

April 10, 2006

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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

Remember to go to Cico Park for April Meeting of KPQG

April 10: On Monday morning at CICO PARK, Elaine Elliott will be doing a trunk show for our guild meeting. Immediately following that, Robbie Courts will be leading the Fabric Bowl Try-It, so if you want to participate, be sure to bring your machines and supplies. You are also welcome to just "See-It."

There are still a few spaces in evening guild's Redwork Machine Embroidery workshop with Elaine Elliott on Sunday, April 9. Call Chris Moore at 539-9254 if you are interested in joining this activity.

May 9: Judy Oberkrom will present her Crazy Quilting trunk show in the morning and then lead a workshop in the afternoon on the same topic. Her website is at www.craftyjudy.com.

June 12: Mary Sue Suit will be

joining us from Sydney, NE with a trunk show and an afternoon workshop on "Mitering Without Migraines." She will also do another workshop on Tuesday morning, featuring a small project from her book on Crazy Eights. Mary Sue donated a copy of this to our library.



Cathy Cholick conducted a mystery quilt workshop in March.

April Refreshments

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

- Norma Blakely
- Alison Boyd
- Eunice Bradley
- Dorothy Bramhall
- Eloise Brown
- Norma Butler
- Jan Carl
- Sydney Carlin



More challenge quilts pictured on page 7.

Prez Sez

Dear Quilters,

Can you believe it's time for Daylight Savings? This year is zooming by! After the March meeting we had more than twenty people participate in the Mystery Quilt Workshop. Thanks to Cathy Cholick for an excellent job. This was really fun, hope we can do another one.

At the March board meeting, it was decided to donate \$25 as prize money for the winning 4-H quilt entry at the Riley County Fair. This is what we have previously done. In addition, we decided to donate \$25 as prize money in the open competition, adult division. It is so nice to be able to encourage people to quilt!

Hope to see lots of you at Clifton for the Quilts from the Heart workshop on April 6.

Margie and I would like to wish all of you a Happy Easter. Cindy Ross

April Birthdays

Welcome new member:

Susan Weaver
 2015 Grandview Dr., Manhattan,
 KS 66502
 537-2320, [email - sweaver@cyrn.net](mailto:sweaver@cyrn.net)

Birthday - January 31

New email: Carol Dutton
dldcdksu@cox.net

Bad emails:

Whenever I send emails to the following addresses, I get a return message that the email can't be delivered.

- cardix@bearkan.com (Dixie Reed)
- edmiston37@earthlink.net (Gayle Edmiston)
- clessielemay@us.army.mil (Clessie LeMay)
- monofsix@wamego.net (Lois Haug)
- spollman@flinthills.com (Sharon Pollman)
- hoogy@kansas.net (Carol Hoogheem)
- eldoramorton@kansas.net (Ellie Morton)



Birthday gals Delia Marcellus and Nancy Venburg

Delia Marcellus	6
LibbyEdgar	7
Nancy Venburg	7
Janet Utzig	19
Sylvia Rice	20
Carolyn Dreiling	21
Susan Gormely	21

Tulip Festival Needs Quilts

Callie Hildebrand is looking for quilts to hang in the General Store at Wamego's City Park for the Tulip Festival.

The festival runs 9-5 April 22 and 11-4 April 23. There will be two people with the quilts during these hours.

If you wish to display a quilt, bring to the April meeting, take it to Wamego on April 22, or call Callie at 456-9442.



Krystal Baldwin, 539-6692, is looking for someone to make a quilt from men's ties.

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
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 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:

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: Virginia Cleek



Virginia Cleek was born near Chattanooga, Tennessee and lived there most of her life when not following her husband who was career Army. She met her future husband Marvin while working in a bank during the summer. They had one daughter who gave them one grandson.

Virginia worked many years as a school teacher with kindergarten then behavior management. When she retired, she came to Manhattan to live with her daughter.

Virginia has been a member of quilt guild for many years, serving as co-chair of Block of the Month and Opportunity Tickets for several years. She attends most meetings and enjoys the programs. She volunteers at the Senior Center as the

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 Dillards 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.

receptionist, where she has to answer all kinds of questions.

Virginia likes to cook. She is also active in her church. She belongs to Crafty Seniors and participates in the quarterly shows at the mall.

Virginia wants to make a red quilt for her daughter using the rail fence pattern with cat appliques. She would also like to make a lap throw from jeans.

