



Quilt-A-Gram



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BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS' GUILD

CEO's Message

I look forward to seeing everyone at the holiday parties. Our Chapter Presidents have a lot of fun planned. I hope you can make it.

We are gaining new members and hearing many comments on how they are enjoying the meetings and friendships. That's because of you. I, personally, appreciate all the kind words and encouragement received.

We are now halfway through the guild's fiscal year. We will soon start the search for willing members to be on next year's Board. I encourage you to get involved, even if you have been several times already. Our guild needs a good combination of experienced members and new members to continue the momentum that has begun this year. If you've been a member for at least one year as of July 1, 2024, you can be part of the Board. Look over the list of offices inside the newsletter and look up the job descriptions on the website. There are several items that must be continued, but as you've seen there is flexibility in all jobs. There are also several committees that will need volunteers. If you have questions about any position, please reach out.

— Lora Brinkman,
CEO



Day Chapter Meeting
Monday — Dec. 4
Fairview UMC
Silent Auction Turn in: 10:30 am
Sign in: 11:00 am
Potluck: 11:30 am



Starlight Piecemakers
Thursday — Dec. 7
Fairview UMC
Doors Open: 5:00 pm
Potluck: 6:00 pm

A Message from Sue —

Over the river and through the...*WAIT*...They're coming here! If you are as busy finishing gift projects and meal planning as I am then I cordially invite you to be pampered at our **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON on Monday, Dec. 4th.**

Recharge your creative batteries as you view award-winning quilts, see creative centerpieces made by our Special Interest groups, and learn more about the 2024 Quilt Show. Do you have an award-winning quilt? Please bring it to display!

The Holiday Luncheon is a potluck carry-in (the Guild is providing meat and rolls), a silent auction, and an opportunity to win one (or more) of the centerpieces. (Setup for the silent auction begins at 10:30 am. If you wish, please bring an item that's worth a minimum \$5.00 in new (or like) condition.)

Bring cash (or check) so you can bid on our silent auction item(s)! Purchase "voting" tickets for the centerpieces. After we draw winners we will count the total number of tickets (votes) to determine the winning Special Interest Group's centerpiece. The groups have been hard at work creating amazing centerpieces that show their focus. Very festive - you won't want to miss them!

WATCH for more details to follow in a guild-wide email.

— Sue Donnelly, Day Chapter President

A Message from Kat —

'Tis the season to eat too much! Come and enjoy visiting with each other and getting to know our many new members at the Starlight Piecemakers meeting.

Bring a small wrapped gift (ornament or quilting notion) if you would like to participate in an optional gift exchange.

Bring your favorite Christmas quilt, stocking, or tree topper for Show and Tell!

Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. The Guild will provide meat, drinks, and table service. Please bring a dish to share:

A-M vegetable, salad dishes.

N-Z desserts.

A short business meeting with a 2024 Quilt show update will follow our meal.

— Kat Reece

Starlight Chapter President



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Treasurer's Report

Period: 7/01/2023-6/30/2024

Approved Report prepared & submitted on 11/13/2023 to Board for Approval by

Willie Morris, Treasurer

Guild's NET ASSETS on 10/31/2023

Cash 10/31/2023 (General Ledger)	\$30,260.87
Savings (Money Mkt Balance)	\$0.00
CD's (3)	<u>\$18,662.51</u>
Net Assets	\$48,953.38

Number of Members 128

FY2023-2024 (07/01/23-06/30/24) Year-to-Date Summary of General Ledger Financial Transactions To-Date

Beginning Cash Balance	\$36,704.10
FY2023-2024 Deposits	\$11,389.50
FY2023-2024 Expenses	<u>(\$17,832.73)</u>
Ending (Cash) Balance on 10/31/2023	\$30,260.87



Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

The executive board met on 11/14/2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom with a full quorum and adjourned at 7:14 pm. Officers, Standing Committee chairs & ad hoc chairs reported, as well as old business, and new business discussed.

The Board will not meet in December.

The minutes in entirety will be available on the BTQG website after the January board meeting and October's minutes are available now if you would like to review them. Thank you.

—Lora Brinkman for
Carol Sexton, Secretary

December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>Day Chapter Holiday Luncheon Sign in: 11:00 am Potluck 11:30 am</i>	5	6	7 <i>Starlight Piecemakers Potluck and Meeting Doors open: 5:00 pm Potluck: 6:00 pm</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Newsletter Articles due</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
31 	1	2	3	4 <i>Starlight Piecemakers</i>	5	6

Calendar Contacts: (For e-mail addresses, consult the directory)

Day Chapter: Sue Donnelly 573-521-9644
Starlight Chapter: Kat Reece 573-619-7928
Guild's Calendar: Amy Reilly 573-819-1561

Guild Interest Groups

Evening Sit N Sew: Carol Sexton 775-830-9654
Featherweight Friends: Linda Rexroth 573-823-9588
Medallion Group: Bettina Havig 573-449-1602
Needlework: Mona Stevenson 573-698-2019
SASH* (Meetings TBA) Sarah Briggs 573-634-2162
 or Linda Karns 573-825-2020
Sassy Stitchers: Peggy Brothers 573-819-6682
Small Wonders: Karon Huggler 573-489-6373
Southside EPP/Art: Barbara Beattie 573-489-1935

Please note that not all interest groups meet every month. You are welcome to ask the contact people at right for information or questions about any of these friendly groups.

