

September 13, 2004

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

Speed Piecing: Complicated Patterns Made Easy

September 13 – Marci Baker will present the lecture on speed piecing and offer a Monday half-day workshop on quilting patterns. Her full day workshop on Tuesday is called “Not Your Grandmother’s Flower Garden.” Signups will include supply lists and more details. Charlotte’s phone number for questions about any programs or workshops: 539-4374.

October: Jacquelyn Mooney will present her program at 9 a.m. because she is scheduled at K-State for a program later in the morning. To accommodate her, we will have our program at 9, followed by the business meeting and show and tell. Jacquelyn has a show opening on Sunday at the Human Ecology Building (Justin Hall), but she will bring other quilts to show us that will not be displayed elsewhere.

November: Our own Carole Chelz will have a trunk and slide show of quilts from her private collection.



Terry Clothier Thompson talked about the Lewis and Clark exploration and showed quilts she has designed representing the historic era.

Prez Sez

How many of you have been staying up late watching the Olympics these past couple of weeks? It is truly amazing to watch these tremendous athletes compete from all over the world.

Well I have just spent two days in the Jane Buckley workshop with some amazing quilters. Our first day was the preliminaries and the finals ending on Wednesday for a total of 20 hours almost a marathon!! Come September we will let you all judge the results of our training on flowing colors and curved piecing.

Like our athletes our quilters too are backed by there families who cheer them on and support their sport of quilting. A big thank you to Doreen, Karen and Ideas Unlimited for hosting this event.

Next time you have the opportunity to participate in a workshop I would encourage you to dive in and flex

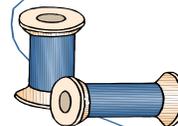
those quilting muscles. Who knows—you just might reach the gold! Love and stitches, Whitney

Little Apple Festival

Friday Sept 18—Saturday Sept 19
Opportunities abound to demonstrate hand quilting, tie a Quilt From the Heart, sell Opportunity Quilt tickets, and visit with festival-goers.

September Refreshments

Nancy Graves
Rosalind Gorton
Jan Gable
Betty Frank
Carolyn Fenn
Carolyn Fellows
Arrilla Fedde
Anne Emerson



September Birthdays

Betty Young	1
Sherry Christian	3
Teresa Gunther	3
Mickey Chance-Reay	4
Margie Young	5
Cindy Ross	5
Callie Hildebrand	8
Ora Mae Kirkendall	10
Carolyn Fenn	11
Lois Morrison	14
Nan Smail	15
Barbara Naughton	16
Winona Eads	18
Willa Eyestone	18
Norma Butler	19
Rebecca Meyerkorth	20
Pauline Adolph	23
Whitney Short	24
Ann Lee	30



The September birthday girls: Cindy Ross, Mickey Chance-Reay, Pauline Adolph, Lois Morrison, Norma Butler, Ann Lee, Rebecca Meyerkorth.

Pumpkin Patch is coming up Friday, Oct 1 and Saturday, Oct 2 and we still need some ladies to work at our booth. Please consider spending a couple of hours on Friday (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) or Saturday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and sign up at the Sept 13 guild meeting. We will be selling Opportunity Quilt Tickets and informing the public about what our guild's activities and events.

Directory changes: new email nancygraves@cox.net

Patchwork Pieces

2004 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 Larson
- Past President: Barbara Nelson
- Newsletter: Jennie Burden; Circulation: Jeanne Powell
- Committees:** Library: Kay Hummels, Carolyn Dreiling, Anne Collins, Jan Carl; 2004 Opportunity Quilt: Margie Young, Harriette Janke; Opportunity Quilt Tickets: Virginia Cleek, Mary Jo Harbour; Refreshments set-up: Eloise Brown, Norma Blakely, Barbara Broce; clean-up: Sharon Pollman, Alice Edmunds, Nelda Warnica; Greeters: Betty Shawgo, Pauline Adolph, Susie Sapp; Block of the Month: Robb-n-Graves; Challenge: Susie Weir; Directory: Twila Hoffman; Quilts From the Heart: Bonnie Olsen; Pumpkin Patch: Twila Hoffman.

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 pot-luck. Contact: Susie (Weir, Wong or Sapp.)

The **4th Monday** group meets 9:30-3:30 at the clubhouse of the Westbank Townhouses on Rockridge Court. If you plan to come for lunch, call Margie Young to sign up and bring 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.

