

## **Guild Meeting December 10, 2019**

### **Come to the Bits 'n' Pieces Holiday Party!**

We will be celebrating the holidays  
Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm at the  
Salem Methodist Church.

Bring an appetizer or cookies to share  
(finger foods – nothing that requires silverware).

Bring one fat quarter of bright, outlandish  
fabric to share during the activity.

Bring non-perishable food items for  
Salem Methodist's food bank.

The drawing for the participants of the  
Holiday block will be held.

We will not have a business meeting or  
show-and-tell due to time constraints.

**Come enjoy fellowship with your quilting friends!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

**T**hankful.

I am thankful for Elias Howe Jr. who invented the modern lock stitch sewing machine.

I am thankful for Yoshio Okada who invented the world's first rotary cutter.

I am thankful for the 13th century Italians who invented eyeglasses so I can see to quilt.

I am thankful for Eli Whitney who invented the cotton gin so cotton could be readily available.

I am thankful for Karl Benz who invented the first gasoline powered automobile so I can quickly go to the quilt shop to buy fabric.

I am thankful for Johannes Gutenberg who invented the printing press so we can have quilting books.

But mostly I am thankful for my family and friends who are always supportive of my endeavors.

I am thankful for every member of the guild who steps up and volunteers, shares their talents, or just shows up with a smile on their face.

Thanks you all for being you.

Jean Goldsberry  
President

# MINUTES

**26 November 2019**

Meeting was called to order and 7:00 PM by President, Jean Goldsberry.

Minutes from the October Meeting were approved as written.

## **Announcements:**

- Newsletter deadline is moved out to Friday, Dec 6, 5:00 PM; all information into Cindy Holten.
- Bits 'N' Pieces Fun Sew Days for 2020 are scheduled for Saturdays on January 4, February 1, March 7, and April 4. Fun Sew Days are held at West County EMS and Fire Administrative Offices, 223 Henry Ave. in Manchester from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Gail MacCartney is managing the Signup sheets at tonight's meeting. Please see Gail if you are interested in attending or if you have questions about these Fun Sew Days. You may also just come just to visit and chat. Chris Williams is the Coordinator for Fun Sew Days.
- Marsha Bray needs a backup person to help her with the Bits 'N' Pieces website. The person should be adept with a Windows-based computer. They need to have good file handling skills and experience with word processing or website management or development.
- Next year, the Guild needs Cover Our Kids chairmen, Salad Supper chairman, and Holiday Party chairman. If you want to help, let Jean know she will find something fun for you to do.
- UFOs are being taken until the end of December by Francine Boillat.
- There are no Charity Sharity collections until January.
- There are still Christmas block fabrics available.

**Nominating Committee:** Louis Morris led the Nominating Committee and announced the new co-VPs, Gail Trudeau, Gail MacCartney, and Elizabeth Stewart. And our Secretary will be Nancy Hopkins.

**Program:** Cover Our Kids was the program this evening. Phyllis Bednarek introduced our speaker from the Adoptive and Foster Care Coalition, Natasha Leonard. She is the Director of External Relations. Their mission is to recruit parents and provide a home for every child in St. Louis. She mentioned their Resale Shop named Refresh which provides income for the Coalition. The Resale Shop does take donations. There is also a free store named Resource which allows foster kids to 'shop' and get the clothes they need.

**Baggie Blocks:** Sue Meyer thanked everyone for putting all the baggie blocks together. She came for a Scraps Sew Day and she was delighted with the large number of blocks for the COK program. Sue is taking next month off for the holidays.

**Holiday Party:** It was announced that the party is next month. It is at 6:30 PM on 10 December. Bring a colorful fat quarter, and either cookies or an appetizer to share. Also, think about bringing a non-perishable food item for donations to the Church.