*Short Attention Span Happy Quilters!

Service Projects



November is a month of Thanksgiving and what a wonderful month for Service Quilts! I can't express how much these quilts will mean to our different charity recipients! Thank you all for such giving hearts and may God bless each and every one of you. There were lots of quilts and self-binding blankets turned in at both of the November meetings, I plan to make another donation drop next week. Thank you!!!



— Connie Richards, Service Projects

Membership News

New Members:

Liz Chronister, 3801 Lyman Dr, Columbia, MO, (573) 424-3109, chronisterl@health.missouri.edu
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If you have notice discrepancies in the Membership Booklet, please let us know so we can include a correction in the newsletter.

— Donna Puleo
 Membership

Pick up your membership directories at either December meeting!



Happy Birthday

Name	Date	Name	Date
Margaret Dunsmore	12/1	Jeannie Sanchez	12/14
Christy Gray	12/3	Debbie Schulz	12/14
Nancy Toalson	12/3	Bonnie Wakefield	12/15
Suzanne Henage	12/4	Donna Burns	12/17
Jeanne Grossman	12/6	Lisa Kile	12/19
Linda Rexroth	12/13	Sarah McLane	12/29
Vivian Tompson	12/13		

Opportunity Quilts

We love our interest groups. Both Sassy Stitchers and the Needlework groups have provided opportunity quilts to raffle off as part of the quilt show. Barb Sanders will coordinate taking these quilts to various locations for display to help stir up interest for the quilt show. Ticket pre-sales will begin in March.

Sassy Stitchers' quilt pattern is "Evening Bloom" by Blackbird Designs. The blocks are needle turn applique using French General fabrics. Members include: Judy Gieselman, Carrol Lewis, Donna Burris, Betty White, Peggy Brothers, Bettina Havig, Nancy Antonio, Deb Kagay, Mavis Mitchell, Martha Eberhard, Judi Kirkpatrick, and Willie Morris. Trina Pratt did the quilting.



The **Needlework** groups' quilt pattern is "Winter Wonderland" by Crabapple Hill. The blocks are hand embroidered using blue and white fabrics. Members include: Mona Stevenson, Deb Odor, Betty White, Janis Harralson, Donna Puleo, Merril Winfield, Mindy Smith, Suzane Henage, Lauri Murphy, Nancy Antonio, Corrine Remeika, Lynn Hill and Martha Eberhard.

January 8, 2024 Day Chapter Meeting and Kawandi Workshop

Jennifer Strausser, author of a blog and newsletter named **Dizzy Quilter**, will be the guest speaker for the Jan. 8 Day Chapter meeting. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom and is open to all members of the guild. (A Zoom link will be sent to all members of the guild before the meeting.)

Strausser is a quilting educator and designer and part of the team at Gotham Quilts, which makes quilting classes available online. (The shop is in the process of closing its bricks-and-mortar location and going totally online.)

Strausser's work has appeared in many industry publications, including Curated Quilts and McCall's Quilting. You can find her work at <https://dizzyquilter.com//>. Strausser, on her website, says: "I've been in love with quilting for over 20 years, and I'm excited to share my knowledge with you! I have experimented with everything from longarm quilting, hand piecing, appliqué and anything else that has caught my attention. She got started quilting when her first child was a toddler – she needed something in her life that she could control, she says.

"It's my mission to help you learn to love quilting, too."

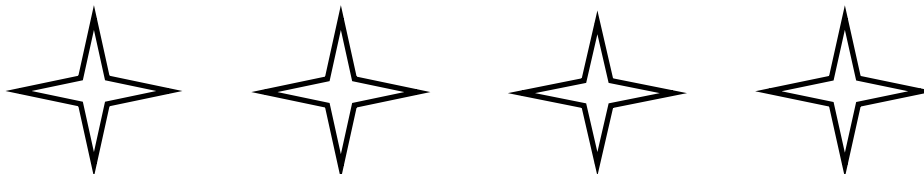
Prior to the meeting, she will conduct a three-hour workshop, also on Zoom, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. about Kawandi techniques. **The workshop is limited to 20 participants. See more information about the registration, fee and supply list for the workshop on page 7.**

Quilts of Many Colors 2024 Quilt Show

As announced last month, next year's quilt show will be held on September 20-21 at Community United Methodist Church on West Broadway. The layout committee has measured the church and is in the early stages of planning the space out. Setup has done an inventory count of the pipes and stands in the storage unit, and discussions are underway about signage needs. The final edits are being made to the quilt show logo and should be ready to share soon. Thank you one and all for picking up Marketplace kits and we look forward to seeing what you make.

Quilt Challenge

The quilt challenge was introduced at both November chapter meetings and we quickly signed up 23 members. The focus fabric is a beautiful ombre fabric donated by Appletree Quilting Center and we only have one and one-half 1/4-yard strips left. We will not be getting additional yardage but if more members would like to participate, please work with Mindy Smith to see if any registered participants have unused fabric to share. Rules for the quilt challenge can be found on the BTQG website under **Quilt Show**.



