

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER 23, 2025



Leila Gardunia **Quilter, Author, Designer**

Leila Gardunia started quilting 23 years ago after her friend made her go to a Block of the Month Club at their local quilt shop. She was hooked after making her first quilt block and hasn't looked back.

In 2015 Leila co-authored ***"You Can Quilt! Building Skills for Beginners"*** and published her first

scrappy foundation pieced triangle patterns in 2018. She has recently released a series of pre-printed foundation pads for her popular paper pieced Scrappy Triangle and Scrappy Mountain quilt blocks.



Leila enjoys designing epic samplers and scrappy foundation paper-pieced patterns, and thinks there is nothing better than playing with scraps in her basement sewing space while listening to audiobooks.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patti Moreland, President
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Dear Guild Members,

I love all the changes this time of year brings to our lives, especially here in the Midwest. Brisk morning walks with cooler temperatures, Kids/grandkids back in school, fall colors popping out... it makes me want to finish that fall table runner.

But change isn't always welcome. Like shorter days... or survey results that aren't what you might have hoped for.

As most of you saw in the results of the survey sent out on September 4th, a clear majority of Guild members are in favor of a new 6:30 pm Start Time, Show n Tell at the beginning of the meeting and Seating at Tables & Chairs along with extra rows of chairs. Your input was truly appreciated, as I could see pros and cons for all of the options. And if these changes cause you personal hardship please accept my apology.

Starting this month we will incorporate these changes into our meetings. We will also try having committee tables out in the lobby to free up space in the meeting room. (Great suggestion Priscilla!)

We have so much to look forward to! I hope you will all join us for our exciting September presentation by Leila Gardunia.

Don't forget to finish your Challenge quilt for November and start thinking about the cute ornament you are going to make for our Christmas Exchange!

See you soon!

Patti Moreland
President-Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild

The Results of the Survey (Poll)

It is clear that the majority of Guild Members are in favor of:

- 1) A new 6:30 start time*
- 2) Show n Tell at the beginning of the meeting*
- 3) Seating at a combination of tables & chairs... along with extra rows of chairs.*

The added suggestion of having committee tables out in the lobby was also slightly favored.

We will implement these changes at the September meeting.

Please know that I am always open to new suggestions. And that we will make additional changes if any of this ends up being too difficult to implement.

Thank you to everyone who provided input.

- Patty Moreland

UFO Challenge

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

First half 2025 Winners

- 1st Place- Theresa Latore
- 2nd Place - Eileen Finkel
- 3rd Place- Chris Williams
- 4th place- Carol Spindler
- 5th Place - Ruth Grimes

Join in the UFO fun.

Send your UFO list to us. It's never too late to enter or add to your list.

You can get the satisfaction of finishing at least one or more of your projects!

UFO Sisters
Rita Nyhoff and Jane Dapkus

Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Meeting Minutes

August, 2025

Valerie Maule, Secretary

President Patti Moreland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
There were approx. 115 people in attendance.

SHOW AND TELL

Started at 6:45 p.m.

PRESENTER (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Chery Reinagle and Cookie Little presented their quilts made with Kaffe Fassett Fabrics.

Quilt Guild Business Meeting started at 8:10 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 2025 meeting – Nancy Peters. Tracy Back 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved.

UPDATES FROM PATTI MORELAND, President

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.

The dessert raffle from the Watermelon Social in July 2025 raised \$372. The money was split three ways and given to the following groups: Cover Our Kids, Scraps, and Honor Flights.

The guild donated money to the church to help defray the cost of the new TV used in the meeting room where the guild meetings are held.

A survey will be distributed via Facebook and email for feedback on meeting times, seating arrangements, and start time of Show and Tell.

Volunteers are needed for the nominating committee – Di Egberts volunteered

There are two open positions for 2026-2027 – Vice President and Secretary.

Volunteers are needed:

Committee chair for the quilt raffle of the 2027 Fanfare of Quilts.

Committee chair for Cover Our Kids.

PRESENTERS (Debbie Reynolds, Vice President)

September presenter will be Leila Gardunia

WORKSHOPS (Candy Grisham)

2 upcoming workshops.

Mini mirrored diamonds (Leila Gardunia) – 09/24 (\$47)

Big stitch (Erin Grogan) – 10/29 (\$20)

More information about the workshops can be found on the Bits n Pieces website.

MINI GROUPS

There are some openings for four different quilt groups.

Pieces of Friendship – meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

There is currently one slot open.

The meetings take place in member's homes.

Scraps – meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kits are available

All are welcome

RSVP ahead of time

A-Team (Judy Vogt) - meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Different ways to appliqueing

The meetings take place at Judy Vogt's home.

Art Quilters STL (Lori Feldman) – meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 pm. - 8 p.m.

Fiber art

Go to Art Quilters STL Facebook page – membership application must be filled out.

There are currently two slots open.

The meetings take place at the Metro West Firehouse on Henry Road.

UFO's (Jane Dapkus and Rita Nyhoff)

Prizes were given out to the winners of the most completed UFO's for the first half of 2025.

5 different prizes were awarded

QUILT CONTEST Challenge

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.

FANFARE OF QUILTS update

Will be held March 12-14, 2027, at Queeny Park

Guild member responsibilities

Have a quilt in the show

Volunteer to work the show

Assist with advertising (take flyers to quilt stores, etc.)

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

115 people in attendance.

