

January 9, 2006

Meeting second Monday of 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
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Prairie Pointer

New Year Brings New Quilting Tricks to Learn

January 9: Come learn a “New Trick or Two.” See demonstrations by our members, including Karen Malone – photo transfer, Robbie Courts – paper piecing, Nancy Venburg – quilt marking, Judi Robb – hand quilting, Carol Pacey – machine quilting, and Barb Warner – binding quilts. Also, be sure to sign up for the March mystery quilt workshop (\$25, including the pattern) so you can get Step 1 at the February meeting. Cathy Cholic will offer this workshop.

February 13: Carol Elmore will present “The History of Quilt-making, 3400 BC to present.”

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Jennie Burden accepting the 2005 Opportunity Quilt for Kathryn (see note page 5).

Pay dues by
Jan 9 to be
in directory.

Have a question about quilting? Our secret quilter, “Katie” can probably help. Email (or leave a written question with the guild co-presidents) to katie@kitusa.com. Katie will answer your question in an upcoming newsletter.


January Treats 
Please be sure to bring refreshment during your assigned month or trade with someone. 
Dorothy Bramhall 
Elsie Brazelton 
Delores Briggs 
Bobara Broce 
Eloise Brown 
Kathryn Burden 
Norma Butler 
Jan Carl 
Sydney Carlin 


Prez Sez

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you Konza quilters out there! Cindy and I look forward to another great year of fun and friendship with our group in 2006.

Special thanks to all who took jobs in the guild for the coming year. We have such a wonderful group of women. Your participation and assistance is a blessing to the guild and to both of us. See you in January.

Margie and Cindy

January Birthdays

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January birthday girls: Delores Hargadine, Edythe Porter, Jennie Burden, Anne Collins.

January 29, 2006 is the first day of the Chinese New Year in this, the year of the dog (Chinese symbol for dog in upper right).

Norma Larson	1
Bette Jennings	3
Cathy Cholick	5
Joyce Delehanty-Hoyt	6
L. Ann Domsch	11
Lois Haug	14
Eloise Brown	16
Edythe Porter	16
Carol Dutton	17
Jennie Burden	18
Carol Darling	19
Fran Nedwed	19
Elsie Brazelton	20
Delores Hargadine	20
Virginia Cleek	22
Bella Haynie	26
Clessie LeMay	26
Anne Collins	29
Nancy Matthews	30

Patchwork Pieces

2006 Officers Co-President: Margie Young and Cindy Ross
 Program Chair: Ronna Robertson
 Program Chair-select: Nancy Graves and Judi Robb
 Secretary: Sue Jones
 Treasurer/Directory: Twila Hoffman
 Photographer: Shari Reeves
 Past President: Charlotte Herr
 Members-at-large: Mary Jo Kurtz, Harriette Janke, Barb Warner
 Newsletter: Jennie Burden; Circulation: Jeanne Powell
Committees: Library: Kay Hummels, Jan Carl, Callie Hildebrand, Kevin Deets, Carol Sheehe; Opportunity Quilt: Nancy Venburg, Suzie Wong; Opp Quilt Tickets: Virginia Cleek, Mary Jo Harbour; Opp Quilt location: Theresa Gunther;
Refreshments: Set-up: Barb Warner, Sharon Pollman, Jan Klink; clean-up: Rosie McMullen; Greeters: Nadith Reinhardt, Jan Gable, Barbara Naughton; Block of the Month: Dee Gerardy; Challenge: Chris Moore; Quilts From the Heart: Bonnie Olsen, Marcella Bechard, Donna Dawson, Norma Larson; Mini-Quilt Auction: Harriette Janke, with Judi Robb and Nancy Graves, advertising; Nancy Venberg, favors; and Margie Young, tickets.

Cindy's President's Block:

Because Margie has been president previously, she encourages everyone to make a block for Cindy. Details will follow.

