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Salem Methodist Church ♥ 14825 Manchester Road ♥ Ballwin, MO
www.bitsnpiecesguild.com

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Come one and all to the annual Guild Quilt Challenge



Enter . . . the much anticipated themed guild challenge quilts.

Our talented members who have participated in this year's challenge will display these quilts which will project their interpretation of the usage of the challenge colors, and personal color choice and design.

After viewing each quilt, the members will then vote for first, second, and third place. And **prizes** will be awarded to those voted in the top three.



**HOLIDAY PARTY
ORNAMENT EXCHANGE
DECEMBER 9th at 6 pm**

Bring whatever you want:

**Appetizer, main
course, salad
or dessert.**

We are not assigning any
item to a last name, etc.

We will have water, coffee and tea
available.

Please make sure you
bring your ornament
for the exchange.

There will be fun and games.

See you there.

Thanks, Diane King



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patti Moreland, President
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Dear Guild Members,

To all of you who volunteered to lead our Quilt
Raffle Committee Teams... THANK YOU!

Tammy Edwards (Ticket Handler)
Margaret Gaal (Quilt Shop Liaison)
Diana Kogut (Sign up Genius)
Chris Williams (Quilt Handler)
Joyce Zepp (Committee Ticket Table Rep)

Can you believe the Holidays are right around
the corner? And so is our November meeting!
It's a week early (because of Thanksgiving).
We will meet the 3rd Tuesday of this month,
Tuesday, November 18th. (And then in Decem-
ber we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the
Month, Tuesday, December 9th!)

You won't want to miss the November meet-
ing. Not only will the Challenge Quilts be dis-
played and voted on... but also... the 2027
Quilt Raffle Quilt will be Displayed!

See you Soon!

Patti Moreland
President-Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild

Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025

Valerie Maule, Secretary

President Patti Moreland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
There were approx. 82 people in attendance.

SHOW AND TELL

Started at 6:30 p.m. and ended at approx. 6:45 p.m.

PRESENTER (6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

Debbie Reynolds introduced the presenter.
Erin Grogan presented and discussed her retro, curved inspired quilts.

Quilt Guild Business Meeting started at 7:50 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 2025 meeting – Valerie Steele.
Linda Waugh 2nd the motion.
The minutes were approved.

UPDATES FROM PATTI MORELAND, President

Reminder about the meeting time changes for November and December
November 18 (3rd Tuesday of the month)
December 9 (2nd Tuesday of the month)
Bits 'n' Pieces donated \$400 to the digital sign campaign for the Salem Methodist Church, and an anonymous Bits 'n' Pieces member donated \$200.
Nominating committee consists of Candy Grisham.
Barb Nagle for Vice President
Valerie Maule for Secretary
Vote on slate at the November meeting | Install new officers at the December Christmas Party
Save the date: Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show – March 12-14, 2027
Members can only show quilts at the event that have NOT been shown within the greater St. Louis area. *Please contact Patti Moreland if you have any questions.*

Volunteers are needed for Quilt Raffle
Ticket handler (1-2 people)
Sign-up genius (1 person)
Quilt handler (1 person)
Staff the committee table (1-2 people)
Volunteers needed for Cover our Kids – need by Jan 1, 2026
Charitable distribution committee chair(s) (optional)
Kit making committee chair(s) (optional)
Quilt finishing facilitator(s) (optional)

WORKSHOPS (Judy Vogt)

2-day quilted coat workshop – Judy Vogt
Oct 8 and Nov 12 = 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. each day
Cost \$10
Location: Salem Methodist Church

Big stitch – Erin Grogan

October 29 = 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cost \$20

Location: Salem Methodist Church

Collage – Alice Hein (*Laura Heine certified collage instructor*)

2-day workshop

March 27 and April 10, 2026 = 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. each day

Cost \$65

Location: Salem Methodist Church

2025 QUILT CHALLENGE (Harriet Zipfel)

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

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

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st through 4th place winners.

Those who volunteered to bring racks/sheets for displaying quilts

Deliver to the church by 5 p.m. on November 18

If you volunteered for set-up, registration or counting ballots, please arrive at 5 p.m.

