well together because of their color choices.

These fabrics even blend with all the prior fabrics through the years.



Both quilters love the bright and bold surface design. "We enjoy having sew days together, and we love cooking together on those days, too. It's our hope that our quilt collections will become heirloom treasures someday," says Reinagle.

Together, they have traveled twice to the Houston International Quilt Festival, and every year they attend Annual American Quilter's Society (AQS) Quilt Show each spring in Paducah, Kentucky.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patti Moreland, President

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A Special Thanks to all members of the "Quilt with heART" mini group for a fun and memorable salad supper and watermelon social! What a nice summer break !

Can you believe it? Half the year is over... with so much fun ahead. I can't wait to see the Kaffe Fassett Trunk Show at our August Meeting. And then workshops in both September (Leila Gaurdunia) and October (Big Stitch with Karen Grogan). And a special COK Fun Sew Day learning how to use our domestic machines to Quilt. Then get ready for the "Challenge reveal" in November and our Holiday Party in December!!

Which leads us to a New Year! I will be asking for volunteers for a nominating committee at the next meeting. We have two officer positions to fill for 2026-2027. The Vice President and the Secretary.

We also have a few committee chairs that will be open for the next year.

So here's your chance to step up and get involved! Or if you are already involved.. to get more involved!

Looking forward to seeing you at the August Meeting!

Patti Moreland
President-Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild

**June Minutes are
now available.
Please see next
page.**

JUNE Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Meeting

June 24, 2025

Valerie Maule, Secretary

President Patti Moreland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There were approx. 100 people in attendance.

SHOW AND TELL

Started at 6:45 p.m.

PRESENTER (7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)

Danielle Cyvas from Warm N Cozy Quilting demonstrated various ways to cut fabric with a Stripology ruler.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Jane Dodge and Chris Williams approved the minutes from the May meeting.

TREASURER (Kay Stevenson)

Introduced 2 new forms that should be used for the following:

Check request

Income submittal

They are located on the website.

MEETING TIME CHANGES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Reminder

November meeting date has been changed to November 18, 2025

December meeting date has been changed to December 9, 2025.

The location remains the same.

WATERMELON SOCIAL (Christine Ortvals)

A "Watermelon Social" will take place on July 22.

The theme of the social is a summer picnic with games and prizes.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for food donations.

The event will start at 6 p.m.

Location - Salem Methodist Church at 14825 Manchester Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011

WORKSHOPS (Candy Grisham)

Danielle from Warm n Cozy will be hosting a Stripology Ruler workshop June 25.

There was an announcement regarding 2 cancellations, but they were immediately filled at the meeting.

RETREATS (Teresa Basler)

The June retreat at Itchin to be Stichin was a good time for all.

Currently looking for a retreat in the fall.

UFO's (Jane Dapkus and Rita Nyhoff)

End of June is the cut-off for the last 6 months.

The next session starts in July.

Prizes will be awarded.

HOLIDAY PARTY (Diane King)

There will be an ornament swap at the holiday party.

Everyone needs to bring one handmade ornament – there must be a sewing element involved.

QUILT CONTEST

Reminder- the theme of the contest is *black, white and one color*

The quilts are due at the November meeting.

Members will vote and prizes will be awarded.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

100 people in attendance.

Attendance prizes were donated by Warm N Cozy.

THE MOVING COMPANY (Mary Lou Knox)

She is having a difficult time getting enough volunteers to help set up and take down after the meeting.