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** group meets 9:30-3:30 at the clubhouse of the Westbank Townhouses on Rockridge Court. Call Margie Young to sign up for potluck lunch items.



Nancy Graves' Flying Geese from a Trudy Hughes workshop.

Our condolences to Joyce Hoyt, whose husband, Don, passed away on December 16.

Paducah Trip-April 27-30

The balance of payment for the trip will be due at the February 13th meeting. (Totals are: double occupancy \$300; triple \$255; quad \$235.)

Mary Jo Kurtz has received Registration and Information Guides for all those registered.

Multi-day Quilt Show admission is \$15 for members of the American Quilter's Society and \$25 for non-members. Advance registration is recommended. If you wish to join, membership can be paid along with the show registration using the form in the Registration Guide. It is also possible to register online at www.AmericanQuilter.com or e-mail: shows@AQSqlit.com with questions. Phone: (270) 898-7903.

~ The 2006 Challenge Theme is "Happy Trails" (think Roy Rogers).
Size limit: 20"x20" Due: March, 2006 To register, see Lana Ellis.

Member Profile: Dee Gerardy

Dee Gerardy joined guild a couple years ago and attends most of the meetings. She is in charge of the Block of the Month for this year. She was born in Abilene and holds a BS from KSU. She taught science as well as family/consumer science at the secondary level for 27 years. While she is retired, she still teaches at Cloud County Community College part-time.

Dee has been married to Marc for 35 years and they have 2 daughters who have given them 2 grandsons. She has volunteered for various activities as a result of sponsoring youth organizations. She made the opportunity quilt for her grandson's school library. She



enjoys working with her horses and competing in barrel racing. She also enjoys reading and being with family.

Dee is mostly self-taught in quilting, starting about 20 years ago but not serious until the last 8 or 10 years. She adds that she has taken several classes along the way. Her favorite project was the reversible quilt made using Sharon Pederson's book, Two for One.

Dee finds quilting relaxing. She likes the creative aspect of the projects and making "one of a kind." She would like to learn needle turn appliqué.



Kansas Troubles Star
quilt by Karen
Spaeth

The 2006 Winter Olympics will take place February 10-26 in Torino, Italy. Plan to watch a few events on television and get lots of quilting done.

Business Matters:

- ~ Treasurer's books will be audited by Susie Wang, Madeline Dunn and Norma Butler, to be performed at 8:30 before the Jan. 9, 2006 meeting.
- ~ Barb Warner will be the board representative for "Quilt From The Heart."
- ~ We will continue encouraging members to complete their UFO projects with "UFO II" in 2006. Please draw up a list of your unfinished projects and turn them in to Barb Warner. Each time you bring in a finished UFO for show and tell, let Barb know and you'll be entered in the next drawing. Susie Weir won a \$100 gift certificate for finishing UFOs during 2005 and Opal Kennnitz won a workshop of her choice. In 2006, another 2 members will win prizes for completing projects.



On the Road

Quilt Shows and Events of Interest in 2006

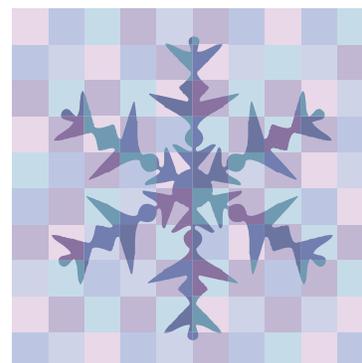
- Jan 21 First Baptist Church Quilt Show. 3-5 p.m. 2121 Bluehills Road, Manhattan. For information, call Rachel Pence, 565-1185 or 537-7401.
- Mar 24-25 Affair of the Heart Quilt Show, featuring Ricky Tims. Seward Co. Activity Ctr., www.wequilt.net or call 620-657-2042.
- Apr 26-29 KPQG road trip to Paducah.
- May 10-13 10th Machine Quilters Showcase, Overland Park Conv. Ctr. www.imqa.org.
- June 10 Grandmother's Flower Garden, KPQG Mini-quilt auction and luncheon. Manhattan Country Club. For tickets, email Margie Young at chipin@flinthills.com.
- Jun 23-25 Common Threads, Prairie Quilt Guild quilt show. Century II—ExpoHall, Wichita.

