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## Gail Stepanek November Program

From an early age, Gail, was always involved with some type of crafts: crossstitch, flower arranging, crocheting, knitting, garment sewing, etc. She credits her grandmother and mother, both accomplished artists, with providing her with "good genes".

After taking a quilting class in the 80's, Gail was hooked and never looked back. Her collaborative quilts have won numerous top awards in most major shows in the U.S. including AQS Paducah and IQA Houston.

## Cares and Concerns

**Kathy Huebert: Husband had open heart surgery**

**Joyce Black: Death of husband**

**Judy Terhune: Return of B-cell lymphoma, now on chemo**

**Rose Marie Mintz: Death of daughter result of car accident**

**It is with great sorrow that we acknowledge here the passing of Gail Hand, a Charter Member & President from 2011 to 2012**



## President's Notes

By Judy Ermey

### Opportunities that Open Doors

In the early 80's, I was going to WSU taking art history classes. One day I was talking with a classmate after the lecture. The conversation turned to the subject of quilting. She owned a quilt shop called the Berry Patch. So one day I decided to check out the store. While there, the shop owner informed me about a workshop, the Carpenter Wheel. So I took the class. During the course of the class the instructor talked about quilt guilds in the northeast part of Kansas. There were discussions among the various people taking the class. What if a quilt guild was started in the Wichita area? So Norma Johnston called a group of us together to put this idea of a quilt guild into action. The rest is history.

Judy

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## Calling All Orphans

Its Guild tradition that the outgoing president may ask the membership to make a quilt block for her. I know everyone is busy so I'm not going to ask you to make a block. Instead, I'd like to make an "Everything but the Kitchen Sink" quilt using your orphan blocks!

I think all of us have at least one of these laying around – a block that has its points chopped off, wasn't the right size or color or just didn't turn out like you thought it would. It can be any size, color, and any design. Go ahead, surprise me! If you're really brave, please sign your block. Of course, if you'd like to remain anonymous that's fine too.



If you just can't bring yourself to give me one of your orphan blocks or if you don't have one (?), please make your favorite block. The only thing I don't want is your UFO since I still seem to have plenty of my own!

Please put your block in the tub on the Treasurer's table at the November and December meetings.

Thank you very much!

Mayleen Vinson

Past President

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## Workshop Information

Please read the Guild Workshop Policies first before registering for one of our speakers' workshops.

**Workshops cost \$40.00 for a one-day workshop.** Please check the class description for details about the cost and materials needed for each class. Workshop fees are non-refundable. Supply lists are available at <http://www.pqgks.com/programs.html>.

Please be sure to bring and wear your name-tag at workshops so the speaker will know who you are! Sign up for these classes at Guild meetings.

### Workshop Policy

Workshop fees are non-refundable, unless Prairie Quilt Guild determines it is necessary to cancel the workshop. It is the participant's responsibility to find a replacement if they are unable to attend after committing to take the workshop. Workshops will be open to both members and non-members on a first come first serve basis, with an additional fee for non-members. Two months prior to a workshop if it is not filled, it shall be opened to the public.

## November Workshop

The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11 at the Sedgwick County Extension Office. Prairie Quilt Guild's own Vera Zahner will be teaching a class on her design, 'The Presidential' bag.

The class will cost \$40 and will be from 9-4. The supply list is available on our website. Contact Workshop Chair Tammy Gross to sign up.

## Times Gone By.....

Our January, 2016 program will be a celebration of the quilters and quilts of our past. If you have a quilt with a great memory of your family and would like to tell us the story, please contact me.

Tamara Gross



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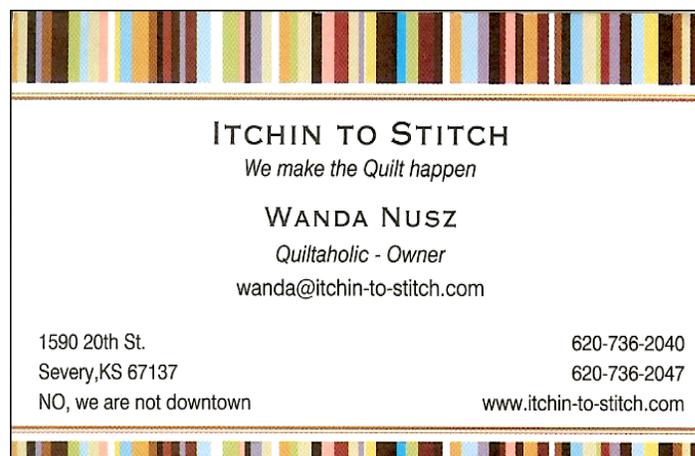
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## Library Lines

A couple of the recent additions to our library collection have caught my eye.

