



# *Fan Mail*

Salem Methodist Church ♥ 14825 Manchester Road ♥ Ballwin, MO  
[www.bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://www.bitsnpiecesguild.com)

## GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: OCTOBER 28, 2025



### **"Retro Curved Pieced Quilts Trunk Show" by Erin Grogan**

Erin Grogan is a modern quilt pattern designer and educator based in Northern Virginia. Erin founded her quilting company, Love Sew Modern, in 2020. She's known for nostalgic, vibrant, and playful quilt pattern designs and a supportive teaching style.

Erin has published over 30 quilt patterns, including in magazines such as Quilter's World and By Annie. Her book, *Retro Curved Pieced Quilts*, includes 15 retro inspired designs and tutorials on piercing curves, dresdens, and big stitch quilting.

She has taught quilting workshops across the United States and abroad, including most recently on a quilting cruise to the Caribbean, QuiltCon Phoenix, and Road to Virginia. Erin is passionate that every quilter is capable of learning to piece curves, they just have to find the right technique that works for them. During her workshops Erin excels at guiding students to discover their perfect curves technique and fosters students confidence for future projects

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Patti Moreland, President**  
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Dear Guild Members,

Thank you to everyone for "going with the flow" at September's Guild Meeting. I know that change isn't always easy...and there were plenty of change at the last meeting. I appreciated both the kind words many of you shared along with all of the constructive suggestions. I promise to consider your suggestions and make tweaks where we can.

Each month I am blown away by the quilts that are shared at Show n Tell! We are an amazing and talented group.

And we have a lot happening before the end of the year:

Our speaker and workshop presenter this month is Erin Grogan. I can't wait to see her "Retro Pieced Quilt Trunk Show"!

Next month, in **November**, we get to enjoy and vote on the Creative Black & White (plus a color) 2025 Challenge Quilts. (It's not too late to start your challenge quilt if you haven't already)...and

Then in **December** we will end the year with our Fun & Festive Holiday Party and sharing our hand-made ornaments.

I look forward to being with all of you again soon. Until then, Enjoy and let yourself be inspired by this beautiful Fall season!

Patti Moreland  
President-Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild

## **UFO Challenge**

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Jane Dapkus [dapkusje@gmail.com](mailto:dapkusje@gmail.com)

It's never too late to provide a new list or to add to your list. Simply stop by to see us at a meeting. Or email us a list.

We love seeing your finished work. So either show them at the meeting or email us a picture along with the dimensions and how it was quilted

Enjoy the good feeling of completing your quilts!! And don't forget the "valuable" Participation Prizes!!

UFO Sisters  
Rita Nyhoff and Jane Dapkus

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN . . .

Route 66 will be on exhibit in October at Crossroads Arts Gallery in Wentzville, MO.

This traveling exhibit features 66 art quilts depicting unique stops along historic Route 66.

**Route 66 2026 Centennial Celebration ART Quilt Project**

**October 2025  
Main Gallery Art Show**

**Gallery hours:  
Thurs. - Sun. 11-3**

Reception:  
Sun. October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025, 2 - 4 pm



**CROSSROADS ARTS COUNCIL**

310 W. Pearce Blvd., Wentzville, MO (lower level)  
Gallery Hours: Thurs. - Sun. 11-3  
[www.crossroadsartscouncil.org](http://www.crossroadsartscouncil.org)  
[crossroadsartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:crossroadsartscouncil@gmail.com)

## **Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Meeting Minutes**

**September 23, 2025**

**Valerie Maule, Secretary**

President Patti Moreland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
*There were approx. 129 people in attendance.*

### **SHOW AND TELL**

Started at 6:30 p.m. and ended at approx. 6:50 p.m.

### **PRESENTER (6:50 p.m. – 7:55 p.m.)**

Leila Gardunia's presentation was about modern traditionalism in quilt design. She also shared many examples of the quilts she had created.

**Quilt Guild Business Meeting started at 8:15 p.m.**

### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 2025 meeting – Di Egberts. Linda Whaley 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **UPDATES FROM PATTI MORELAND, President**

She provided some of the results from the survey she sent out in August

6:30 p.m. will be the new start time for the guild meetings

The seating has been changed to provide chairs up front and tables/chairs in the middle

Some of the committee tables will be moved to make more room inside the meeting area

There is still one open positions for 2026-2027 – Secretary  
Volunteers are needed:

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

Committee chair for Cover Our Kids

Save the date: Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show – March 12-14, 2027

### **PRESENTERS (Debbie Reynolds, Vice President)**

October presenter will be Erin Grogen

### **WORKSHOPS (Candy Grisham)**

2 upcoming workshops.

2 day quilted-coat workshop (Judy Vogt) – 10/8 and 11/12 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day (\$10)

Big stitch (Erin Grogen) – 10/29 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (\$20)

Both workshops take place at the Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church

### **2025 QUILT CHALLENGE (Harriet Zipfel)**

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

The quilts are due on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the quilt guild meeting

Deliver the challenge quilt by 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 so they can be hung prior to the meeting.

A few guild members volunteered to help with set-up, registration, and counting ballots.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place winners.

