

BITS 'N' PIECES

QUILT GUILD



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What Appraisers Look For. . .and How to Improve ANY Quilt With Hallye Bone



Hallye Bone is an appraiser of quilted textiles, certified by the American Quilter's Society in Paducah, Kentucky. Her expertise extends to repairing quilts as well as writing books about quilt-making and quilt care.

In her presentation, "What Appraisers Look for...and How to Improve ANY Quilt", she will discuss why you may need a quilt appraised and what an appraisal consists of. She will explain what appraisers are looking for and how you can make any quilt better -- the best binding, piecing,



applique, and quilting techniques and she will briefly discuss color choice as well. Bring your questions.

Hallye Bone is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. She lived in Rochester, MN, for four years and Houston, Texas for twelve years. She is quilt appraiser, certified by The American Quilter's Society, Paducah, Kentucky. She was trained by the American Folk Art Museum in New York to repair quilts and the Smithsonian Institution and worked for the Smithsonian, hanging their quilt shows. She lectures about quilts, teaches quilting techniques in St. Louis at Jackman's Fabrics, has written articles for many quilting magazines, and has written two books, "Caring for Your Quilts" and "Flower Dance" (an applique and embroidery book). She still makes lots of quilts. Hallye says, "The best part of quilting for me are the people I have met in fifty-one years of quilting. Every day I get to meet a new quilt and its interesting owner so my life is a perennial quilt show and each day is different."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits 'n' Pieces Membership:

I am excited to be your president in 2019. The word president is derived from Latin "prae" which means before and "sedere" which means to sit. So by definition the presidents sits before the people. It sounds pretty easy. I know I can do that. However, I do plan to do much more than sit. What makes this guild great is all the people who step up and volunteer. I thank everyone who pitches in to make the guild the best. I feel honored to be your president.

At this time of year I always look back at the past year and celebrate accomplishments. Then I look forward to the New Year and get excited about the possibilities. 2018 was a fantastic year for our guild. The quilt show always astounds me with the level of talent in our group. We had meetings with inspirational speakers and fun filled parties. The volume and quality of our donation quilts was astounding.

When looking forward to the new year I am planning what quilts I want to make, the list is as long as my arm. I don't have many UFOs, I like to start a quilt, complete it, then move on to the next project. One goal is to use my stash to make room for more.

I am going to work on quilts for our 2020 show. I always like to challenge myself by learning a new technique or skill. This year I am going to experiment with more fabric dying techniques. In the words of Albert Einstein, "If you always do what you've always done, then you always get what you've always gotten." I will try something different to achieve a new outcome.

Happy New Year and happy quilting.

Jean Goldsberry
President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COK and MORE: Penny Edinger, Phyllis Bednarek, Mary Ann Barr

- Happy New Year to everyone and thank you for all your hard work. In 2018 we delivered 339 quilts across the St. Louis area. You should be very proud! Now it's time to get on with 2019.
- For those that are not sure what Cover Our Kids (COK) is about I will give you a short description of what we do. Basically, we collect quilts from the members of the guild and distribute them to St. Louis Children's Hospital, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, Foster and Adoptive Care, Epworth Family Service, and Circle of Concern. Some members just donate quilts and some work through Scraps, a mini guild group. We also have sew days that members come and help sew or cut fabric.
- At the meetings we have kits ready to be pieced or quilted. And we have a stash of fabric and batting for members to make quilts for COK. All quilts need to be washed and labeled (we have the labels).
- Stop by our table if you have any question or want to pick up a kit to finish. We always love to see new members and appreciate seeing the long standing members.
- COK is having a sew day on **Tuesday, January 15**. We meet at the church in our regular meeting area from 9:30 to about 3:30. Bring your lunch (there is a refrigerator) or go out for lunch if you are staying all day. Come anytime and stay as long as you can. Bring your sewing machine and tools if you want to sew, or just your tools for cutting fabric or batting. There is always something to do. It is always fun and a good way to meet other quilters. Hope to see you on the 15th.
- *Please contact one of the following if you have questions.*
 - *Mary Ann Barr - (314) 607-4735
mabarr221@yahoo.com;*
 - *Phyllis Bednarek - (630) 319-4292
phyllisb4@gmail.com;*
 - *Penny Edinger - (636) 778-0536
jandpedinger@charter.net*