COK (Diana Priess)

Final sew day of 2025 was very successful with 25 people in attendance

31 quilts were donated to Mercy Pediatric Hospital

33 quilts donated to Alive

65 quilts will be donated to Catholic Family Services the first week of December

BITS 'N' PIECES HOLIDAY PARTY

December 9 at Salem Methodist Church

Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Bring one handmade ornament (*must have a quilting element*)

Bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert

Drinks will be provided

UFO's (Jane Dapkus and Rita Nyhoff)

Participation prizes were awarded

RAFFLE (Marsha Bray)

2 prizes were awarded

One of the prizes were donated by Cotton Cuts (<https://www.cottoncuts.com>)

ATTENDANCE (Karen Grogan)

Memberships dues will be collected at the January meeting - \$35

You will also be able to pay the dues online – more details/instructions will be in the newsletter

82 people in attendance

2 attendance prizes were awarded

The meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Valerie Maule
Valerie Maule, Secretary

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

Diana Priess, Coordinator

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***“If a year was tucked inside a clock,
then autumn would be the magic hour”***

Victoria Erickson

As I step into the new, busy season of Holidays and Festivities, I want to take a moment for Gratitude. Every day I am grateful for all the large and small miracles that come my way, but I am especially grateful for You!

Our Cover Our Kids Committee members, Gayle Bar-on, Kathie Sammons, Sue Meyer, and Becky Saenz have been Amazing! And I am So Thankful for All they have done to make Cover Our Kids Shine over these past 2 years!

I am also Grateful for “Scraps”! Each and Every member of Scraps has been a blessing in my life, and I am so grateful for all they do monthly, faithfully creating beautiful quilts, start to finish, and turning in completed quilts, ready to donate!

Our Cover Our Kids Sew Fun Days have really been Fun! And I am Grateful for each of You who attended and supported them! I am also Grateful for our Quilting Teachers: Carol Spindler, Ruth Grimes, Marsha Bray, Ann Donze, Nancy Peters, Patti Moreland, and Debbie Reynolds, who quickly supported me and volunteered to share their talents and expertise in “Quilting with Your Domestic Machine”. Thank You Each and Every One for making our day a Success!!

Also, last year our COK Sew Fun Days included a Jelly Roll Race, and Piecing with Charm Packs, Layer Cakes, and Fat Quarters. Candy Grisham and Judy Humphrey stepped up to cut our 2 ½” strips for our Jelly Roll Race. And Cathy Abrams and Ann Lashley volunteered to help cut Charm Packs, Layer Cakes, and Fat Quarters from our Scraps Stash in the church basement! Wow! I am So Thankful for All of You!!!

There were also so many of You who donated Batting and Backing Fabrics, some of them full Rolls of Batting and Bolts of Fabric!! I have been moved to tears by the Giving Hearts of So Many of You!!! Thank You!!

And then there are so many of you who have donated your time and talents to Quilt our pieced tops and get them ready for donation to so many Kiddos and Families in need! I am So Grateful for Each of You! We could not have done this without You!!! I wish I could name each one of You, but please know each time I see You, my heart melts with the gratitude of what you have done to make Cover Our Kids happen over these past 2 years.

And I also want to thank those who have stepped up to Bind so many quilts, faithful each month at our meetings to stop by and check if we need any quilts bound. You have also stepped up to make sure our label was attached, and that each quilt was washed. You applied the final framework we needed to get all of our quilts in the hands of those without, and to share the love with each stitch and step that has been added along the way.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, I want to say “Thank You” to each member who paid their dues! Without You, we would not have had the funds to buy additional batting, backing, labels, and supplies needed throughout these two years. Thank You for your willingness to support us, and for You I am Grateful!

It really does take a Village! I have enjoyed so many blessings, laughing and crying and working with my committee, forming friendships that will last a lifetime. We have delivered many quilts to many people in need, and left with tears in our eyes so often as we learned of yet another great group of Angels who are working so hard to help others. I will be eternally Grateful for Each of You!!!

Diana



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Harriett Zipfel - Received the Best New Artist award at the Edwards Place Art Fair, Springfield, Illinois and has also been juried in as a Fiber Artist into the Springfield Art Association Collective Gallery.

Dot Branson - Broke her Left wrist on 10/4. She will have surgery on Friday, October 17. Lets pray for a successful surgery and uncomplicated recovery for Dot.

Diane Egbert - Was a patient in Mercy Hospital but was being transferred to Surry Place to continue her recovery. Please keep her in your thoughts.. She would appreciate hearing from her friends and fellow guild members while she continues her recovery.

Darla Gibson - Her hubby was in Big Barnes for his spine surgery and due to complications he had to stay 2 weeks rather than 1. It was a minor setback and will not affect his long term recovery. He is improving everyday. We got news today that he will be transferred to rehab in St Peters allowing us to be closer to home. We believe that it will be about 7-10 days for inpatient rehab to get his strength back and then home! I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers for his healing!

Christine Ortvals - Was chosen by Crossroads Art Council as Artist of the Month. She was very surprised and flattered!

Barb Nagel - Her sister-in-law, Kathy, has been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer. She is undergoing treatment and has just started chemo therapy. While she has excellent medical care, our family would greatly appreciate prayers during this difficult process.

