



# Fan Mail

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**GUILD MEETING PROGRAM: FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

## Rachel Lynch, Operations Director City Sewing Room of STL



**Rachel Lynch, Operations Director**, for **City Sewing Room of STL**, a non-profit community sewing center in south St. Louis will be the speaker at the February Guild Meeting.

We've all heard of it, many of us have bought fabric and notions there, and a few of us volunteer there, but let's learn more about the organization—their mission, values, and history, their involvement with the community, the positive impact their organization has upon the environment, and the ongoing oppor-

tunities for fostering connection and creativity.

**City Sewing Room of STL** has been chosen as the recipient of proceeds from the charity raffle held during the Fanfare of Quilts 2027 quilt show.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pat Moreland, President

Dear Guild members,

A big Thank you to everyone for your patience during our Hybrid (In-person & Zoom) Meeting in January! Nearly 80 of us were present; 42 in-person and 37 on-line. We were all able to enjoy Darla's presentation of "**2027 Fanfare of Quilts Quilt Show**".

We were able to approve our 2026 Budget, install our New Officers, Barb Nagel, Vice President and Valerie Maule, Secretary and even share Show n' Tell with our on-line viewers! What a feat! (If there is ever a next time.... we'll see if we can have on-line viewers share their show and tell too.)

You won't want to miss our February Meeting! Our Presenter will be our 2027 Charity Recipient, Rachel Lynch from City Sewing, our Quilt Raffle Committee will be distributing Raffle Tickets to each member, our UFO sisters will be presenting 2025 Prizes, and so much more!!!

Please don't forget to renew your membership online or in-person at the February meeting.

Until then, stay safe and warm.  
And Have a "Happy Valentine's Day"!

Patti Moreland  
President

## Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 27, 2026

Prepared by Valerie Maule, Secretary

President Patti Moreland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
The meeting was a hybrid format due to the cold and icy weather.

42 people attended in-person

37 people attended online

### SHOW AND TELL

Started at 6:30 p.m.

### FANFACE OF QUILTS 2027 PRESENTATION (Darla Gibson) (6:40 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

Date: March 13-14, 2027

Location: Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park in Ballwin Missouri

Details were provided about the event and volunteer positions were discussed.

Contact Darla Gibson with any questions | [ddgibby64@yahoo.com](mailto:ddgibby64@yahoo.com) | 636-448-8135

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

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 2025 meeting – Naomi Noor.

Chris Williams 2nd the motion.

The minutes were approved.

### UPDATES FROM PATTI MORELAND, President

Installation of new officers for 2026/2027

Barb Nagel, Vice President

Valerie Maule, Secretary

### BUDGET, (Patti Moreland, President)

Discussion of budget for 2026 | there were no questions or concerns

Motion to approve the budget – Marsha Bray.

Naomi Noor 2nd the motion.

The budget was approved.

### TREASURER (Kay Polsgrove Stevenson)

New forms to use - please check the website.

Salem Methodist Church will hold its annual barbecue on May 30.

Bits 'n' Pieces members will have the opportunity to sell their craft items at the barbecue. Price per table is \$20. There are 12 tables available. An application for the event will be available in February. More details at next month's meeting.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Be sure to renew your membership dues - \$35

You will be able to pay with cash, check or credit. There will be an additional processing fee added to the credit transaction. (extra \$1.50)

You will also be able to pay the dues online – a demonstration was provided.

2 attendance prizes were awarded

#### **FEBRUARY SPEAKER**

Rachel Lynch from the City Sewing Room, a non-profit sewing center in St. Louis Missouri.

#### **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

#### **2027 FANFARE OF QUILTS RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets will be distributed at the February meeting.

Volunteers are needed to attend local events and sell raffle tickets.

A sign-up genius page was sent to all members.

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

End of year awards will be given in February.

#### **HONOR FLIGHT** (*Judy Humphrey*)

There will be an Honor Flight on April 1.

Please bring any completed quilts for the Honor Flight to the February or March meeting.

There will be kits available at the February meeting.

#### **2026 QUILT CHALLENGE** (*Harriett Zipfel*)

One rule – the quilt must have three circles.

Use any technique, any size circles, outline or solid, separate or overlapping.

The quilt can be any size.

Due: November Guild meeting. No extension.

#### **COK COORDINATOR** (*Joyce Zepp*)

Coordinate with quilt recipients.

There will be two workdays this year.

Members are in charge of finding their own partners for the quilt-making process. There will be a list of members available who will quilt and bind.

**ONLY COMPLETELY FINISHED, WASHED, AND LABELED QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Kits are available.

#### **OTHER NEWS** (*Patti Moreland*)

Send newsletter submissions to Cindy Holten @

[cmholten@sbcglobal.com](mailto:cmholten@sbcglobal.com)

Someone contacted the guild asking for help creating a quilt for a child with a terminal diagnosis.

St. Louis Modern Quilt Guild will be on Saturday, March 14 (10 am – 5 pm) and March 15 (11 am – 4 pm)

Location: Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Quenny Park

Admission price: \$10 (ages 5 and under are free)

Memorial for Elaine Smith – Saturday Feb. 14 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Webster Groves.

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The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Valerie Maule, Secretary

# FANFARE OF QUILTS QUILT SHOW

## MARCH 13-14, 2027

### DARLA GIBSON, QUILT SHOW COORDINATOR

Planning is underway for our upcoming quilt show, **Fanfare of Quilts (March 13 - 14, 2027)**, and the Quilt Show Committee is coming together! We still need help with a few important roles, and we hope you'll consider being part of what makes this show such a success.

