

**From our President . . .**

**Top of the Quilt to Ye All!!**

March is upon us which means St Patrick's Day is near.  
Here is a wee song for you....

**Oh Danny Boy, the cloth and cutters are a calling  
From edge to edge and down the bias side  
The patterns gone, and all the scrap is falling  
It's you, It's you, must go, and I must sew  
But come ye back when quilt top is done  
Or when the binding is bound  
I'll be here a sewing dusk to dawn  
Oh Danny Boy, oh Danny Boy, I love you so  
When you come, and all the scrap is a lying  
on the floor or in the trash  
You'll come and find the place where I am sewing  
And kneel and say an "A pretty Quilt for you and  
me..."**

Yes, there is more to that song but I couldn't work  
anymore into it. But if you can I sure do want to see  
it!!!!

Retreat is fast approaching. I am pondering my  
packing list and getting antsy to get out of town! I will  
see you there!!

Kelly Irvin

(Songwriter: Johnny Cash (I am not so sure about  
that...) with a Kelly Irvin spin...)



**Greetings from the VP corner**

March is our guild birthday celebration.

Please bring a sweet treat and utensils to serve it.

We will have Show and Tell of what we  
accomplished at retreat or at home.

The fat quarter is Green.

See you soon,

Lisa O'Brien

**WOOLY GAL'S BOM** will meet Sat, March 17, at  
the home of Donna Kiel in Jackson, MO. Time is  
from 1 - 3pm. Lunch will be served. Bring your WIP  
and anything else you may have to share. All are  
welcome. Contact Ravan Simms with questions.

QUILT ON A STICK CHALLENGE is due at the April  
meeting. Is your's ready yet?? If not, March retreat  
is a great time to finish it up! Contact Ravan Simms  
with questions.

**QUILT SHOW NEWS**

Let's focus on our fund raiser. Are you  
working on mini quilts to be sold at the quilt  
show to benefit the Dig For Life program?

Are you working on your Buy it Now items  
for the Dig For Life program? We donated  
over \$1000 in 2016, let's top that....

Also, I know you are all working on finishing  
your challenges and theme quilts! There  
were so many beautiful quilts in Show and  
Tell these past two years, I am hoping to see  
lots of them at the show.

Madeline Gieselman

**RHQG 2018 Retreat**  
**March 5-11th**

Check in times for the 5<sup>th</sup> - 3pm or after and check out time - 11am on March 11th.

Our former coordinator Dora has left KDV to assist her family. We wish her the best of luck. Our new coordinator, Karen, has obtained a price per night for us of \$125.

This is an excellent rate! The new "on" season rates for the larger cottages/cabins has increased to over \$300 per night. Last year we paid \$117 per night.

We have spoken for 15 cottages/cabins. Last year we filled 14. That leaves one cabin for a new group.

We have requested the same cottages/cabins we have had each year.

We will be celebrating our 20 year milestone of going to retreat as a Guild. Does anyone have any ideas for special events, shirts for the retreat etc.? Let me know after the holidays to make it a special year.

TYFYS  
Denise SteckCarpenter  
2018 Retreat Chairperson

**REMINDER!**

If you sign in as a member but haven't renewed, you get no credit for attendance, won't get a book and only have 2 "visits" before you either join or make other plans on Guild night. Sorry, but it's a rule and clearly stated in the bylaws.

Nancy Buchanan, Membership

**Community Quilts**

Progress is being made to the Community Quilts Room at Abbey Road Christian Church for the Community Projects Quilts. Please watch for updates in the newsletter and through email.

Darla Snider/Deanna Easley

**River Heritage**

*Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt*

By Karla Kiefner Creative Bee Studios

**Welcome to the River Heritage *Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt!***

**River Heritage** will feature eight traditionally-pieced blocks and one pieced/appliqued block, in a lovely setting which will finish at 66 x 66 inches. Most of the quilt blocks have a common river-life theme and a couple of them have regional and local references.

Month Two, **Railroad Crossing**, was posted at 9 am on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at:  
[www.blog.creativebeestudios.com](http://www.blog.creativebeestudios.com)

You can register at the bottom of any post to have them sent directly to your email.