12 Visitors and 4 new members

2 attendance prizes were awarded

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Valerie Maule, Secretary

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**

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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.

Link for Laura Heine Collages & Supplies

<https://www.fiberworks-heine.com>

Someone asked if left handed micro-serrated scissors are available. I found it! Tim Holt has them.

Anne Ibach on Facebook as Agile Jack on Pinterest and blog https://agilejack1.com/?ssp_iabi=1676562595072

Quilts - FrankenBags - Crumb Piecing - Bucket Hats

Here's the link for the shawls - downloadable patterns \$15. After purchase, they are added to private Facebook page that has lots of tips, techniques, and retreat info, too

<https://trendy-quilts-by-ana-galan.myshopify.com/>



"My Name is Gelata" by Julie Harris

I am fascinated by the beauty and gracefulness of jellyfish. When I heard about the Cherrywood Abyss Challenge, my first thought was to research jellyfish.

Although they are not actually fish, but instead considered Plankton, they are most often referred to as "jellies" or sea jellies" by scientists. They are found in every part of the ocean, and there are more than 3000 species ranging in size from microscopic to over 6 feet in diameter.

I named my jellyfish, "Gelata," which is the nickname for the species, gelatinous zooplankton.

The fabric in the Abyss challenge featured beautiful teal blues and greens, and what I really enjoyed were the "droplets" that came in the bundle. They provided the luminescence for the underbody of my jellyfish.

It was especially exciting to learn that my Abyss entry got an Honorable Mention Award.

2025 GUILD 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



Jean Weber, Coordinator
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Jean Weber: Her husband has a serious illness and has had spinal surgery and remains in the hospital. My response to sunshine and shadows matters may be delayed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Update: He got home from the hospital Saturday and is doing better. It's just going to be slow recovery.

Please support Jean and her family.

Lori Feldman: Bits member Lori Feldman will be presenting "All for Quilt Shops: 10 Smart Ways to Boost Sales, Save Time, and Stay Creative," at Quilt Market in Houston next month. Her class is #501 in the show directory and begins at 9:15am on Monday, October 6, for 1 hour. Stop by to say "Hi" or find her wandering the aisles the rest of the week.

Please congratulate Lori and if you are able to go to Houston, stop by and say, "Hi!"

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our four new members: Tee Perdue, Katherine Bozoian, Kandi Ruffner, and Karen Luebbert. We hope you will get involved in guild activities.

To our "seasoned" guild members....be looking for those cloth quilted hearts under name tags that help us recognize newer members and then welcome our newbies into our wonderful guild!

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 your nametag to meetings and then help yourself to an attendance prize ticket and a piece of candy!

Happy Autumn!!

Karen Grogan mgrogan11@att.net

Beth Roehm bethroehm57@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS PARTY ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Just a reminder that the exchange this year at the Christmas Party will be an **ornament**.

They can be quilted or embroidered or both.

Please add the year to the ornament if you can.

Thanks,
Diane King

2025 GUILD RETREATS
Teresa Basler
Guild Retreat Coordinator
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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

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

Diana Priess, Coordinator
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QUILTING WITH YOUR DOMESTIC MACHINE!

COK SEW FUN DAY - OCTOBER 6, 2025

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Ballwin United Methodist Church

WATCH FOR SIGNUP GENIUS (EMAIL) TO REGISTER!

TOPICS:

Edge-to-Edge Quilting with Your Embroidery Machine -
Patti Moreland

Walk this Way! Walking Foot Quilting - Marsha Bray & Ann Donze

Free Wheeling! Free Motion Quilting - Nancy Peters

Rule The Day! Ruler Quilting - Debbie Reynolds

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Finding the Motion in Free Motion! - Ruth Grimes

BRING:

Your Lunch, or Plan to Order Out (there will be a 45-minute lunch break)

PLAN FOR:

Lots of Fun & Laughter, Sweets & Snacks, & Games & Prizes
Lots of New Skills, Tricks, Turns, & Techniques to Up Your
Game!!!!

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW & DON'T MISS THIS
GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!!

AND IN OTHER NEWS . . .

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Here are the Stats on what we received at our August Guild Meeting...

57(!) Finished Quilts, Bound, Washed, & Labeled, Ready for Donation!

31 Pieced Tops, ready to be added to Kits for Quilting!

Also needed:

Plastic Bags, 24" by 24", or 18" by 24"

If you have some of these at home, we are happy to accept your donations.

THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS AND
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**Wonderful Things
100 Years of King Tutankamen**



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King Tutankhamen**

Awarded Honorable Mention Large Quilts stationery machine at the AQS show in Grand Rapids, MI in August.

He will next be displayed at the AQS Lancaster show later in September.

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

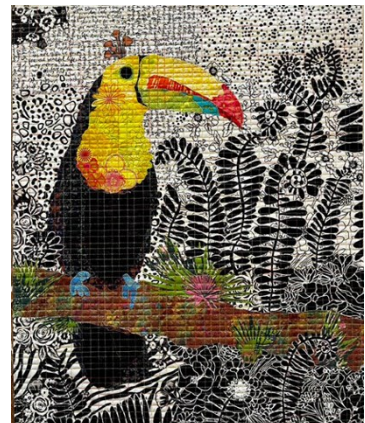
Alice Hein – Laura Heine Certified Collage Instructor

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
100% Cotton
Choose Color

To order, click on this link:
<https://bitsnpiecesguild.com/product/canvas-apron/>