(Disclaimer: Information for "On the Road" is gleaned from other sources. You may wish to confirm dates, times and places of quilt shows before traveling to them, as errors sometimes get inserted.)



Red Storm at Sea by Cathy Cholick

Noisy machine stitching (a popping sound each time the needle pierces the fabric) is usually a sign of a dull needle or damaged needle tip. Try replacing it and the popping should stop.



PRAIRIE POINTER

Thank You from Kathryn Burden:

I want to thank everyone so much for your concern and good wishes while I was in the Peace Corps in Bangladesh. As many of you know, the country was in political turmoil from the first week I was there, and the situation escalated into suicide bombings in November and December of 2005. After almost five months of conflict, I decided for safety reasons to return home to the U.S. In the midst of all the stress of trying to decide what to do, my mom text-messaged me to say I had won the Opportunity Quilt! I was so happy I started crying in the middle of an internet café in Bangladesh.

As an anthropology major, former employee of the Riley County Historical Museum, and Manhattan native, I am especially honored to be entrusted with this part of Manhattan history. You can be sure I will take good care of the Celebrate 150 quilt (my mother raised me to appreciate quilts, you know) and no one could be more grateful than I am to own it.

Sincerely,
Kathryn

**THANK YOU FOR TURNING
YOUR CELL PHONE OFF
DURING MEETINGS.**



Irises by Harriette Janke

February Block of the Month: Rocky Mountain Puzzle

Cut the following:

Light Fabric:

- 5 squares $3\frac{7}{8}$ "x $3\frac{7}{8}$ "
- 2 squares $3\frac{1}{2}$ "x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "
- 4 rectangles $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "

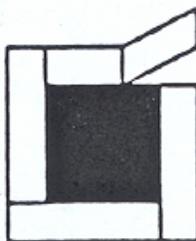
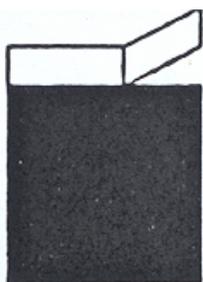
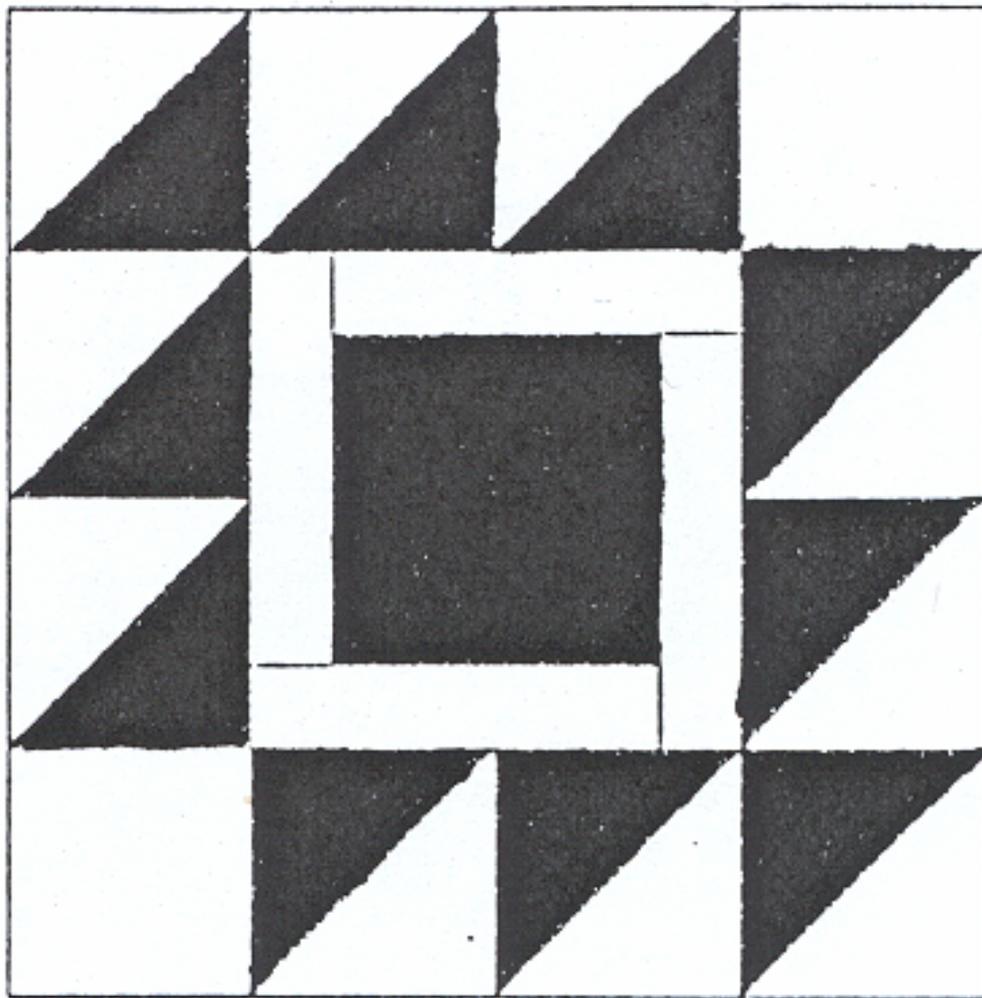
Dark Fabric:

