

January 14, 2008

Auction of Quilt-Themed Baskets Will be Year's First Program

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

January 14: This month's program will be a themed auction. Members are encouraged to prepare a basket or box with related quilting items. Some examples of items to include: fat quarters, a pattern with a suitable fabric, notions, or a small kit. Be creative and have fun! Get together with a friend and share ideas!

Whether you prepare a basket or not, come to the January meeting prepared to bid on the basket of your choice.

A "clean out your workroom/garage sale type" auction will be held at a later date.

February 11: Chris Campbell will share ideas for making scrap quilts in her lecture "Compost Quilts."

Refreshments

It is your responsibility to bring refreshments during your assigned month or trade with someone else.

Toni Haukom	Callie Hildebrand
Jane Hebert	Lois Hines
Dottie Heinz	Doris Hofman
Charlotte Herr	Carol Hoogheem
	Marilyn Horvath



Karen Spaeth presented a trunk show for the December program.



Judi Robb shared her flip flop quilt at the December meeting.



Congratulations to Eloise Brown, winner of our 2007 Opportunity Quilt!

If you would like to be (or to have) a quilting mentor, please indicate this next to your name when you sign in at the next meeting.

January Birthdays

Norma Larson	1
Bette Jennings	3
Cathy Cholick	5
Joyce Delehanty-Hoyt	6
L. Ann Domsch	11
Lois Hines	14
Eloise Brown	16
Edythe Porter	16
Carol Dutton	17
Jennie Burden	18
Carol Darling	19
Fran Nedwed	19
Delores Hargadine	20
Virginia Cleek	22
Clessie LeMay	26
Bella Wirtz-Haynie	26
Anne Collins	29
Susan Weaver	31



January birthday girls: Anne Collins, Jennie Burden, Norma Larson, Cathy Cholick.



Member Profile: Norma Larson

Norma Larson was born in Wheaton, KS and has been married to Nyle for 48 years. They have 2 daughters who have given them 2 grandsons and 7 grand-dogs. Although now retired, Norma was very active in the family business, Larson Construction. She volunteers with RSVP and likes sport events and traveling.

She joined guild in 2001 and also learned to quilt that year. Norma has been active in the guild, serving as member-at-



large, refreshment committee, clean-up committee, Quilts from the Heart and greeter.

The favorite project of all those she has completed is a strip quilt. She prefers pieced quilts and likes machine work. She especially likes machine embroidery.

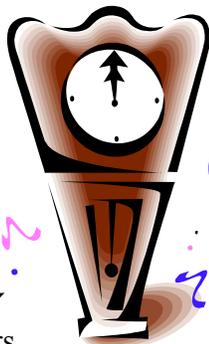
Norma says she likes quilting for many reasons. One is learning new ideas. Quilting also offers a chance to meet new people and make new friends.

Patchwork Pieces

FINAL CALL: Friendship Quilts for Treasurer/Editor

Twila: 10½” block, unfinished, using a heart design (patchwork, appliqué, embroidery or whatever you do best) in pastel colors on a light or cream tone on tone fabric for background.

Jennie: 9½” block, unfinished, any pattern, using green, brown, gold and red colors that match a particular fabric (available at guild meetings).



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.

Quilts of Valor meets **every second Tuesday** (10-3) at the Bernina Shoppe to work on quilts for wounded soldiers.

Fourth Monday: 9:30—3. Riley Co. Senior Service Center. No classes until March.

2008 Challenge is Crazy Quilting

The KPQG challenge theme is crazy quilting and is due in April, 2008. This is an opportunity to explore new embellishment materials and techniques while using a variety of different fabrics.

A kit of various embellishment materials is available, and the final project should include at least three items from the kit and be at least 8" x 8". It might be a pillow top, wall hanging, wedding album cover, table runner, special placemat, ring pillow for a wedding, bag, hat, vest or other garment.

Those who have signed up may pick up their kits and pick out some fabrics at the December meeting. If you wish to participate but have not signed up, please contact Ronna Robertson (770-8305), drobert1@ksu.edu, to request your kit. The participation fee is \$3.



Sometime this spring, probably April, May and June, we won't have access to St. Thomas More Church due to construction. We will meet at First Presbyterian Church instead. As the time draws closer, we will have definite dates.



Mary Jo Harbour shared this cornered log cabin wall hanging.



Harriette Janke's protest quilt, in reaction to a Topeka group's demonstrations at funerals of American soldiers.



Everything Old is New Again

KPQG will host an exhibit of quilts and wall hangings in the main gallery of Manhattan Arts Center July 19-August 30. Our theme is "Everything Old is New Again," taking traditional quilt patterns and using them in new ways. This may be by re-drafting the pattern, using modern techniques or altering the traditional color schemes.

The opening reception will be Friday, July 18.

KPQG members are encouraged to look at their existing quilts and plans for new projects as we prepare for this exhibit. It has been 4 years since we've exhibited at the MAC, and we want this show to be reflective of the innovative ways that quilting takes place in our community.

