

March 13, 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 EDITOR: JENNIE BURDEN

Prairie Pointer

Collecting Your Quilt History and Recording Your Stories

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.

The Mystery Quilt workshop will be that afternoon and all day Tuesday. Cathy Cholick has distributed the first step. Everyone should have the first cutting done before the workshop begins, but bring cutting equipment, since there will be more cutting during the workshop. (see page 7)

There is still space to join members of the Prairie Star Quilt Guild on **Sunday, April 9** (1:30-4:30) at the Riley County Senior Center for Elaine Elliot's

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Member Carol Elmore spoke on the History of Quilting in February.

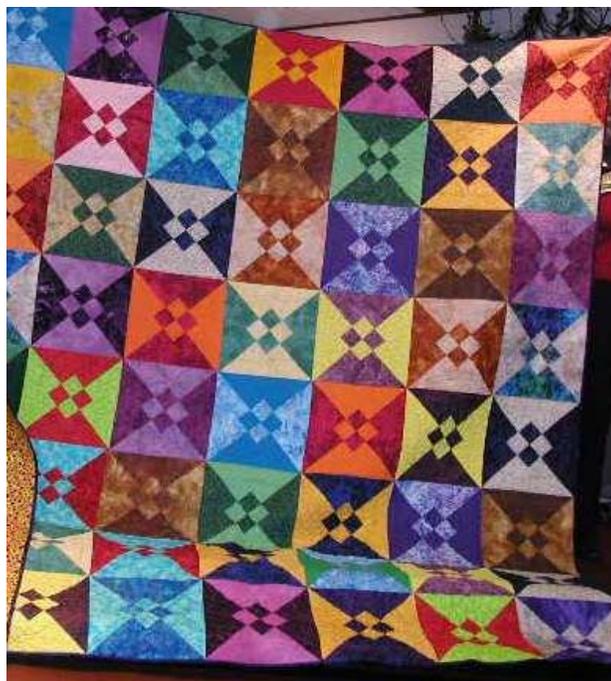
**Change of Location:
April meeting will be held in the Konza Room, Pottorf Hall in Cico Park**



March Refreshments

Please be sure to bring refreshments during your assigned month or trade with someone else who can.

- Carol Darling
- Sue Damkroger
- Lois Currie
- Robbie Courts
- Anne Collins
- Virginia Cleek
- Cathy Cholick
- Michaeline Chance Reay



Drawer Full of Argyles by Norma Butler



Ann Langham, Kathryn Wilson and Shirley Benteman celebrate their birthdays this March.

The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.

When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here.
- Author Unknown

March Birthdays

Marilyn Horvath	9	Jo Valverde	23
Eunice Bradley	14	Mary Jo Harbour	24
Betty Frank	17	Ann Langham	25
Shirley Benteman	20	Doris Hofman	25
Mary Jo Kurtz	21	Jeanne Powell	30
Kathryn Wilson	22		



Susie Sapp, Suzy Wong, Norma Louck, Joyce Delehanty-Hoyt and Cindy Ross work on the 2006 Opportunity Quilt.

Patchwork Pieces

2006 Officers Co-President: Margie Young and Cindy Ross
 Program Chair: Ronna Robertson
 Program Chair-select: Nancy Graves and Judi Robb
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 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:

Using 1930s reproduction pastels and butterflies, make a 10½" block (will finish to 10" in her quilt) for Cindy's President's Block Quilt. Remember to sign your name.

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 West-bank Townhouses on Rockridge Court. Call Margie Young to sign up for potluck lunch items.

Quilts From the Heart Project

Remember April 6, is the day you are to come to Clifton to work on kids quilts. A sign sheet will be at the March meeting, The gals in Clifton need to know how many are coming. We do need for you to come and help with the quilts. Please bring your favorite tools to work with. I will have the iron and board. If you have a PVC floor quilt frame, please bring it.