- 1 square $4\frac{1}{2}$ "x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "
- 5 squares $3\frac{7}{8}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ "

Make 10 half-square triangles by layering one light and one dark $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner and sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side of the line. Cut between the stitching lines on the drawn line. The half-square triangles should measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Place a light $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " piece on the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " dark square, right sides together. Stitch by starting at the edge and sewing only half of the distance. Press the partial seam and lay a second $1\frac{1}{2}$ "x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strip on the pieced edge. Stitch the entire seam. Continue to sew the other rectangles to the remaining sides by stitching the entire distance. Complete the stitching on the first seam. Check out the diagram below.

Follow the diagram to arrange the half-square triangles and light squares to finish the piecing. Your block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Introduction:

I have chosen to use two-color blocks for the 2006 Block of the Month. Each block will consist of two colors or values. These blocks can be constructed with the scrappy look or you may create a more traditional quilt using two colors. All blocks are 12" finished ($12\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished) and will be pieced.

I hope the selected blocks will serve as a learning experience for beginners and a refresher for the experienced quilters. Remember, you can be as creative as you wish when you set your blocks together. If you have problems cutting or piecing your blocks, be sure to contact me and I'll be glad to help you. Dee (785) 944-3344

Upcoming Programs

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March 13: Deb Rowden from Lawrence will speak on “Collecting Your Quilt History” and share how to record your own stories for future generations. Deb donated a copy of her book to our guild library. March 13 & 14 Cathy Cholick will present a Mystery Quilt workshop. Because you will choose fabrics without knowing the quilt pattern, this will be a good exercise in color values.