Basket quilt block February

Cut the following:

Background fabric:

2 rectangles – 2½” by 6½”

2 squares – 2⅞”

2 rectangles 4½” by 2½”

1 square - 4⅞” cut in half diagonally

1 square – 2½”

Print fabric

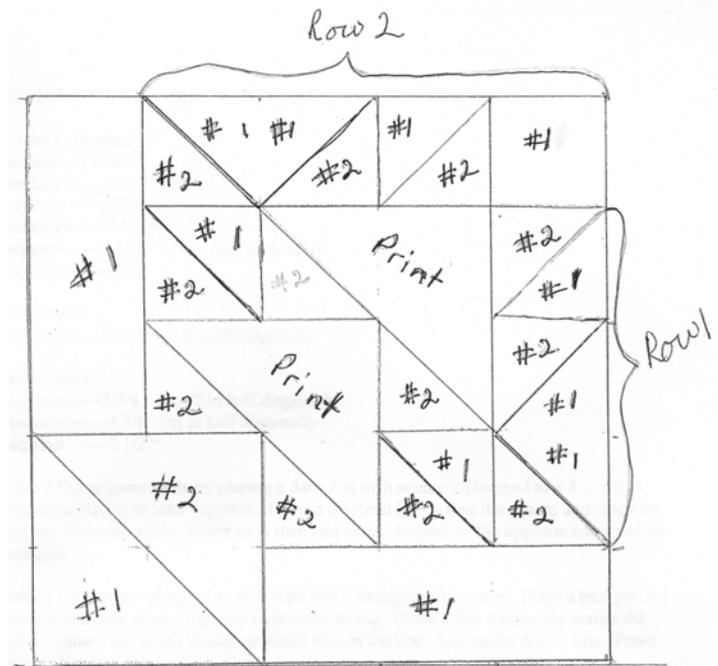
1 square - 4⅞” cut in half diagonally

Dark fabric:

4 squares - 2⅞” cut 2 in half diagonally

1 square - 4⅞” cut in half diagonally

4 squares – 2½”



Make 2 flying geese units by placing a dark 2½” square on the end of a 4½” x 2½” rectangle, right sides together. Draw a diagonal line across the square and stitch on the line. Trim the excess fabric to ¼” and press. Repeat on the opposite corner of the rectangle.

Make 4 half-square triangles using 2 dark and 2 background squares. Place a background square and a dark square together, right sides facing. Draw a line diagonally across the lightest square and stitch ½” on either side of the line. Cut on the drawn line. Press towards the dark fabric.

Construct 2 units sewing a dark triangle to the background side of a half-square. (See picture). Then sew to each side of a print triangle.



Add 2 dark 2⅞” triangles to the bottom of the unit constructed above. Then add the second large print triangle to the top of the unit.



Add row 1 and row 2 in order. Then add 6½” x 2½” rectangles. Sew dark and background 4⅞” triangles together and sew in place following the picture above of the complete block.

Celebrate Kansas Day With Quilts

Hand-stitched quilts featuring Kansas-related patterns will be on display in the Kaw Mission Education Center in Council Grove, from 10am – 5pm on Kansas' Birthday, Tuesday, January 29.

Of particular interest is a sampler quilt containing 20 different historic Kansas quilt patterns. Other quilts in the show are made totally of a single pattern selected from this sampler. Several quilts are made of various sunflower fabrics. All quilts in this show were handmade by Helen Ericson of Emporia, KS.

Ericson enjoys a long and illustrious history with the art of quilting. Honored with the title of "Master Folk Artist" by the Kansas Historical Society in 1984, through a program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, Ericson taught 10 apprentices who have gone on to make quilts, teach, and promote quilt history and quilt making.

In June Ericson will hold her sixth Kaw Mission quilt show, *Flowers of the Prairie*, during Wah Shun Gah Days 2008. Ericson welcomes guests to bring quilts to the show for her to date and identify patterns.



Above: three quilts from Karen Spaeth's trunk show.

Right: Twila Hoffman's Christmas table runner.

On the Road

Quilt Shows & Events of Interest

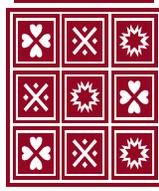
- Thru Jan 6 Women's Work: The Paper Doll Quilts of Rebekka Seigel Exhibit, Montezuma, KS
www.stauthmemorialmuseum.org or 620-846-2527.
- Thru Jan 13 Art of the Needle: Masterpiece Quilts from the Shelburne Museum at the Wichita Art Museum, 1400 W. Museum Blvd, Wichita. Information: www.wichitaartmuseum.org or 316-268-4921
- Jan 29 Kansas Quilts, 10-5, Kaw Mission Ed Center, Council Grove.
- April 19 KPQG Mini-Quilt Auction and Luncheon, Holiday Inn, Manhattan. Details to come.
- June 20-22 Common Threads Quilt Show, Prairie Quilt Guild, Expo Hall, Wichita, KS.
[Www.pgqks.com/quiltshow2008.html](http://www.pgqks.com/quiltshow2008.html)
- June 21 Patriotic Quilt Show, Flowers of the Prairie, noon-5 p.m., Kaw Mission Education Center, Council Grove.

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Sue Jones showed several adult bibs she made for her father, who has Parkinson's disease.



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Reminder: to sell items at the guild meeting, call Margie Young 539-2063, to arrange for the room.



The *Prairie Pointer* is the monthly newsletter of Konza Prairie Quilters' Guild. Membership is open to all those interested in quilts and quilting. Yearly dues are \$35 and include 12 Opportunity Tickets, admission to all meetings, monthly newsletter, access to library materials, block of the month patterns, and opportunity to participate in workshops, field trips and public events. Guests are welcome to attend twice before joining.