It Takes a Real Woman to Admit to Making Same Mistake Three Times

Dorothy Bramhall has been a member of KPQG for several years. She is able to attend most meetings and says she cannot pick a favorite meeting or workshop because there are so many she liked.

Dorothy was born in Beisheim, Germany. She holds a BA in social work and worked as a children's librarian. She has been married to Chuck for 35 years and they have two children. No grandchildren yet but they do have two "grandcats."

Dorothy's interests include riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, finding things on sale ("saving my husband money!") and visiting quilt shops. She volunteers at ATA, AAUW and her church.

Dorothy says she learned to quilt by "trial and error" and says she once made the same mistake three times in a row, although she wondered if she should admit

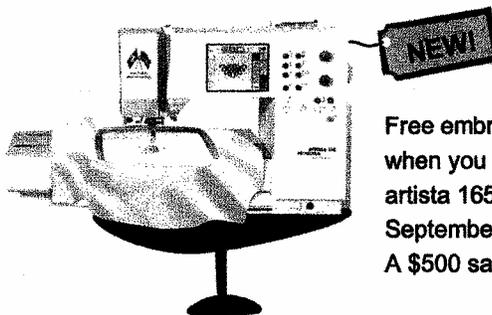
that! She credits Jane Lord, Joan Page and Sharon Remmert with teaching her quilting skills. She would like to learn how to make a square that is truly square.

Dorothy prefers machine quilting and her favorite project was the Gordian Knot. Quilting is relaxing for her and she feels like she is accomplishing something. Dorothy really wants to make an Irish Chain quilt.



One of our quilts hanging in the lobby of the Women's Health Center.

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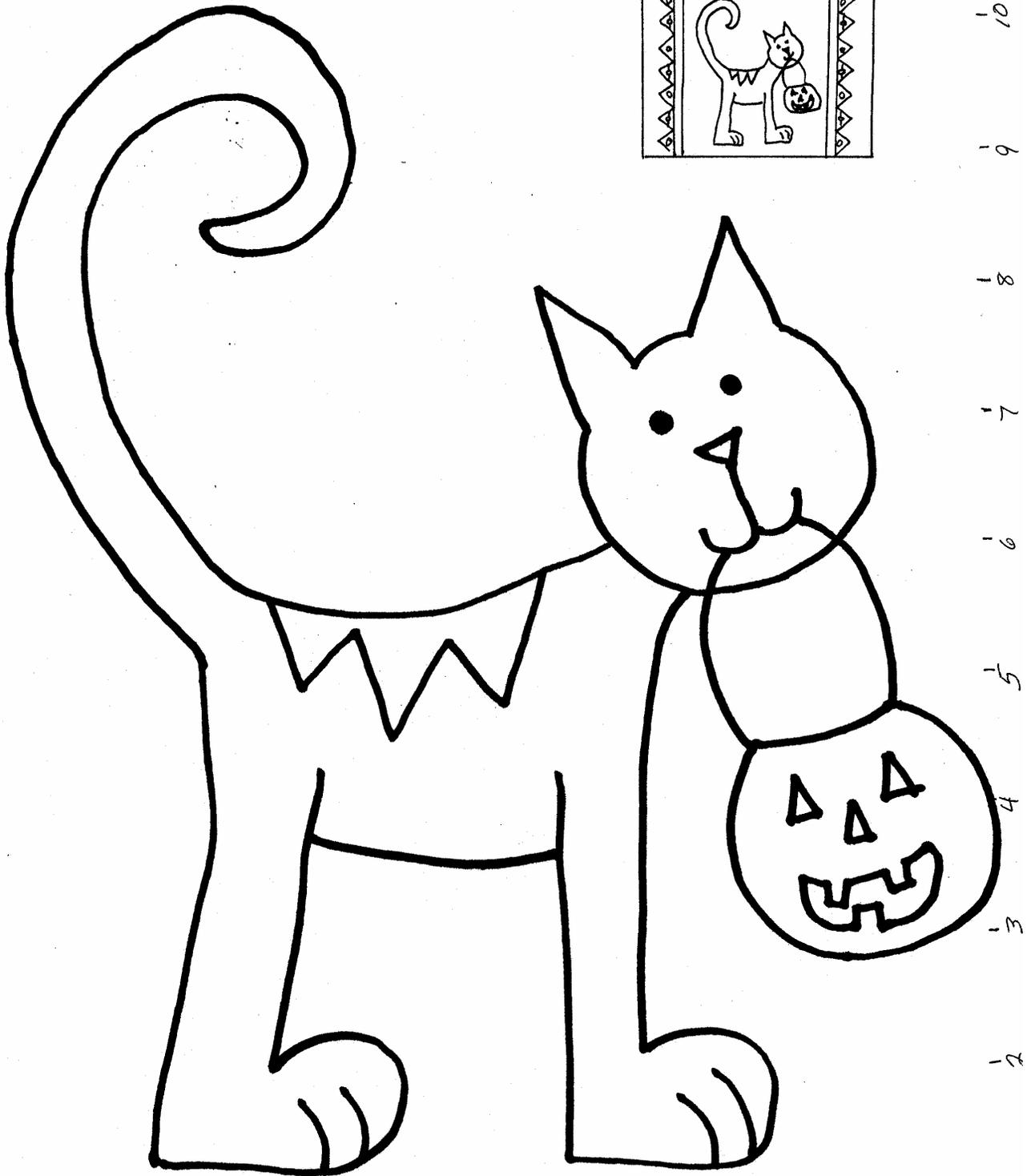
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October Pillow Block of the Month

