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SEPTEMBER 2019

Guild Meeting September 24, 2019



A MARTELLI ENTERPRISES EVENT Presented by David Martelli

David is the son of John and Marsha Martelli, the masterminds behind Martelli Enterprises in Pensacola Florida. David's social communication style and knowledge of quilting has brought him into the spotlight with a few networks such as the Home Shopping Network (HSN), where he served as On-Air Guest Presenter for 6 years; the QVC, as On-Air Guest Presenter for 4 years; and co-host of *Quilt Central* a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) production for 3 years.

The Martelli name is recognized worldwide for its ergonomically designed tools and its ever expanding addition of new unique products to the market. Its events are packed with special pricing that is only offered to guild members, as well as demonstrations on how to make a quilt with 100% accuracy without ever having to take a single measurement. Yes, not one single measurement!

David will demonstrate how Martelli tools will produce better results than you have ever seen before. Aside from learning how fun and simple quilting can be with their tools, you will also be educated on the ergonomic benefits of the Martelli system. This will, in turn, help you produce quilts in an easier and quicker manner, while ensuring accuracy, and drastically lessening the aches and pains associated with any repetition type projects.

David has always had a hand in product design and production. His father, John, holds over 50 patents, with a majority tying into the quilting industry. David and John listen to the problems and complications that come with sewing and quilting and use that feedback to develop new innovations to make sewing and quilting a more user-friendly hobby.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Bits N Pieces Membership,

It's not too late!

You can:

Start Late

Start Over

Rip and re sew

Be unsure

Try and fail then try again

And still succeed.

It's not too late to make a quilt for the Challenge. It's not due until the October meeting.

It's not too late to make a quilt for the quilt show. Forms are due by January meeting.

It's not too late to learn something new. Candy and Marsha are giving a One Block Wonders workshop in October.

It's not too late to volunteer to help out the guild. We have many opportunities for 2020.

We really need a nominating committee now! We need a vice president and secretary for next year.

We need a new crew to run Cover Our Kids.

Special thanks to Mary Lou Knox who volunteered to be on the membership committee for 2020.

Please contact me if you want to help out the guild in 2020.

Remember - it's not too late.

Jean Goldsberry
President

MINUTES

27 August 2019

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jean Goldsberry, President.
2. Approval of Minutes: The Minutes were approved as written.
3. Announcements:
 - a. Newsletter deadline is Friday, 30 August 2019, before 5PM. Please get all information into Cindy Holten by this time.
 - b. "The A Team" is beginning their meetings again in September. They meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Ernst.
 - c. Please pick up your raffle ticket for the Quilt Raffle during break if you have not gotten yours yet. The Quilt Raffle is our main source of funds and allows us to bring in awesome speakers like we have this evening.
 - d. Fun Sew Days are planned for the following dates: 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December. If you want to attend or have questions, please see Chris Williams. You may also see more about Fun Sew Days on our Bits website under Guild Activities.
 - e. If you have your BOM, show yours to Cindy Pfothenauer. There will be a drawing after break.
 - f. There will not be a COK Sew Day in September. There is one coming up in October.
 - g. Officers are needed. Officers serve a 2-year term in this Guild. A new Vice President and Secretary are needed. Jean is pulling together a Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please talk with Jean Goldsberry.
 - h. Our Treasurer, Sandy Resowski, is on vacation. Turn any money into Jean Goldsberry.
4. Program: Our speaker, Sandra Bruce, was introduced by Candy Grisham. Sandra is from Grass Valley, CA. She spent most of her career as an illustrator. She is a Juried Member of SAQA. She taught Stitching Words today and will teach the Matrix class tomorrow. She showed us slides of her life, her art, and her quilts. She learned to sew when she was 8-years-old. Sandra also enjoys working in polymer clay and had buttons, and jewelry for sale. She brought along several quilts in her suitcases, and after her slideshow, Sandra showed us some of her quilts in person.
5. Quilt Show: Darla Gibson passed out forms for each of us to submit our quilts to the March 2020 Quilt Show. She explained how to fill out the form. Please include a 4x6" Photo. Forms need to be handed in at the Guild meetings between now and January. Drop-off will be to a committee person's home who lives near you. Quilts will be picked up

on Sunday, 23 March after the Quilt Show. All quilts must have a sleeve. Quilts must be completed by the quilt show. Featured quilters are being considered now. All candidates are being contacted to ascertain they are willing to be the featured quilter.

