

October 12, 2009

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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Upcoming programs.

October 12: Carol Pacey, who so creatively inspired guild members to participate in our challenge, will coordinate the presentation of the finished products. It will be interesting to see the variety and talent of those participants.

November 9: Over the years guild members have observed the various talents of Karen Spaeth. She will present a program on wool applique and teach an afternoon class.

December 14: Christmas party. We will have a gift exchange again this year with the same rules as last year.

Prez Sez

Hi all,

It's hard to believe that it's time to think about 2010. We need to have many volunteers to make 2010 a success. Not only do we need officers, but committee people.

We need someone to do the opportunity quilt, block of the month, challenge project, plus all of the other committees. You can see there are many jobs to do to make the guild a success.

I hope you all have your challenge quilts done. Carol has done a great job, and it sounds like many have taken the challenge.

I am looking forward to the October program.
Eloise

RECYCLE DENIM DRIVE

Old jeans lying around? Leftover denim from a project? Anne Collins and Jennie Burden will bring a box for donations to "Denim. From Blue to Green." Once collected, your denim will be converted into Ultra Touch natural cotton fiber insulation, and donated to help rebuild communities in need. Past users of this insulation include Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans.



Extreme Makeover— Log Cabin Edition

Projects due at the October meeting.



Harriette Janke's Alaskan Fireweed quilt.

October Refreshments

If you are unable to bring refreshments in your assigned month, you must arrange your own substitute.

Nancy Venburg
Kay Olson
Joan Page
Jean Parker
Ruth Prescott
Ede Radenburg
Nadith Reinhardt

October Birthdays

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Celebrating in October:

Judi Robb	10
Betty Shawgo	13
Ginger Olson	14
Nayola Norris	14
Kathy Triplett	14
Arlene Odde	15
Susie Weir	16
Ronna Robertson	17
Sue Damkroger	20
Jan Zelch	25
Katherine Hummels	31



Members celebrating in October, pictured: Susie Weir, Betty Shawgo, Nayola Norris, Judi Robb, Ronna Robertson, Kathy Triplett

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On the Road

Oct. 2-3 Threads across Nebraska show. Heartland Events Center, Grand Island, Nebraska

Oct. 10-11 Fall into Quilts home show, Stillwater, OK www.CVQG.org (405)372-1039

Oct. 16-18 Kansas Quilters' Organization (KQO) Fall meeting in Concordia

Oct. 17-18 Maple Leaf Festival Quilt Show, Baldwin City, KS

Nov. 7 Holly Fest, First Presbyterian Church, Wamego 456-2556

Nov 9 A Journey with Alex Anderson, Overland Park Marriott, Overland Park, KS (913)341-6400

Always remember to call ahead to confirm dates and time before heading out on the road!

Quilts from the Heart news! we will be sewing labels on the Quilts from the Heart at All about Quilts on Tuesday, October 27th at 9 am. Donna Dawson will be in charge of that activity. Come help sew and see all the quilts!

Patchwork Pieces

President's Quilt for Eloise: Indian Hatchet

Materials: one 8½" light square, muslin or light tone-on-tone
two 4½" dark or medium squares

Block assembly:

1. Using diagonal seams methods, place 1 dark square on corner of light square, right sides facing and aligning corners. Stitch along diagonal of dark square. Trim 1/4" away from stitching. Repeat on opposite corner of light square.
2. Block should measure 8½". Be sure to sign block.

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.
Fourth Monday: 9:30-3. Riley Co. Senior Service Center. Free classes by Mary Jo Harbour.

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Block of the Month 2009

Judy Robb and Nancy Graves have designed a set of twelve 16" blocks for this year's Block of the Month. Since this size doesn't work well in the newsletter, and sending it electronically distorts the size, paper patterns will be available at each guild meeting. If you can't pick yours up in person, please give Judi or Nancy a self-addressed, stamped envelope and they will mail the pattern to you.

In addition to the monthly drawing for prizes for completed blocks, there will be an end-of-the-year drawing for all those who complete all 12 blocks.

Library Corner



Read All About It!

Omiyage: Handmade Gifts from fabric in the Japanese Tradition, by Kumiko Sudo, Contemporary Books, Lincolnwood, IL 2000

This book is just one of several similar books by the author. Anyone looking for a special gift or unique way to wrap a small gift may want to look at this book for ideas. Photos are excellent and detailed instructions are on the same two page spread as the project. This is a great way to use up small scraps. One reader suggested sewing by hand for better accuracy. Projects include Bags, Dolls, Flowers and whimsical critters.

The Manhattan Mystery Conclave

On October 31st our quilts will be exhibited from 8:00 am until after the evening banquet. All those who have quilts on display are invited to attend the 5:00 pm session where we will talk about the quilts free of charge. There will be a charge for lunch. Please let Harriette know (539-0865) if you plan to attend any of the events on October 31st so name tags can be made for your for your official 'ticket' for the day.

If you have not already brought your quilt to Harriette, please bring it to the October meeting.

Harriette Janke

Top Tips for Challenging Projects

Invisible thread is great, but can be challenging to work with. Margie Young shares these tips for using invisible thread.

Invisible thread on top: Reduce top tension to the lowest setting and slowly increase to a good stitch quality. Also use a smaller needle than normal (Sharps 60/8).

Invisible thread in the bobbin: Wind the bobbin slowly, looser than normal, and only half full. You may need to tighten bobbin tension a bit when sewing.

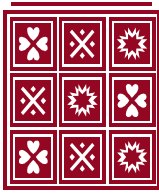
Reminder: It's that time again. Dues for 2010 are due beginning with the October Meeting.



Nayola Norris Fall pumpkin and leaves wall hanging

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



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