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PRAIRIE POINTER



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The copying process changes size of pattern; you may need to increase or decrease to fit the pillow top. Note the inch marks along the side of the basket. If you adjust the pattern so these are actually 1" apart, you will have the correct size.

Instructions for October Pillow of the Month

Fabric needed:

- ½ yard for green background
- ⅛ yard for orange inner border
- ½ yard for black outer border, cat's strips and face plus pumpkin face
- 9"x18" or fat eighth for purple cat and prairie points

Supplies:

- 14" pillow form
- six ½" green buttons
- eight ½" orange buttons
- fusible web, fusible interfacing (optional)

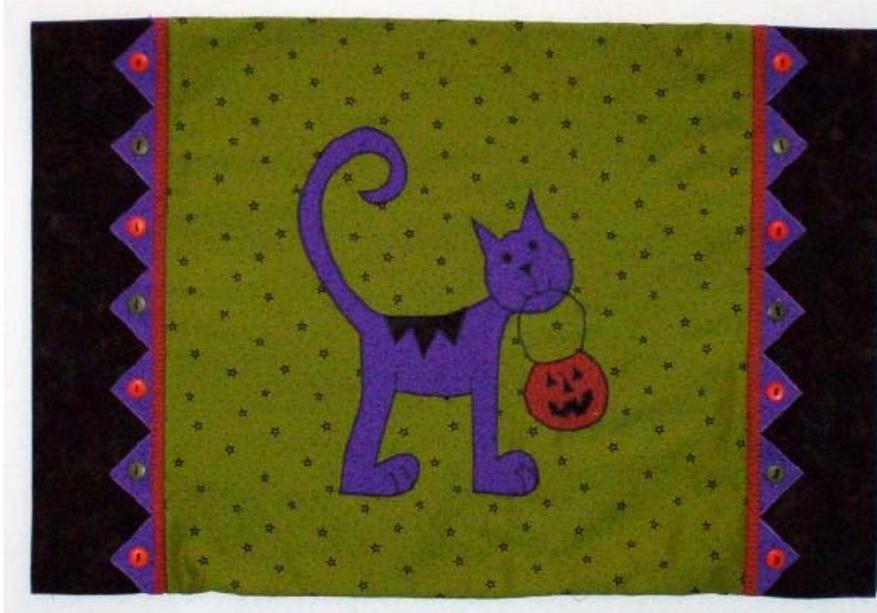
Cutting:

- From the background fabric, cut a 14½"x28½" rectangle.
- From the orange inner border fabric, cut two ⅞"x28½" strips.
- From the black outer border fabric, cut two 6½"x28½" strips.

Sewing:

All seam allowances are ¼". Please read all directions before beginning. You can appliqué the design by hand or by fusing. I chose to use a fusible web. When using a fusible web, you need to trace a reverse image. The easiest way to reverse the design is to trace it on tracing paper with a black marker. Flip over the tracing paper and use this side to trace the different pieces to the paper side of the fusible web.

Following the fusing directions of your fusible web, fuse to the wrong side of the coordinating fabrics. Cut out each piece on the traced lines. Peel off the paper and now using the right side of the tracing paper pattern as a positioning guide, arrange the pieces on the background rectangle. Position the bottom of the cat about 2¾" from the edge of the 14½" long side and centering between the two side edges. Fuse down.



