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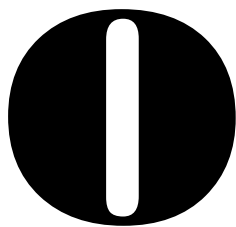
Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild ♥ Salem Methodist Church ♥ 14825 Manchester Road ♥ Ballwin, MO

JANUARY 2012

"What My Mother Never Told Me"

Nellie Mueller

January 24, 2012



our own dear Nellie Mueller, who among her many talents is also a comedian at heart, will once again grace the podium with her humor and style and elicit laughs and grins as she presents a humorous look back at the role of women as it has changed over the last 80 years, with a special focus on husbands, sewing, and the printed word.



President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a great time visiting with family and friends during the holidays. As strange as this may sound, especially to those who know me well, I do not want to see any more cookies or chocolates! If I start to moo during the next meeting, you will know the reason why! I sure hope that this feeling passes by retreat as there's always plenty of junk food there.

Now on a more positive (and not scale-wise) subject. Thursday's Executive/Committee meeting went well. We have a balanced budget that will be presented and voted on at the January meeting. This year will be both busy and exciting since it is a quilt show year. Wendy is working on National Speakers and Dusty is coming up with a surprise for the BOM.

Speaking of the Quilt Show, I have received 103 entries so far. Remember that this is a guild show and not a national juried show like the AQS show in Paducah. Therefore we need all levels of quilts from beginning to expertise. Our goal has always been to have EVERY guild member represented in the show, however, that does not mean that you are limited to only one entry. Many productive quilters have 10 or more entries! The entry form is online and due at the January Guild Meeting. Please make it 2 sided with the permission side on the back. Even though our weather is wonderful, please take the time to finish another quilt or two for the show.

I'm currently, or should I say finally, quilting my Posey Primer quilt. It was a BOM project done at Scraps when Scraps was a work on your own project group. Now, of course, Scraps has transformed into a COK and More monthly sew day. All are always welcome to come and sew with the group on any 2nd Monday at St. Thomas.

Our 2012 Raffle Quilt is a beauty with exquisite quilting! It should not be hard to sell your 20 tickets. There are more tickets available, too, and a prize to the member selling the winning ticket and to the member selling the most tickets.

As Quilt Show Registrar, February is a very busy month for me so I was not happy when I received a jury duty notice for February 6th. Hopefully I won't be needed for the whole week. At least I wasn't assigned the week of March 12th!

Hope this year is a healthy, happy, and productive one for all!

- Nancy Peters, President

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No December Minutes



The Guild had it's annual Holiday Party on December 6, 2011— so it was fun and food only that night—no meeting.



COMMITTEE REPORTS



COK and More: Susan Calzone

- I'm looking forward to my new position as chairperson of COK. I will be running the program much the same as Bernice. Why change a well working system. Please visit the COK table during the guild meetings. You will see some of your favorite blocks for take home sewing and I will try to resurrect some old favorites as well as some newer ones...well, at least new to the COK table. I welcome any way in which you'd like to help out; block assembly, top assembly, quilting, binding, labeling. Any little bit helps turn out those quilts. Come see me if you'd like to coordinate picking up some COK sewing. I'm sure I can find something just for you!
- **JAN 28 2012 Kick-Off Sew Day**—Mark your calendars and RSVP me if you plan to attend (I need a head count) at sesnowzone@charter.net or call 636-532-9150.
- We will be sewing at St. John's Lutheran Church. Thank you to Jeanette Marcus for securing this very nice sewing location again for us. The church is located in Ellisville on the south side of Manchester Rd. just east of Clarkson Rd. We are located in the third building back on the west side of the campus. The building is marked 'Corner Stone Youth Center'. We do not have access to a kitchen or refrigerator so bring your brown bag /cooler lunch and drink. I will be emailing a reminder and additional information as we get closer to Jan. 28th.
- **Inventory of blocks and quilts outstanding** - If you have any outstanding work-in-process please come by the COK table at a guild meeting so we can note what you have checked out. If you feel you cannot fulfill your original commitment please just return the item(s) so they may be moved along to completion.
- **Quilt donations** -If you'd like to create quilts on your own for COK that would be great. We use 100% cotton fabric with whatever batting you prefer. Take note of the suggested sizes as follows:
 - Infant and Toddler 30" x 40"
 - Child 40" x 60"
 - Teen 50" x 70"
 - Nursing Home 36" x 48" (lap quilt sized)
 - Quilts of Valor 50" x 60" (min.); 72" x 87" (max.)