I am intrigued by *Courtship Quilts Inspired by the Victorian Language of Flowers* by Jenna L Sheppard. This book explains the Victorian tradition of sending messages via flowers and how to incorporate that tradition into quilts. Several reviewers of this book mention the beautiful borders that the author uses in her quilts. The directions are described as explicit and the projects include both strip piecing and machine applique. So whether you just want ideas for your borders or if you want to hide a secret or not-so-secret message in your latest gift project, this book may have what you need.

*Trail of Thread: A Woman's Westward Journey* by Linda K. Hubalek is book 1 in a series of historical novels. This book was written in the form of letters from a woman in 1854-1855 as she traveled with her family from Kentucky to a new home in the Kansas territory. As Hubalek writes of everyday events (including quilting) on the trail, she

dispels any modern romantic notions of travelling in a covered wagon. The reviewers state that she describes the hardships, dirt and danger well. I am particularly interested in this story as it is a fictionalized account of the author's Great-Great-Great-Grandmother's journey to Kansas in 1854.



You have all been very generous with your donations and our library storage area is overflowing. You know what that means... It is SALE TIME! The sale will be held next to the stairs in the SW corner of the

Senior Center. Bound books will be \$3, pamphlet style books, \$1, magazines will be 25 cents each or 5 for \$1 and patterns will be 50 cents each. Please bring your cash or a check as we are not able to take credit/debit cards. And, the library will also be open for business during the sale. Come visit us in our usual area..

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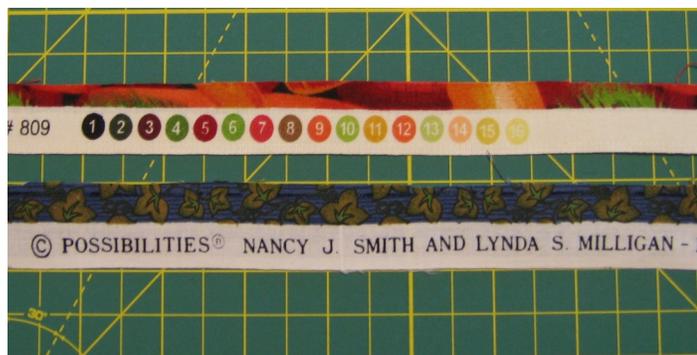
## WORKING ON YOUR 2014-2015 BOM?

The setting pattern can be found at the top of the PQG home page just under the information about guild meetings.

<http://pqgks.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2015BOM-SettingInstructions.pdf>

### September Selvages 2016

Are you saving your extra selvages for the “Selvage September” Workshop? Please give them to Mayleen Vinson, Past President at our Guild Meeting.



#### *Our Visitor/Renewal Policy*

A visitor is someone who has never been a member before and may visit twice before paying the membership fee.

If a former member would like to attend one of our meetings, they must renew their membership (\$25) to attend a meeting, even if they want to attend just one meeting.



Prairie Quilt Guild

### QUILTING AT OLD COWTOWN

The morning of October 2nd was chilly but the Turnverein Hall was just right to welcome many 3rd and 4th graders. We shared the heritage of quilting, assisted them in putting a few stitches in the quilt and let them choose a 3 or 4 inch square piece of cloth to take home. The PQG quilters were Diane Kilts, Cheryl Maris, Lee miescher, Carol Pierce, Lesa Schwartz, Janis Swanson, Judy Ermey, and Katherine Vohs. We had the joy of visiting and sharing with the young children while the teacher or parent bent over them to hear and watch. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a great day at the Old County Fair. Katherine Vohs, Co-ordinator

## PQG Kid's Quilt Camp

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# 2015-16 Block of the Month

## A Mystery Quilt of Valor

Please refer to the October newsletter for yardages and colors.  
 Finished quilt size: 60" x 80"

