The December meeting will feature our Christmas Party. Home-baked cookies will be shared as part of the event. A harp ensemble featuring Susanne Shields, Kathleen Lehman and our own Lee Miescher will perform music for our holiday enjoyment.

In addition, you can shop. Several of our loyal Quilt Shops will have tables filled with small gift items; notions, fat quarters and other fun stuff to buy for yourself and your quilty friends.

Please bring your traditional Red and Green quilts or Holiday quilts for Show and Share. Come join the party and enjoy some holiday fun!
The Joy of Making Gifts

From my early childhood, I used my hands to make things, such as: doll clothes, marble bags, and embroidery tea towels.

While taking an art class in the seventh grade, I had an opportunity to learn how to work with leather. From that experience came about a hand made leather key holder. I was thrilled to give that key holder to my dad that Christmas.

My Dad passed away in 1972. While helping my Mother sort through his things, I found that he was still using that leather key holder, all those years.

A special bond is made when we create items for family and friends. Likewise when we make quilts or other craft items for our family, especially for our grandchildren, a special bond and memories are being made.

Merry Christmas

Judy

Visit our website at http://pqgks.com

Calling All Orphans

If you’d like to contribute an orphan block for my President’s quilt, please bring it to our December guild meeting and put it in the tub located near the Treasurer’s table. If you aren’t able to attend the meeting, you may also mail it to me. Remember to sign your block.

I’d like to thank everyone who’s already contributed a block! The response has been far greater than I’d hoped and I’m enjoying seeing the wide variety of blocks. Sometime this coming winter I plan to sort the blocks by color and design. Then I’ll decide how many quilts your blocks will become and get to work. I hope to share several completed projects with you in September when I’m the guild speaker.

Thanks again!

Mayleen Vinson
Past President
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 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.

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

February Workshop

The February workshop will be Kathy McNeil’s Cardinal block from her award winning Audubon quilt. This hand appliquéd, pictorial block will incorporate different fabrics to create a realistic winter scene.

The workshop fee is $40.00 with an additional pattern fee. View the pattern at kathymcneilquilts.com.

Signup begins in December.

Tamara Gross
I must begin this column by saying that its content is much like a crazy quilt design—different fabrics in a variety of shapes. My thoughts this month are all over the place.

Thank you for supporting the library last month by donating and purchasing books, magazines, and patterns at our sale. We made enough money to buy a new book truck (with 5” wheels) that should make moving the carts from storage each month much easier and also to buy some new reading material for you.

Basically, I read for two different reasons: to get information and to pass the time. Once in awhile when I am reading for pleasure, I also glean information. That’s a bonus! One such book that is a pleasure to read and from which I learned something about the Civil War, Quakers, slavery, and quilting is Tracy Chevalier’s The Runaway Slave. I am pleased to announce that the guild library is adding that novel to its fiction collection this month. Just remember that when you check out books, you must present your current membership card. Books and magazines are checked out for one month. Overdues are $1.00 per item, per month. Although the library makes money from fines, it is not our preferred method for achieving a budget.

As a way of giving back to those who check out materials from the library, we will draw names (one from the afternoon meeting and one from the evening meeting) to award a certificate to attend a guild workshop of your choice. Also, each time you return items or donate items to the library, you may select a free pattern from the many available.

Perhaps you have one of the same dilemmas I do: large-scale prints and what to do with them. I know how I accumulated those prints. They were just too beautiful to leave in the quilt shops. I had to have them. Now I have quite a collection, and no ideas on what to do with them. Fortunately, the guild library offers books on this subject: Tricks with Chintz: Using Large Prints to Add New Magic to Traditional Quilt Blocks by Nancy S. Breland and Livin’ Large—11 Quilts designed for Large-Scale Prints.

Come by the library and check out the table filled with new books for check out and browse the carts for books for your next quilting project.

Olivia Jacobs
Library Co-Chair
**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.

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**Prairie Quilt Guild**

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**CHARITY QUILT NEWS**

I have just begun as the new Chair person for Charity Quilts. I would like to thank all who have given of their time, fabric, money, and talents over the past few years.

The time has come to ask you to give again to make quilts for those in need. So I am open to any fabric you have to give, with time to work on piecing, binding, or quilting. Without your donations & help, there would be no charity quilts to donate.

I have several packets made up so you can do whatever part you wish. There have been so many of you just leaving the finished quilts on my table. Please continue to do that so I know your desire to help is a strong and loving one.

I am always looking for new places to donate our quilts as well. So if you have a place in mind, please bring those to my attention. Stop by my table just to say “Hi,” too. Other quilters are such nice people, don't you think?

Amy Fowlkes  
Charity Quilt Chair

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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.


