

November 10, 2003

Meeting second Monday
each month at:
St. Thomas More
Catholic Church
2900 Kimball Ave
Manhattan, Kansas

Social time at 8:30 a.m.,
meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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Konza Prairie Quilters' Guild Newsletter

Prairie Pointer

Putting the Fun Back in Dysfunctional Quilting

November: Kathy Consigli from Kansas City, Kansas, will present "The Dysfunctional Quilter."

December: Regular Christmas events, including a special show and tell where each member can share a special quilted piece, either made themselves or a special person in their life.

We traditionally allow members to sell small gift items at the December meeting. We'll also draw for the Opportunity Quilt, have a cookie exchange, and a potluck brunch.

January: Our "Trash to Treasures" auction with quilt-related items. Start thinking about what you can donate and give someone else the chance to use that "orphaned" item, fabric, UFO or whatnot. You know the one—at the time you thought you just had to have it and now you can't remember why. Keep in mind that items must be quilt-related.



Toni Steere of Prairie Pieces in Council Grove presented the October program. Toni brought lots of wonderful quilts made with the idea that fat quarters are great to start with and sometimes we need a quick gift that is not a really intricate quilt. Fast, fun, and finished are also three wonderful words to have in our quilt vocabulary.

**Time to Pay
2004 Dues**

Prez Sez

Konza Katie and her yoyo sisterhood heading off to the seamier side of Houston. Who is Konza Katie you might ask? Well, you'll find out when you come to the next quilt guild meeting.

By the time you read this newsletter we should be safely home from Houston, suitcases full of stuff, minds full of ideas, wallets empty, new friendships and many wonderful memories made.

I would like to thank all of those who have volunteered for offices and committees for next year's slate. It amazes me how many people it takes to keep our guild up and running. If you want to volunteer we still have opportunities available; please contact Joan Page and she will gladly plug you in.

We are planning a big quilt show in 2005, possibly the first weekend in June of 2005. The "Celebrate 150" year-long birthday bash for Manhattan and Riley County will be taking place. Therefore we are looking for our 2004 challenge quilt to tie in with the Celebrate 150.

By doing this in 2004 we will have our challenges done and ready to hang in the quilt show. Sooo ... if this piques your interest, please call me and we can chat about the possibilities!!!

Love and Stitches, Whitney

P.S. A BIG thank you for all my beautiful president's blocks that I have received.

November Refreshments

- Pauline Adolph
- Mary Lou Albracht
- Roberta Andrews
- Elaine Baxter
- Bella Wirtz-Haynie
- Susan Wong
- Margie Young
- Gay Youngman
- Jan Zelch

November Birthdays	
Cinderella SK Kroh	2
Mary Vestweber	7
M. Elizabeth Bottorff	10
Ellie Morton	13
Norma Blakely	15
Rosemary Visser	18
Sydney Carlin	20
Madeline Dunn	21
Violet Weisbender	21
Melody Day	24
Grace Goff	25
Sharon Pollman	26



Please wish Dorris Beckenhauer, Sharon Pollman, Madeline Dunn and Norma Blakely a happy birthday this month.

Member Profile:

Eldora Morton is better known as “Ellie” and has one grown child and two grandchildren. She is married to Doyle for more than 10 years. She joined guild in '96 Ellie learned to quilt “a little bit here and a little bit there.”

She has helped the guild by quilting on the opportunity quilt. She prefers pieced quilts and has done small quilts and table runners. She also participated in one Block of the Month and completed a Thimbleberries quilt.

She does volunteer work for her church and enjoys flower gardening.