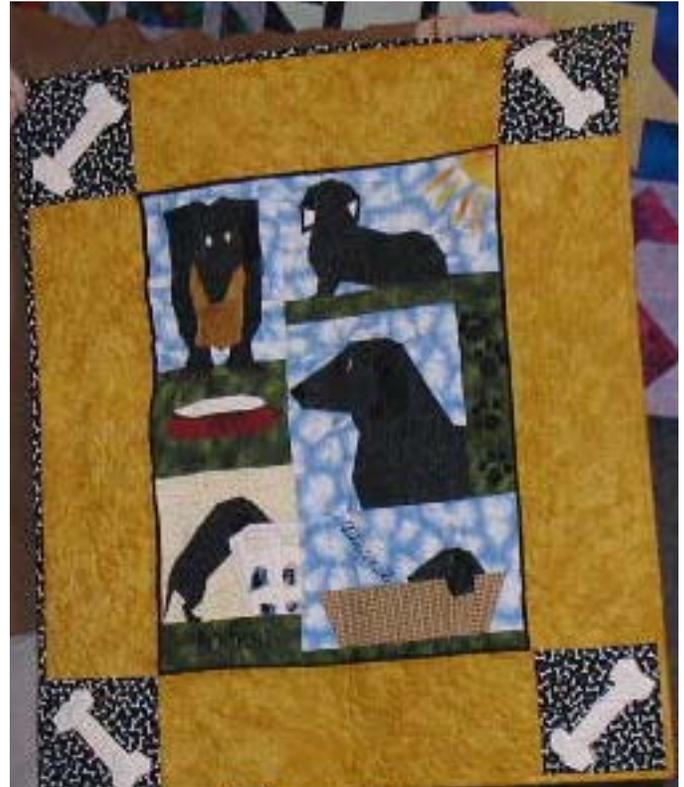
Sunshine and Shadows

Former member Fran Dunbar passed away.

Please send notices for Sunshine and Shadows to jennieb53@cox.net, call 539-1204, or submit in writing at guild meetings.

Spencer Museum of Art on the KU campus

“Amish Quilts 1880 to 1940 from the Collection of Faith and Stephen Brown,” exhibit April 13-June 30. This exhibition of 35 quilts from a single private collection offers stunning examples of quilts created by Amish women from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kansas and Ohio. The show provides an overview of the varied approaches to quilt-making by quilters bound together by faith but separated by geography, economic status and the desire to either embrace the past or reach out to the future. Co-curators of the exhibition are Robert Shaw and Julie Silber, two pre-eminent experts on Amish quilts. For more information to go: <http://www.news.ku.edu/2002/02N/JanNews/Jan10/museum.html> or <http://www.tfaoi.com/aa/5aa/5aa221.html>.



Sue Jones made this dachshund wall hanging for her daughter.

On the Road

Quilt Shows and Events of Interest in 2006

- thru Apr 2 Bold Improvisation: 120 Years of African-American Quilts. Kansas City Museum, 3218 Gladstone Blvd, KCMO, 816-483-8300.
- Mar 30-Apr 2 8th Annual Kansas City Area Quilt Shop Hop. [Http://kcshophop.com](http://kcshophop.com)
- Apr 7-8 Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson. [Www.kansas.mccsale.org](http://www.kansas.mccsale.org) or 620-241-4107.
- Apr 26-29 KPQG road trip to Paducah, KY, for AQS national quilt show.
- May 10-13 Putting on the Ritz, 10th Machine Quilters Showcase, Overland Park Conv. Ctr. www.imqa.org.
- June 3 Grandmother’s Flower Garden, KPQG Mini-quilt auction and luncheon. Manhattan Country Club. For tickets, email Margie Young at chipin@flinthills.com.
- June 3 Quilts Across the Prairie, Holy Family Church, Marion KS.
- June 8-11 Rural Kansas Shop Hop.
- Jun 23-25 Common Threads, Prairie Quilt Guild quilt show. Century II—ExpoHall, Wichita. Admission \$7.50/day. www.wichitatix.com, or www.pqgks.com/quiltshow.html or 316-684-5855.
- Sep 16-17 Reaching for the Stars. Kansas Capital Quilters Guild annual show, The Woman’s Club, 5221 SW West Drive, Topeka. Admission \$5. KCQA, PO Box 3918, Topeka KS 66604 or TopekaQuiltShow@hotmail.com.
- Oct 6-8 Central Kansas Quilt Shop Hop.

(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.)



Harriette Janke and Margie Young made this iris wall hanging.

“Piecin' a Quilt's Like Livin' a Life”

Eliza Calvert Hall, whose real name was Eliza Calvert Obenchain, wrote a wonderful series of short quilting stories, which were compiled in 1907 in *Aunt Jane of Kentucky*, from which the selection here is excerpted. She was the president of the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, a suffragette movement, and fought in particular for a woman's right to make her own will.