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**September Selvages 2016**

Are you saving selvages to contribute for the September Selvage Workshop? Please remember that all selvages MUST have at least 1/4 inch of fabric showing past the selvage. If the 1/4 inch of fabric isn’t there, the selvage can’t be used.

Please give your selvage donations to Mayleen Vinson at our guild meetings. Thank you!

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**PQG Kid’s Quilt Camp**

**BECAUSE I’M HAPPY...**

Plymouth Congregational Church  
202 N Clifton, Wichita, KS  
June 27 – July 1, 2016 or July 11 – 15, 2016
2015-16 Block of the Month
A Mystery Quilt of Valor

Note on yardage:
- This month uses Medium Blue #1. If you don’t have enough of this fabric left from the October BOM, substitute a similar shade of blue. Or you may want to find more of your original Medium Blue #1. Either way, you will need 9” to 12” for the December block.
- The original yardage requirements were incorrect for the white-on-white. You will need 4 yards for the whole project.

DECEMBER BLOCK

From medium blue #1 cut:
- Eight 5 1/2” x 3” rectangles
- Four 3 5/8” squares
- Four 3” squares
- Two 5 7/8” squares

From white-on-white cut:
- Sixteen 3” squares
- Two 10 7/8” squares

On the wrong side of a white 3” square, lightly draw a diagonal line. Layer the white square on one end of a blue 5 1/2” x 3” rectangle, right sides together, and sew on the marked line. Press the white flap back and cut away the excess white and blue corner underneath. Repeat process for the other end of the white rectangle as shown. Do the same for all eight of the blue 5 1/2” x 3” rectangles.

Note: Tips will overlap.

Cut the two blue 5 7/8” squares in half diagonally. Sew one to a blue 5 1/2” x 3” rectangle as shown. Make four of these.

Cut the four blue 3 5/8” squares in half diagonally. Sew one to the end of a blue/white rectangle as shown. Make four of these.

For the remaining 5 1/2” x 3” blue/white rectangles, sew a 3” blue square to the right end, and a blue 3 5/8” half-square triangle to the left end.

Join the two sections as shown below.

Now cut the white 10 7/8” squares in half diagonally. Match a white triangle to each pieced blue/white triangle, aligning corners. Trim any blue fabric that extends past the white triangle. Sew the seam to form a 10 1/2” square. Make four of these and save for further instructions!

Direct questions to Cathy Klusman, 316-682-7265, cklusman@cox.net
COMMON THREADS REGIONAL QUILT SHOW 2016 ENTRY FORM - General & Judged Entries

General and Judged Entry Deadline: March 8, 2016. Mailed entry forms must be postmarked no later than March 8, 2016. A separate entry form is required for each item. All asterisk (*) information must be completed and will be published or included in the signage/displays at the show. You may enter five (5) articles total, (general and judged entries combined). Please number items in the order of preference you want them shown.

- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY -

MEMBER INFORMATION:

*NAME

*GUILD NAME ___________________________

Your Address ___________________________________________

*CITY ___________________________

*STATE ______

Phone: Daytime (_____) Evening / Cell (_____) ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________

(We need phone & email information in case we have questions about your entry or information on entry form)

By my signature below, I agree to abide by all conditions stated on this entry form and the accompanying instruction sheet. I agree to permit Prairie Quilt Guild (PQG) to display my entry at the Common Threads Regional Quilt Show 2016, June 16-18, 2016 at Century II, Wichita, KS. I also grant PQG the right to photograph this entry for PQG files, publicity and/or promotional purposes, which may include print, social media or video. I understand reasonable care will be taken to protect my entry, but insurance is my own responsibility. I understand that no responsibility for loss or damage to my entry will be assumed by PQG.

*Entrant’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

QUILT INFORMATION:

*TITLE OF ENTRY: ___________________________

*TOP MAKER: ___________________________

*QUILTER: ___________________________

*OWNER: ___________________________ Year Completed ______

Quilt (bed or wall) _____ Runner (table or bed) _____ Other (specify - clothing, bag / purse, doll, etc.) ___________________________

Size: *WIDTH ________ *LENGTH ________ Order of preference for each quilt entered to be shown (1-5): # _____

General Entry: _____ Judged Entry: _____ ($10 fee) Desired Judged Category: # _____

PQG 2015 Challenge Project? _____ Two sided Quilt? Yes _____ (If yes, submit a 4x6” color photo of each side) No _____

Predominant colors of top: ___________________________

Is this an original design? Yes _____ No _____ If no, then complete designer credit information below.

*DESIGNER CREDIT: (book, pattern, designer, inspiration source) ___________________________

*TECHNIQUES USED:

Appliqué: Hand _____ Machine _____

Piecing: Hand _____ Machine _____ Foundation / Paper Pieced _____

Embroidery: Hand _____ Machine _____

Quilting: Hand _____ Domestic Machine _____ Long-arm Machine _____

Embroidishment / Other Techniques ___________________________

*QUILTER’S STATEMENT: (In 30 words or less, tell us about your quilt’s inspiration, special technique, story. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and/or length.)