GUILD PROGRAMS: John Rutkowski

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LIBRARY: Kay Merz

- The wonder of Christmas is over and probably trying to put decorations away and get things back to normal. As we begin a new year and look forward to new beginnings, possibly you are looking at trying a new technique or challenge. Your Guild Library has purchased Paint & Stitch Vibrant Acrylic Quilts with Katie Pasquini Masopust. This is a DVD iquilt class from AQS and contains all the information provided in the on-line class. It covers combining painting with acrylics and easy quilting. It is a fun art quilt class producing stunning results even if you have never worked with acrylic paints. Katie shows you how to choose a color scheme and covers layering paints and fabrics. She shows you her method to cut canvases apart and sew them together to create a complex composition and how to layer your project with batting and backing and quilt it, stretch your project on a frame and hang. I hope you will check out this new DVD. This DVD is one of many available to Guild members.
- You will also find numerous books on various quilting and piecing techniques. If you are just wanting to relax and enjoy curling up with a good book, your library also has quilting novels to enjoy. Be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities.
- *Your Guild Library is located at the back of the meeting room in a cabinet in the side classroom. Stop by the table just outside this room to check out or return library items or if you need assistance in locating an item.*
- *Happy Quilting! May your quilting projects tell the story, express the joy, be made with love and be cherished when received*

MEDIA RESOURCES

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding any of the listed media resources below, please contact the respective individual for assistance.

- *Cindy Holten—Newsletter*
- *Darla Gibson—Facebook and Yahoo Group*
- *Marsha Bray—Website*

MEMBERSHIP: Kathy Chitwood, Nancy Stratte

- The **2019 annual membership fee is \$25**. To renew your membership, please complete the membership form (located on the website) and bring it with your

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payment to the next meeting or mail it to: Kathy Chitwood, 1730 Preston Centre Drive, Fenton, MO, 63026.

- Payment may be made by either check (payable to Bits n Pieces Quilt Guild) or cash. Even if nothing has changed with your information, complete the form and include it with your payment.
- *If you want to win a membership attendance prize at the meeting you must wear your name tag. We have stick-on name tags at the membership table or you can order an engraved badge. Engraved badges are \$10 and can be ordered in magnetic or pin backed styles. An order form is available at the membership table. **Remember magnetic badges should not be worn with a pacemaker!***
- *Guests are always welcome at the meeting for \$2.00 (\$5.00 when there is a national speaker). Encourage your friends to join us.*

RETREATS

Toddhall in Columbia, IL

Our guild offers several retreats each year for our members. ***Note: two additional retreats have been scheduled beginning in 2019.** Attendees work on projects of their choice at their pace. If a retreat is full you can choose to be put on a wait-list. For detailed information see our website under *Guild Activities, Retreats* or contact the appropriate coordinator. To sign-up for a retreat contact the coordinator or visit the RETREAT table at our guild meetings. Costs vary by attendance, bedroom occupancy, and meals, and are calculated separately for each retreat. *These retreats are managed separately. Funds paid for a retreat are not transferrable to a subsequent retreat.*

Susan Calzone, Coordinator - January and June retreats

sesnowzone@charter.net

4day/3night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

- January 30 – February 2, 2019; add-on day January 29; **full.**

- June 12-15, 2019; add-on day June 11.

Laurie Schrader, Coordinator – Weekend retreats

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

* **February 15-17, 2019 - CANCELED**

- August 16-18, 2019.

Sue Meyer, Coordinator – Autumn Retreat

suziequilt@hotmail.com

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

* September 30-Oct.3, 2019

Fun Sew Day: Chris Williams

2019 Dates: Jan. 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6

- Location: West County EMS & Fire Administrative Offices at 223 Henry Ave., Manchester MO 63011
- Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sign up at Bits meetings or contact Chris Williams directly at cwill@earthlink.net.