Fuse an approximately 8"x8" piece of fusible web to the wrong side of the purple fabric. Cut 14 squares 1¾"x1¾" and then cut each square diagonally from corner to corner to get 28 right side triangles or prairie points. On each of the two black 6½"x28½" strips, fuse 14 prairie points along one side allowing for the side seam allowances at each end.

To finish the raw edges of the fused pieces and add the details, do a small zig zag or satin stitch around each piece using black thread. I used purple thread on the prairie points. Place a stabilizer (could be typing or tracing paper) behind the fabric when doing this by machine for a better-looking stitch. Remove paper when finished stitching.

Sew inner border strip to the edge with the prairie points for both sides. Press seams toward inner border. Now sew these strips to each side of the center part of the pillow. Press seams toward center part of pillow.

To finish the side edges, cut two pieces of fusible interfacing 3"x28½" and fuse ¼"

from both outer side edges. Finish the raw side edges by turning under ¼" and top stitch down. Sew the two remaining unfinished edges together to form a tube. Fold the side edges under 3" and press.

Finish by adding three buttons and buttonholes, snaps or Velcro to each side. I placed the green buttons and buttonholes on the second, fourth, and sixth prairie points and sewed the orange buttons on the remaining prairie points for a decorative finish. It's up to you how you want to finish your pillow. Slip pillow form in and enjoy.

Quilts From the Heart Workday



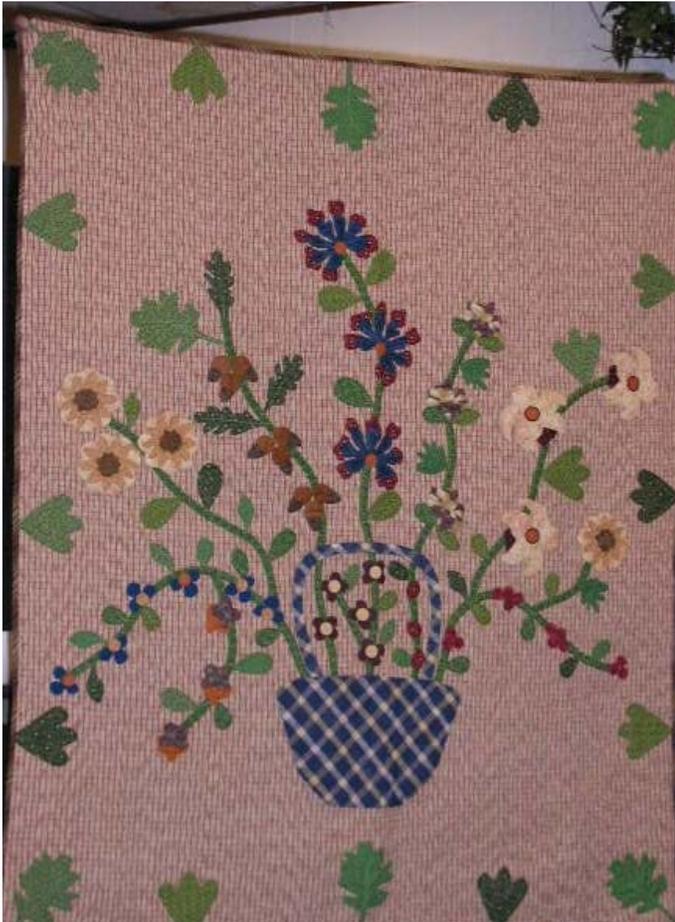
A group of 32 ladies made the drive to Clifton in August to work on Quilts From the Heart. At the end of the day, most of them posed for the group picture above. Pictures individually to the left are Opal Kemnitz, Bonnie Olsen and Harriette Janke and below Susie Weir.



