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April 12, 2016

The Best Things in Life are Quilted

(according to Bonnie Hunter)

Bonnie Hunter calls herself a 'traveling itinerant quilter' as she travels all over the world teaching and lecturing about her scrap management technique. A long time quilter, Bonnie is dedicated to continuing the traditions of quilting and challenging quilters to break the rules, think outside the box and find what brings them joy.

She writes a regular column for Quiltmaker magazine called "Addicted to Scraps" and updates her blog, website and Facebook page often. Check out her website at www.quiltville.com.

Bonnie's lecture will be on her Scrap User's System and she will be doing three different workshops on April 9 – 11.





President's Notes

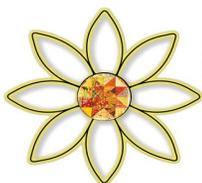
By Judy Ermey

Positive Effects of Quilting

The stories of antique quilts shared in our January program, and the resulting inter-generational bonding, was impressive to me. Memories of my grandmother's applique blocks of "Rose of Sharon", made in the 30's, returned. Looking at those blocks through the years, planted a seed. Grandmother taught basic sewing skills to my sister and me with the sewing of doll clothes.

Along with the development of the generational bonding, and bonding with our quilting friends, the creativity and education of quilting continues today. Kids Quilt Camp has been one way to introduce young people to quilting. Basic sewing skills, math skills and use of color are also part of the program. Many of our speakers, through the years have inspired us to try new sewing skills such as applique and paper piecing.

Quilts can give comfort and support during stressful times. Our guild helps guide members of involved communities through difficult times by the giving of charity quilts and Quilts of Valor. We will continue making quilts. Judy



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Fabrics, Notions & Patterns for Quilt Making

BIRTHDAY BLOCKS

Memory Garden of Log Roses

Wanted more rose blocks for our birthday drawing. All instructions have been provided in February & March Newsletters. Please join PQG in celebrating our beginning!

Each rose block you provide gives you a chance to win many blocks at the June drawing. Blocks will be accepted through the May meeting.

Please read all of the instructions before starting and just relax and enjoy watching each rose "grow". Ann Harrod



Common
Threads
REGIONAL QUILT SHOW

JUNE 16-18, 2016

Volunteer SIGN UP

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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 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.

Future Workshops

All Workshops 9am to 4pm SG County Extension Offc
7001 W 21st North

Bonnie Hunter will be teaching 3 classes

April 9th 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday workshop **FULL**

April 10th 9 am to 4 pm

Monday workshop **FULL**

April 11th 9 am to 4 pm

Texas Braid a few openings remain

Material list & required book are available on Bonnie Hunter's website: www.quiltville.com

Karen K Stone **Workshop May 10**

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Library Lines

I've heard it said that on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), we are all a "wee bit" Irish. We might even go so far as to wear a green shamrock—or applique one on a wall-hanging. That idea got me to thinking about different cultures and what each one contributes that makes it unique. Then, of course, because I had to have an idea for this column, I thought I would examine the guild's library collection and see how many different cultures are represented in the quilt books we have available for you to check out. Here goes:

African (1), African-American (1), Amish (43), Australian (2), British (2), Egyptian (1), Hawaiian (3), Hmong (2), Japanese (9), Mexican (1), Native-American (2), Swedish (1).

Another aspect of cultural customs that distinguish one group of people from another, stems from the time period in which the people lived or the type of life they lived. For example, the guild has books on the following cultural groupings:

Victorian (2), Colonial (1), Pioneer (6), Civil War (12), Farm (8), Hobo (1), Urban (1).

This month another book has been donated in memory of Gail Hand (charter member, past librarian, and past president of the guild) by Kathy Huebert. The book *Civil War Legacies II* contains 17 small quilt patterns for reproduction fabrics.

In addition, there are books that celebrate the United States and states within that union. The guild has state books on Kansas, Illinois, Tennessee and Texas.

In order to see the titles of the above-mentioned books, you simply need to click on the library button on the guild's website. Then, being careful to put your request inside the YOUR LIBRARY button, type in the subject you desire. Remember, we shelve books by title, so when you come to the library to check a book out, you can find it on the carts whose books are alphabetized by title.

We do hope to see you at the next meeting and are here to help you locate information on or about the many aspects of quilting.

Olivia Jacobs



New Finance Board Member

Kurt Sackschewsky has been appointed Finance Board member. He and his wife, Pam, moved to Wichita about 3 years ago from Ohio. This move has brought them closer to family. Soon after the move, they joined the guild.

Kurt was encouraged by his quilter wife to start quilting after a trip to Alaska. He has been quilting for 8 years.