**CORRECTION to October instructions:** *Cutting amounts were listed incorrectly. Please note the following changes in bold. I apologize for my error and any inconvenience on your part.*

From medium blue #1 cut:  
**FOUR** 5 7/8" squares  
 Eight 5 1/2" squares

From white-on-white cut:  
**FOUR** 5 7/8" squares  
 Eight 5 1/2" squares  
 Eight 5 1/2" x 10 1/2" rectangles

### NOVEMBER BLOCK

A two-color rectangle needs to start with two triangles, and they have to be cut and sewn carefully to ensure the angles and the final size are correct. Cutting triangles from rectangles is not the same as cutting squares. You will need mirror images for this pattern, so cut as the diagrams show. It may help to cut one layer at a time until you see how the mirror images are cut. These cuts have narrow points and extreme bias edges, so take care not to stretch the pieces when sewing and pressing. Pin as you go and use a stiletto to guide the fabric.

I recommend you cut a few 7 7/8" x 5 7/8" rectangles and test the pattern to see if you end up with the correct sizes. If your sizes are too small, try cutting another set of blue and white rectangles slightly larger than 7 7/8" x 5 7/8", then sew and trim to the desired size. When you're satisfied with the result, cut the rest of the rectangles and proceed with your blocks.

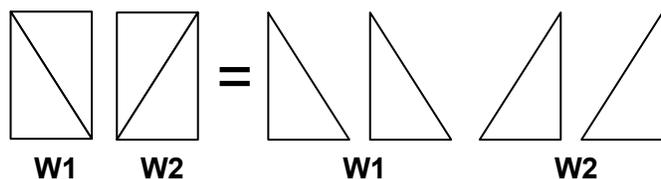
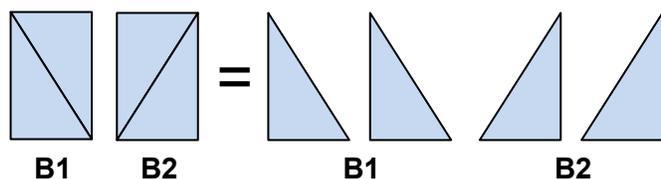
#### PART 1

From **medium blue #2** cut:  
 Six 7 7/8" x 5 7/8" rectangles (or slightly larger depending on your test block)



**Finished Part 1**

From **white-on-white** cut:  
 Six 7 7/8" x 5 7/8" rectangles (or slightly larger)  
 Six 7 1/2" x 10 1/2" rectangles.



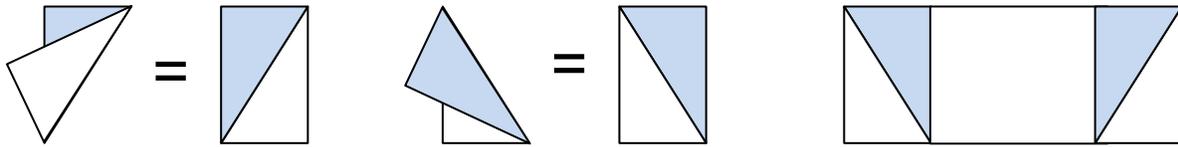
Start with two blue and two white 7 7/8" x 5 7/8" rectangles. Lay them out, right sides up, and cut a diagonal line on each in the directions shown. The resulting B1 triangles are different from the resulting B2 triangles, and the same with the white triangles.

Using one B1 triangle and one W1 triangle, with right sides together, match the diagonal edges, with the points of the top triangle extending 3/8" beyond the points of the bottom triangle, and pin in place. Stitch 1/4" from the diagonal edge. Press seam toward the blue. Your finished rectangle should be 7 1/2" x 5 1/2". Repeat using one B2 triangle and one W2 triangle to form a rectangle

*(Block of the Month continues on the next page)*

## 2015-16 Block of the Month (cont'd)

that is a mirror image of the first. Join these blue-white rectangles to the ends of a white  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangle, creating a  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 20\frac{1}{2}''$  Part 1.