<<Break>>

6. Workshop: Candy Grisham announced the workshop tomorrow starts at 10:30 AM. We may arrive after 10 AM.
7. Block of the Month: Cindy Pfothenauer will take names of the people who have submitted their BOMs. Quilt tops must be completed by October for the big drawing.
8. Quilting Challenge: Cindy Pfothenauer advised that the rules for the Challenge are on the website. The Challenge is NOT a finishing Challenge, so bindings may be simple. Cindy described the Challenge for those who missed the reveal of the Challenge in May. Various thread colors or variegated threads may be used.
9. Raffle Quilt Tickets: Priscilla Kosednar held the drawing for this month's sellers of the raffle tickets. The leading seller is Tamra Phelps. Linda Biederman, and Edie Cornell-Smith are tied for 2nd place. Rita Nyhoff won the raffle for this month.
10. The Company: Gail McCartney announced that "The Company" is going to see the Pompeii Exhibit at the Science Center. All are welcome to come along; just talk to Gail.
11. Membership: Kathy Chitwood and Nancy Stratte held a drawing for attendance prizes. Seven new members joined this evening. There were also seven guests this evening. We had 102 people in attendance at the meeting this evening. There were two winners of the attendance prizes.
12. Other Announcements: John Rutkowski announced that the Martelli Company will be here next month to demonstrate their template cutting system for quilt fabrics.
13. Show and Tell: There were many inspiring and amazing quilts for Show and Tell this evening. Thank you!\

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Strebeck

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOM: Cindy Pfothenauer

- No updates.
- Please feel free to email me (cindypfot@gmail.com) if you have any questions or if you want to be added to the email list. You are already on the list if you are receiving my emails.

CHALLENGE: Cindy Pfothenauer, Margaret Gaal

- No updates.
- The Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Challenge 2019 is a Whole Cloth Quilt. The objective is to show off the quilting, so quilting is to be done on a plain solid piece of fabric.
- Domestic machine quilting format is 18"x18", Hand quilting format is 18"x18", Longarm quilting format is 36"x36".
- Deadline for the Challenge is the October Meeting. All members are encouraged to participate in this Challenge.
- Additional information may be found on the BnP website under Guild Activities.

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

- With the dinner meeting in July, everyone out did themselves this month. We received 57 finished quilts and 10 kits were checked out. Every month we are amazed at the quantity and quality of quilts turned in. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- We have received a good amount of the strip 10.5" squares and Sue Meyer is working on a design for their use. There are still lots of the strip pieces if anyone would like to pick up a hand full next meeting.
- There will be a COK sew date in October. We will let you know the date.
- Our two year term with COK is up this December and even though we have enjoyed the work, it's time to move over for someone else. We have found that three people have worked out well. If anyone is interested please let the nominating committee know or come and talk to one of us for information on what we do.
- Again, thank you to all of you that work so hard for COK
- *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

LIBRARY: Kay Merz

- Hopefully you were able to attend the inspirational guild meeting for August and saw Sandra Bruce's beautiful quilts, buttons and earrings. What a great presentation. It makes me just want to start trying her technique. Maybe

some of you were able to attend her workshop and will share your projects at our upcoming quilt show.

- If you are looking for that added special quilting touch for your special project, you may be interested in the library's latest addition. The iQuilt DVD, "Progressive Detail Quilting" with Judi Madsen. Judi shares the tools she uses for the best quilting results. The class includes a free pattern for using her quilting techniques. She shares drawing and marking design techniques for incredible results. See how progressively adding quilting details turns an average quilt into a masterpiece. This is an iQuilt class and contains all the information provided in the on-line class. This DVD is one of many DVD's and quilting books available to Guild members. If you are just wanting 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.
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- *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 102 in attendance at the August meeting which includes 7 new members and 7 guests. Currently there are 199 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.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS—cont'd

RETREATS

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, Coordinator - January and June retreats

sesnowzone@charter.net

4day/3night minimum

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$380

- January 15-18, 2020, add-on day January 14

Laurie Schrader, Coordinator – Weekend retreat

laurieaschrader@gmail.com

3day/2nights

Approximate cost is \$160 to \$220

- To be determined.

