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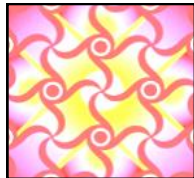
CEO's Message

We will soon be waving our flag for all to see! At the direction of the Board, Martha Eberhard has been working on pricing and design for a feather flag with the guild logo, star, and name. It will be used for attracting visitors to the Quilt Show this Fall and any other time we need to make sure our name is viewable.

The Board is also working on replenishing our supply of guild information cards to pass out to friends and fellow quilters who may want to join our group. The cards will have information about the guild website, email, Facebook page, and chapter meetings. We'll keep you posted when these are available. You can stick a couple in your purse to hand out.

After February comes March. March brings the call for help and volunteers. We will form a nominating committee to fill our slate of officers for the 2024-2025 guild year. If you are interested in being part of the committee or (even better) one of our officers, please let me know!

— Lora Brinkman,
CEO



Day Chapter Meeting
Monday — Feb. 5
Zoom
1:00 pm



Starlight Piecemakers
Thursday — Feb. 1
Zoom
7:00 pm

A Message from Sue —

Seeing a sunrise and sunset everyday sure is a sign of winter. Another clue: more bright lights added to my sewing room as I try new and challenging projects which includes some pretty tough machine embroidery, appliqué, curved piecing, and quilting around it all! Improving my sewing finishes is exactly how I found our next day chapter speaker, Susan Smith of StitchedBySusan.com - I took her online Free Motion Master class. It is a great encouragement to see all sorts of quilt tops and how they can be finished. Susan also opened my eyes about finishing orphan or older blocks (see separate article about her in this newsletter for more details).

Our Day Chapter meeting on Mon. Feb 5 is on ZOOM and starts at 1:00 pm. Plan on logging on a bit early for informal chat - it allows for help if needed. You can text me (number in membership book) if having trouble. You'll receive an email a couple days before which gives the Zoom information. IF YOU DON'T, check your spam emails and then reach out for the information. We also did have success at logging on at the ASHLAND LIBRARY on the big screen and you're welcome to join us for free at 12:30 pm - plenty of space.

SERVICE PROJECT SEW DAY: Monday March 4, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. It's all day sewing with your machine, or you can cut, press, or organize scraps. We'll have an optional jelly roll race to make quilts for True North charity and many scrappy opportunities for other charities. Guild is providing a baked potato bar lunch. More in next month's newsletter.... Whew! Happy Stitching!

— Sue Donnelly, Day Chapter President

A Message from Kat —

Greetings,

We are finally getting some winter weather. I'm taking advantage of the weather to catch up on service projects, start new ones, and prepare for our retreat. I hope you can do the same.

Diane Harris of Stash Bandit will be the speaker at our Starlight Chapter Meeting on Feb. 1. In **Windy Wonders; A Quilt Block Grows Up**, Diane will share how one humble block can take root, grow, morph, and reproduce in exciting ways. Diane will share plenty of ideas to use scraps and for making diverse fabrics work together.

See you on Zoom.

— Kat Reece
Starlight Chapter President



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Treasurer's Report Period: 7/01/2023-6/30/2024 December 2023 Report Willie Morris, Treasurer
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Guild's NET ASSETS on 12/31/2023	
Cash 12/31/2023 (General Ledger)	\$33,751.23
CD's (3)	<u>\$18,754.79</u>
Net Assets	\$52,506.02
Number of Members 136	
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	\$16,833.08
FY2023-2024 Expenses	(\$19,785.95)
Ending (Cash) Balance on 12/31/2023	\$33,751.23

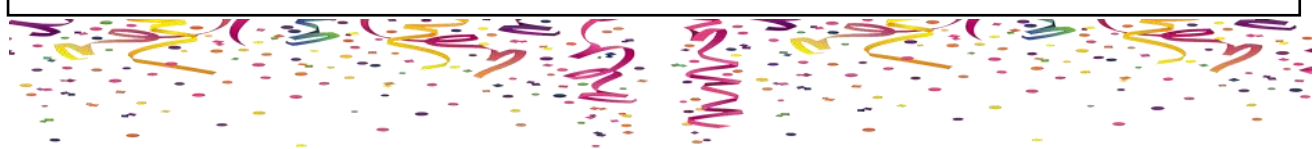


Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

The executive board met on 1/8/24 at 6:00 pm via Zoom with a full quorum and adjourned at 7:10 pm. Officers, Standing committee chairs & ad hoc chairs reported; old business and new business was discussed. No motions were made this meeting.

The minutes in entirety will be available on the BTQG website after the February board meeting; November's minutes are available now if you would like to review them. The board did not meet in December. Thank you.