We have 3 new members:

Jan Klink, 1325 Givens Manhattan 66503
Phone 776-4127, Birthday June 19

Virginia Bennett, 3622 Rocky Ford Ave
Manhattan KS 66502 Phone 539-9362,
Birthday May 6, Email Bennett@math.ksu.edu

Barbara Naughton, 1400 Overlook Man-
hattan 66503, Phone 587-0354, Birthday
Sept 16, Email - ggn@ksu.edu

Patchwork Pieces

2004 Slate of Officers (KPQG Board meets at noon,
3rd Mondays, at Java)

President: Whitney Short

VP/Program Chair: Charlotte Herr

Program Chair Select: Cindy Ross

Secretary: Dona Koster; Treasurer: Marilyn Randa

Photographer: Shari Reeves

Members-at-large: Donna Dawson, Mary Jo Kurtz,
Norma Lawson

Past President: Barbara Nelson

Newsletter: Jennie Burden; Circulation: Jeanne Powell

Committees: Library: Kay Hummels, Carolyn Dreiling,
Anne Collins, Jan Carl; 2004 Opportunity Quilt:
(TBA); Opportunity Quilt Tickets: Virginia Cleek,
Mary Jo Harbour; Quilting Location: Joyce Delehauty
Hoyt; Refreshments early: Eloise Brown, Norma
Blakely, Barbara Broce; late: Sharon Pollman, Alice
Edmunds; Greeters: Betty Shawgo, Pauline Adoph,
Susie Sapp; Block of the Month: Robb-n-Graves;
Challenge: (TBA); Directory: Twila Hoffman

Be sure to check out the feature on KPQG on the web at this site: http://www.marcusbrothers.com/features/guild_connection/index.html or the home page www.marcusbrothers.com and then “guild connection.”

Every Thursday from 11 am-3 pm a group meets at the Riley County Senior Center to sew, quilt and visit. Lunch is on your own, except the last Thursday of the month, when it's potluck. Contact: Susie (Weir, Wong or Sapp.)

The 4th Monday of each month a group meets from 9:30-3:30 at the clubhouse at Westbank Townhouses on Rockridge Ct. Call Margie Young to sign up for a salad to share.

Whitney's President's Block:

10½” square (finish to 10”) block, any pattern, pieced or appliquéd, in Christmas colors. Please sign your block.

In Sympathy

We are saddened by the passing of Rosemary Vissar's husband, Ken. Our sympathies to Rosemary and her family.



Michelle Crisler tells about "Flat Jessica's" adventures on the bus to Houston.

Thanks to the nominating committee (Chair Joan Page, Harriet Janke, Lois Morrison, Norma Butler, Barbara Nelson, and Susie Weir) for preparing the slate of officers for 2004. We still need volunteers for the Challenge, the Opportunity Quilt and to help clean up refreshments after the meeting.

Library Offers Amnesty

Through December of this year all overdue books and materials can be returned to our library without penalty.

Contact Kay Hummels at 539-9436 or krhumm@ksu.edu if you have questions.

Down the Road

Places to Go, Things to See

April 17, '04 Quilts of Mini Colors, KPQG mini-quilt auction at the Manhattan Club. Watch for details.

Medical Reference for Quilters

Small Pox - small folds in seams, usually found in the binding (Damn! I didn't see those small pox there!).

Large Pox - larger folds in seams, usually found in the most prominent place.

Mumps - lumps of batt found inside the quilt sandwich after washing a quilt.

Flu - what happens to time when you're quilting (I started to quilt and time just flu by).

Colic - the naming of a quilt (I colic Kathy's crazy kwilt).

Croup - a number of people who quilt together (i.e. the West Hampshire Quilting Croup).

Rash - what you do when you finish a quilt (I rashed it to get all the pencil marks off).

TB - what you get after quilting for a long time (My bottom sure is tired!).

Scarlet Fever - an abiding passion for the color red (see Yellow Fever).

Yellow Fever - an abiding passion for the color yellow (see Scarlet Fever).

Hypertension - trouble with your bobbin thread.

Hyperthermia - an enthusiasm for thermore batting.

Malaria - where one sews (I have malaria all set up in the dining room).

Rheumatism - the state of a room (This rheumatisa-mess).



Harriette Janke made this Baltimore Album quilt using techniques from Pat Campbell's class.