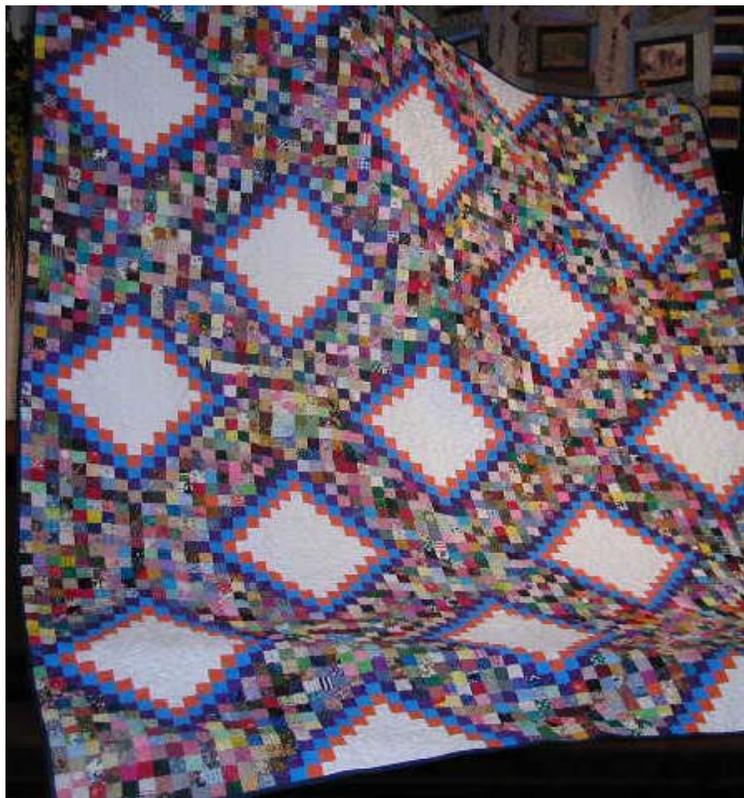
What is the Key to Having Quilts Appear in the KPQG Newsletter?

Ever wonder why some quilts are pictured in the newsletter and others aren't? Well, it's partly a matter of luck ... but you can increase your chances if you:

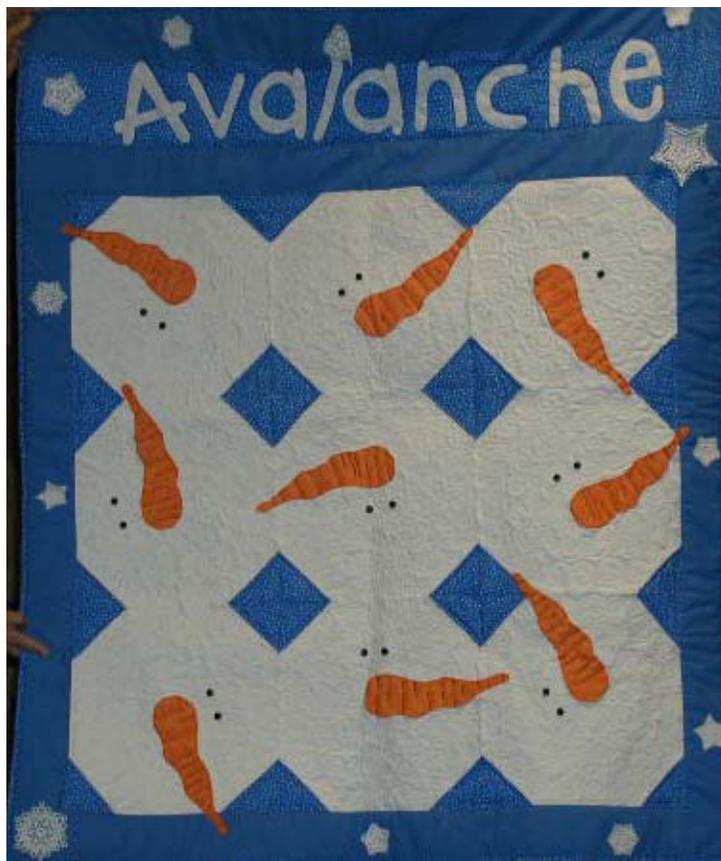
- hold your quilt straight up on both sides
- face the photographer (Shari Reeves)
- give her time to focus the camera
- show quilts that have high contrast (muted colors don't photocopy well)



Betty Young made this alphabet quilt for her grandson.



Bonnie Olsen's Double Irish Chain



"Avalanche" by Sue Jones.

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