BOM: Dusty Post

- (Sherry Mueller—December Report): The Yankee Puzzle block was returned in December. Kris Perez was the lucky winner of both the fat quarter draw and the block exchange. Four blocks were returned for the fat quarter

draw, and five blocks returned for the block exchange. The final block, The Blockade, was handed out.

- The 2012 BOM will be a Mystery Quilt. The Introduction and supply list will be provided at the February 28 Guild meeting and the first step will be distributed at the April meeting. Sign-up and join the fun. It promises to be mysterious.....your guide and coordinator, Dusty.

Library: Linda Waugh

- I just want to remind everyone to return your books and of course, you may renew them.
- One of our members suggested this DVD to be added to our library: STITCHED, the film. It will be available for borrowing at our next meeting.
- If you have a book or DVD in mind that you would like to see in our library, please let me know.

Membership: Lisa Marsden & Laura Khoury

- The January 2012 meeting begins membership renewal for all guild members. Please look for the signs with the initial of your last name and find your pre-printed renewal form in the designated area.
- Review and update the information on your form and pay with cash or check made out to "Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild."
- The annual fee is \$25. Turn in your renewal form and money to the same area. New members may receive a blank form at the membership table.
- Guests are always welcome at the meeting for \$2.00 (\$5.00 when there is a national speaker).
- Remember to wear your badge at every meeting! We have stick-on name tags at the membership table or you can order the engraved Guild badge for \$10 in either magnetic or regular pin back styles.

Newsletter/Website Cindy Holten

- Deadline for the **February** newsletter will be Friday, **January 28**. Email submissions to Cindy Holten at cmholten@sbcglobal.net.
- Visit our website often at www.bitsnpiecesguild.com for photos, announcements and updates.
- Join our Yahoo.com group for up-to-the-minute announcements.

Programs for Guild Meetings: Candy Grisham

- JAN 24 - Neillie Mueller—"What My Mother Never Told Me"
- FEB 28 - TBD
- MAR 27 Suzanne Marshal—"The Evolution of a Quilt Maker"



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Quilt Show 2012 Updates: Nancy Sinise

- Vendor chairs **Jean Weber** and **Nancy Hopkins** have been getting the contracts and calling those that are left on the list. There will be a really interesting selection of shops and businesses for everyone's shopping pleasure!
- Very importantly, **Bernadette Delaney** and **Chris Williams** will have Volunteer Sign-Up sheets at the meeting on the back tables. Please come prepared to put your name on the list several times. Everyone is encouraged and expected to work several shifts during the show, plus to help set up or take down. This is our show, our time to share our quilts and spread our love of the art! It can not be done by just a few people - we need all members to do their share!
- Our beautiful raffle quilt has been in several shops now and is next making the move to Blessings. How are you doing selling your envelope of tickets? **Nancy Turner** has more tickets if you need them!
- **Mary Miller** is doing a fantastic job of getting the information about the show into magazines, newspapers and online. You can help by going to the Bits' web site to get the Show Flyer and emailing it to everyone you know. Maybe they will share it with someone else who will come and bring their friends too! Mary has printed out some flyers, designed by **Cindy Holten**, for you to post any where you can - your church, favorite restaurants, your gym, your car window, etc. Or you can print out your own from the flyer on the web site. Plus, there will be more bookmarks at the January meeting for you to share with your friends or give to people. We will also appreciate if some of you can help take bookmarks to the quilt shops. Mary will have a list of the shops at the meeting.
- **Nancy Peters** is expecting your registration forms for your show entries no later than the January 24th guild meeting. Are you thinking to maybe not enter your quilts because you don't want to sew on those pesky hanging sleeves? Remember that **Carole Braig** is making a lot of award ribbons! (Maybe more than she thought when she volunteered for the job...) But the point is that there are ribbons for many categories - from Viewer's Choice First Place to Best First Quilt, and a lot in between! Don't forget to fill out registration forms for the quilts to be shown for the bed-turning. **Karen Turner** and **Barbara Gambrel** are hoping the bed is over-flowing. Literally! Then there will be a huge flurry of activity while the show gets arranged - from vendors and featured quilters, to rows of wonderful quilts hung on the artfully arranged pipe and

drape, to demonstrations, Special Exhibits and the Art Auction. It is so exciting!