If anyone knows where the guild quilt frame is, if so please bring it. This project is so important and successful all do to the many hours the guild members donate to it. Without you it would not happen. When I tell other quilters what we have accomplished they think we have a lot more members than we do, and can't believe we get it done. You are much more appreciated than you know.

Thank you—Bonnie



Member Profile: Dorothy Dickerhoff

Dorothy Dickerhoff joined Konza Prairie Quilters Guild in 2005. She was born in Clovis, New Mexico. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting from the University of New Mexico. She has worked as an office manager, a pilot, an aviation instructor and now works in Varney's Bookstore's textbook department.

She has been married to George for nearly 50 years. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She attends most guild meetings. Dorothy volunteers at her church, the Genealogical Society and at the 99s. Her hobbies include genealogy, painting and traveling.

Dorothy would like to make a Christmas quilt.

Make Your Library Wishes Known

If there are any books you'd like to have in our guild library, please let Kay Hummel know. We will be "weeding" out the less frequently used ones and buying new books with the money collected for usage fees.

FAQs* about Paducah

Our Paducah trip is coming closer. We will be leaving Manhattan on Thursday, April 27 and returning on April 30. We will be meeting our Arrow Bus in the Dillard's parking lot (northwest corner) Thursday, April 27 in time to leave at 7:00 a.m. sharp! Please be there by 6:45 so we can leave on time. We will stop for Jan Zelch in Kansas City. Other stops for restroom breaks and lunch will be determined later.

Our hotel is located in Gilbertsville, Kentucky, 21 miles east of Paducah. Our days at the convention will be Friday, April 28 and Saturday April 29.

Remember that you must complete your own registration for the quilt show. The form for this is located in the back of your Registration and Information Guide. Each person who signed up should have one of these. Registration can also be done online at www.AmericanQuilter.com. You may also join the American Quilter's Society on the same form.

Registration for members is less expensive than for non-members and membership will give you other benefits at the show. Membership also includes an excellent quarterly magazine.

If you have further questions, contact Mary Jo Kurtz, phone (785) 539-6082 or e-mail: Kurtz-mj321@sbcglobal.net

The hotel information is:

Ken-Bar Lodge
7711 US HWY 641
Gilbertsville, KY 42044
Phone: 1-888-848-8042
e-mail: info@kenbarlodge.com

*For the non-computer literate, FAQ is computer-speak for Frequently Asked Question. These are answers to the questions Mary Jo has been getting about the trip details.

Sunshine and Shadows

Our sympathy to Carol Dutton, whose husband Darrell passed away on Jan 28. Dave Pacey, Carol Pacy's husband, is ill and needs a bone marrow transplant. You may email notices for Sunshine and Shadows to jennieb53@cox.net, call 539-1204, or submit in writing at guild meetings.

Business Matters:

- We're in the process of inventorying the KPQG library and find that about sixty books are "missing." If you are one of the very much appreciated persons who helped out by taking home a crate and who still has the books, please call Kay at 539-9436 or e-mail krhumm@ksu.edu.
- We will no longer collect 10% for items sold at guild meetings.

Underground Railroad Quilts Sought

If you have a quilt representing the Underground Railroad era, please contact Melody Day at 587-4198. Scott Freeby, middle school band director, needs to borrow them for the annual band concert in May.

Melody will take full responsibility for the safety and care of your quilts.

