

April 9, 2012

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:

April 9: "What's In Your Flower Garden?" Our early spring weather will be welcomed by several guild members who have generously agreed to bring one or two of their quilts with flowers to share, along with some other flower quilt ideas.



A Quilt from the Heart

Prez Sez

Two jackets were left at the March meeting. I will bring them to the meeting in April.

We have now entered a Spring that is early and warm. We are admiring the early flowers and blooming trees. This time of year gets my creative juices going. I hope that all our you are inspired to continue making your beautiful quilts. I encourage you to bring something to our Mini quilt auction and luncheon in May. The tickets are now printed and available. I am looking forward to the "Floral Quilt show" in April.

The library committee has written a new set of procedures that the Board will be reviewing at the April meeting. This will make the library much more efficient and of a greater benefit to the Guild.

On Saturday, May 5, KPQG will have the MiniQuilt Luncheon and Auction in the Utopia Room of St Thomas More Church in Manhattan. Tickets are \$15 each, please call Susie Weir at 776-5033 if you need to get tickets. We will have viewing at 10:30, lunch at 11:00 and the auction at noon that day. We encourage members to participate by making and donating a piece to the auction and then also coming to the auction, bringing a guest, and participating in the auction--buying a quilt or wall hanging or table runner increases our treasury. That helps fund our programs for the year.

April Refreshments

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

Patty Garibay
Dee Gerardy
Susan Gormely
Rosalind Gorton
Nancy Graves
Judy Gunn

Block of the Month 2012

We will be using Jennie Rayment's book **Tucked up in Bed** for the January through October Block of the Month. All About Quilts should be able to order the book for you. Alternatively, Amazon has some used copies that have come in good condition. You may use any color fabric you desire if you do not care for the muslin look. Plan on using 5 yards of fabric if you use the same fabric for all 12 blocks. Ruth Prescott will be at the Senior Center most Thursdays from 11-3:30 to help with your blocks.

March's block, "Stuffed Squares" can be found on page 31, and requires an 11 x 44 inch strip of fabric.

April's block, "Four Pointed Flower" can be found on page 39 and requires a 13 x 44 inch strip of fabric.

Thanks to All of our Border Explorers!!!

There are a few more ends to be tied up, but it looks like we will have at least 30 items for the mini-quilt auction, thanks to the following Border Explorers: Vevia Beaulieu, Virginia Bennett, Jan Carl, Cathy Cholick, Anne Collins, Rita Dole, Nelda Elder, Anne Emerson, Geraldine Fouts, Susan Gormely, Mary Jo Harbour, Charlotte Herr, Lois Hines, Harriette Janke, Sharon Johns, Ora Mae Kirkendall, Jan Klink, Mary Jo Kurtz, Norma Larson, Rachel Moreland, Carol Pacey, Ronna Robertson, Kathy Triplett, Nancy Venburg, Susan Weaver, Susie Weir, Kathy Wilson, and Suzie Wong.

Danger, Curves Ahead!

The 2012 challenge quilt will be a quilt or garment of any size, your choice. Quilts must contain at least two different types of curves— examples may be curves to fit your shape in a garment, curved embellishments, appliquéd curves, pieced curves, curved quilting, illusion curves. Let's get creative and see what kinds of curves we can come up with. For questions, see Edgar and Dolores Chambers.

Library Corner



Read All About It!

Quilting Curves: an Innovative Technique for Machine-Piecing Curves with Incredible Ease by **Vikki Pignatelli**. Lincolnwood, IL, the Quilt Digest Press, 2001. 140 p.

Vikki Pignatelli developed a technique she calls "topstitch piecing appliqué" with a stabilizer base to create pictorial and abstract wall hangings. Her technique allows curves and sharp angles that lie flat on the stabilizer underpinning. Seam allowances are either hidden under other fabrics or are turned under and machine blind-stitched to the stabilizer. Pignatelli provides detailed instructions for quilting and finishing to create spectacular art quilts. Directions and patterns for seven projects are included.



Ronna Robertson's
Giant Poppy

April Birthdays

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Celebrating in April:

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| Nancy Venburg | 7 |
| Rachel Moreland | 10 |
| Sylvia Rice | 20 |
| Susan Gormely | 21 |
| Carolyn Dreiling | 21 |



Pictured, celebrating in April: Carolyn Dreiling

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Quilts from the Heart Countdown

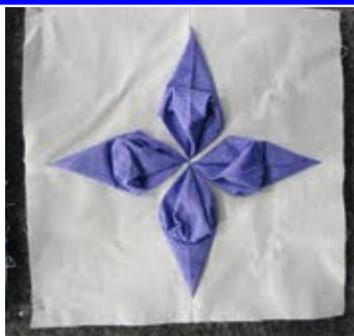
OK, the challenge continues! We hope you are planning a quilt or two or three for our Quilts for the Heart project! Seven quilts and one top were turned in at the March meeting. There seemed to be lots of buzz about members making quilts! New bundles of fabrics will again be available at the April meeting. Some of Cathy's kits will also be there. If you are making quilts from your stash but don't have backing or batting, please contact us for some. Need an idea to get you started? We can show you ideas for making simple quilts at each meeting. The QFTH Committee is meeting monthly for a Sew Day. This time we worked on 15 quilts. It's fun to watch the count go UP! Thanks for making these special quilts!

Mary and Karen

Patchwork Pieces

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. Call Susie Wong for more information.

Fourth Tuesday: 9:30-3. Riley Co. Senior Service Center. Free classes by Mary Jo Harbour will resume in March.



Ronna Robertson's April Block of the Month

President's Quilt for Gerrie: Gerrie would like a nine patch block— Use nine 3 1/2" blocks, four muslin and five scrappy, to assemble a basic nine patch. Be sure to sign your block.

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NEW IN MEETING SALES POLICY:

In January, April, July, and October mem-
bers may request tables to place items to
sell and they should donate 10% of their
sales to the Guild. This will replace the
November and December Crafter Sales.
This will eliminate what has become a
monthly free-for-all at the back tables.
Please contact Margie for tables.

Looking for folder If you got a folder about Quilts from the Heart from Bonnie at the March meet-
ing, please contact Virginia Bennett at 539-9362. Thank you



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.