____________________________________________________________________________________

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Would you like to list your quilt for sale at the show? _____ For what price? ________ Please fill out PQG sales agreement.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 8, 2016
Please return a completed form for each entry with:

___ 4x6” color photo (will not be returned) & ___ cash or check ($) for Judged Entry only, payable to PQG to:

1. Prairie Quilt Guild meeting on or before March 8, 2016

OR

2. Mail to: PQG Quilt Show 2016, 206 N Commercial Ave., Sedgwick, KS 67135-9535 (postmarked no later than March 8, 2016)
PQG Common Threads 2016 Regional Quilt Show - June 16 - 18, 2016  
$600 in cash prizes - Best of Show award $300

Judged Show Rules
1. Entries must have been completed no earlier than January 1, 2014.
2. One entry per category up to a total of five (5) entries.  
   If you must withdraw an entry, please notify us ASAP.
3. Entry forms must be postmarked by March 8, 2016.
4. Acceptance of entries is on “first submitted / first accepted” basis up to 200 quilts.  
   This is not a juried show. The entry form must have all information completed and all required enclosures included for an entry to be processed.
5. Non-refundable Entry Fee  
   A $10.00 entry fee must accompany each Judged entry.
6. Be sure to select the proper category for your entry.
   The entries committee, in conjunction with the judges, reserves the right to make the final placement of quilts in all categories.
7. All entries must consist of three layers: backing, filler and top, held together with stitching through all three layers. False Backs.
8. Entries will be judged by a NQA Certified Judge.
   Decision of the judge is final. A written Critique sheet will be provided for each entry.
9. PQG considers the entrant to be the “owner” of the quilt.
   Hence this individual will be the recipient of any prize money and ribbon won.
10. All entries must remain on display for the duration of the show.
11. Each entry must have an identification label sewn on the lower left hand corner of the back of the quilt.
   This fabric label must include your name, home address, and title of the quilt. For judging purposes, please safety pin your entry number over this identification tag. Place quilt in the entry bag so that the tag shows.
12. Delivery - entrants will be notified of drop off sites prior to the show.
   Judged entries must be delivered to a drop off point between June 8 and 10, 2016. No judged entries will be accepted after June 10, 2016.
13. Unclaimed entries will become the property of PQG after July 1, 2016.
15. Photography or Videotaping is allowed for personal use only.  
   Other uses, obtain permission from the show office. PQG reserves the right to use photographs of all entries in PQG related publicity.

JUDGED CATEGORIES

Categories 1 - 9, Large Quilt, width + length greater than 140"  
1. Quilt pieced, machine quilted - 1 person
2. Quilt appliquéd, machine quilted - 1 person
3. Quilt pieced/appliquéd, machine quilted - 1 person
4. Quilt pieced, machine quilted basic - 2 person
5. Quilt pieced, machine quilted custom - 2 person
6. Quilt pieced, machine quilted computer guided
7. Quilt hand appliquéd, machine quilted - 2 person
8. Quilt machine appliquéd, machine quilted - 2 person
9. Quilt pieced/appliquéd, machine quilted - 2 person

Categories 10 - 14, Wall Quilt, width + length less than 140"  
10. Wall hanging pieced, machine quilted - 1 person
11. Wall hanging appliquéd, machine quilted - 1 person
12. Wall hanging pieced, machine quilted - 2 person
13. Wall hanging appliquéd, machine quilted - 2 person
14. Wall hanging pieced/appliquéd, machine quilted - 2 person

15. Quilt/Wall hanging, hand quilted - 1 person
16. Quilt/Wall hanging, hand quilted - 2 person
17. Whole Cloth, machine quilted
18. Art Quilt, original design, any technique
19. Modern Quilt, Quilt should utilize improvisational piecing techniques
20. Holiday Quilt
21. Miniature Quilt: any quilt with no side measuring more than 24", using any technique, each interior block must measure 4" or less.
22. Group Quilt, 3 or more people (Bee, Mini Group)
23. Quilt made from PQG workshop
24. My first Judged Quilt
25. Bags
26. Other, Traditional - Crazy Quilt, Yo-Yo's, hand embroidery
27. Other, Non-traditional - photo transfer, T-shirt, selvage, machine embroidery

Questions: contact Shirley Binder at (316) 687-7257 or scraplvr@att.net
WELCOME to the 2016 Quilt Show!