Did you ever think, child...how much piecin' a quilt's like livin' a life? And as for sermons, why they ain't no better sermon to me than a patchwork quilt, and the doctrines is right there a heap plainer'n they are in the catechism. Many a time I've set and listened to Parson Page preachin' about predestination and free will and I've said to myself, "Well, I ain't never been through Centre College up at Danville, but if I could jest get up in the pulpit with one of my quilts, I could make it a heap plainer to folks than Parson's making it with all his big words." You see, you start with jest so much caliker; you don't go to the store and pick it out and buy it, but the neighbors will give you a piece here and a piece there, and you'll have a piece left every time you cut out a dress, and you take jest what happens to come. And that's like predestination. But when it comes to the cuttin' out, why, you're free to choose your own pattern. You can give the same kind o' pieces to two persons, and one'll make a "nine-patch," and one'll make a "wild-geese-chase," and there'll be two quilts made out o' the same kind o' pieces, and jest as different as they can

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.



Wallhangings made by Dona Koster for the Mini Quilt Auction: Heart's Desire and Birdhouses.



be. And that is jest the way with livin'. The Lord sends us the pieces, but we can cut 'em out and put 'em together pretty much to suit ourselves, and there's a heap more in the cuttin' out and the sewin' than there is in the caliker. The same sort o' things comes into all lives, jest as the Apostle says, There hath no trouble taken you but is common to all men.

<http://www.mindspring.com/~northwestuu/SermonQuilt.htm>

May Block of the Month: Ohio Star

Cut the following:

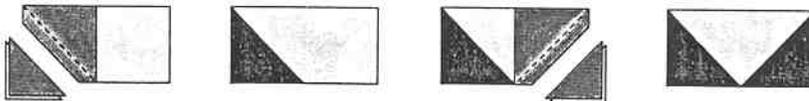
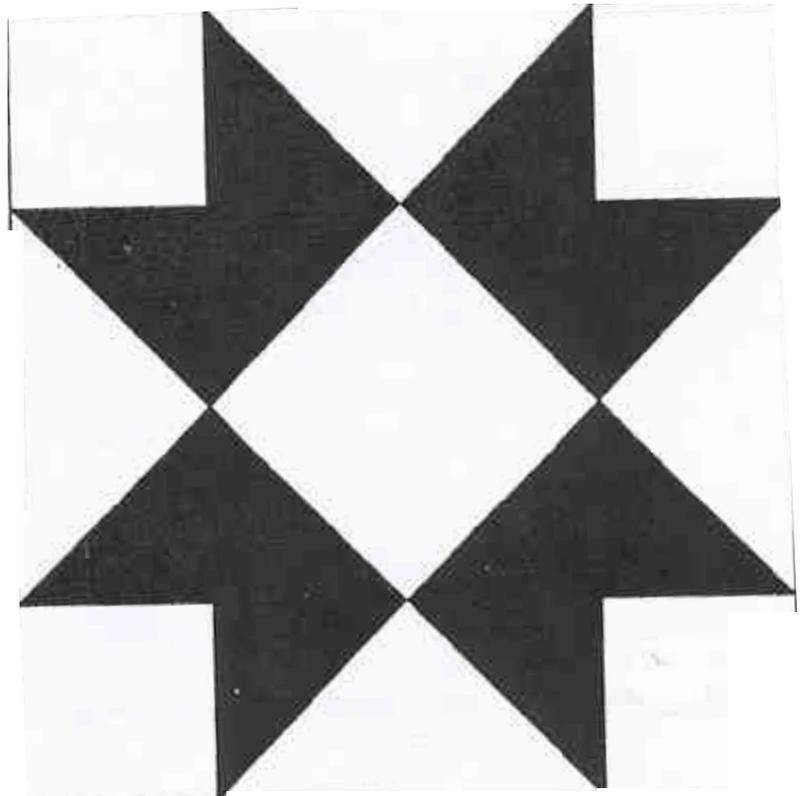
Light Fabric:

- *Cut 1 square - $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$
- *Cut 4 rectangles - $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$
- *Cut 4 squares - $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

Dark Fabric:

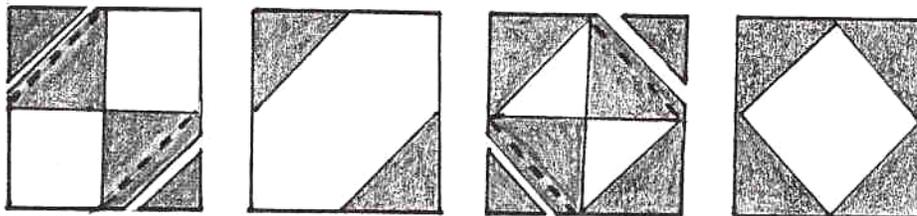
- *Cut 12 squares - $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

Make a flying geese unit by placing a dark $3\frac{1}{2}''$ square on the end of the light $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$ rectangle, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across the dark 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. You should make four flying geese units.