- Getting those registration forms in ASAP is so important not only so Nancy P can start laying out the show, but **Jane Coons**, **Laurie Schrader**, and **Sandy Sagan** will be furiously typing the information into the database for the show booklet and quilt ID signs. Do print carefully so their eyes don't have to work overtime!
- Have you made or purchased something to donate to the auction to raise money for the Humane Society? The deadline for submitting items for the Quilt Show Auction is at our February 28 meeting. All items should be new and small. Items that would be great for the auction are table runners, tree skirts, pillows, pin cushions, totes, purses, etc. **Candy Grisham** will have samples at the January meeting. Please contact Candy if you have any questions.
- **Jackman's** is donating a Babylock Sofia 2 Sewing and Embroidery machine with a MSRP of \$999.00 for the show raffle.
- **Nellie Mueller** and **Carolyn Hammett** will be setting up the concession area to make it a welcome first look that our guests will see as they come to the show. There will be 10 - 12 tables for everyone to use as they rest and eat.
- We still need someone, really two people, to volunteer to put up and take down the outdoor signs for the show. It does mean that you need to get them out early the Saturday morning before the show and take them down after the show on Sunday. A fun job for a husband to help you with, maybe?
- And anyone like to decorate Library cases? Daniel Boone & Sachs have some for you!
- Quilt Show Committee Meeting - January 24 at 5:30 prior to the guild meeting.

Raffle Quilt Display Locations: Nancy Turner

The Raffle Quilt will be displayed at the following locations and dates:

- 10/13-11/11/11—Merrily We Sew A Long
- 11/12 -12/11—Quilted Fox
- 12/13-12/30—In Stitches
- **01/04-25/12—Blessings**
- 01/27-02/15—Susie Q

Retreats: Merrily Woodford:

- **JAN 17-22, 2012:** Toddhall in Columbia, IL
- We still have room for any of you who would like to join us at the January retreat! The retreat will be Thursday (9:00 a.m.) through Sunday (5:00 p.m.), January 19-22. If you would like to join us over night or for a day or so during the



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day, please let me know! We will have plenty of room. It is only \$10.00/day for "day people." Hope you can join us--we have a LOT of FUN!!

- I will be leaving town Dec. 27 (through Feb. 7) to help my sister with her post-surgery so if you decide to join us, please get in touch with Nancy Peters, Phyllis Nelson.

Sunshine & Shadow: Peggy Knight

- Please call **Peggy Knight** at 636-227-8211 with any announcements you'd like her to include in the "Sunshine or Shadow" section of the newsletter. You can also email your announcements to **Cindy Holten** at cmholten@sbcglobal.net.

UFOs: Mary Lou Melkowski

- The UFO program will be run much like last year's. Forms will be available at the meeting and on our website under the Blocks/Challenge tab.
- So start working on your UFO list and submit it at the January meeting.

Workshops: x (TBD 2012)

- No report.

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DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Beginning Balance | | | \$10,343.15 |
| | Expenses | Income | |
| Holiday Party | 219.72 | | |
| Library | 25.05 | | |
| Newsletter | 47.74 | | |
| Raffle Quilt (quilting) | 325.00 | | |
| Rent | 55.00 | | |
| Jan. Retreat | | 815.00 | |
| UFO's (prizes) | 130.00 | | |
| Totals | 802.51 | 815.00 | |
| Net revenue (expense) for | | | \$12.49 |
| Ending Balance | | | \$10,355.64 |

Prepared and submitted by Debbie Ernst, Treasurer

2012 GUILD STAFF

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| Treasurer | Debbie Ernst | 636 537 9030 |
| Parliamentarian | Anne Perry | 636-256-6745 |

Committee Chairs

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| AQS Orders | TBD | |
| BOM | Dusty Post | 636-734-0558 |
| Challenge Quilt | TBD | |
| Christmas Block | Mona Howard | 636 394 5534 |
| COK and More | Susan Calzone | 636-532-9150 |
| Day Retreats | Darla Gibson | 636 939 2504 |
| Historian | Ann Diehl | 314-258-5508 |
| Holiday Party | TBD | |
| Library | Linda Waugh | 314 909 8559 |
| Membership | Lisa Marsden | 636 230 6460 |
| | Laura Khoury | 636 227 8885 |
| National Speakers | Wendy Richards | 636 394 9250 |
| Newsletter | Cindy Holten | 636-391-1884 |
| Publicity | Mary Miller | 314-440-7874 |
| 2012 Quilt Show Cdr | Nancy Sinise | 314-853-6868 |
| Raffle Quilt | Debbie Ernst | 636 537 9030 |
| Raffle Quilt Tickets | Ivy Osborn | 314-607-2447 |
| | Bonnie Brown | 636-346-5997 |
| Retreats | Merrily Woodford | 636-225-3833 |
| Salad Supper | Judie Benedum | 636-346-2036 |
| Sunshine and Shadows | Peggy Knight | 636-227-8211 |
| UFOs | Mary Lou Melkowski | 636-257-2255 |
| Workshops By Members | TBD | |
| Yahoo | Darla Gibson | 636-939-2504 |