Please consider helping.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Bits 'N' Pieces Celebrates Amy Kerkemeyer Cherrywood Challenge Finalist 2025 By Kathleen Strebeck, BnP Member

There were 4 known entrants from our Guild for the Cherrywood Challenge 2025, themed "The Abyss". Each year since 2014, Cherrywood Fabrics in Baxter, MN has sponsored an increasingly prestigious quilt competition entitled 'The Cherrywood Challenge'. Various themes over the last 10 years have been: Wicked, Lion King, Van Gogh, Prince, Bob Ross, Diana, Graffiti, Monarch, and Poppy. This year the theme is The Abyss which encouraged quilters to consider "creatures from the deep." The only fabric allowed on the front of the quilt are those included in the 8 fat-quarter bundle (\$56) supplied on order from Cherrywood when you decide you want to give it a shot. The quilts must be 20"x20" and should be inspired by the theme. Any technique is allowed, and any embellishments may be used. Lastly, they encourage the quilters to be creative and design a quilt that will be loved and will make the quilter happy.

Amy Kerkemeyer created a quilt entitled "The Tentacles Reach". It features a SCUBA diver which is being enveloped by the arm of a giant squid/octopus. Her interpretation was sparked by a scene from the TV series 'Rings of Power', which features an ominous deep-sea creature with twisting tentacles. That image haunted Amy and became the inspiration for her piece. She went through several revisions and finally shaped her concept into the quilt shown in the first photo below. It's an amazing piece that received the nod from the jury that her quilt is a Finalist and will tour the U.S. in 2025 and 2026 starting at the Houston International Quilt Market and Show in Houston in October! This is Amy's second submission to the Cherrywood Challenge; both times she has been successful in becoming a finalist. She notes that she loves the Cherrywood color palettes, which also simplifies that part of the design process as the colors are beautiful, preselected, hand-dyed fabrics. Congratulations, Amy!

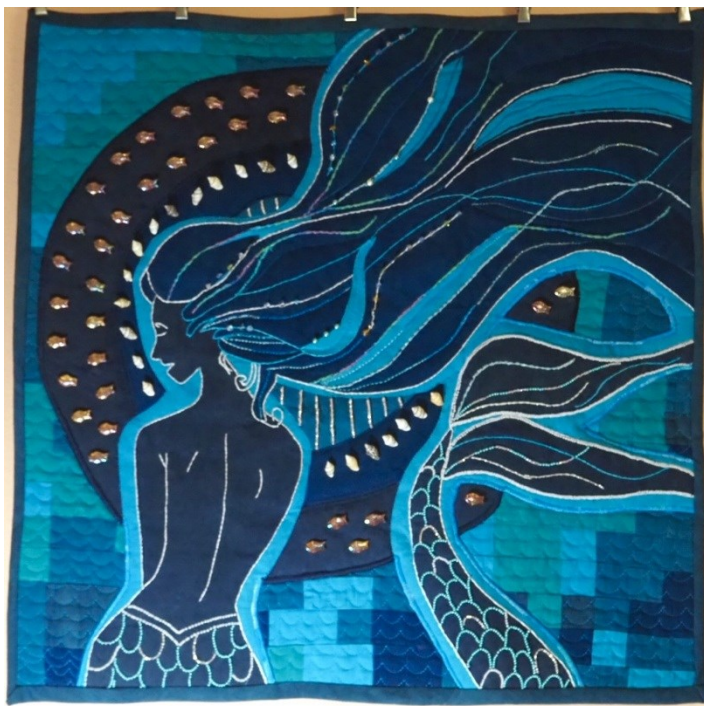
Kay Strebeck, this author, did a quilt entitled "The Dragonfish: King of the Abyss" which is the second photo. For her inspiration, she channeled her imagination. She thought about going into the uncharted waters of the ocean and meeting a new creature that would scare anybody, all the time. The Dragonfish was born. She wrote a poem about the dreaded dragonfish which appears on the label on the back. The techniques used were applique and machine quilting. Her quilt did NOT get a 'thumbs up' from Cherrywood's jurors. However, she and the others can enter this quilt in many other shows; and it will certainly be placed in the next BnP show in March 2027! This Kay's third submission to the Cherrywood Challenge.