December Block of the Month— Little House on the Prairie

While there have been many authors who have lived in Kansas, and many stories written about Kansas, perhaps the best known is Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie.

Although her books are based on her life, Laura did make changes when she felt it made for easier reading, which makes her books historical fiction not autobiographies.

Laura Ingalls was born February 7, 1867, in the Big Woods of Wisconsin near the town of Pepin. A year later she and her family moved to Chariton County, Missouri. The family did not stay in Missouri long. Inspired by the Homestead Act of 1862 offering 160 acres of "free land" to settlers who would farm and live on it for five years, Pa (as Laura referred to her father) took his family to the prairies. The land Pa chose was about 12 miles from Independence, Kansas.

There Pa built a house and stable with the help of a neighbor, Mr. Edwards. Yes, there really was a Mr. Edwards who crossed the flooded creek to bring Christmas presents to the Ingalls girls and a Dr. Tann who brought the family through a bout with malaria.

After building a house and planting crops, the Ingalls family was forced to leave Kansas in the fall of 1870, just after the birth of their third daughter. Pa heard that the government had changed their minds about opening the land for homesteading and that soldiers were on their way to force the settlers out. Pa didn't wait for the soldiers. He took his family to their old home in the Big Woods. Laura's family moved several more times: to Walnut Grove, Minnesota; Burr Oak, Iowa; and De Smet, South Dakota. In De Smet Laura met and married Almanzo Wilder.

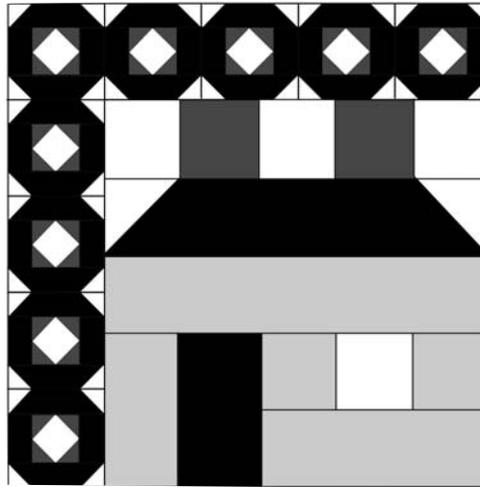
She and Almanzo continued to move throughout the country, first to Minnesota, then Florida, and back to South Dakota. In 1894 the Wilders moved to Missouri where Laura began to write articles for several magazines. In 1930 she

wrote her autobiography, Pioneer Girl. She could not find a publisher, but she rewrote part of it with her daughter's help, as Little House in the Big Woods. The book was an instant success, and children all over the world begged her to tell more stories about Laura and her family. The result was the Little House books which includes Little House on the Prairie.

Laura died in 1957 at the age of 90.

Little House on the Prairie Block

This is actually a combination of two blocks—a



12" house block with a border on two sides of 3" dugout blocks. To make the block you will need 6 different fabrics: a background fabric plus two dark fabrics, two medium fabrics, and one light fabric.

Cutting:

For the house block cut:

Five $2\frac{7}{8}$ " sq. of background fabric

Two $2\frac{7}{8}$ " sq. of medium fabric (chimneys)

Two $2\frac{7}{8}$ " sq. of medium fabric (house)

One $2\frac{7}{8}$ " sq. of light fabric (window)

One $2\frac{7}{8} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " rect. of medium fabric (house)

One $2\frac{7}{8} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ " rect. of dark fabric (roof)

One $2\frac{7}{8} \times 7\frac{5}{8}$ " rect. of medium fabric (house)

One $2\frac{7}{8} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$ " rect. of dark fabric (door)

One $2\frac{7}{8} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$ " rect. of medium fabric (house)

For the Dugouts cut:

Nine 2" sq. of background fabric

36 $1\frac{1}{4}$ " sq. of medium fabric

18 $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2$ " rect. of dark fabric

18 $1\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rect. of dark fabric

36 $1\frac{1}{4}$ " sq. of back ground fabric

Sewing:

For the House block

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of two of the $2\frac{7}{8}$ " sq. of background fabric. Place 1 sq. on one end of the rect. for the roof. Sew on the diagonal line. Trim the corner of the sq. leaving a small seam allowance. Press seam allowance toward the corner. Repeat with the other sq. on the other end.