You can also find the monthly link to the mystery on my "**FREE Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt**" board on the **Creative Bee Studios** Pinterest page and on the **Riverheritagequiltguild** Pinterest page board, "**2018 BOM**".

Share your blocks each month using **#riverheritage** on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and Twitter to show us your progress!

**Bring your blocks to show at our guild meeting!**

Please share my blog with your friends (buttons are at the bottom of each blog post) and pin it to your boards on Pinterest to let others know about this free mystery.

*Happy Birthday!*

3/1 Jeannette Buchheit  
3/2 Bonnie Harris  
3/4 Nancy Woods  
3/8 Judy Kucera  
3/9 Martha Cox  
3/15 Mary Meyer  
3/17 Glenda Nations  
3/18 Cheryl Denton  
3/30 Christine Childers

## RHQG Minutes 02-12-18

Meeting was opened with welcome from President Kelly Irvin. Bonnie Kipper presented a slideshow program on the history of needle and bobbin lace. We then had our break so that we could watch members of the Heartland Lace Guild working with their bobbins and lace pillows and also to see the extensive and interesting display of all types of lace items they brought.

February birthdays, Glenda Faber, Carol Gallaher, Bonnie Kipper, Melody Loveless, Jane Rosenbarger, Nancy Bishop, Betty Brooks, Deanna Easley, Mary Beth Parish, Roni Curry, Barb Egbert, and Cheryl Reinagel, were given gifts by Jo Payne and sung to.

We had 1 new member, Jane Dougherty, and 2 guests in attendance.

A motion was made by Maxine Michaels to approve the January minutes and seconded by Priscilla Kirby. Motion passed.

Lisa O'Brien let us know that the next meeting would be March 12. As it is the guild birthday party, we will be in the larger room at the church. Everyone is to bring a sweet treat and show and tell from the retreat, which could be anything you did, not just quilting. Our fat quarter for March is green.

Ravan Simms brought up the possibility of a car-pooled trip to the Paducah Quilt Show. Anyone interested is to get in touch with her or Martha Cox. She told us there was a scrapbook guild in Cape if anyone was interested. She still has cookbooks for sale.

There will be a class on April 10th to make a picture from fabric. The class is \$20 and the kits are \$45 or \$65 depending on which you want to make. Contact Ravan Simms to sign up.

Ravan then explained how our stick challenges would be displayed in canning jars filled with whatever we want. Those who are participating in this challenge are to bring their jars ready to display

their quilts in.

Denise Steck-Carpenter announced only 21 more days to retreat. At this time we have 13 filled cabins with 2 more available. If anyone wants to go that has not signed up, contact Denise. Keys can be picked up at cabin 319 after 3pm. Kelly Irvin said yearbooks will be distributed at retreat.

Carla Wren showed us a needle threader with cutter as the gadget of the month.

Karla Kiefner had everyone show their first block of the month. There was excellent participation. The second block was unveiled. To show our blocks on the internet we are to use #riverheritage.

Nelda Steffens and Marla Moore showed bookmarks and flyers for our quilt show in September. There will also be a feature about it in Flourish magazine in the Southeast Missourian next month. Everyone is to advertise by word of mouth.

Karla Kiefner explained our Quilts of Valor program and if anyone is interested, she has copies of the rules. Donn Irwin has some kits.

We had 77 members, 1 new member, and 2 guests present. Membership fat quarter was won by Tracy Vaughan, name tag by Theresa Althoff, 34 fat quarters by Rita Whaley, \$45 in the 50/50 by Dina Miracle, and the gadget by Nancy Bishop.

Denise Steck-Carpenter announced that this is our 20th year anniversary at retreat, but that there will be no T-shirts. A motion was made to accept the new budget by Jo Payne and seconded by Darlene Crocker. After slight discussion, motion passed.

Meeting was closed with show and tell by Nancy Woods, Karla Kiefner, Lisa O'Brien, Maxine Michaels, Donna Kiel, and Sharon Hart

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Cox, secretary

## **\*\*Inclement Weather News\*\***

- If Cape Public Schools are closed, the Quilt Guild will not meet. Sometimes bad weather strikes later in the day.
- The decision to cancel a meeting due to inclement weather will be made by the **President** who will then contact each officer.
- Guild members are responsible for contacting an officer for information concerning cancellation of a meeting.
- If possible, perhaps Donna Irwin could be notified and she could send a message out.
- We do not want members risking injury or accident to get to a meeting.
- Please use good judgment when considering driving conditions.