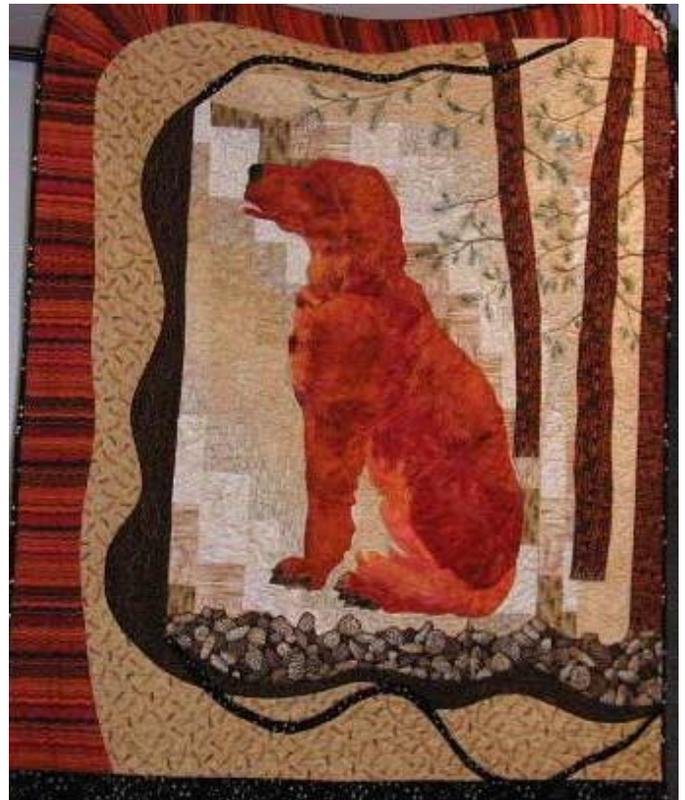
Upcoming Programs

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Redwork Machine Embroidery workshop. The fee is \$20 and there are 4 patterns to choose from.

April 10: On Monday morning, Elaine Elliot will share a trunk show of her quilts. **Please note: Due to the unavailability of the St. Thomas More Church, our April meeting will be held in the Konza Room at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park.**

The Fabric Bowl Try It with Robbie Courts will begin immediately following the program. There is no fee, but the workshop does require 2 fat quarters, quilting supplies and equipment, unless you only wish to observe.



The Dog by Jane Elliott

On the Road

Quilt Shows and Events of Interest in 2006

- 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, KY, for AQS national quilt show.
- 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.)

What is Quilts from the Heart?

Quilts from the Heart is the major community service project of Konza Prairie Quilt Guild. For the past two years we have made 150 quilts a year for children in crisis in our area. These quilts are distributed through the Domestic Violence Center in Manhattan.

The idea for the project started after a bus trip to Houston the guild members took several years ago. We had some money left over and decided to spend it by giving back to the community. Bonnie Olsen looked into several options and recommended we give to the Domestic Violence Center in Manhattan, which serves about 150 kids from five counties and Ft. Riley every year.

We set a goal of making one quilt per child, using the bus trip funds as seed money. Additionally, we have used the receipts from our Trash to Treasure Auction as additional money to finance the project, as well as any donations of money or materials. (Trash to Treasure is an internal auction we hold in which members donate unwanted quilting supplies from their stash, and other members buy them—our own little recycling project.)

Never in our wildest dreams did we think that we would receive the amount of support from the communities that we have. We've gotten donations from several towns in Kansas, from friends of members, others who've heard of the project.

We have been given money, fabric and finished quilts from as far away as California and Indiana. Most of the batting and fabric that we use has been donated. Stores have donated pearl cotton for tying and quilting. We have lots of fabric on hand, which the Quilts from the Heart committee uses to make kits. Members may "check out" a kit if they wish to make quilts at home, although we also hold quilt retreats once or twice a year and make quilts as a group.

Occasionally we receive fabric that is not suitable for our project, so it is given to another organization that can use it.

Our project has been featured in local media several times, including articles in the *Washington County New*, *Clifton News*, *Clay Center Dispatch*, and the *Manhattan Mercury*.

Our first QFH retreat was held in the spring of 2004, with a retreat at Living Waters Ranch. We had lots of fun—and lots of aching backs after that weekend. By November 1 we had made

our 150 quilts plus about 25 more. Additional quilts were turned in after that, so that we started 2005 with 37 quilts, and ended up with 210 quilts.

We have a good start for 2006 with 60 finished quilts already on hand. But we need to continue to work on the quilts. There is a lot of need for kids' quilts in our communities. The quilts we have given to kids are loved and carried around and shared with other kids. We will never know just how much comfort they give to these kids.