— Carol Sexton, Secretary



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Starlight Piecemakers 7:00 pm Zoom	2	3
4	5 Day Chapter 1:00 pm Zoom	6	7	8 Sassy Stitchers 9:30 am - 11:30 am	9	10
11	12 Board Meeting 6: 00 pm Zoom	13 Evening Sit N Sew 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Appletree	14 Small Wonders 1:00 pm DBRL Newsletter Articles Due	15	16	17 BTQG Retreat
18 BTQG Retreat	19 BTQG Retreat	20 Medallion 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Bettina Havig	21 SASH 2:00 pm Linda Karns	22 Southside EPP/Art 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Ashland Public Library	23	24
25	26	27 Needlework 1:00 pm Merril Winfield	28	29		

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

Thank you all for the quilts that have been turned in, finished and labeled! They are all so stinking cute!! I hoped to make another donation this week but the weather did NOT cooperate. So I will try again next week. If you have quilts done, just give me a call or text, I can pick them up on Tuesday when I come to town. Hope you all are staying warm and sewing! Thank you for all you do!

— Connie Richards, Service Projects



Membership News

Directory Correction:

- Susan Tharp's name is misspelled. It is correct in the listing but spelled with an –e under her photo. Correct spelling is Susan Tharp.
- Nancy Antonio has moved. Her new address is: 501 W 107th St., Apt 239, Kansas City, MO 64114
- Deb Fischgrabe's address is PO Box 423, Ashland, MO 65010

New Member:

- Lyn Stinnett, 1003 Manhattan Dr., Columbia, MO 65201. Her email address is: paddles1919@gmail.com. Birthday is August 20.

We appreciate your help in keeping the Membership Booklet up to date!

— Donna Puleo, Membership



Happy Birthday

Name	Date	Name	Date
Trishia Bowen	Feb 3	Cindy Heinz	Feb 15
Carrol Lewis	Feb 6	Becky Wolpert	Feb 20
Deborah Fischgrabe	Feb 9	Sarah Briggs	Feb 21
Kathy Benish	Feb 12	Nancy Forsythe	Feb 22
Deborah Kagay	Feb 14	Amy Reilly	Feb 24
Linda Ladd	Feb 14		
Willie Morris	Feb 14		
Trina Pratt	Feb 14		

Starlight Program

Windy Wonders: A Quilt Block Grows Up A trunk show by Diane Harris of Stash Bandit

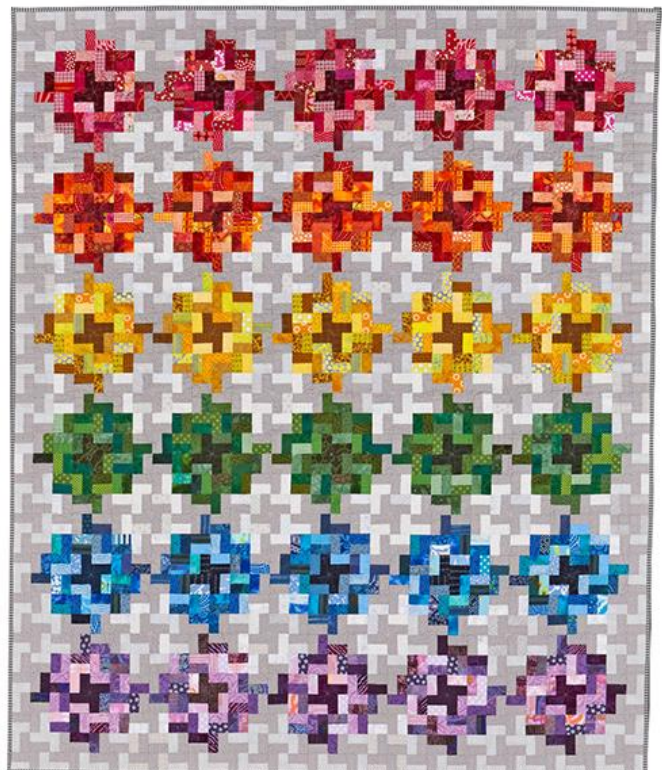
From one humble block comes a whole parade of unique quilt designs. Diane Harris started making Baby Windmills almost 20 years ago and soon realized their potential. She's on a lifelong quest to make every Baby Windmill quilt that lives in her head.

"Windy Wonders" touches on the concepts of value, scale, color and creativity. See how one simple idea can take root, grow, morph and reproduce in exciting ways. Most of the quilts are scrappy so there will be plenty of ideas for making diverse fabrics work together. This trunk show is all about creativity and inspiration.

Diane Harris will be the presenter at Starlight Chapter meeting on Thursday, Feb. 1. The meeting on Zoom will start at 7 p.m. On her website, she writes that she believes having fun and breaking the rules are more important than perfection or tradition. She also says she never met a fabric she didn't like.