**Quilt Show:** Darla Gibson mentioned there is an 'In Memorium' section at the quilt show. She is interested in finding all members who have passed. Nancy Peters is taking applications for all quilts that are to be put in the Show. Darla is looking for drop-off people; person will gather up all quilts from their neighborhoods and bring quilts to Queeny Park on Friday, 30 March 2020 at about noon. Volunteer sign-up will be in January. Candy Grisham is setting up the show and she will organize the set-up. Bed Turning quilts are needed in January for Hallye Bone to gather historical information about all the quilts. Darla also showed some items that will be donated to the Brown Bag Raffle. Proceeds from the Brown Bag Raffle will go to Fischer House. The Martelli Table will be raffled during the quilt show. Darla needs a volunteer to set up the booth and conduct the raffle the weekend of the quilt show. Publicity is ready to go out; please stop by the table in the back to take Quilt Show flyers out to local businesses.

**BOM:** Cindy Pfotenhauer accidentally left the BOM prizes at home. There were 2 completed BOM quilt tops and one complete BOM quilt shown at the meeting. There will be a raffle among those who finished the BOM Challenge.

<<Break>>

**Raffle Quilt Tickets:** Priscilla Kosednar conducted the drawing for sales of the raffle tickets. Sandy Resowski won the prize.

**Treasury Notes:** Sandy Resowski announced that we are in good shape for the quilt show at the present time.

**Membership:** Kathy Chitwood and Nancy Stratte announced that we had 60 members in attendance, and 4 guests. Attendance prizes were presented to two members. The new chairmen for Membership for 2020 will be Peggy Anderson and Mary Lou Knox.

**Other Announcements:** Nothing additional to report.

Show and Tell: There were several beautiful quilts displayed by our members this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

**Note:** This is the last time I will be taking the Minutes for the Guild as Nancy Hopkins will be taking over as Secretary in January 2020. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Secretary. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of our members by having this job.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Strebeck, Secretary, Bits 'N' Pieces Quilt Guild

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- What a great November meeting! It's always good to hear about the communities where we donate our quilts, and the children who receive them. We don't always see the good that the quilts bring and what great work everyone who donates time and fabric to COK is doing for the kids in the St. Louis area.
- Since this is our last newsletter as the COK committee, we would like to thank everyone who has helped make our two years so productive. We just try to organize and deliver the quilts, but you are doing all the great work donating your efforts. We have had a great time these last two years and feel good about turning over COK to a wonderful new team.
- Again, a big Thank You from Penny, Phyllis, and Mary Ann for all your help.
- Please contact one of the following if you have questions.
  - Mary Ann Barr - (314) 607-4735  
[mabarr221@yahoo.com](mailto:mabarr221@yahoo.com);
  - Phyllis Bednarek - (630) 319-4292  
[phyllisb4@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisb4@gmail.com);
  - Penny Edinger - (636) 778-0536  
[jandpedinger@charter.net](mailto:jandpedinger@charter.net)

### **LIBRARY: Kay Merz**

- No updates
- *If you just want to relax and enjoy curling up with a good book, don't forget the many quilt related novels your library provides for your enjoyment. 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**

- There were 60 in attendance at the November meeting which includes 4 guests. Currently there are 204 members on the membership roster.
- *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**

#### **Retreats for members at Toddhall in Columbia, IL**

Our guild offers several retreats each year. Attendees work on projects of their choosing. Come as a single or room with another guild member. If a retreat is full you can ask to be put on a wait-list. Detailed information about Toddhall, bedrooms, meals, etc. can be found on our website under [Guild Activities](#). The cost of each retreat varies by attendance, bedroom occupancy, and meals. Retreats are managed separately. Funds paid for one retreat are not transferrable to another retreat.

**Contact the designated coordinator for questions, availability, or to sign-up.**

#### **Susan Calzone**

[sesnowzone@charter.net](mailto:sesnowzone@charter.net)

4day/3night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

January 15-18, 2020, extra day January 14

#### **Laurie Schrader**

[laurieaschrader@gmail.com](mailto:laurieaschrader@gmail.com)

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

To be determined.