Sue Meyer, Coordinator – Autumn retreat

suziequilt@hotmail.com

4day/3nights

Approximate cost is \$250 to \$310

- September 30-Oct.3, 2019

SUNSHINE & SHADOW: Linda Waugh.

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

- **Karen Turner** is recovering from back surgery and is now receiving therapy and is doing well. She expresses her thanks to all of you for the cards and emails.
- **Mary Ann Stark's** daughter, Christine, still has surgeries but is most grateful for your prayerful support. I think Christine continues to need our support.
- **Barb Philbrick** sends her thanks to all of you for the cards and prayers she has received On behalf of her husband's illness and slow recovery .
- **Terrie Tinker's** dear husband, Christopher, passed away on August 13. He will be greatly missed by Terrie and her family so let's continue to pray for her and support her with cards and emails.

- **Nancy Peters's**, mother-in-law, Florence, died unexpectedly and in her sleep as she was in the hospital waiting for back surgery. I know Nancy and Bill will appreciate your support through cards and prayers.
- **Zeynep Austill** will be receiving a stem cell transplant next week and needs our support. Let's keep her close in prayer and send her cards and emails of support. She has such a positive attitude.
- I know over the last year, since I just read through my notebook, that many of our members have lost loved ones, have been taking care of loved ones who are sick or receiving therapy or who themselves have undergone surgeries. Let's continue to support one another as best we can as quilters, as friends.
- **Mary Ann Stark** is asking for more and continued prayer for Christine. Though her surgery is successful, She now has a blood clot and possible infection. Let's continue to storm heaven for Christine's healing.
- *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

- If you have check requests or income to submit, please drop them in the mail to me as I cannot make the August meeting. I will take care of them as soon as possible.
- Check Request forms are available on the website. Please submit original receipts for your reimbursements.
- The guild's website also has the Income Submittal forms. Please use them for all money transactions and get the Committee Chairperson's initials on Check Requests approving the budget item.
- Quilt Show Committee members, please remember to submit your forms with budget categories listed. Thanks!

UFO: Francine Boillat


- No updates.
- If you have questions, please see me at the UFO table or send me an email. Hope to hear from lots of members.

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

QUILT SHOW CHAIR: Darla Gibson

- As we approach the fall season (although it's hard to believe it's almost here!), I am getting more excited for the Quilt Show! I know that things will start happening soon and with the delivery of the Quilt Show Forms to the Members at Tuesday's meeting, it seems more real than ever!
- Please check out the web site for the Quilt Show Entry Form. I will ask Marsha to get it loaded for easy access as you review and prepare your quilts for the show. Remember, it is a two sided form and you should copy it front and back – to one sheet of paper. Also, please remember that we need a decent (not professional) 4" x 6" picture of your quilt on the front of the form! Please do NOT place larger than that on the form as it makes the layout process much more difficult!
- Thank you to everyone that sent a submission in for Featured Quilter. I know that any of those nominated will be a wonderful representative of our guild at the show. We will present the ballot for the Featured Quilter at the September meeting as well as some background about each nominee. This should make it easy for all members (new and existing) to vote – I won't say it will be an easy choice though! We will announce the winner in October.
- Please make sure to start telling your friends and family to mark their calendars! March 21 – 22, 2020! And be sure to add March 20th to your calendar for set-up!



**To
Fanfare of Quilts
2020
149 days
As of 9/1/19
(9/1/19 to 1/28/20)**

RAFFLE QUILT: Priscilla Kosednar

- Congratulations to Rita Nyhoff, the winner of the August prize for selling Raffle Quilt tickets. The next drawing for a prize will be at the November guild meeting. Members receive one chance for each 6-ticket set you sell and for each shift worked at a selling event where the quilt is displayed.
- After the Quilt Show we will be awarding a prize for the member who sells the most tickets. The leaders in this competition are Tamera Phelps, Linda Biederman, Edie Cornell-Smith, and Iris Moore. But there is still time for any guild member to sell enough tickets to win this prize.

