



# *Fan Mail*

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## GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: JANUARY 27, 2026



### **SOUND THE 2027 FANFARE HORN Darla Gibson, Show Coordinator**



**Save the Date for the 2027 Fanfare of Quilts Show**

Set-Up: March 12, 2027  
Show Dates: March 13–14, 2027

We are thrilled to announce that planning has started for Fanfare of Quilts 2027! Mark your calendars for an inspiring celebration of creativity, community, and craftsmanship:

Location: Queeny Park, Greensfelder Recreation Complex, 550 Weidman Road, Ballwin, MO

As of this writing, we are 437 days from the start of the show—plenty of time to plan your quilt entries, get creative with your designs, and think about ways to volunteer and contribute to making this event a spectacular success.

Whether you're stitching your next masterpiece, sharing your talents on a committee, or helping on show days, every member makes a difference. Stay tuned for more details, deadlines, and exciting opportunities as we get closer to Fanfare of Quilts 2027!

Every stitch. Every member. Every note matters.

At our upcoming guild meeting, we'll be sharing an overview of **Fanfare of Quilts 2027**, our quilt show coming up in March 2027. This program will walk members through what to expect at the show, how it all comes together, and the many ways guild members can be involved. We'll discuss responsibilities, important timelines, and opportunities to help—whether you enjoy volunteering behind the scenes, contributing quilts, or supporting the show in other ways. Every member plays an important part, and this presentation will help us all get ready to make Fanfare of Quilts 2027 a true success.

**DARLA GIBSON**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pat Moreland, President

Guild Members,

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful Holiday and are ready for another great year with our Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild!

Looking back, 2025 was an amazing year for Bits n Pieces, growing in number to over 250 active members, making and donating a record number of COK and Honor Flight quilts and continuing to form and grow our mini groups and relationships. Everyone participates in some way.

Looking forward, everything we have planned for 2026 takes my breath away! great programs, workshops, Retreats, Sew Days, COK, new challenges, Christmas in July Salad Supper, mini group gatherings and.... Lot's of Preparation for our Fanfare of Quilts 2027.

Reminder: Please don't forget to send in your annual dues. Our annual dues and the sale of tickets for our Raffle Quilt support everything we do in the guild. If you haven't already, try renewing online! It is so quick and easy!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>! We will start with Show n Tell and then we'll kick off preparations for our "*Bits n Pieces Fanfare of Quilts 2027*"

Hope to See You There!

Patti Moreland  
President

## WELCOME OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT BARBARA NAGEL

Hi, Everyone,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Guild as your new VP!

After retiring from my job as Senior Research Assistant at Saint Louis University, I joined the Guild in 2021. I had sewn quite a lot in my younger days, and dabbled in quilting, but really needed to develop my skills. The Guild provided the encouraging atmosphere for me to try new techniques and I've come a long way. My interests lie in both traditional and art quilts, and I started an art quilt mini-group, Quilt with heART, three years ago.

But one of the most enjoyable aspects of the Guild is the people I've met and the new friends I've made. This has provided me with the social experiences that I needed after retirement and has made my retired life truly enjoyable.

In addition to quilting, other interests include travelling, reading, petting cats, and spending time in my cottage on a small lake--swimming, fishing, and just relaxing.

I look forward to working with everyone and meeting more Guild members in the next two years!

Barbara Nagel  
Vice President

## BUDGET PLANNING

Committee Chairs,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all been able to spend time with the ones you love over the holiday season.

Now that it is a new year, I would like to ask each of you to do a few things:

1. Please send Cindy Holten information regarding your committee for the January Newsletter if you haven't already. I think she asked that we send it to her by January 6th.
2. Please take a look at the website. Pay special attention to areas related to your specific committee. Send requested changes to Sara, Megan, and me. We plan to remove old information and would like current info to be correct.
3. We are working on the 2026 Budget. Please let me know if you anticipate needing additional funding for your specific committee in 2026.

Your quick responses are greatly appreciated!

Patti

## HOLIDAY PARTY THANK YOU

I would like to send a special Thank You to our Christmas Party Hosts: Diane King and Fran Swaney and to Harry & Karen Turner for providing the beautiful utensil holder/table decorations and to everyone who helped set up and clean up.

What a fun and festive Bits Holiday Party! The Tables decorations, the food, the trivia game, the ornament exchange, the conversation and laughter with friends, old and new made for a perfect evening and a wonderful end to the year.

Thank you to everyone who was able to be there with us!

Merry Christmas to All And to All a Good Night.

Patti

## FREE PATTERNS

I have many patterns that I have accumulated over the years and I do not want anymore. There are 3 plastic grocery bagful's. But, you are welcome to come to my house and go through them and choose which ones you want.