We are currently looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- **Demos Coordinator** – Schedule vendors and guild members to present demonstrations during the show.
- **Public Display Case Coordinator** – Coordinate quilt displays in libraries and recplexes around the St. Louis area to help promote the show.
- **Indoor Signs Coordinator** – Format and coordinate printing of indoor signage and help organize hanging signs during Friday setup. (Access to Microsoft Word and PDF capability required; printer preferred.)
- **Outdoor Signs Coordinator** – Coordinate permits and placement of the large sign at Weidmann and Manchester, plus smaller directional signs. A helper is recommended for erecting the large sign.

It truly takes **everyone** in the guild to make this show shine. **Let's create beautiful quilts and meaningful displays; let's contribute our time, our talents, and our generosity—and together celebrate everything that makes Bits 'n' Pieces such a special community.** Remember, **every stitch, every member, every note matters!**

Each month, I'll share committee updates and what to expect as we move closer to the show. In the meantime, it's never too early to start working on your quilt masterpieces!

Be sure to visit our updated Quilt Show landing page:

<https://bitsnpiecesguild.com/2027-quilt-show/>

This page will be refreshed regularly with show updates and helpful resources.

If you're interested in helping or have questions, please reach out—I'd love to hear from you!

Darla Gibson

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Our 2027 Quilt Raffle Tickets will be distributed to members at our February meeting. Each member will receive 4 packs of 6 tickets along with a photo of our Raffle Quilt. We will be prepared to collect each member's \$20 cash for their tickets at distribution time to make it easier for all.

1) This coming Friday, February 6 we need 2 volunteers for 12- 2pm at Jackman Fabric on Lindbergh Blvd- selling Raffle Tickets

2) This coming Saturday at Jackman Fabric on Lindbergh Blvd, ONE volunteer is needed for 2-4 pm to sell Raffle Tickets.

Please check your Sign Up Genius previously sent to you to sign up. If you lost that email, then contact Tammy Edwards directly to sign up: 314-323-8292

The next raffle sale will be in March.

We greatly appreciate those who have already signed up and helping us man our tables!

Thank You  
Tammy Edwards and the Raffle Team  
Raffle Ticket Sales  
314-323-8292

# Sunshine Shadow



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

**Elaine Smith:**

The Obituary for Elaine Smith can be found at <https://www.schrader.com/obituary/elaine-smith-nee-martinez>

**Di Egberts :** Her last surgery was scheduled for January 29th at Mercy on Ballas, then to Surrey Place for rehab. She's thankful for the continued prayers and is hoping to be back in "walking condition" by the first of March 2026.

**David Borky:** This is the beautiful quilt David made for the young girl with cancer. Thank you, David for sharing your amazing talent and heart.



**Harriett Zipfel:** Has been accepted as a fiber artist in the Springfield Art Association Collective Gallery. A collective gallery is a collection of artists who have been juried in to sell their art. In addition she was chosen as best new artist at the Edward's Place Art Fair held earlier in 2025.

**Candy Grisham, Christine Ortvals, and Patti Moreland:** Recently, the Phoenix Art Museum selected three specific Route 66 pieces and asked to display them in a special exhibit about Route 66.

Since we could not break up the exhibit, the museum has commissioned each of the artists to create a very similar piece to the original. These pieces, featuring the Jack Rabbit Trading Post, Dairy Queen, and Wigwam Motel, are expected to be on display later this year.

**Lori Feldman:** Spoke at Quilt Market again! Following are the details: Link to the show name (they've changed it):

<https://mailchi.mp/quilts.com/announcing-the-2026-gks-faculty-and-curriculum> and my photo and the marketing art they gave her to use 3.

Here's a brief description of my lecture: Imagine you live in the heart of Europe during the middle of WWII. You're raising 5 small children and your husband's away in battle. You have no idea what tomorrow will bring, and yet, you gather rags, worn clothing, and scraps of fabric because you have the soul of an artist who must create no matter what. Eventually, the war ends, and you and your family survive. Your beautiful patchwork "paintings" end up traveling the world in multiple gallery and museum exhibitions.



**I'M TEACHING AT**



APRIL 10-12, 2026 | ST. LOUIS, MO  
 CLASSES BEGIN APRIL 8 | [Quilts.com](http://Quilts.com)

On Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Quilt!Knit!Stitch! I'll be telling the true-life story of original collage artist Edrica Huws who paved the way for modern collage artists like Freddy Moran, Susan Carlson, Laura Heine, and Emily Taylor. Her work answered life's big questions about hope, endurance, and why we're driven to make beautiful things even when life gets ugly.

**Calling All Bits n Pieces Vendors**

Salem Methodist Church is having a BBQ on May 30, 2026 and we have been invited to use the hall where we have our meetings. We will have three tables in front for COK, Honor Flights, membership information and raffle sales for the 2027 quilt show. Also, we have a total of sixteen tables for our members that would like to sell their beautiful handmade items or even over abundant supplies. If interested, you have to be a paid up member and pay \$20.00 per table. We will have a sign up form at the February meeting and more information. Like what are the hours? It will be first come, first serve. Be thinking this month about what you have to sell. Also, you have four months to get ready.

Kay Stevenson	Ellen Ore	Laura Olotes
Harriett Zipfel	Joyce Zepp	Mary Ann Barr

## MEMBERSHIP

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

Our annual guild membership drive is now in full swing! Whether you are renewing or are joining for the first time we look forward to you being a part of our dynamic and fun quilt guild. **Annual membership dues are \$35.** We would love to have everyone renewed by the end of February. 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 February Guild Meeting using cash, credit or check.

Last year our guild was 258 members strong and we are 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