Quilt Show Marketplace Update

Thanks to each of you who made thread catchers with Willie last month. We look forward to seeing a variety of fabrics in that fun project. In April, May, and July we'll use Sit and Sew time for other quick projects – though they will require a sewing machine. More on that next year.

Also, thanks to each of you who took one or more project kits. We started November with over 100 kits and many patterns. Sixty-nine kits were checked out, along with several patterns. The remaining ones will return at the March meeting. If you should need another one, let Mona know and she can meet up with you somewhere. You are, of course, welcome to make things with your own fabric and patterns.

Remember to return leftover fabrics along with the pattern and completed project. We'll be selling FQs, larger cuts and scraps at the show.

We've been asked what else sold well last time, in addition to turtle mops, microwave bowls, trivets and pan protectors. (We'll be making those at Sit and Sews next year.) We sold 24 pin cushions (though we had 74). So, an attractive selection would be good – just not as many. We sold 15 of 18 Christmas ornaments, so an assortment of those would be nice. Eight of 12 mug rugs sold. One kit for a pair of those was checked out, but we could use a few more. Also remember to cull your magazine collection (2020 and newer) and your books for titles you're ready to pass on. You can bring those to any meeting.

See you at our holiday meals. There won't be kits, unless someone contacts us with a specific request.

— Enjoy your holidays, Mona and Trina

Learn Kawandi quilting during BTQG workshop on Jan. 8

It's January and, in all probability, it's cold outside. So why not cuddle up at home and learn a new technique to make a warm, cozy quilt in a Kawandi Quilting Workshop.

Jennifer Strausser, a Kawandi quilter, will conduct a three-hour workshop from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (on Zoom) for up to 20 members of the Booneslick Quilters' Guild. **The fee for the workshop is \$20 per person.**

Kawandi quilting is a traditional craft in western India, brought to that region via African slaves. The traditional Kawandi is a hand-stitched quilt, made from scrap fabric, including old saris. One unique aspect is that it is assembled from the outside in. The edges are turned under and stitched together, and batting is laid inside. As you stitch there will be some bulk in the center of the piece. That is called the belly of the quilt.

Class objective

We will get you started on your own mini Kawandi quilt. I've sized the project to make a placemat. Feel free to make something smaller or larger, but don't go bigger than a fat quarter. It will take too long for you to get started. I will demonstrate all aspects of making a Kawandi quilt, from beginning with the finished edges to finishing the middle and adding Phula.

Fabric selection

Since this quilt is entirely handmade, I recommend using soft fabrics for your first project. Used clothing is certainly acceptable. Avoid thick fabrics, like denim, or tightly woven ones, like batiks. (I love batiks, but they are not always fun to hand stitch.) My favorite fabrics for Kawandi are loosely woven ones. Peppered Cottons, Essex linens, and homespuns are all a pleasure to stitch through.

Thread considerations

Traditional Kawandi are typically stitched with colorful fabrics using white thread. White thread doesn't have a special meaning - it is just readily available, and white always goes with white. I find white thread to be boring. I use anything and everything other than white. My pieces typically have many thread colors - they are a great way to finish off old spools of heavier threads. Perle cotton, Aurifil 12 & 28 weight, Wonderfil Spaghetti and sashiko thread are all wonderful.

Materials required

- 21" x 15" of backing fabric; plus 18" x 12" square of batting
- Assorted rectangular fabric scraps, ideally no smaller than 2" square or larger than 6" square.
You will need enough to cover your top almost twice.
- Perle cotton thread or similar
- Embroidery needles with a large eye
- Sharp scissors, thimble, pins, finger cots or needle puller - optional but very helpful

For a demonstration of Kawandi quilting on YouTube, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFd0xEfKeto>

Registration form for Kawandi Quilting Workshop

9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, via Zoom

Name: _____

Email address: _____

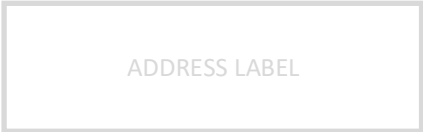
Phone: _____

Please complete this registration form and submit it via email or USPS. It must be postmarked no later than Dec. 20 to save your spot in the workshop. Registration will be first come, first served as there is a limit of 20 seats for the workshop.

The Zoom link for the workshop will be emailed a couple of days prior to the workshop.

Mail completed form and payment – check or cash – to Maggie Walter, 6520 S. South West Way, Columbia, MO 65203. If you have any questions, email her at maggiewriter7@gmail.com or call 573-999-0663.

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Winter Retreat Update

42 members are ready to Go Jump In the Lake! Remember the registration deadline for participating in secret sister is December 1st and the final retreat registration deadline is January 8th. Retreat packets will be distributed via email in early December and secret sister assignments will be mailed out to participants. Final payments are due by January 8th. Information on purchasing retreat t-shirts will be sent with your retreat packet. Contact Martha Eberhard with questions.