#### **Sue Meyer**

[suziequilt@hotmail.com](mailto:suziequilt@hotmail.com)

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

October 5-8, 2020

### **SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh**

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

- **Jean Goldsberry's** father-in-law, James Goldsberry Sr., passed away on Nov. 27. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, army veteran and all round wonderful person. He will be missed by all. Let's keep Jean and her family in our prayer and send her cards and emails of support. Especially at this time of the year, it is difficult to lose a loved one.
- **Darlene Sforza** thanks everyone for their prayerful support but she is also requesting continued prayer for Hank who is home now but is weak and eating very little.
- **Bonnie Brown** "I have been remiss in thanking all of the Bits members who have sent cards, emails and letters of healing thoughts, support and prayers. I have truly appreciated each and every one of them." And let's keep up our prayerful and thoughtful support of Bonnie who is still experiencing some minor setbacks but they should be short-lived.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

- **Ivy Osborn** Thank you so much for the many cards and emails expressing sympathy for my Dad's death. It is so nice to know that friends care during a hard time.
- He was 96 but his mind was good to the very end. I talked to him by phone the night before he died to say "I love you" one more time and he was able to return the words.

Thanks to all of you for supporting our guild members who need us at critical times in our lives.

Please contact me if you have any information for Sunshine and Shadow at [Lkampwaugh@charter.net](mailto:Lkampwaugh@charter.net) or call me at 314-909-8559.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Sandy Rekowski**

- The Treasurer's Report can be found in the Members Only section of the website. I've included totals for November and Year to Date.
- Committee Chairs - Please review the Year to Date totals for your committee and let me know if anything looks awry. Feel free to review and contact me if you have questions at [sandyrekowski@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyrekowski@yahoo.com).
- New Check Request and Income Submittal forms Reimbursement forms are being posted to the website.
- There is also a new form to be used ONLY for Check Request and Income Reimbursements related to the 2020 Quilt Show. I've been asked to track income and expenses by category, and this form includes them.
- All the new forms list budget categories. Please check the appropriate category when submitting requests. The category selection menu is the only thing that has changed, except that there are separate forms now for income vs. checks.
- Submit original receipts with check requests for reimbursements and get the Committee Chairperson's initials on Check Request forms approving the budget item.

### **UFO: Francine Boillat**

- Your UFO projects for this year are due by the end of December. Since the next guild meeting will be a party, please contact me if you have a finished UFO project that needs to be recorded in my record book.
- My email is [Effybee534@aol.com](mailto:Effybee534@aol.com) This information is needed for the year end calculations.

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## **GROUP SEW DAYS**

- **SCRAPS**
  - **Mon Jan 13**
    - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, [nmuskopf37@gmail.com](mailto:nmuskopf37@gmail.com)
    - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
    - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **COK**
  - **Nothing scheduled until 2020**
    - Coordinator : Mary Barr , [mabarr221@yahoo.com](mailto:mabarr221@yahoo.com)
    - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
    - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **FUN SEW DAY**
  - All on Sat: January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4**
    - Coordinator : Chris Williams; [cwill@earthlink.net](mailto:cwill@earthlink.net) or mobile 314 452 5912
    - 9 - 4 At West County EMS & Fire Admin Ofc, 223 Henry Ave., Manchester, MO 63011
    - Signup sheets are at each Bits meeting or you may contact the coordinator. Details are on the Bits Website under Guild Activities.
    - If you want to come just visit and chat – Welcome!
    - Bringing hand sewing – Welcome!
    - Have a project to show off – Welcome!
    - Have a problem project and looking for help – Welcome!
    - We would love to see you there.



