

February 11, 2008

Compost Quilting Will Present Ideas for Making Scrap Quilts

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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Prairie Pointer

KONZA PRAIRIE QUILTERS' GUILD NEWSLETTER
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February 11: Chris Campbell will share ideas for making scrap quilts in her lecture "Compost Quilts."

March 10: Please note the changes for the Strip Party, which is the program for March. All members are encouraged to participate. This is a "once-in-a-lifetime" chance to bring your fabric and go home with a coordinating stash ready to make a scrappy treasure.

Sign up for as many categories as you would like. You may sign up at the February meeting or by calling Dee at 944-3344 or Eloise at 537-0288. The categories are: batik, 30s reproduction, darks, bright and bold, and floral.

Each participant is asked to bring a total of one-yard minimum of washed fabric. Fabric should be cut, not torn, into 2½" strips and then cut in half so that each strip will measure 2½"x20-22". The fabric does not need to be all the same fabric, yet all pieces should fit into the categories you have selected. Fat quarters may be used for the exchange. Be sure to cut your fat quarter so the strips measure 2½"x20-22". Members may select as many categories as they would like to participate. Members are also asked to bring scrap quilts for the show-n-tell in March. Strip quilts and patterns will be available so participants can see what can be done with the strips they receive in the exchange.

Refreshments

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

Ethel Houtz	Nancy Graves
Bella Haynie	Susan Gormely
Mary Jo Harbour	Marilyn Frank
Teresa Gunther	Jan Gable



Margie Young made this men's tie quilt.

Prez Sez

I thought this year I would try to keep everyone informed about the activities of the guild. Several members have asked why we are having the opportunity quilt machine quilted this year. The reason the board decided to do this is that several members, who quilted long hours on the quilt, said they no longer are able to donate the hours. Without their help, we felt we would have trouble getting the quilt finished.

As you may have heard, we have to pay for the room for our mini auction. Therefore, we need to really work hard at selling tickets and making quilts for the auction. The committee has met and things are going well. Sue Moore-Snider will give a report at the next guild meeting and will answer any questions.

I hope we have a good year, and I am looking forward to it. - Eloise

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.

February Birthdays

Patti Sexton	7
Pat King	8
Shari Reeves	13
Rosalind Gorton	16
Jane Lord	19
Joan Meyer	21
Arilla Fedde	22
Christine Moore	27
Bonnie Olsen	27
Harriette Janke	27



February birthday gals Roz Gorton, Bonnie Olsen, Harriette Janke and Rachel Joan Meyer.

Member Profile: Rachel Moreland

Rachel Moreland was born in Indiana. She holds a bachelor's degree from University of Arizona, a master's in library science from University of Missouri and a master's in family economics from KSU. She married Floyd and they enjoyed 40 years together before his death. They had 6 children who presented them with 9 grandchildren.

Rachel is active in her church and does a lot of child care. Hobbies include reading and traveling and she likes to visit. She attends most meetings at guild and has been active in it since coming back to Manhattan. She helped with the quilt show in several capacities and is willing to help where needed.

Rachel is self-taught in quilting but it does run in their family. Her sister gave her a quilt handed down from their mother. Rachel had it appraised and

learned it was worth \$2,500 because it was made during the Civil War by their great grandmother. She has not offered to give it back to her sister!

Her favorite completed project is "Flowers in My Cabin" and she prefers traditional pieced with as much machine work as possible. She loves working



with fabric and the creation process, the satisfaction of seeing the finished project and enjoying it or giving it away. She'd like to do a star sampler in blues and whites and wants to learn to do better free hand machine quilting.

Rachel says she likes the variety of things we do as members and loves the friendly attitudes at our meetings. Show and tell is one of her favorites. She's made new friends and reconnected with old friends. She is looking forward to many more years with the guild.

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.

Sunshine and Shadows

Our condolences to Opal Kemnitz, whose husband Richard passed away in January.

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



Joan Meyers' Square Dance wall hanging.



Rachel Moreland's Rainbow Log Cabin quilt.



Nelda Warnica's purse, made by covering clothesline with fabric.

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.

Questions, call Jennie Burden, 539-1204.