### PART 2

From **medium blue #2** cut:

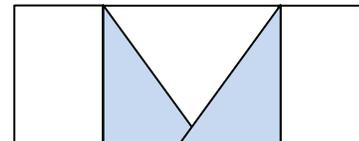
Twelve  $7\frac{7}{8}'' \times 5\frac{7}{8}''$  rectangles (or slightly larger depending on your test block)

From **white-on-white** cut:

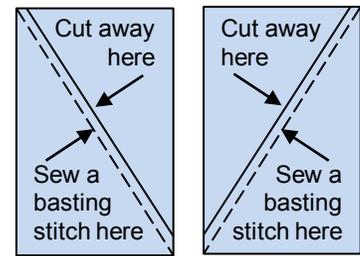
Six  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangles

Twelve  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangles

Lay out two blue  $7\frac{7}{8}'' \times 5\frac{7}{8}''$  rectangles. Working with only one rectangle at a time, place your ruler's  $\frac{1}{4}''$  line on the diagonal, and cut to create a triangle with an extended seam allowance, as shown at right. Sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}''$  basting stitch along the diagonal edge.

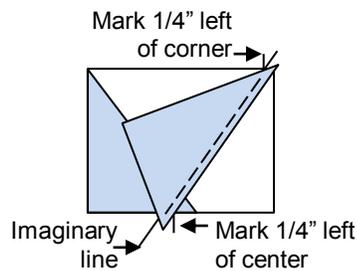
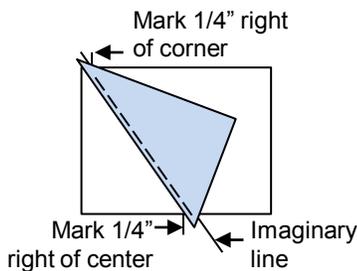


Finished Part 2



Mirror image

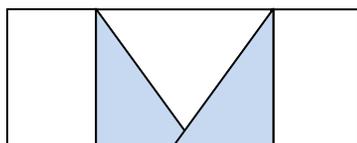
Mark a white  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangle  $\frac{1}{4}''$  to either side of the bottom center, and  $\frac{1}{4}''$  inside the top outer corners. Position the basting stitch on the blue triangle along the imaginary line between the  $\frac{1}{4}''$  mark at the top and the  $\frac{1}{4}''$  mark on the other side of the bottom center of the white rectangle. Your pieces should look like the diagram on the left. Pin and stitch a  $\frac{1}{4}''$  seam.



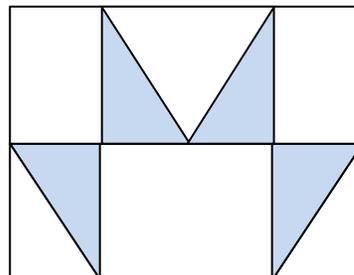
When folded out, the blue triangle may extend beyond the white rectangle. Trim the blue to the original shape of the white, then cut away the excess white underneath the blue.

Make a mirror-image blue triangle and add it to the other side of the white  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 10\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangle, overlapping the centers. Sew a white  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 5\frac{1}{2}''$  rectangle to each end of this assembly, creating a  $7\frac{1}{2}'' \times 20\frac{1}{2}''$  Part 2.

Join Part 1 and Part 2 assemblies to make a  $14\frac{1}{2}'' \times 20\frac{1}{2}''$  block.



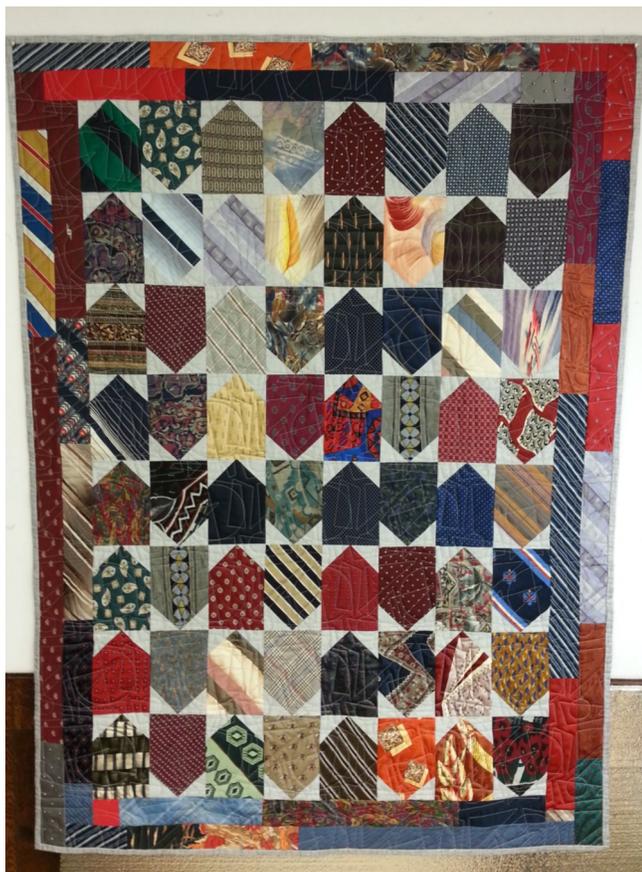
Centers must overlap to allow a  $\frac{1}{4}''$  seam