Meet the new Board member

1st ANNUAL LAST 2 WEEKS IN APRIL

COUNTRY QUILT STROLL

QUILTS IN ALL THE LOCAL STORES EXHIBITS AROUND TOWN

APRIL 15 - 30, 2016

WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY'S
10:00 - 5:00

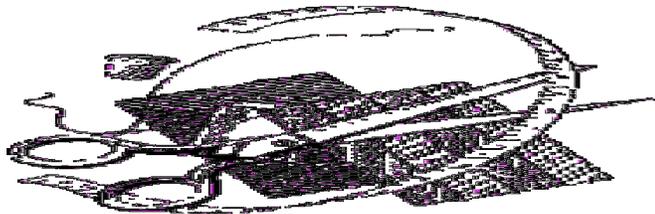
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OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Kaw Valley Quilters (Lawrence)

April 18 & 19 Ada Niedenthal

May 16 & 17 Karla Alexander

Jun 20 & 21 Kathy Pflaum

kawvalleyquiltersguild.org

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



JUNE 16-18, 2016



Opportunities

Tickets are available now for **TWO Quilt Show Opportunities**

Tickets for **Both the Guild Quilt and the Opportunity Table** are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00



Appraisal Sign-ups begin in April

Certified Quilt Appraiser Carol Elmore will be doing appraisals at the quilt show in June. Sign ups will begin at the April meeting. The \$50 per quilt fee must be pre-paid. In addition a form must be completed furnishing information about your quilt.

You don't need to be present for the appraisal. However, it is interesting to talk to Carol about your quilt. If the quilt is hanging in the show, appraisal can be completed there. The appraisal takes about 30 minutes. A completed appraisal will be issued within a few weeks.

Jan Hutchison



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This year you will want to attend each day for a chance to win. In addition to our many door prizes from the vendors, we will have the Grand Hoopla Drawing for the prizes below on Saturday.

MIDWEST SEWING has generously given us not just one, but TWO sewing machines for our top prize. Be sure to visit their store downtown or at Ridge and Maple to check out everything new. While you are there, sign up for their next bus trip to visit quilt shops in Holton and Eudora 4/9 for a day of fun! Discounted early bird sign up until 3/25.

Our first machine is the Babylock Lyric. You will love all the features including 250 built in stitches, needle threader and bobbin winder.



Our next machine is the Bernina Simply Red. This sturdy worker is the machine for all your basic sewing needs, especially perfect straight $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams!

A-1 SINGER offered just the prize to enhance your appliqué, a Brother Scan and Cut. Imagine that you can scan in a picture that you draw yourself or find elsewhere and the machine cuts it out for you. You choose the size of the motif and add seam allowances all with the touch of a few buttons.



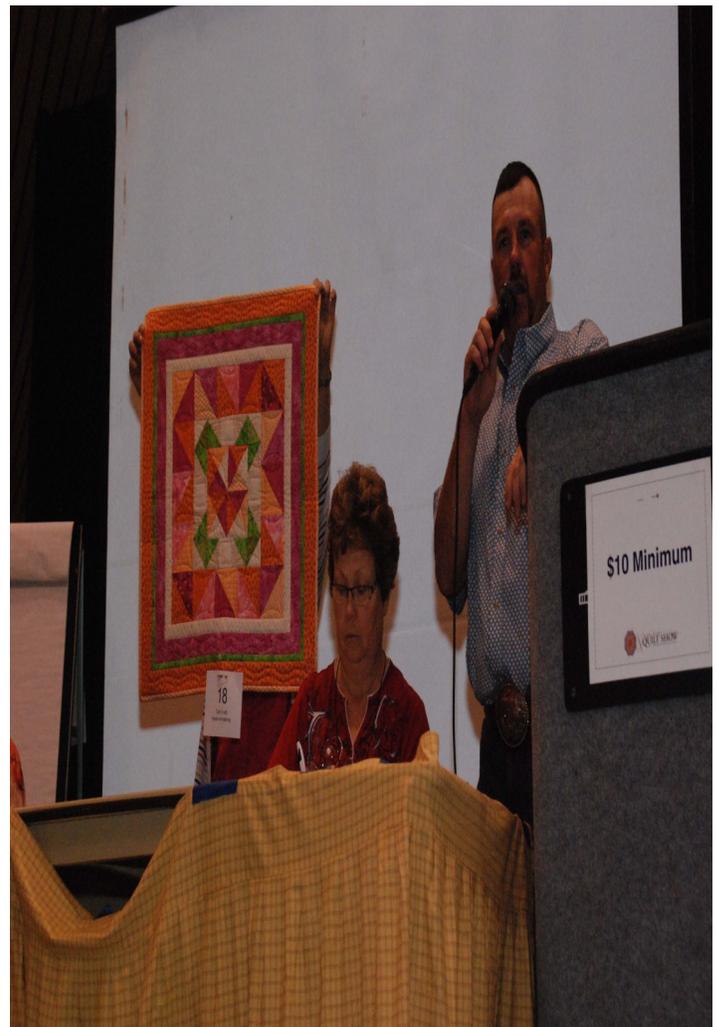
The SEWING CENTER selected a wonderful sewing chair to be in our drawing. This little gem is on castors for ease in movement and has lumbar support.