Basket quilt block March

Cut the following:

Background fabric:

2 rectangles $6\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$

1 square $4\frac{7}{8}''$. Cut on diagonal to make a triangle

Basket fabric:

1 square $6\frac{7}{8}''$. Cut in half on diagonal to make a triangle

1 square $2\frac{7}{8}''$. Cut in half on diagonal to make 2 triangles

Print fabric:

1 square $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 2\frac{1}{2}''$

3 squares $2\frac{7}{8}'' \times 2\frac{7}{8}''$

Light or contrast fabric

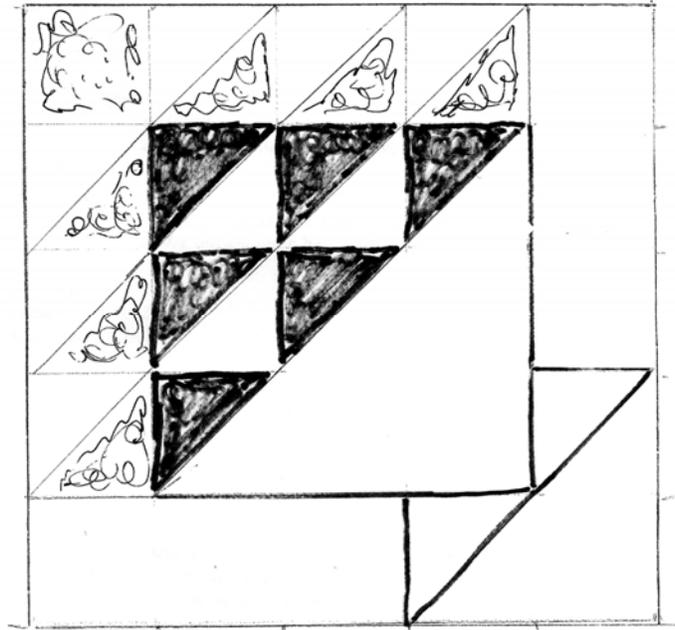
5 squares $2\frac{7}{8}'' \times 2\frac{7}{8}''$

Dark fabric:

3 squares $2\frac{7}{8}'' \times 2\frac{7}{8}''$

Construct 6 half-square triangles using print and light fabric. Place them together facing right sides. Draw a diagonal line on the light square and sew a $\frac{1}{4}''$ seam on both sides of the line. Cut in half on the line. Press open.

Construct 3 half-square triangles using the dark and light fabric.



Cut the 2 remaining dark squares in half on the diagonal, making triangles.

Construct the rows following the illustration. Join the rows as shown. Join the basket triangles to the background rectangles as shown.

Join the large triangle to the unit as pictured. Then join the rectangles with the attached basket fabric.

Attach the $4\frac{7}{8}''$ triangle to the base of the basket to complete the block. The completed block should measure



On the Road

Quilt Shows & Events of Interest

- Thru Feb 24 Kansas Art Quilters & Heritage Quilt Club of Norton Co., quilt exhibit at Dane G. Hansen Museum, Logan, KS.
- Thru March 16 Sculpture Transformed: The Work of Marjorie Schick. Garments, masks, "drawings to wear," body sculpture. Beach Museum of Art, KSU campus, 701 Beach Lane, Manhattan. <http://www.k-state.edu/bma/exhib/2008/sculpture.html>
- March 29-30 A Sunflower Journey quilt show at Sterl Hall, Eisenhower Park, Sat 9-5, Sun 12-4. Sponsored by End of the Trail Quilt Guild, Abilene.
- April 19 KPQG Mini-Quilt Auction and Luncheon, Holiday Inn, Manhattan. Details to come.
- May 14-17 Machine Quilters Showcase, Overland park Conv. Centr.\$10 admission. Wed 3-7 p.m., Thurs-Sat 9 am-3 pm. volunteer@imqu.org or 816-797-5698.
- 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.
- July 19-Aug 30 Everything Old is New Again, quilt exhibit, Manhattan Arts Center, 1520 Poyntz, Manhattan. Opening reception July 18.

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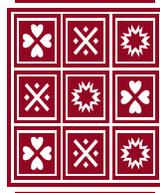
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Monthly specials—if your quilt fabric contains the specified object, you are entitled to the monthly discount.

February—Hearts 15% off

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



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