Dear Quilt Guild Representative,

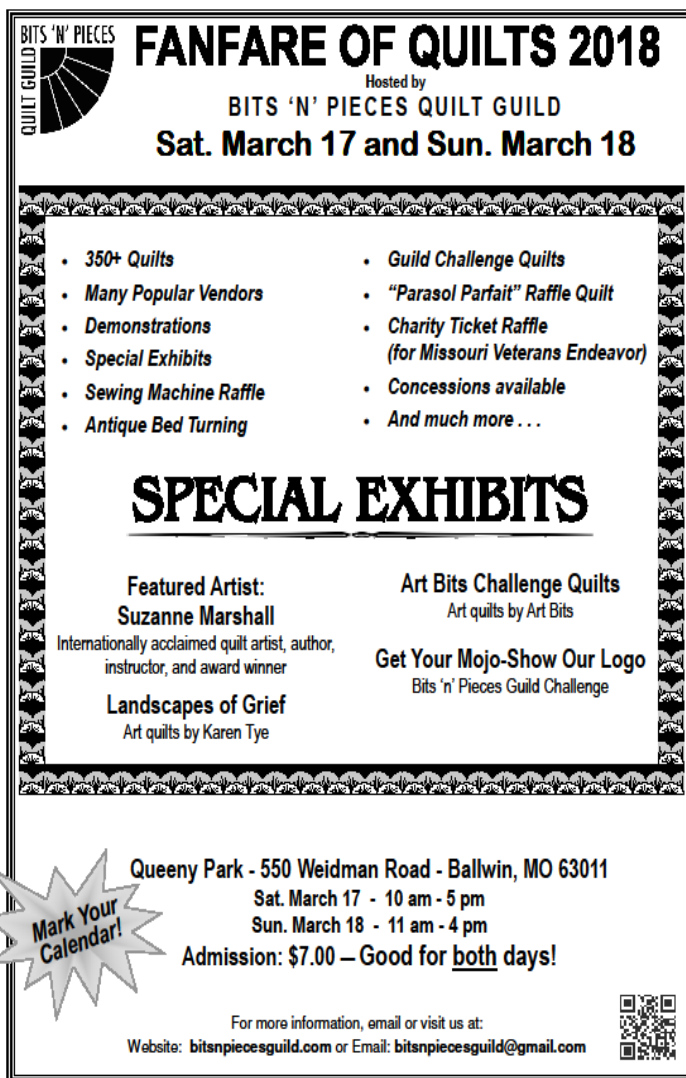
I am writing to inform you of our guild's upcoming Fanfare of Quilts 2018 Quilt Show. It will be at Queeny Park in Ballwin, Missouri (St. Louis area) on March 17 & 18, 2018.

The show includes a special exhibit by internationally acclaimed quilt artist Suzanne Marshall. Another exhibit titled Landscapes of Grief (Art Quilts by Karen Tye) will also be featured. The complete information is listed below, in case you would like to share it with members of your guild. I've also attached a pdf copy of our quilt show flyer.

Thank you for taking the time to help us get the word out about the Fanfare of Quilts 2018. If you have any questions or are interested in bookmarks, please call or email me and I will be happy to forward them to you. Hope to see you in March!  
[cabs207@att.net](mailto:cabs207@att.net) ph. [636-751-6440](tel:636-751-6440)

Sincerely,

Sarah Stevens, Publicity Co-Chair  
Fanfare of Quilts 2018  
Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild  
[bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://bitsnpiecesguild.com)



**BITS 'N' PIECES**  
QUILT GUILD

# FANFARE OF QUILTS 2018

Hosted by  
**BITS 'N' PIECES QUILT GUILD**  
**Sat. March 17 and Sun. March 18**

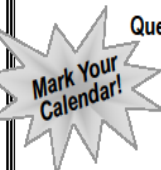

- 350+ Quilts
- Many Popular Vendors
- Demonstrations
- Special Exhibits
- Sewing Machine Raffle
- Antique Bed Turning
- Guild Challenge Quilts
- "Parasol Parfait" Raffle Quilt
- Charity Ticket Raffle (for Missouri Veterans Endeavor)
- Concessions available
- And much more...