QFH Workdays Set

We have set April 6 and August 15 as the workdays we will meet in Clifton to work on the quilts. The committee will meet earlier to make kits. To date there are 57 quilts finished and 20 kits ready to be checked out.



Katie's Korner

Katie:

I am making a quilt with scalloped edges. I know the binding must be bias, but should I use the folded binding or a single thickness binding? "Puzzled"

Dear Puzzled:

On quilts with scalloped edges, it is best to use the single bias binding versus the double binding. This eliminates the bulk in the "v's" on the scalloped borders. Your binding will go on smoother with less need to be ripping out stitches or your hair. And let's face it - we all need less stress in our lives.

Thanks for your question. Katie

(To ask Katie a question about quilting, email katie@kitusa.com or use the question box available at guild meetings.)

April Block of the Month: Dutchman's Puzzle

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Cut the Following:

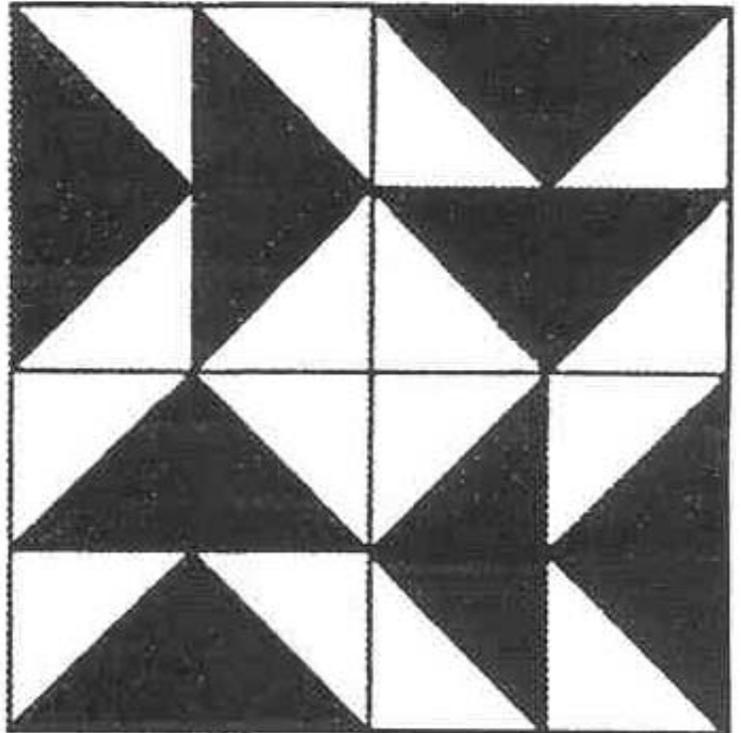
Light Fabric:

*Cut 16 squares - $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Dark Fabric:

*Cut 8 rectangles - $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "

Make a flying geese unit by placing a light $3\frac{1}{2}$ " square on the end of the dark $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across the light square. Stitch on the line, trim the excess fabric to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", and press. Repeat the process at the opposite corner of the rectangle. See the diagram below.



You will need to make eight flying geese units. Follow the diagram to arrange the flying geese units for piecing your block. Your block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Tip: Save those triangles you trim off when making the flying geese units. Stitch the cut edge together, press and trim to a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " half square triangle. You may use these later when setting your quilt together. They may be used as an accent in the border, to create pinwheels for corner posts in your setting, or a variety of other things. (Bet you wish I'd told you this sooner!)

Sample of full quilt using this block:



HAPPY TRAILS CHALLENGE:

Please turn in your finished projects no later than 9:00 a.m. at the March 13 meeting. There will be tables in the back where you can check your project in and it will be given a number. This allows time for judging, awarding of prize, and show and tell. There will also be voting for VIEWERS' CHOICE. There will be a QUIZ over Roy Rogers facts so study up! I am hoping to get this all done quickly so our March speaker, Deb Rowden, can have all the time she needs for her program and the meeting does not run long.

Anyone who will be absent from the March meeting may call me and we will make other arrangements to collect your challenge quilt.

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Cathy Cholick shared this red and blue quilt.