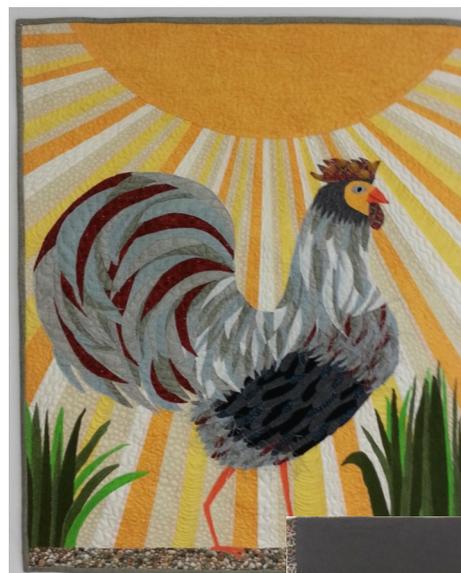
Make a total of **six** blocks and save for further instructions!

Direct questions to Cathy Klusman, 316-682-7265, [cklusman@cox.net](mailto:cklusman@cox.net)

*Members' Accomplishments  
And Recognitions*



David's tie quilt (Father's Day Revenge) got a blue. Teresa's OZsome Seasons got a red at the Ks State Fair. The Hoffman Braid is Davids and Cock-a-Doodle Doo/ Cock-a-Doodle Night is mine for this years Hoffman challenge. They are both traveling the US.



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# QUILT ROOM TOURS

The day of the quilt room tour was an absolutely perfect fall day with the event being very well attended. Each house was unique with lots of excellent ideas. Everyone was also treated to beautiful quilts and works of art.

The committee would like to thank the prize basket sponsors & all the people who helped with the tour. An extra special thanks to the hostesses that opened their homes for the tour.

Kathy Radabaugh  
Leslie Snodgrass  
Vera Zahner  
Meg Rasmussen  
Nancy Venburg

The prize basket winners were Anne Bailey, Carol Herrman, Janeen Howard, Tricia Lehman & Sharon Pfister.

Several people have asked about the LED lite on the sewing machine at Meg's house. She purchased the lite from "[ecoluxLighting.com](http://ecoluxLighting.com)".

Julia Waterbury, Chairman



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## 2015-16 Programs

Speakers with an asterisk will also be doing workshops.

### 2015

October **Janet Stone** Overland Park, KS  
 November **Gail Stepanek** New Lenox, IL  
 December Christmas Party – TBD

### 2016

January TBD  
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Afternoon: Linda Fiegel, Nancy Staton  
 Evening: Betty McKenzie, Lee Miescher  
 Mayleen Vinson will serve as immediate Past President  
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 Afternoon: Cathy Beverage, Susan McMillan  
 Evening: Shirley Binder, Kendra McBroom  
 Alternates: Donna Bradbury, Rose Marie Mintz

*Thank you for having your  
 Membership Card ready at the door  
 as you enter!*

### *Just a reminder -*

Doors open to members and visitors at noon and again at 6 pm, one hour before our guild meetings begin. Our speaker, board members and committee chairs are busy setting up and preparing for the meeting.

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### About Our Guild

The Prairie Quilt Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Downtown Senior Center, 200 S. Walnut, Wichita.

Guild meetings are scheduled from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced.

Annual dues are \$25.00 for the period October through September, after April 1 a first-time member will pay \$12.50.

For further information, please contact  
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