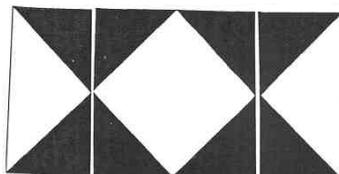


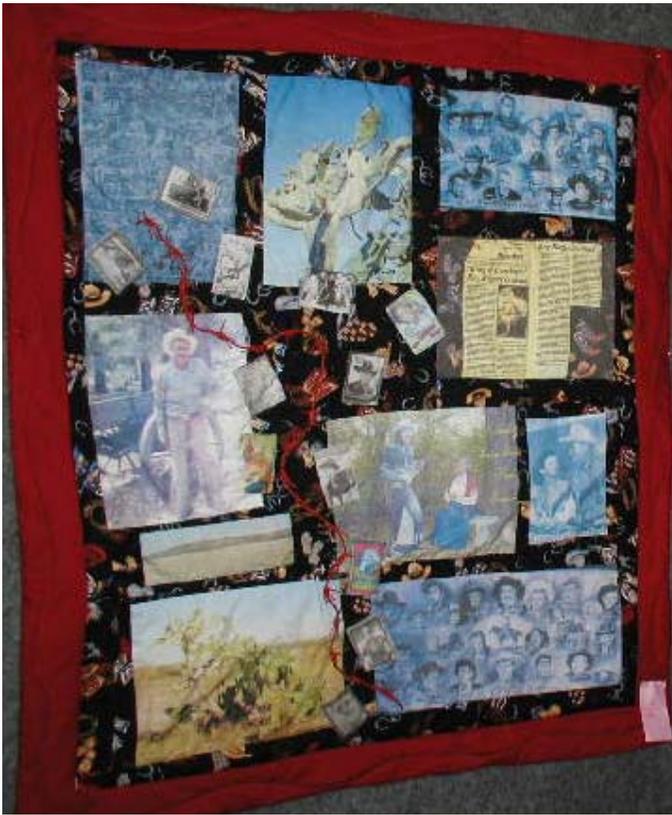
Prepare the center block. With right sides together, position dark $3\frac{1}{2}''$ squares on opposite corners of the $6\frac{1}{2}''$ light square.

Draw diagonal lines on the dark square and stitch on the lines. Trim the seam to $\frac{1}{4}''$ and press. Repeat this process at the opposite corners of the light square. See diagram below.



Sew two flying geese units to the center square by placing them on opposite sides. Sew a light $3\frac{1}{2}''$ square to each end of the remaining two flying geese units. Follow the diagram to arrange the three units to form the block. Your block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}''$.





Quilts from the Roy Rodgers Challenge.

Alex Anderson Starts Podcasts

Lisa Smith writes, "I recently discovered that Alex Anderson has started a podcast. I've listened to the first few (there are currently 8) and it's wonderful to hear her & be able to take her with me in the car.

While I think the easiest way to hear this is if you have an iPod, anyone with iTunes (which is free and does not require an iPod) can certainly automatically get the new episodes -- www.itunes.com will take you to the free download.

Even if you don't have an iPod, you can go to her site www.AlexAndersonQuilts.com and download and listen to the podcasts. She also has an explanation of what a podcast is.

She also discusses in the first episode the ending of Simply Quilts. While the shows aren't nearly as comprehensive as Simply Quilts, the advice is sound & she is just getting started."

From Quilters Unlimited (NVirginia/Wash, DC) online newsletter.



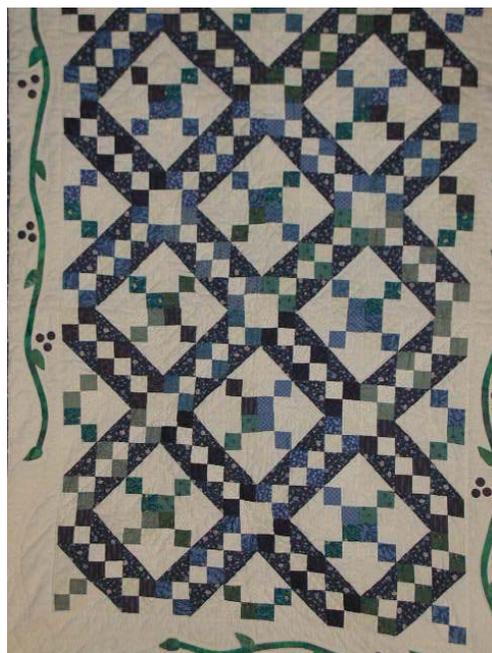
Quilting in Cyberspace

Go to www.sulkyonline.com/project/tiebags/index.shtml for directions on making a man's tie into a purse.

Two of our exchange guilds have their newsletter online:
www.quiltersguildofgkc.org (Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City)
<http://www.pqgks.com>. Prairie Quilt Guild (Wichita)

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Cindy Ross hand pieced and hand quilted
this quilt.



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