Sell Sell Sell

- A special thank you is sent to Carol Spindler and Linda Dewitt for showing the quilt at the Jefferson Star Guild meeting. They had a successful evening selling raffle tickets and promoting the Quilt Show. If you belong to a group where you would like to display the quilt and sell tickets, just contact any member of the Raffle Committee.
- REMINDER: Each member has an envelope with 24 tickets, a picture of the quilt and selling direction. If you have not picked up your envelope, PLEASE do so at the September guild meeting. If you are a new member since the March meeting, we have an envelope for you too.
- 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 to our raffle baskets.

BITS 'N PIECES

One Block Wonder Quilts Workshop
October 19, 2019
by Candy Grisham and Marsha Bray

Wow – one fabric and so...many looks!



This class will teach you how to stack fabric repeats and form hexagon blocks to create a kaleidoscope quilt with no two blocks the same. The fun is seeing what you can come up with by arranging the blocks to create your own unique design! You can use yardage or panels. The workshop will be \$20 per person and will be held at Jackman's Fabric in the large classroom. You must be a Bits member to sign up. There are still a few spaces remaining.

To register send your name, email, and cell phone number with \$20 payment to Marsha Bray, 1797 Golden Lake Ct, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

The Raintree Quilter's Guild Invites you to their HARVEST OF QUILTS XIII SHOW

The 2019 Harvest of Quilts XIII Quilt and Craft Show will be held at Old National Events Plaza, 715 Locust St, Evansville, IN, September 20 & 21, 2019. Over 300 quilts will be displayed by the Raintree Quilters along with demonstrations of craft and quilting techniques. Scores of varied hand-made craft and quilted items are available and don't miss the Silent Auction of very nice hand-crafted and quilted items. Raintree Quilters Guild has selected SWIRCA as its' featured Salute to Service for charity this year to benefit their Veterans Day Celebration. Quilt Appraisals by appointment are available. Tickets available at the door, Admission is \$8, ages 12 and under are free. Hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Hours are Friday and Saturday 9AM-5PM. Hope to see you there!

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GROUP SEW DAYS

- **SCRAPS**
 - **Mon Sep 9**
 - Coordinator : Nancy Muskopf, nmuskopf37@gmail.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **COK**
 - **TBD**
 - Coordinator : Mary Barr , mabarr221@yahoo.com
 - 9:30 - 3 At Salem Methodist Church
 - Contact Coordinator for details.
- **FUN SEW DAY**
 - **All on Sat: Oct 5; Nov 2; Dec 7**
 - Coordinator : Chris Williams; cwwill@earthlink.net or mobile314 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 or help – Welcome!
 - We would love to see you there.

St. Louis Art Quilters Group Accepting New Members

Are you interested in learning how to make art quilts? **The St. Louis Art Quilters Group** is accepting new members - 8 spots are now available.

If you are interested, please contact Jane Unger at:

Jane Unger at: jane_ungerbaumstark@me.com,
314.704.1501 or alternate:
junger@fronddesignstudios.com

Group Details

- Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Jackman's Fabrics in Creve Coeur, 6 - 8 p.m.
- Open to beginner and experienced quilters, artists and sewists
- Fabric, fiber, stitching and embellishment are used as the primary media for your quilted art pieces - learn about the techniques and materials used in art quilting
- Supportive, positive group focused on learning and sharing
- \$25 annual dues

The group was started in September 2018 and co-facilitated by Candy Grisham, Wendy Richards, and Jane Unger. Current members have elected to continue the group and we have two new coordinators, Trish Busby and Ann Regal. Wendy and myself will continue in the group as members.

PLEASE NOTE: This group is not a part of Jackman's Fabrics educational programs and classes, however, they have generously provided space to meet. **If you have questions about the group, please contact me directly through email (contact info above), not Jackman's Fabrics.**

Thank you,
Jane Unger