Diane has been quilting 40 years. For 11 years, she was editor of *Quiltmaker* magazine. She then formed **Stash Bandit** to help others make quilts that are both unique and beautiful. Her home is in Bladen, Neb., on a working farm. Learn more at stashbandit.net and on Instagram @stashbanditquilts.



**Susan Smith "TREASURE HUNT"
Feb 5 1:00 pm Zoom Day Chapter:**

Who can take a childhood in rural Canada and turn treadle machine experience into a woman-owned US business that makes a "great big single needle draw with thread all over a quilt?" Susan Smith can! She and her husband (Mr. Producer) have pulled together a very encouraging resource for machine free motion quilting and so much more. Susan is known for turning on a live stream and finishing a quilt in real time (with occasional hiccups along the way to fix) on her long arm. She doesn't stop there. You'll also see her sew blocks, projects, discuss threads or needles and all of it with an encouraging smile! You can currently see her making a quilted coat with some serging, frogging and new techniques. (I've had a Grainline pattern and fabrics for over a year that need finishing so I'm taking notes.) Find her on YouTube: ***Stitched By Susan***. She is also on Facebook or her website... there's even a podcast where she interviews other industry leaders.



Susan has displayed her quilts at shows and won guild awards. She participates in her quilt guild that has a challenge for finishing vintage blocks (or tops) that is truly amazing! She is going to take us on a "Treasure Hunt" of her experiences.

Tune in on ZOOM or attend in person at Ashland Library on Monday, Feb. 5 at 12:30 pm with meeting starting at 1:00 pm. Susan of ***StitchedBySusan.com*** will speak first and then we'll have our meeting. Zoom information will be sent out a couple days in advance by email.

For further information contact: Sue Donnelly

Area Quilt Show

A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS EXHIBIT

Celebrating 60 Years of the Beatles

Presented by Blue Valley Quilters Guild

When: Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16

Time: 9 am—4 pm

Location: Village on Antioch Presbyterian Church, 14895 Antioch Road, Overland Park, Kansas

Featuring Quilts inspired by the Beatles plus the Blue Valley Quilters Guild Row X Row Quilts and the Penny Lane Marketplace. More information at bvqg.org

Speaking of Quilt Shows.....Quilt of Many Colors Quilt Show

The first quilt show committee meeting for 2024 will be Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. The agenda and zoom link have been sent to the committee members. Please contact Martha Eberhard for questions.

Go Jump in the Lake! Winter Retreat

We have 49 members who are planning and packing for the winter retreat, scheduled for February 17-19, 2024 at Lodge of Four Seasons, in Lake Ozark, MO. Anyone wishing to order a retreat T-shirt needs to have their order in by January 26th. The retreat officially starts at noon on Saturday and, for those who plan to come down early, the Granada sewing room should be available after 4:00 pm on Friday. More detail information will be sent to participants via email. Please contact Martha Eberhard for questions.

Block Party

If you didn't pick up the Block Party sheet at the last meeting, you can email Lora Brinkman for a copy (Lora3677@gmail.com).

Thank goodness for extra time! All blocks for December, January, and February will be turned in at the in-person March meetings. We'll do separate drawings for each month. If you need any of those, let Lora know and she'll happily email you the PDF. The February block will be emailed out to members with the Zoom meeting information.

Please write your name on the back of your block, so the winner knows everyone who participated. You can write it on a seam allowance, or you can pin it to the block with a safety pin, or attach a sticky label.

See the July 2023 Newsletter for additional details about the Block Party. Questions? Contact Lora Brinkman.

CEO Challenge

The February CEO Challenge is **So this is Love!**

We're going to show some love and make February easy peasy. Show up for a Zoom chapter meeting, fill out the form at the link Lora will provide, and tell us why you love BTQG. We have such an amazing guild and it is because of our members. Winners will be recorded and prizes will be handed out in-person at the March Chapter meetings.

See the July 2023 Newsletter for additional details about the CEO Challenge. Questions? Contact Lora Brinkman.

Angel Wings Easter Basket Quilts Project

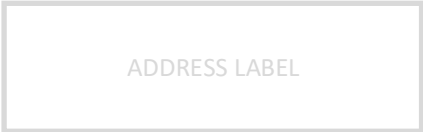
You may (or may not) recall that Lora Brinkman has been working to collect small quilts for Angel Wings Clothing Closet. They host an annual Easter event for children in foster care in the mid-Missouri area. Children attending the event receive a basket full of goodies, including a handmade quilt.

Lora and her husband, Chris, dropped off 85 quilts the week after Christmas. Lora's goal is to have another 15-20 quilts to donate to the worthy cause before the 2024 Easter Event.

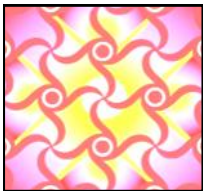
If you are interested in helping, please let Lora (Lora3677@gmail.com) know.



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