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

GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: DECEMBER 9, 2025



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.

Hope to see you there.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Patti Moreland, President

314-520-4154

Guild Members,

I can't believe how quickly the seasons change and the years fly by. And how easy it is to take everything we have in our lives for granted.

I can't begin to list everything I am thankful for, but here are a handful:

Thank you for showing up each month with a smile on your face, a quilt or two in your arms and a couple dollars for a raffle to support our guild.

Thank you for FILLING the shopping cart for the Salem Methodist Food Pantry Outreach (maybe we should try filling the grocery cart every month... there is always a need).

Thank you for sitting next to and welcoming a new or "almost new" member

Thank you for participating in Guild Meetings, Guild Workshops and the 2025 Challenge! ...what fun !

Thank you for coming early and staying late to set up and clean up our meeting room

Thank you for sharing your time and your talents

Thank you for volunteering ...for Anything!

I am excited to be with all of you and to end the year at our Holiday Party ... See You Soon!

Patti



Ocean Stars

This gorgeous Raffle Quilt was made by the **Renegade Quilters**:
Judy Humphrey, Candy Grisham, Tracy Back, Valerie Steele, Bernadette Delanney,
Barb Noronha, Nancy Sinise, Debbie Grelle, Margaret Gaal, Chris Williams
Quilted by Trace Creek Quilting

Pattern from Shelley Cavanna - "Barn Quilt Sampler" with permission
80 x 100"

Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

Valerie Maule, Secretary

President Patti Moreland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

SHOW AND TELL . . . Quilts and Coats

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

2025 QUILT CHALLENGE (6:50 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

- Harriett Zipfel introduced the quilt challenge – *black/white/and one color*
- Everyone had 15 minutes to observe the quilts in the challenge and select one as their favorite.
- There were 28 entries in the quilt challenge.
- As the votes were being tallied, the individuals who participated in the challenge spoke about their quilt design.
- Winners of the quilt challenge:
 - * 1st place = Marilyn Schultz
 - * 2nd place = Laura Khoury
 - * 3rd place = Judy Vogt
 - * 4th place = Chris Orbals

2027 FANFARE OF QUILTS RAFFLE QUILT REVEAL

All the volunteer positions needed for the quilt raffle have been filled.

Quilt Guild Business Meeting started at 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 2025 meeting – Chris Williams.
- Valerie Steele 2nd the motion.
- The minutes were approved.

UPDATES FROM PATTI MORELAND, *President*

- Reminder about the meeting time change for December
- **December 9 – Holiday Party**
- Starts at 6:00 p.m.
- Bring one handmade ornament (*should have a quilting element*)

- The ornament should be in a bag with your name
- Bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert
- Drinks will be provided | water, tea and coffee

- Vote on Slate of officers for 2026/2027
 - * Barb Nagle for Vice President
 - * Valerie Maule for Secretary
 - * Install new officers at the December Holiday 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.*

ATTENDANCE (*Karen Grogan and Beth Roehm*)

- Memberships dues will be collected at the January meeting - \$35
- You will be able to pay with cash, check or credit. There will be an additional processing fee added to the credit transaction.
- You will also be able to pay the dues online – more details/instructions will be in the newsletter
- 2 attendance prizes were awarded

RAFFLE (*Marsha Bray*)

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

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Valerie Maule, Secretary - continued

WORKSHOPS

- 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 – **WAITLISTED**
 - * Location: Salem Methodist Church

COK (*Joyce Zepp*)

- There will be some changes in COK in the new year.
- Joyce Zepp will be the COK coordinator. She will be charge of the following:
 - * Ordering batting and labels as needed
 - * Purchasing fabric as needed
 - * Planning two yearly workdays
 - * Furnishing and maintaining a list of members who will piece, quilt and bind the quilts.
 - ◆ Members will be in charge of finding their own partners for the quilt-making process.
 - ◆ **ONLY COMPLETELY FINISHED, WASHED, AND LABELED QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Coordinating with the quilt recipients.
 - * Still needed | distribution committee
 - * 3-4 people | 2-year commitment
 - * In charge of picking up completed quilts at meetings and storing the quilts until they are ready to be delivered.
 - * Delivers quilts to the recipients, per the COK coordinator.
- Still needed | planning committee
- Quilt donation update
 - * 42 quilts were donated to the Ronald McDonald House
 - * Additional quilts to be donated to Evelyn's House on Nov. 20

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

- Participation prizes were awarded

TREASURER (*Kay Polsgrove Stevenson*)

- If you have any money for her (related to Bits 'N' Pieces) she will collect it at the December meeting.
- Be sure to fill out the appropriate form found on the website.
- If you need any reimbursement (related to Bits 'N' Pieces) contact Kay.

OTHER NEWS (*Patti Moreland*)

- Salem Methodist is having their Bar-B-Q this spring and has offered to Bits 'N' Pieces the opportunity to be a part of the event.
- Volunteers are needed to brainstorm this possible opportunity in 2026.
- The theme for the 2026 Salad Supper is "Christmas in July"
 - * There will be a cookie exchange, games, and lots of fun.
 - * Everyone is encouraged to wear Holiday themed pajamas, apparel. (FYI – you can get some good deals on this type of apparel after the holidays)

The meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

Valerie Maule, Secretary

COVER OUR KIDS and MORE

Joyce Zepp, Coordinator
joycezepp83@gmail.com

I am excited to become the coordinator for COK for 2026-27. As I explained at the November meeting, things are going to change beginning next year.

ONLY COMPLETED QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

What is a completed quilt?

One that is pieced, quilted and bound.
One that is washed and labeled.

And when you submit a quilt to COK, one of our volunteers will check it for acceptance. While many of you may think that step is unnecessary, my past experience as COK chair 2022-23 tells me that it IS necessary, so I will appreciate your patience while our helpers look them over before you drop them off.

I am happy to inform you that I have several volunteers already, though I would welcome one of two more. Let me know if you are interested.

I will compile a list of members who are willing to quilt tops others have made, and also a list of members who would be willing to bind quilts. If you are interested in being put on those lists, you can email me at joycezepp83@gmail.com, or phone me at 314-593-6283.

I will have three-yard kits available at meetings. If you are someone who wants to use our batting and backings, I will need measurements so that I can prepare those for you. I plan to go to the church during Scraps meetings to cut any batting/backing requests I have. If you can pick them up at the church at the end of the Scraps day, that's great. If you are unable to do that, you can come to my home to get them—but I live in Hazelwood, so it's a bit of a hike. I will not be delivering any to your home.

I plan to have two work days a year, and I hope to come up with some new ideas to make them fun events you won't want to miss, so stay tuned!

Thanks, Joyce

REMEMBER . . . 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

MEMBERSHIP

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

Not long until 2026 and the beginning of our yearly Membership Registration and Dues! A few things to remember:

- Registration begins January 1st, 2026
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- 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.

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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!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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



Jean Weber, Coordinator
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314-495-9887

Angie Naeger - Her son unexpectedly passed away on November 1st. She would appreciate expressions of sympathy. Her address is

672 Greenbrae Court,
Fenton, MO 63026

Please keep Angie and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Loss of a family member is incredibly difficult at anytime but especially at this time of year.

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

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

Karen and Beth

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/>