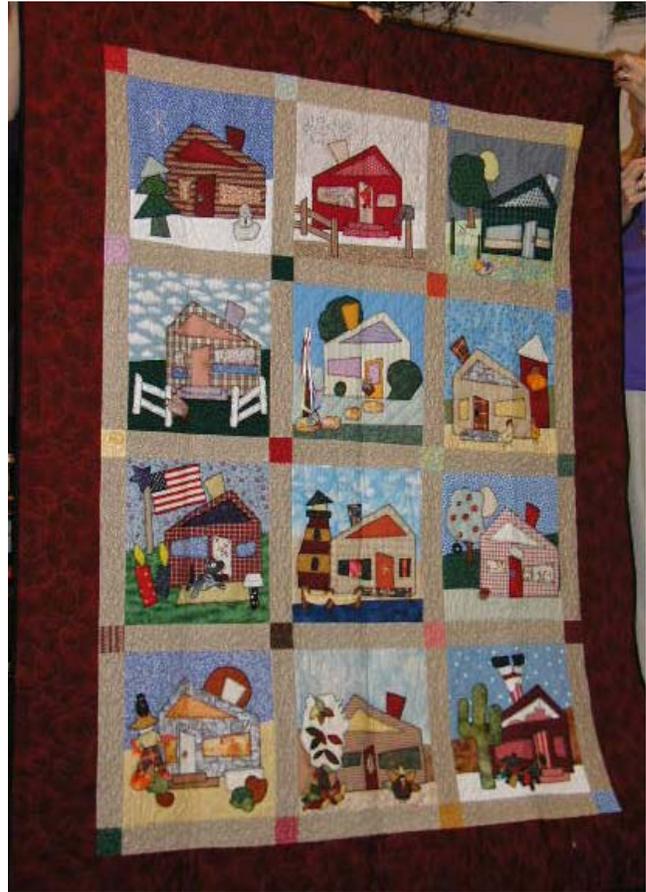
The participants were: Virginia Cleek, Harriette Janke, Donna Dawson, Norma Butler, Doris Beckenhauer, Kay Ring, Barb Warner, Susie Weir, Rosie McMullen, Kathy Wilson, Ann Langham, Margie Young, Nancy Venburg, Mary Jo Harbour, Opal Kemnitz, Edythe Porter, Marcella Bechard, Charlotte Herr, Jan Carl, Doris Hofman, Susie Sapp, Kay Hummels, Norma Larson, Ellie Morton, Rosemary Visser, Shirley Benteman, Lois McDaniel, and Bonnie J. Olsen. The ladies from the church who served lunch were Gladys Kelly, Glendora McCaddon, Nola Elsasser, Maxine Branfort. Thanks also to Jan Carl for soliciting door prizes.

Anyone working on Quilts from the Heart, please finish your current projects and bring them to the October Guild Meeting. We need them so we can get the labels on. Thank you—Bonnie

Pumpkin Patch is the first weekend in October. In September, please bring fabric that can be cut into fat quarters or eighths; the pieces will be given as incentives to those who purchase Opportunity Quilt tickets.



Terry Clothier Thompson shared this reproduction quilt she designed.



Donna Dawson's Block of the month quilt— a pattern she got from HGTV

On the Road

Quilt Shows and Events of Interest

- Sept 9-11 Sherry Leftwich's Thimble Boutique Open House . Thurs, Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-6pm. thimbs@myvine.com. 913-796-6562.
- Til Sep 26 Quilts! Imported Fabrics, American Treasures. Spender Museum of Art, Lawrence.
- Sep 18-19 Little Apple Folklife Festival, City Park, Manhattan. KPQG will demonstrate quilting in the park both days and sell Opportunity Quilt tickets.
- Sep 25 Heart of America Quilt Show at Crown Center in Kansas City. 913-648-0697 or 816-358-5132.
- Sep 25-Oct 10 Quilter's Guild of Greater Kansas City Quilt Show. Crown Center, Kansas City.
- Oct 1-3 Central KS Shop Hop; 13 stores in Salina, McPherson, Hutchinson, Alden, Newton, Halstead, Wichita, Andover, Severy and Derby. Contact Janeen Miller (316)788-5120
- Oct 8-10 KQO Fall Meeting, Colby. Featured speaker Bobbie Aug.
- Oct 15-17 Heart of Kansas Quilt Show, Eisenhower Bldg., Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson.
- Oct 16-17 In Grandma's Attic, Silver Needles Quilt Guild show, Bicentennial Center, Salina. Sat 9-5, Sun 12-5.
- Nov 9-Dec 14 Heart of Kansas Quilt Guild Exhibit, Shafer Museum, Barton Co. Comm. College, Great Bend.
- June 4-5, 2005 Celebrate 150 Quilt Show, marking Manhattan's 150th Birthday.

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Norma Butler and her dog quilt.



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Sept: Karen Spaeth—Preparing Quilts for Show
Oct: Anne Collins—Flannel Chenille Scarves
Nov: Lynne Hagmeier—Designing Fabric



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