2. Assemble the house block by sewing two $2\frac{7}{8}$ " house sq. to the $2\frac{7}{8}$ " window sq. Then sew the $2\frac{7}{8} \times 7\frac{5}{8}$ " rect. to this strip.

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Sewing:

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3. Sew the rect. for the door and the house together. Sew these to the window segment as shown in the diagram.

4. Sew the background sq. and the chimney sq. together alternating the sq. and with a background sq. on each end.

5. Sew the chimney segment to the roof, the roof to the remaining house strip, and the house to the window segment. Sewn block will be $12\frac{1}{2}$ " sq. (12" finished).

For the Dugout blocks:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the medium fabrics. Place a sq. on opposite sides of a background sq.. Sew on the diagonal line. Press the sq. to the corner (trimming away the underneath fabric is optional). Repeat with two more medium sq. on the remaining corners of the background sq.. You have a sq.-in-a-sq. block. Repeat to make a total of nine of these units.

2. Sew a $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2$ " dark fabric on each side of the sq. in a sq.. Then sew a $1\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " rect. on the remaining sides. Repeat for all nine units.

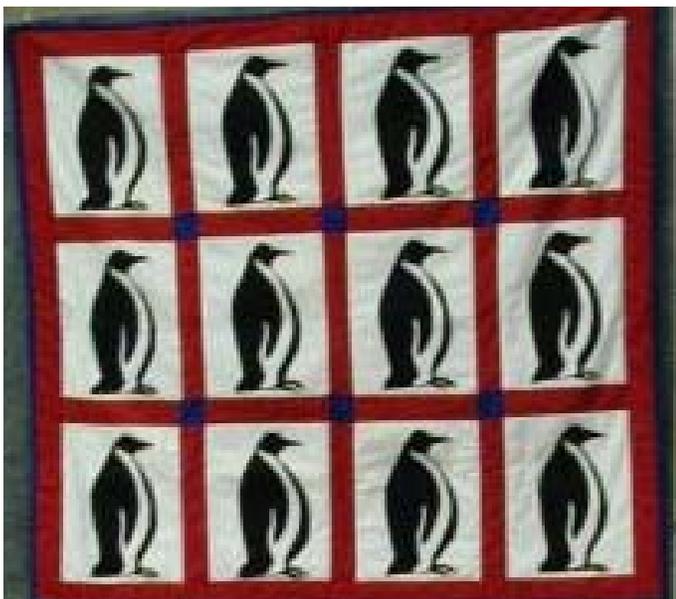
3. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the $1\frac{1}{4}$ " background sq. and sew these to the corners of the dugout blocks as you did in step 1.

4. Sew four Dugout blocks together and five Dugout blocks together. Sew these to two sides of the house block as shown in the diagram.



Norma Butler made this K-State quilt for her son Kevin (our webmaster!)

Do you know where your mini-quilt is?



Margie Young made this quilt for a grandson who loves penguins.

Do You Subscribe to Fons and Porter Quilt Magazine?

We have been offered a deal: if you subscribe or renew Fons and Porter quilt magazine through guild, KPQG will receive \$10 dollars for each subscription. This is a painless and easy way for our guild to make money. Whitney will have the forms and will explain more at November guild meeting.

Submit items for the newsletter to Jennie Burden, 1736 Westbank Way, Manhattan 66503, by the third Monday of the month at jennieb53@cox.net

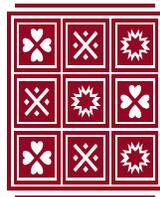
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Toni Steere shared this Irish Chain during the October program.



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