Dinah Marchand also did a magnificent, original piece entitled "Yemaya" of an African goddess named Yemaya that presents herself as a mermaid. Her colors are blue, white, and silver. She is the mother of fish. She protects women and children. The symbolism in her piece are the fish, shells (which are a gift to Yemaya), and the silver bead bars which represent the enslavement of the African people who were taken from Africa and sold as slaves in the United States. On their journey, the enslaved prayed to Yemaya for safety and security. The techniques she used were hand embroidery, beading (all the beads were put on one at a time), and domestic machine quilting.

Lastly, **Cindy Bell Neville, our BnP trained oceanographer, did a fantastic piece based in reality and science. Her quilt is entitled "Night Lights"**. She states that deep in the abyss where there is no light, and most critters are bioluminescent. You may have heard of the larger such denizens, but there are many, many very tiny creatures called plankton. Cindy chose to portray these tiny marvels in thread and beads. The featured creatures include: larvae of a crab, lobster, and snail, a juvenile jewel squid, a Cyclops and a jellyfish. Her techniques included improvisational curved piecing, contour quilting, and beading. These four quilters would likely agree that doing a Cherrywood Challenge quilt requires enthusiasm for the theme, creativity, lots of time, and a love of art quilting. The Cherrywood Challenge theme for 2026 has been announced; it is "Storytime." The narrative encourages the quilter to think of your favorite classic book that you just had to read over and over again as a child. The old storybooks had a unique illustrative style, paper, colors, feel and smell. The due date has been moved up to 15 February 2026; in the past the cutoff date was 15 May. The other rules remain the same. There are eight colors in the curated bundle of fabrics (rust, mango, goldenrod, caramel, sepia, misty aqua, and jade), and there is an optional sketchbook bundle of 4 more colors (charcoal, mahogany, taupe, and buttercream). You may visit the details of this and the other Cherrywood Challenges at: <https://cherrywoodfabrics.com/collections/challenges>. Connection...Imagination...Nostalgia...Cherrywood Fabrics encourages you to recreate that special memory for the Challenge in 2026

Pictures of quilts on following page.

Cherrywood Challenge Finalists 2025



Sunshine Shadow

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Elaine Smith sailed through her mouth surgery on July 14th. She will start radiation in one month and that goes well also.

Let's show Elaine we are thinking of her through our thoughts, prayers, and emails.

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!)

Reminder that the challenge is due at the November meeting. Any size that is a multiple of 3. So 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 inches. 18" is the maximum length and 3" is the minimum length of any side. Black and white plus one color. Embellishments may be any color.

Harriett

WATERMELON SOCIAL - BIG HIT



The Guild Watermelon Social was a great time to make new friends and renew old friendships. Our newest members are excited to continue having opportunities to get to know their fellow guild members. Many of the small groups that meet in homes have to put a limit



on the number in their group because of space limitations....BUT.... someone can always start a *new* group! Perhaps it's a block exchange group, a new-to-quilting group that teaches tips and tricks, or a coffee or happy hour group that meets one day/evening a month. New members, old members or in between, anyone can start a new group. So many want to be in a

small group and bond with other members- the desire is there. If you have an idea or are willing to start a new group please contact one of us and let's talk!

See you at our meeting in August.....remember to wear your name tag!! Happy Summer!

It was a very fun night. Great job Quilt with heART group!

Lots of Fun and Laughter! From the moment you walked in the door, and were greeted by a cheerful member of Quilting with HeArt, you knew you were in for a good time indeed! Every moment was a delight and once again reminded me how grateful I am to have found Bits 'n Pieces!!



Lovely evening! The games, prizes, salads, desserts, meeting new friends, everything was delightful! Thank you!

It was a very fun evening and well planned with lots of fun things to do. I liked the random seating assignments as it allowed us to meet people we didn't know. And that was especially good for a newbie like me who didn't know other members.

Great laughs and fun and visiting with new friends and old friends! Loved the games, the table decor was sooo pretty, and the salads and desserts were terrific!

Thanks so much to the members of Quilt with heART for the memorable salad supper and watermelon social!