## YOUR FANFARE OF QUILTS 2020 - March 21-22, 2020

### **QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson**

- We are just three short months away from our Fanfare of Quilts 2020! The time is flying past and we have a lot to accomplish. This accomplishment is not just as a Quilt Show Committee but as a Guild! We will need everyone participating.
- One way you can help is to volunteer to put together the raffle booth for the Martinelli Table! The Martinelli Company came to our guild and donated a table for us to raffle. Proceeds of this raffle will go to the guild budget to help with programs, speakers and COK. If you are available to help with this, please give me a call or email – Darla Gibson 636-448-8135 or [dgibson@cambridge-eng.com](mailto:dgibson@cambridge-eng.com)
- Here are more ways you can help!
  1. Please be available to help work the weekend of March 20 – 22, 2020 – This includes set up on Friday, volunteering time on Saturday and Sunday and take down on Sunday evening. We will need all 150+ members to make it all happen!
  2. Quilts – your quilt submission forms are due in January – Nancy and/or Darla will take them at the December meeting so don't hesitate to get them in early. You can also mail them to Nancy Peters (her address is on the form) if you'd like to get that done before your big Christmas Plans start!
  3. Antique Quilts – if you have an antique quilt for the show, please bring that quilt to the January meeting for Iris. She will collect them so they can begin collecting more history about the quilts and making the quilts.
  4. Drop Off Volunteers – if you are available to collect quilts and bring them to Queeny on Friday 3/20/20, please sign up with Nancy or Darla
  5. Raffle for Fisher House – if you have donations for the raffle, please get them to Margie Whitehead or Lynn DeWitt as soon as possible. We want to have as much collected by the January meeting as possible so they can work on baskets and numbering.
  6. Volunteers – we will go over the various Volunteer Positions at the January meeting. Please bring your calendars and sign up for a position!
  7. Publicity – Our Publicity Committee needs help in getting the flyers and book marks distributed. Please contact Tamra Phelps at [tjphelps837@att.net](mailto:tjphelps837@att.net) to let her know where you can distribute the flyers. Don't forget to have some on hand over the holidays for friends and family that drop by – one in every stocking never hurt!

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in January!

### **RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar**

- Congratulations to Sandy Rekowski for winning the November prize for selling raffle tickets. There are three more opportunities

for members to win a prize: one more drawing from the chances earned by selling tickets, for selling the most tickets, and for selling the winning ticket. These three prizes will be awarded at the March 2020 guild meeting. Recall that you receive one chance for each pack of six tickets you sell.

- There are still a few members who have not picked up their tickets. The money raised by the Raffle Quilt is used to fund guild activities including national speakers and workshops, battling for Cover Our Kids quilts, and other guild expenses. We ask (only once every two years) each guild member participate in this fund raiser by selling at least 4 packs of six tickets. Many members have sold their tickets and have asked for more to sell. Thank you very much!
- While there is no official business at the Christmas Party, I will bring raffle tickets. Don't forget to tell friends and family you will see during the holidays about our upcoming Quilt Show and how they could win our beautiful quilt.
- If you need more information about the A-Team's Rose of Sharon raffle quilt, please refer to the April newsletter (pages 11 and 12) and the Quilt Show 2020 tab at the top of the home page.

### **CHARITY RAFFLE: Marge Whitehead**

The Quilt Show Charity Raffle Table is still accepting items.

- Layer Cakes
- Jelly Rolls
- Charm Packs
- Patterns with fabrics
- Panels with coordinating fabrics
- Current pattern books
- Fabrics yardage
- All sewing notions, blades, thread packs, and any quilt item you would like donate.
- Gift cards for: Fabric stores, restaurants, gas. These would be great additions for our raffle baskets.

I want to extend a BIG "THANK YOU!!" for all the great donations to the charity raffle...please keep those donations coming!

### **PUBLICITY: Tamra Phelps**

- At the November guild meeting the Quilt Show Committee asked our members if they could take packets (of flyers and bookmarks) to shops and/or guilds. Some members stepped up but we still have a lot of packets we'd rather not have to mail if we can find volunteers to hand carry them.
- Also we have some names with no or only partial addresses. Any help with the following is greatly appreciated:
  - Bound Together Quilt Guild
  - Fabric Shop (in Washington, MO)
  - Heartland Quilt Guild (Wood River IL)
  - Hearts 'n' Hands Quilt Guild (O'Fallon IL)
  - Merrily We Sew Along (was in Chesterfield MO)
  - ?? Quilt guild (in Lake of the Okarks MO)
  - Piece Mill Quilters (Chesterfield MO)
  - St Clair County Guild (no idea even if MO or IL)
  - Thimble & Thread (Kirkwood MO)
  - TNT Quilt Guild (Glen Carbon IL)
  - Star Guild (Butler Hill Rd, St Louis MO)