Linda Wandling  
(I am in the buzz book)

## GUILD RETREATS

Teresa Basler ([tbasler@swbell.net](mailto:tbasler@swbell.net))

Watch for an upcoming Guild Retreat Questionnaire. As I plan future retreats, I'd like your input. I know I can't meet everyone's requests, but I will use your information when scheduling retreats.

### Example of questions:

- Do you prefer retreats on weekends?
- How far are you willing to drive to attend the retreat?
- Do you have a favorite retreat location?
- Can you attend retreats during the week?
- What time of year do you like to attend retreats? Etc.

If you're a new member of the guild, retreats are a great way to meet other guild members. This dedicated time can help you focus on your specific projects and UFO's. Plus, retreats are a nice escape and are just fun.

Questions about retreats can be directed to Teresa Basler ([tbasler@swbell.net](mailto:tbasler@swbell.net))



**Jean Weber, Coordinator**  
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**314-495-9887**

**Barb Nagel** had knee replacement surgery at Barnes West in December. She is staying with family as she recuperates. She reports that recovery requires icing, elevation, exercise and more icing. She would appreciate your positive thoughts and prayers and is hoping to see everyone at the January meeting.

Her e-mail is [barbara488@aol.com](mailto:barbara488@aol.com)

**Harriett Zipfel** won the trophy and a cash prize for Best New Artist at the 2025 Edward's Place Art Fair in Springfield, Illinois. Harriett has also been accepted as a juried Fiber Artist in the Springfield Art Association Collective Gallery in Springfield, Illinois.

## MEMBERSHIP

Karen Grogan [mgrogan11@att.net](mailto:mgrogan11@att.net)  
Beth Roehm [bethroehm57@gmail.com](mailto:bethroehm57@gmail.com)

Happy New Year! Our books on 2025 are closed and it is now time to renew your guild Membership dues! **Annual membership dues are \$35.** There are three ways to pay your dues:

1. Pay Online now by following the following procedure:
  - Go to the guild website: [www.bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://www.bitsnpiecesguild.com).
  - Click on the Membership tab in the black heading at the top
  - On the Membership page you will see a large BLUE button that says "Buy Now".
  - That button will take you to a the first checkout page. There is a small processing fee for using this easy service (but you won't have to pay for postage or envelope!).
  - Click on the BLUE Checkout button and fill in the rest of your payment information.
  - At the bottom of this second checkout page there is one more BLUE button to click with the amount to be charged.
  - If you are paying online and your email, address or phone has changed, please let Membership know your new information
2. If you would rather write a check you can go to that same membership page from above and at the bottom of the page there is a BLUE link to download the "Bits Membership Form 2026". Please print off that form, fill in either current membership OR if you have changes, enclose payment (check made out to Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild) and send it to the Salem Methodist Church address listed on the form.
3. You can pay your dues in person at the January Guild Meeting using cash, credit or check.

Our guild is 258 members strong and looking forward to a great year in 2026 filled with great programming, small groups and retreats and many opportunities to serve the community by sharing cozy quilts. So renew your membership today!!

Karen and Beth

**COVER OUR KIDS and MORE**  
**Joyce Zepp, Coordinator**

No Updates available.

**2026 Guild Challenge**  
**Harriett Zipfel**

We will have one! And I have a great idea for the challenge but I'm not tipping my hand just yet.

Harriett

**UFO**

Start making your 2026 UFO list now! We will announce the 2025 winners at the February meeting. UFO Sisters won't be at the January meeting (one of us is on vacation).

Rita and Jane

**Pretty Paper-Piecers**  
**Jane Coons, Coordinator**

Due to health reasons Linda Keeler is stepping down from the Pretty Paper-Piecers group. Jane Coons will be leading the group.

Meetings are by Zoom each Tuesday from 1 PM to about 4 PM (sometimes later). We are in-person the 3rd Tuesday of each month this year from 10-2. Address: 223 Henry Ave. Manchester, MO 63011

The Pretty Paper-Piecers are opening membership spaces for 4 members. Call, text or email Jane Coons (info is in the membership roster). Approval will be on a first come basis.

**ROUTE 66 EXHIBIT TRAVELS**

Wendy Richards  
[whoob@aol.com](mailto:whoob@aol.com)

We are excited to be exhibiting at the Ozark Piecemaker's Quilt Show in Springfield, MO June 11 - 13.

Someone from their guild is picking up the exhibit to take it to Springfield. I plan to help take it down and drive it back to STL.

They would welcome help with set up, take down, and white glove for the Route 66 exhibit -- AND they'd like to know ahead of time so they can plan.

Set-up: Wednesday, June 10 (I suspect we'll start around 1:00 PM)

Take-down: Saturday, June 13 (the show closes at 4:00 PM, so we can begin then).

**Show Hours**

Thursday, June 11: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday, June 12: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, June 13: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

It is an easy road trip and there are several fun shops in the area.

They have also contracted with several area hotels and can provide that information.

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend and/or help in any of these ways.

Thank you!  
Wendy