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

Please support the following guild members with our prayers and good wishes through greeting cards, and emails:

- **Jane Coons's** mother-in-law passed away just as Jane was preparing her home for her MIL's move in.
- **Bonnie Brown** continues to need our support as she battles her cancer.
- **Suzanne Mullaney's** husband continues to need your prayers and support.
- **Anne Perry** is most grateful to all of you for the support and prayers that she received through emails and cards regarding the health of her husband Bob.
- **Mary Lou Knox**, whose husband, Ben, died just before Christmas, is very grateful to the Guild for the cards and emails that she received during this difficult time.
- **Jackie Compass**, a member of our Guild, passed away on December 13th. Candy Grisham shared this information with me and I have no additional information.
- **Linda Biederman**, who had heart surgery at the end of November, is home from the hospital and is feeling stronger each day. She is most grateful for the support and prayers that she received from the Guild. Let's continue to support Linda with a card or email.

Thanks to all of you for the outreach of support to our guild members during days of shadow and your enthusiastic encouragement during days of sunshine. Let's continue this support during the new year of 2019.

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- *Please contact me if you have any information for Sunshine and Shadow at Lkampwaugh@charter.net or call me at 314-909-8559.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy Rekowski

- Hello. I'd like to introduce myself as your new treasurer. I've been sewing since I was nine years old, making clothes, Halloween costumes, and my own curtains and bedspreads over the years. In 2009 I walked into a quilt shop looking for fabric to cover a chest. Instead I ended up taking a Quilting 101 class instead and was instantly hooked. Now, two sewing machines and an embroidery machine later, I have a dedicated sewing room, design wall, the works.
- A report is available in the Members Only area of our website.
- *Check Request and Reimbursement forms are available on the website. Please submit original receipts for your reimbursements.*
- *The "Income Submittal" and "Check Request" forms are on the guild's website. Please use them for all money transactions.*
- *Be sure to get the Committee Chairperson's initials on the Check Request form approving the budget item.*
- *Should you have any questions please contact Sandy Rekowski, 314-435-1553, or daffodil.2@hotmail.com. If you need to mail anything to me, my address is 5388 Royal Hills Drive, Oakville, MO 63129.*
- *I look forward to working with all of you!*

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EVENTS

ATTENTION

ART QUILTERS OF ALL LEVELS...or those who just love art quilts!

We are hosting a local meet-up of Studio Art Quilt Associates members in the St. Louis area. You do not have to be a current member of SAQA to attend this introductory meeting, but will need to join to continue. For information on SAQA: www.saqa.com

The meeting will be on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 6:00 - 8:00 pm, at the St Louis County Library Grand Glaize Branch
1010 Meramec Station Rd, Manchester, MO 63021, in Meeting Room 2.

Proposed Agenda

- Welcome, share how this meet up got started.
- Introductions: name, city, interest/participation in art quilting and local art quilting community
- What is SAQA and how would our group function/operate as part of SAQA
- Items of local interest: Innovations, fiber art at St Louis Lambert International Airport (current/future), other exhibits current/future?
- Flipchart listing: interests/what this group could provide that is not being satisfied elsewhere

Other items

- How group would communicate...private FB? SAQA provided?
- Expectations of participation...everyone do something/take or share a role?
- How do we fit in regional KC organization?
- How often do we meet each year?

Show and tell only if time permits.

If you have questions, please contact Candy Grisham or Wendy Richards

THE QUILTED FOX

The 2019 Block-of-the Month Starts in January
There is still time to sign up for
The Fox Tiptoes Through The Tulips

We're very excited to report that ***The Fox Tiptoes Through the Tulips*** starts in January for our first and third Saturday Block of the Month. This unique Quilted Fox design is inspired by the beauty of the landscape in the Netherlands. Think of the colors found in the gorgeous tulip gardens and the striking architecture of the Dutch signature windmills.

It's not too late to sign up and join this fun project! Call for all the details and to sign up! 314-993-1881



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

Find our newsletter on our web page: www.quiltedfox.com