## SPECIAL EXHIBITS

<b>Featured Artist:</b> <b>Suzanne Marshall</b> Internationally acclaimed quilt artist, author, instructor, and award winner	<b>Art Bits Challenge Quilts</b> Art quilts by Art Bits
<b>Landscapes of Grief</b> Art quilts by Karen Tye	<b>Get Your Mojo-Show Our Logo</b> Bits 'n' Pieces Guild Challenge

**Queeny Park - 550 Weidman Road - Ballwin, MO 63011**  
Sat. March 17 - 10 am - 5 pm  
Sun. March 18 - 11 am - 4 pm  
Admission: \$7.00 – Good for both days!

For more information, email or visit us at:  
Website: [bitsnpiecesguild.com](http://bitsnpiecesguild.com) or Email: [bitsnpiecesguild@gmail.com](mailto:bitsnpiecesguild@gmail.com)



We would like to invite you and your guild members to Kalona, IA, for our annual Kalona Quilt Show and Sale 2018! Located in the heart of Iowa's Amish Country, it is a fun weekend getaway! The Quilt Show, Museum, Fabric Shops and so much more! We would love to see you there!

Kalona Quilt Show & Sale 2018  
Thurs. April 26 "Evening Only" 5 - 8 pm  
Fri. April 27 9 am - 7 pm  
Sat. April 28 9 am - 5 pm  
LOCATED at 715 D. AVE.  
in the KALONA HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
200 New and Antique Quilts on Display and for Sale  
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web site [www.WoodinWheel.com](http://www.WoodinWheel.com)  
Check us out on Facebook!

Pattern for our regular committee and guild meetings. . .

Community Projects Work Day  
*(Discontinued until further notice)*  
Abbey Road Christian Church  
2411 Abbey Road Cape Girardeau, MO  
First and Third Monday of each month,  
8:30 am-11-30 am.

**Guild Meeting**

**Second Monday Cape LaCroix UMC**

6:00 sign-in, 6:30 pm meeting all but picnic  
and dinner meetings

6 pm for September picnic and for  
December dinner

Quilters Dinner Out --

Panera's before Guild meeting on the  
second Monday

**2/12/18 GUILD MEETING**

**Cape LaCroix UMC**

Lexington Ave, Cape  
Large meeting room, Entrance 7

**FAT QUARTER**

— “Green” —

**PINTEREST**

Check out RHQG’s page

**2018 RETREAT**

March 5-11, 2018

or

March 7-11, 2018

**QUILT SHOW 2018**

September 29 & 30, 2018

**THEME**

Black & White

with a

Splash of Color

**2018 Committee Chairpersons**

Audit-Barb Miller

Block of Month—Karla Kiefner

Comfort Quilts-Nancy Bishop

Community Projects-Deanna Easley & Darla Snider

Correspondence-Donna Irwin

Gadget of the Month-Carla Wren

Hospitality-Jo Payne

Membership-Nancy Buchanan

Newsletter-Melody Loveless

Opportunity Quilt-Barb Egbert

Opportunity Quilt Raffle-Merle Deneke

Publicity-Marla Moore

Quilt Show-Madeline Gieselman/Linda Gast

Quilts of Valor-Mary Green

Retreat-Denise Steck-Carpenter

Special Events-Ravan Simms

Website-Linda Tansil

Yearbook-Diana Diebold

**2018 Officers**

President-Kelly Irvin

Vice President- Lisa O’Brien

Secretary-Martha Cox

Treasurer-Judy Douglass

Historian-Darlene Crocker

Scrapbook-Mary O’Connell

**\*\*NEWSLETTER & EMAILS\*\***

\*\*Please send all information (in typed format in a Word document) to be published in the newsletter, by the 20th of the previous month, to Melody Loveless. If your email changes, or for any announcements, send an email to Donna Irwin.

NOTE: Please double check your information before passing it on to ensure it is correct.