



June 2026 Newsletter

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June Program: **Lorelai Kuecker,** **Pigs in a Blanket Quilting**

This month, Bits is thrilled to welcome Lorelai Kuecker, a 16-year-old quilter and entrepreneur who began sewing at age 5. Lorelai is the founder of Pigs in a Blanket Quilting — a youth-owned business that creates unique artwork, innovative designs, and inspires other young artists.

Join us Tuesday, June 23rd, at 6:30pm at Salem Methodist Church, 14825 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO to hear Lorelai's incredible story and see her amazing work.

Let's welcome the next generation of quilters!



President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

I can't believe we are rounding the corner into the second half of the year already! We have great speakers, workshops, sew days and parties lined up! If you haven't already, don't forget to pick up a gift tag for our Christmas in July Toy Drive!

I hope you enjoyed learning about all of our mini group opportunities at our May meeting and were inspired to join one or start your own! This month I am so excited to welcome our young speaker and business owner, Lorelai Kuecker. What a story! What a talent!

See you at the Guild meeting — Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:30pm!

Patti Moreland, President

Charity Raffle 2027: On Our Way To 100 Baskets!

Barb Nagel, Charity Raffle Committee Chair

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated baskets, fabric, sewing notions, and other items for the charity raffle.

We've received some fantastic items but don't stop now! We're on our way to 100 baskets so we need even more.

- Do you have a **runner** you've made but it just doesn't suit your decor?
- Do you have some **holiday fabric** that you meant to sew into something special but just didn't get it started?
- Do you have **fat quarters** that you had in mind for a project but now can't remember what you were going to make?

If you're ready to part with some of those things and want them to have a good home, bring them to the guild meeting and put them on the table by the entry door. They'll find their way into a beautiful basket and bring in money to support **City Sewing Room**. THANKS AGAIN!



Nite-Before-Christmas Salad Supper July 28

Christine Ortbals, QWH and Salad Supper Chair, at the Angel Tree



The Bits mini group, **Quilt with heART (QWH)**, is hosting our annual potluck Salad Supper at our July 28 meeting. We hope you attend!

The theme, "The Night Before Christmas" includes time to meet new members and special guests, catch-up with friends, play games, and win gifts!

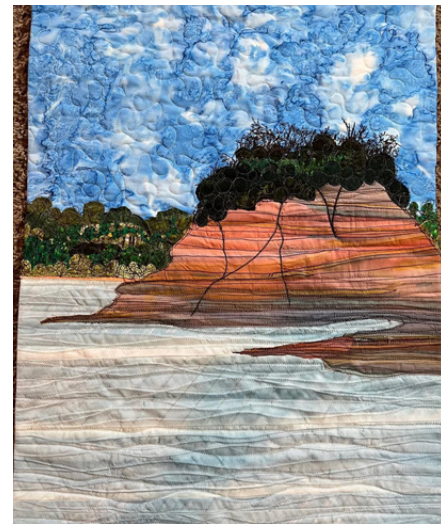
Get into early Christmas spirit by wearing your best holiday PJs or favorite ugly Christmas sweater: You may win a prize!!

Of course, another highlight is sharing and tasting your favorite salad or dessert for the potluck dinner! Doors open at 6PM, dinner seating starts at 6:30PM. Bring a dish!

This year, we're supporting the Salvation Army's "Angel Tree." Pick up donation request tickets from parents and children asking Santa for simple gifts like slime kits, games, baby dolls, even diapers! It's easy: Look for Christine or any member of QWH at the "Angel Tree" at the next meeting. (You can also choose a blank ticket to donate your own gift.)

If you are one of the 37 generous members who already picked up a ticket at our May meeting, bring your unwrapped gift and ticket to the June meeting. All unwrapped gifts must be brought to the "Night before Christmas Salad Supper on July 28.

Sold! Tower Rock Quilt Purchased During Exhibit Tour



Harriett Zipfel's quilt of Tower Rock (an island in the Mississippi) was selected to be part of the traveling SAQA exhibit, River Song. And then, a patron of the Illinois Oak Park Library purchased it! It will be delivered to its new owner after the exhibit tour ends this Fall. Congrats, Harriett! It's always exciting to sell a quilt! (Harriett is the Bits Challenge Chair and a member of mini-group AQSTL.)

May Meeting Minutes Summary

Kay Strebeck

- Join a Bits mini-group, including Art Bits STL, Art Quilters STL, Crazy Quilters, Nighttime Needlers, and The A Team.
- Get updates on: the 2026 Quilting Challenge ("3 Circles"), Honor Flight Quilts, and the July Salad Supper.
- Read the full meeting minutes on the website here (member password required).

Announcing a New Bits Mini-Group: "Show Time" Now Accepting Members

Christine Ortbals, Coordinator

Yesterday I received notification that my Art Quilt, "Fat Robin" has been chosen for the AQS Grand Rapids Quilt Show! This will be the third National Show "Fat Robin" will be in this year.



This success has prompted me to start a new mini-group, starting in September, to encourage members interested in submitting their beautiful quilts in a show.

The mini group is tentatively called "Show Time," and will be a 6-month project on the ins and outs of preparing and entering the Paducah Show next spring. We'll also plan a field trip to the Paducah show in April.

We'll meet monthly for 2 hours at my home (day and time TBD). I will be accepting 10 members for this group. Email me at christineortbals69@gmail.com to apply.

Calling All Longarm Quilters...

Judy Humphrey, Honor Flight Quilts Chair



...I have **Honor Flight Quilt** kits just for you! They include 2 panels (36" square) and a one-piece backing. A panto is suggested for quilting. So two quilts can be quilted at the same time with enough leftover fabric for the binding. I will have them for you at the June 23 meeting

Buy 2027 Quilt Raffle Tickets, and You May Win This Beautiful Quilt

Tammy Edwards, 2027 Quilt Raffle Chair



Title: Ocean Stars

Pattern: "Barn Quilt Sampler," from Shelley Cavanna, with permission

Size: 80" x 100"

Quilted by: Trace Creek Quilting

Story: The 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

Get Tickets Here:

- Saturday, June 27, 2026 - [Warm n Cozy](#)
- Saturday, July 25, 2026 - [Jackmans of Fairview Heights](#)
- Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - [OSew Personal | O'Fallon](#)
- Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026 - [Jackmans of Fairview Heights](#)
- Pick them up at our monthly Bits meetings (4th Tuesday of each month)
- Or [Email Tammy Edwards](#)