Mini Groups

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| A-Team | Debbie Ernst | 636 537 9030 |
| Bit x Bit Friendship | Nancy Muskopf | 636-458-0360 |
| Crazy Quilters | Darla Gibson | 636-448-8135 |
| Nighttime Needlers | Anne Perry | 314-922-5965 |
| Pieces of Friendship | Nancy Muskopf | 636-458-0360 |
| Scraps | Ivy Osborn | 636 294 6337 |
| Southern Stitchers | Kathy Carvaness | 636-343-0544 |
| Exploring Art Quilts | Wendy Richards | 636 394 9250 |

Please contact any of the above listed guild members should you have any questions, would like more information about the various mini groups or committees or if you have any comments or suggestions.

We welcome your feedback and your participation.



MINI GROUPS



Please contact either the Coordinator or respective Hostess with questions or to RSVP.

A-TEAM

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30a.m.

Debbie Ernst is hostess for all meetings.

OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

Contact: Debbie Ernst - 636 537 9030

JAN 11: Celtic Appliqué

FEB 8: Sashiko and Beading

BIT x BIT FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Meets the 3rd Thursday morning of the month at 9:30 am

OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

Contact: Nancy Muskopf - 636 458 0360

JAN 12: Barbara Warner 636 227 1804

FEB 16: Debbie Ernst 636 537 9030

CRAZY QUILTERS

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS

We're open to new members! Our group is very casual - food, fun and quilting! So if you are interested in joining a block exchange group where we meet at member's homes, don't hesitate to check us out!

Contact: Darla Gibson - 636 939 2504

JAN 10: Chris Wiley 314-566-9981

FEB 14: Lisa Marsden 636-399-3740

SOUTHERN STITCHERS

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

CLOSED TO NEW MEMBERS

Contact: Kathy Cavaness - 636 343 0544

JAN 12: Carol Spindler

NIGHTTIME NEEDLERS

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Contact: Anne Perry - 314-922-5965

JAN 12: Ann Perry-636 458 4220

PIECES OF FRIENDSHIP

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm

CLOSED TO NEW MEMBERS

Contact: Nancy Muskopf - 636 458 0360

JAN 4: Julie Harris 636 256 6907

FEB 1: Barbara Philbrick 636 273 3701

SCRAPS

Meets the 2nd Monday of the mo. from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

at St. Thomas UCC Church, 17842 Wild Horse Creek Rd.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Contact: Ivy Osborn - 636-284 7660

The group will be working on COK and More projects.

JAN 9 ❖ FEB 13 ❖ MAR 12

EXPLORING ART QUILTS

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the mo from 2-4 pm

West County EMS Community Room
223 Henry Avenue

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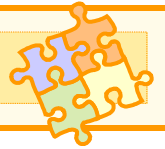
Contact: Wendy Richards-636 394 9250

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JAN 11 ❖ FEB 8 ❖ MAR 14 ❖ APR 11



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Angela Reineck
 Ann Harbert
 Cheryl Cobert
 Chris Wiley
 Cindy Holten
 Doris Juranas
 Joy Schmitt



Kathy Young
 Mary Miller
 Milly Allhoff
 Nancy Turner
 Sandy Wootten
 Suzanne Gould
 Wendy Richards



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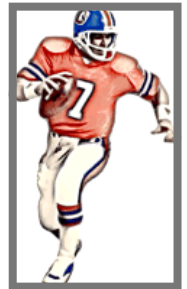
*Travel with The Quilted Fox
 to the AQS Quilt Show in Paducah
 April 25 - 28, 2012*

The bus goes down in the morning and returns that evening. There will be a bus each day of the show. Sign up now to hold your seat! Let us do all the driving for only \$47 per person!

Super Bowl Sunday Sale and Sew-In Day!

February 5
 11:00 am-4:00 pm
 100's of fabrics on sale

Patterns and books on sale!
 Mark your calendar now!
 3rd Annual Super Bowl Sew-In
 Call for details!
 Reservations required.



Don't forget—we're open every Sunday from 12 - 4 pm

Visit us at: 10403 Clayton Road in La Chateau Village or call us at (314) 993-1181
 Monday & Wednesday 10-5; Tuesday & Thursday 10-6:30;
 Friday & Saturday 10-4:30; Sunday 12-4:00

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