MEMBERSHIP

Karen Grogan mgrogan11@att.net
Beth Roehm bethroehm57@gmail.com

Less than two months until 2026 and the beginning of our yearly Membership Registration and Dues! This year has gone very fast! A few things to remember:

- Registration begins January 1st, 2026
- Please do not try and renew online until **January 1st**. Please do not send checks until **January 1st**.
- Dues will stay the same - \$35 for the year 2026
- There will be 3 ways to pay - by mail, at a meeting or online
- Dues are paid by the *calendar year* - everyone renews in January no matter when you joined the previous year.

We understand that in the past we have started collecting dues during December. The reason for the change is twofold. 1. For Bookkeeping purposes, we don't want to mix the two years and the money collected in each. 2. The end of the year is a flurry of activity and too full to organize and begin registration for over 200 people. Please wait until January 1st. Thanks!

See you on November 18th and then have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

Karen and Beth

2027 FANFARE OF QUILTS

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2027 FANFARE OF QUILTS scheduled for March 12-14, 2027. The Set up will be on Friday and show on Saturday and Sunday!

Look for more information about Fanfare of Quilts 2027 at our January meeting. I will be presenting all you need to know to prepare for the show.

Thank you
Darla Gibson, Quilt Show Chair

2025 GUILD RETREATS
Teresa Basler
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Do you need to concentrate on sewing with no distractions? Sign Up for a retreat. Retreats are fun and are for all level quilters.

Retreats are also a great way for new members to meet other members. Retreats are fun and no one goes home hungry. But you might go home with a completed UFO or get a jump start on a new project.

As of November 2025, there are no retreats scheduled for the remainder of 2025. I'll start coordinating with local retreat centers for various retreats throughout 2026.

Let me know of other retreat centers you would like to visit. Watch for updates with new retreat information.

Teresa Basler

ROUTE 66 GOES TO ROAD TO CALIFORNIA

We've been accepted in to Road to California as a special exhibit.

The show is January 21-24, 2026 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California.

<https://online.roadtocalifornia.com/show-info.php>

The current schedule for 2026:

- ★ January 21 - 24: Road to California, Ontario, CA
- ★ 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

Congratulations to Wendy Richards for leading this challenge from the beginning and to all the guild members who participated, What an honor!

UFO Challenge

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

Remember . . . 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

Getting the Most from Your Quilting Workshops

We know you're excited to join a workshop—learn new techniques, sew with friends, and be inspired! To make it a wonderful experience for everyone, here are a few helpful tips:

Be Prepared

- **Prep, prep, prep!** Read the supply list well in advance and gather everything you need.
- If you have questions, **reach out to the instructor** before class.
- **Bring the requested supplies**—not substitutions.
- **Label all your tools and equipment** clearly with your name.
- Make sure your **machine is in good working order**—with wound bobbins, cords, and foot pedal packed. (Please don't bring a brand-new machine you've never used!) Bring the manual.
- **Install a new needle and rotary blade** before class.

Complete any pre-cutting or homework listed in the supply sheet.

In Class

- **Come with a positive attitude!** Be open to learning, ask questions, and enjoy the process.
- **Let the teacher teach.** Everyone learns best when the class follows one direction. Please don't offer alternate methods or advice to others.
- **Ask questions** if you're unsure—there's no such thing as a silly question.

Refer questions to the instructor rather than answering for others.

Class Etiquette

- **Arrive on time.** If setup starts 30 minutes before class, plan to arrive then—not at the start time.
- If you arrive late, please sit quietly until you can join in. The teacher isn't obligated to restart.
- **Silence or turn off your phone.** If you need to take a call, step outside.
- **Respect others' space and supplies.** Stay within your area and share communal tools like irons and cutting mats.
- **Listen when the teacher speaks.** Pause your sewing and conversation to give full attention.
- **Share the teacher's time.** Avoid monopolizing or side conversations during demos.
- **Wrap up on time.**
- If you have **feedback**—positive or constructive—please share it kindly after class or by email.

If possible purchase from the teacher rather than the big A

Most of All

Come ready to learn, laugh, and create. Every class is a chance to grow your skills, make connections, and leave feeling proud of what you've accomplished.

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.

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).

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/>

"Pieces of the Heart"

2025 Quilt Show

presented by Crossroads Arts Council



Thurs. Oct. 16th 10am - 6pm

Fri. Oct. 17th 10am - 6pm

Sat. Oct. 18th 9am - noon

St. Gianna Catholic Church
450 East Hwy N, Wentzville, MO 63385

- *\$5 entry fee. Show is not juried.*
- *Thursday and Friday - Bed Turning at 12, 2 and 4, Saturday at 10*
- *Informational talk on "Quilt Blocks of the Underground Railroad" at 11 all three days.*
- *New this year - mini demonstrations.*



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