### **COK (Diana Priess)**

Oct. 6 – Sew Fun Day = “Quilting with Your Domestic”

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church

Reminder to NOT bring your sewing machines

Bring your own lunch or plan to order out

There will be learning stations, games, prizes, and lots of laughter.

Sign up through *signup genius* that was sent out earlier in the month.

### **UFO's (Jane Dapkus and Rita Nyhoff)**

Participation prizes were awarded

### **RAFFLE (Marsha Bray)**

3 prizes were awarded

Prizes were donated by Cotton Cuts (<https://www.cottoncuts.com>)

### **ATTENDANCE PRIZES**

129 people in attendance.

12 Visitors and 5 new members

Update: 257 current members of the Bits 'n' Pieces quilt guild

3 attendance prizes were awarded

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Valerie Maule

Valerie Maule, Secretary

## **COVER OUR KIDS and MORE**

**Diana Priess, Coordinator**

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### **Food for Thought**

What if ???????

And a Heart-Felt Plea.....

What if.....

All Donations to Cover Our Kids were Quilted, Bound, Labeled, and Washed, Ready for Volunteers to Deliver?

What if.....

Pieced Tops could be Quilted by Quilters found on a Resource List on our Website?

What if.....

Quilted Tops could be Bound by Volunteers on a Resource List on our Website?

What if.....

These are just a few of the ideas that have come forth for Cover Our Kids, and there are many more in the making.

Won't you be a part of the solution to making Cover Our Kids happen for 2026??

**Please, Please, Please let Patti Moreland know Your Ideas and that You are willing to help keep Cover Our Kids going! Please let her know your thoughts!**

**Patti and Cover Our Kids needs You and Your Ongoing Ideas!!**

What if??????

Just a Thought.....

### **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**

**Don't Baste that Turkey! Basting Techniques - Carol Spindler**

**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 . . .***

We had a Stellar Month, with ***Lots of Quilts Donated and Ready for Delivery*** to Lots of Kids & Families who just might need a Quilty Hug!!

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 DEDICATION IN MAKING COVER OUR KIDS A GREAT SUCCESS FOR SO MANY CHILDREN, TEENS, AND FAMILIES IN NEED!**

**YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!!!!**



**Jean Weber, Coordinator**  
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**Jean Weber:** Her husband saw the doctor recently and things are moving in the right direction. Thank all of you so much for your prayers and concern.

**Harriet Zipfel:** Congratulations to Harriet for being awarded the Best New Artist Award by the Springfield Art Association (Springfield, IL) at the Edwards Place Art Fair.

**Darla Gibson:** Her husband had reconstructive back surgery on Wednesday September 24th. It is a one-year recovery with the first 3 months being the hardest. He is doing well, and they are expecting an excellent outcome. Prayers for healing would be appreciated.

**Cris Orbals:** Entered three Art Quilt pieces in the Crossroads



Art Council September "Up in the Clouds" Gallery Show. She won 2nd Place for her piece "Outside my Window". It is a valance to be used over her sliding glass door. It is 12" by 86" with seven most seen birds at my bird feeders. The fabric used

for the birds was dyed by me. Crossroads has a different "Theme" each month. Any Artist, any media can enter. The work I see at the Bits "Show and Tell" is so worthy to show quilts are indeed artworks! Check it out.

**Sally Pelikan:** Sarah White, dear mother of Sally Pelikan member of our guild passed away on Thursday September 25th. She had been in hospice care for some time. Sarah was an avid quilter, past president of Thimble and Thread Guild, and active in Girl Scouts. Below is the link to her obituary

<https://kutisfuneralhomes.com/white-sarah-nee-harriman/>.

Please keep Sally and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time. Cards of sympathy would be appreciated and may be sent to

Sally Pelikan  
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## MEMBERSHIP

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Welcome to our six new members: *Carol Farrell, Susie Sullivan, Tempe Vierck, Bernadette Tille, Kim Luberta, and David Borcky*. 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!

Our membership is up to 257 members! Look on our website for the updated membership list with all renewed and new members listed. We hope to see you all at the meetings - if possible see if a friend or neighbor could carpool to help alleviate the parking shortage. 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!!



## 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**  
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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

**COTTON CUTS**  
**FQ DONOR AND MORE**

Every month, Cotton Cuts gives us two fat quarter bundles to raffle off. Those funds help support our guild and all the activities it offers.

For those who might not know, here is the company description from their website. Their address is <https://www.cottoncuts.com/>

Cotton Cuts is dedicated to delivering high-quality designer fabric and materials to inspire community and creativity to makers around the world.

We deliver die-cut and pre-cut fabric for all our designs right to your door. We also believe strongly in leaving a legacy more important than profit - we want the world to be better with us in it.

We continue to support job creation and believe in giving back through donations to communities far and wide. Every Cotton Cuts membership that you purchase contributes toward improving lives and outcomes for many people.

Please take a look at their website and see what they offer.

**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

## **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](mailto:candyce54@mail.com) for signups or at meetings.

### **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

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](http://www.fiberworks-heine.com)).

#### **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](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/>

## 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](#)

DescriptionAdditional information

### Description

One Size  
100% Cotton  
Choose Color

To order, click on this link:

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