Watermelon Social Dessert Auction

Through the generosity of our dessert donations and all who purchased tickets, we raised \$372 for our charity quilt teams, the funds will be equally shared. Thank you to Kathie and Tamra for selling tickets! Thank you all so much for your BIG hearts! Our lucky winners were:

Rose Diringer	Wendy Richards	Karen Grogan
Mary Jo Voltz	Patti Rudolph	Jamis Kresyman
Mary Lou Knox	Judie Benedum	Amy Santhuff
Judy Vogt (2)	Fran Swaney	Linda Reel
Susan Calzone	Velinda DeWitt	Chris Ortvals
Joyce Zepp	Jane Dodge	Teresa Basler
Beth Roehm	Barb Tucker	

Have you wanted to learn the collage basics?
How to make journals, use pens, paint, and ink?
Then this Hands-on class is for you.

COLLAGE: The Basics

Mondays: September 8 – 15- 22-29

1 pm to 3pm

Cost is \$20.00 per session

Payment is due by 9/8.

All levels of creativity welcome

Instructed by **Karen Turner, Mix Media Fiber Artist**

314-703-3875 KBS4@AOL.COM

At the St Peters Cultural Art Center in THE Art Room
St Peters Centre Blvd

The class will cover different papers, paints, pens, stamping, and inking.

Mondays, four separate classes

You can take one or two, three or four.

1. Class 1: paper.
2. Class 2: inking stamping
3. Class 3: pens, the paints and inks
4. Class 4: will use your creative papers and make a journal.

Note each class is separate content or combined to make a journal.

Supplies are included.

UNEXPECTED “MEET UP” DURING VACATION

Beth Roehm was on vacation visiting a quilt shop and ran into 3 other ladies from our guild! It was in Sisters, Oregon, at the 50th Annual Sisters outdoor quilt show.



SAVE THE DATE!

COK Sew Fun Day: “Quilting with Your Domestic”

Come learn various Tricks and Turns and Techniques of quilting your pieced top on your Domestic Machine!

Date: Monday, October 6, 2025

Time: TBD

Location: Salem at Ballwin United Methodist Church

Bring: Lunch, or plan to order out

(No need to bring your sewing machine, as this day will include multiple learning stations)

Plan: Come ready to have Lots of Fun and Laughter!

Games and Snacks and Prizes will be ongoing throughout our day together!!

Stay Tuned: Sign Up Genius coming soon for this event!!

Hope to see You there!!

2025 GUILD RETREATS

Teresa Basler
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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.

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)
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UFO Challenge

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Reminder that you can add to your UFO list or submit a new list, either at a meeting or emailing to either of us. The form is on the website or just email us a list. We're also happy to answer questions.

We'll shortly be doing the calculations to see who qualifies for mid-year awards which we'll be handing out at the August meeting. So exciting!

A useful resource that contains good ideas for organizing UFOs can be found at <https://jacquelynnesteves.com/tame-your-ufos/> and enter your name in the box; you'll receive a PDF link via email. The 'price' you pay is giving up your email address. But, if the subsequent messages from her are annoying, simply unsubscribe.

Good work checking those UFOs off your list! We look forward to seeing your finished quilts.

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

The Route 66 Exhibit News

- Books are here! If you ordered a book, they will be available for pick up at the three art group regular August meetings and then at the August Bits guild meeting. Books can now be purchased directly at [lulu.com](https://www.lulu.com). Search by the book name: Route 66 2026 Centennial Celebration ART Quilt Project to find and purchase.
- Exhibit will be at Crossroads Gallery in Wentzville, MO for the month of October. Opening reception Sunday Oct 5 2-4pm. There is also a quilt show in Wentzville Oct 16, 17, & 18.
- Schedule for exhibits in 2026
 - May 3-4 Rockford Quilt Show, Rockford, IL
 - June 11-13 Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Show Springfield, MO
 - July/Aug/Sept Red Cedar Inn and Visitor Center Pacific, MO
 - Oct 6 - Nov 13 History Museum on the Square Springfield, MO



COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

Diana Priess, Coordinator
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Just look at how greatly appreciated
your efforts are to make quilts for COK
in this "Thank You" card from Crisis



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April 9, 2025

Ms. Joyce Zepp
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Joyce and Friends,

The Saint Louis Crisis Nursery is honored that the Bits 'n Pieces Quilt Guild chose to generously gift us with \$3,225 from your charity raffle, as well as heartfelt, handmade quilts for Nursery children. We are *so grateful* for the donation, as well as the time and care devoted to the Crisis Nursery through the creation of each precious quilt! Your donation will make a direct impact on the lives of vulnerable children in our community.

Each year, thousands of local children, birth to age 12, visit the Crisis Nursery when their safety is at risk. Through 24/7 nurturing care, we strive to create an environment where children feel comfortable and loved. Children staying at the Nursery receive nutritious meals and snacks, a new outfit to wear during their stay, a cozy bed to sleep in each night, a medical exam, Art, Play, Music and Occupational Therapy services, and take-home supplies like food, diapers, and other essentials.

For 39 years, the Crisis Nursery has remained open and available to families in crisis and our services continue to be vital for families in our area experiencing emergencies like homelessness, domestic violence, extreme parental stress, and more. The Crisis Nursery's 24-Hour Helpline and follow-up support through our Family Empowerment Program ensure that no matter what a family is going through, they have support along the way.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting our mission to prevent child abuse and neglect and build strong families. We know that it takes a village to complete this work, and we are very thankful you have chosen to be part of ours!

Sincerely,

Molly
What an incredible impact you have made to support Crisis Nursery kids - thank you so much!

Molly Brown, LPC
Chief Executive Officer

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Wonderful Things 100 Years of King Tutankamen



Wonderful Things - 100 Years of King Tutankamen

It has been such a privilege to be a part of the journey of this award winning art quilt by **Art Bits STL**.

This Masterpiece- is bound for two more AQS shows.

Grand Rapids, MI in August
Lancaster, PA in September.

... and

Pedigree so far:

Bits n Pieces show March 2023 - best Art Quilt, 3rd place Viewers' Choice International Quilt Festival Houston - November 2023 - Viewers' Choice Pacific International Quilt Show - January 2024 - 2nd place Innovative Quilts.

Road to California, summer 2024

AQS Daytona - February 2025

AQS Branson - March 2025

AQS Paducah - April 2025

Upcoming

AQS Grand Rapids

AQS Lancaster

Bit n Pieces 2025 Workshops
By Candyce Grisham

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

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 27 & April 10, 2026

2 day Laura Heine Class – led by Alice Hein

Sign ups will begin in August 2025

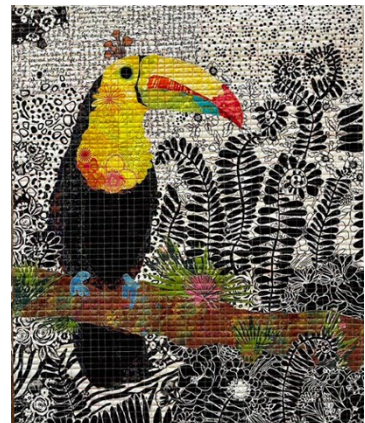
Alice Hein – Laura Heine Certified Collage Instructor

2 day workshop:

10-3:30 each day, Salem Methodist Church, \$65



Cactus Queen




Tiki

Please see the supply list for pattern choices. Alice would like us to limit ourselves to the patterns listed. She will bring supplies or they are available at Jackman's Fabrics or online from Fiberworks (www.fiberworks-heine.com).

FANFARE OF QUILTS APRONS

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

Khaki

Canvas Apron

\$25.00

color

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SKU: Apr/Bit Category: [Apron](#)

Description

Additional information

Description

One Size
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Choose Color

To order, click on this link:

<https://bitsnpiecesguild.com/product/canvas-apron/>