Mystery Quilt Instructions

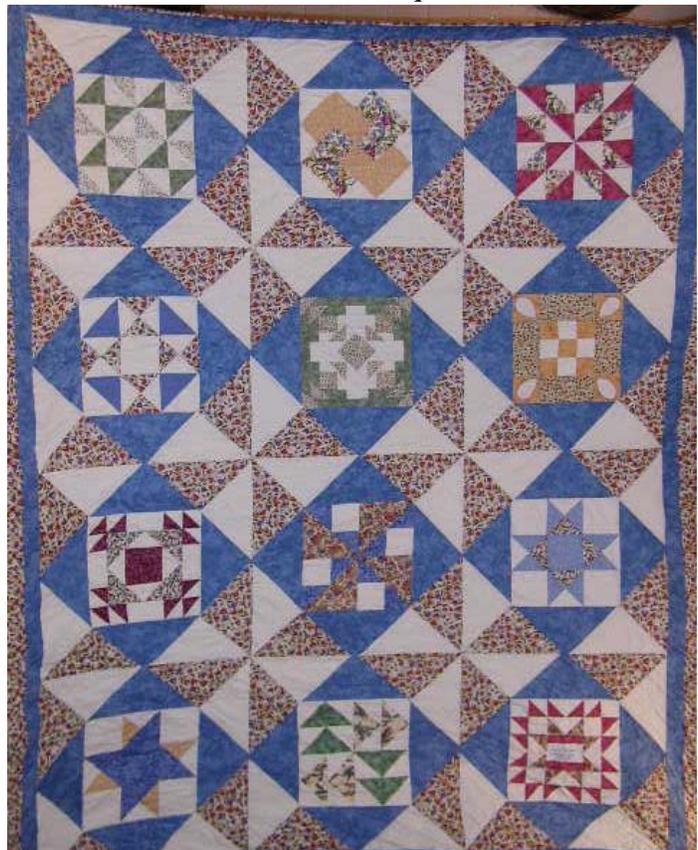
This is just a reminder of what you will need to bring for the mystery we are doing after the March guild meeting.

- ~ fabric pre-cut according to your instruction sheet
- ~ sewing machine, basic sewing supplies, rotary cutter, cutting ruler, mat, extension cord, and plug in strip if you have one
- ~ a few irons and boards
- ~ sack lunch or we can order out if you would rather
- ~ Those of you who are quick may wish to bring along a second project to work on after you have completed each step. You may also choose to help someone catch up. We will not be moving on until everyone has finished each step.

I am looking forward to seeing the variety of looks that we will be obtaining from our fabric choices.

See you all then. Cathy Cholick

Sue Jones made the Bernina block of the month quilt below.



New Year Brings Time for Taking Inventory

Our quilt guild owns a number of items that are being stored by members of the guild. We would like to bring the inventory of these items up to date. Member at large Mary Jo Kurtz has been charged with this responsibility.

If you are storing quilt frames, white gloves, aprons or other items for the guild, would you please contact her? Phone 785-539-6082 or e-mail: kurtz-mj321@sbcglobal.net

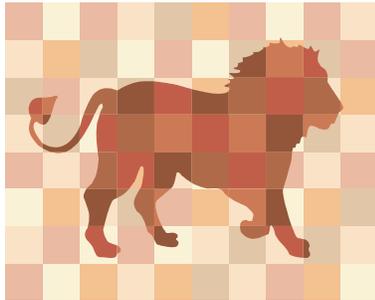
Non-Quilter Seeking a Quilt Finisher

I have a couple quilt tops from my husband's grandmother that are not quite complete and I am looking for someone to finish them. One just needs a couple more blocks to complete the pattern. I have fabric to use in completing the blocks.

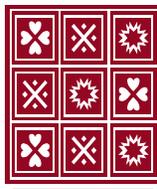
We would love to be able to use these quilts, but I just don't have the time—or the knowledge—to complete them. If you are interested, please email me. Sanna Cranmer
sanna@kansas.net.

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