We are pleased to welcome three Guilds from the surrounding area to participate in the 2016 Quilt Show. They are:

  Country Rose Quilt Guild, Rose Hill
  Heart of Kansas Quilt Guild, Hutchinson
  And
  Evening Star Quilt Guild, also from Hutchinson

All three Guilds have requested booths in the vendor area in order to promote their guilds and sell Opportunity Quilt tickets as well as items handmade by their members. Members of participating guilds may enter quilts into the show beginning in February.
We will begin accepting entries for the 2016 Common Threads Regional Quilt Show at the January 12, 2016 Guild meeting. The deadline for entries is the March 8 Guild meeting. Members of participating Guilds may submit their entries beginning in February.

The Quilt Entry form, Judging Rules and Judged Categories are included in this newsletter. They may also be downloaded from the website. Space is limited especially in the judged show, which is limited to 200 quilts, the maximum one judge can effectively evaluate in two days. Get your entries in early!

Please note the following:

Your quilt does not need to be finished at the time you submit your entry, but be realistic about what you can actually finish before the show.

You may enter up to five quilts in total. There is a $10 per quilt charge for entries in the judged show.

You will receive the judge's comments for each judged quilt. This is a valuable critique from NQA certified judge, Connie Silber.

Your entry must be accompanied by a 4” x 6” color photograph. **Beginning this year, the Guild will not photograph quilts for members.**
Spring Retreat
PQG 2016

The Spring Retreat dates have been set for March 15-20! (This is Wichita Public School /USD259 Spring break.) It will be held at Wheat State Camp which is located at 11177 W 87th St, Augusta KS 67010, just off of KS-54 and Santa Fee Lake Rd.

Please mark your calendars for this fun event and plan to sign up at the next regular PQG meeting.

Spring Retreat
PQG 2016

Search for
GREAT PROGRAMS

This is your chance to tell the Vice President Elect where to go! The next three months are being spent contacting potential speakers and workshop teachers for 2016-2017. Yes, some speakers are booked out even further, so time is of the essence. If there is someone you would like to come share their talents, experiences, and quilts… let Vera Zahner know. Email me at vspeaker@cox.net and I will contact them for their availability and fee schedule. The goal is to bring a great mixture of topics, personalities, and techniques to help you as a quilter, and all of us as a guild to be better at the art, science and spirit of quilting. Thanks

Vera Zahner
Prairie Quilt Guild

**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

**February**  
*Kathy McNeil*  
Tulalip, WA  
[https://www.kathymcneilquilts.com](https://www.kathymcneilquilts.com)

**March**  
*Lori Triplett*  
Overland Park, KS  
[http://www.quiltandtextilecollection.com](http://www.quiltandtextilecollection.com)

**April**  
*Bonne Hunter*  
Wallburg, NC  
[http://quiltville.blogspot.com](http://quiltville.blogspot.com)

**May**  
*Sue Garman*  
Friendswood, TX  
[http://www.suegarman.blogspot.com](http://www.suegarman.blogspot.com)  
[http://www.comequilt.com](http://www.comequilt.com)

**June**  
*Nancy Arseneault*  
Tucson, AZ

**July**  
*Lea McComas*  
Superior, CO  
[http://www.leamccomas.com](http://www.leamccomas.com)

**August**  
*Tim Latimer*  
Lansing, MI  
[http://www.timquilts.com](http://www.timquilts.com)

**September**  
*Mayleen Vinson*  
Haysville, KS  
[http://www.qisforquilt.blogspot.com](http://www.qisforquilt.blogspot.com)

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

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Erick Peterson

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Tamara Gross

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Members at Large:

- Afternoon: Linda Fiegel, Nancy Staton
- Evening: *Betty McKenzie, Lee Miescher

Mayleen Vinson will serve as immediate Past President

Nominating Committee:

- Afternoon: Cathy Beverage, Susan McMillan
- Evening: Shirley Binder, Kendra McBroom

Alternates: Donna Bradbury, Rose Marie Mintz

*  Betty McKenzie  Cares & Concerns

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**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.
**PQG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**RECENT ACTIONS**

An Educational Grant request from Susan McMillian for Andover Central HS, USD 385 was approved. The request was for walking feet for 4 Bernina machines. The total expense: $536.96.

Also approved was a Gift to the Wichita Public Library as a Memorial to Gail Hand. She was a Charter Member of the Guild and served as President from 2011 to 2012.

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**For Sale:**

Bernina Aurora 440 QE sewing machine with BSR stitch regulator and walking foot. Carrying case & acrylic extension table included.

$1,900.00

Colleen Ward  620-694-9144

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**Prairie Quilt Guild**
Next Meeting December 8

Next Guild Meeting—December 8

Newsletter Deadline—December 11
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Becki Allen, Advertising Chair,
stampingqueenb@cox.net use subject “PQG”

Send Address Corrections to
Cheryl Jacklovich, Membership Chair
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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
President, Judy Ermey, 316-788-1979 or
Past President Mayleen Vinson, 316-655-3876

To check on possible cancellations of Prairie Quilt Guild meetings due to weather:

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