All of us could sew a few more hours sitting on one of these.





Candid shots
From
Mini Quilt Auction
2014





Common Threads

REGIONAL QUILT SHOW

JUNE 16-18, 2016

**Common Threads
Regional Quilt Show
Miniature
Quilt
Auction
Saturday, June 18, 2016
Noon**

All guild members are encouraged to either donate a mini quilt, runner, or topper that they have made or through their bee group. The money raised from the auction will go to support the Grant program for the next two years. In the past money has gone to:

Community Quilt Camp, schools for sewing supplies, furthering education through Quilts of Valor, Girls Scouts and Grace Homeschool Co-op.

The guidelines for the quilts are:

Size – maximum 160' perimeter (40 X 40)

Have a sleeve or hanger (rings) if intended to hang

Have a label with your name, date and title

The entry form is available on the quilt show website, www.wichitaquiltshow.com. Entries will be accepted at the April & May guild meeting.

Questions please call Susan McMillan
316-650-2353 or saddington48@yahoo.com

Picture from 2014

Mini Quilt Auction



2015-16 Block of the Month America the Beautiful

We now begin our second 6-month project: a row quilt representing the song "America the Beautiful." In the end, you can embroider or quilt the song lyrics (or lyric themes as I've listed below) in the sashing, or leave the sashing blank and let viewers solve the riddle of the quilt's theme. The finished size should be about 28" x 48".

You will need scraps for the following blocks:

MONTH	LYRIC THEME	BLOCK	COLORS
April	"Spacious Skies"	Birds in the Air	Blues, whites (white-on-white is always interesting)
May	"Amber Waves"	Braid (modified)	Golds, tans, yellows, greens
June	"Mountain Majesties"	Delectable Mountains (modified)	Purples, blues, greens, browns
July	"Fruited Plains"	Orange Peel	Oranges, your choice of background colors
August	"Shining Seas"	Snail's Trail	Light-to-dark blue-greens, blues
September	Final assembly		Strips for sashing, fabric for binding and backing

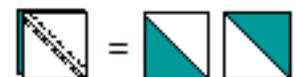
APRIL: SPACIOUS SKIES

We're making four 7" (finished) blocks. You may make traditional Birds in the Air blocks (all the same). Or, if you want a scrappy look, use a mix of blues (for the sky) and whites (for the birds).



A note before beginning: Since you're working with bias edges, take care not to stretch the fabric as you cut, sew, and press. To help with this issue, I've increased the sizes a bit. Units can then be cut down as you assemble them, ensuring accuracy. Some quilters prefer to use spray starch to stabilize the bias edges.

For the traditional pattern, cut six white 3 1/2" squares and six blue 3 1/2" squares. On the wrong side of a white square, lightly draw a diagonal line. Layer with a blue square, right sides together. Sew 1/4" seam on each side of the marked diagonal line. Cut on the marked line to make two blue-white squares. Press seams toward the blue. Make 12 of these blue-white squares. You will need three for each of the four blocks.



Prepare your blue and white squares for assembly: Place the 45° line of your ruler on the diagonal seam and trim each blue and white square to 2 7/8" square.

(Block of the Month continues on the next page)

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

Cut six white $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares and cut each in half diagonally. You will need three white half-square triangles for each of the four blocks.

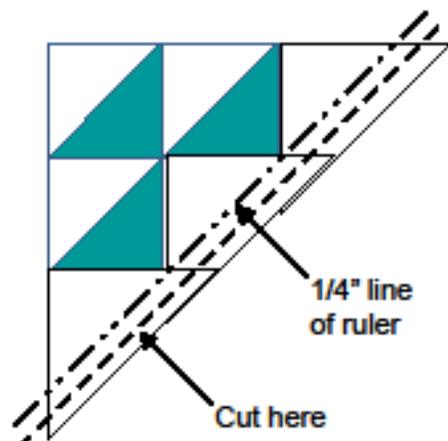
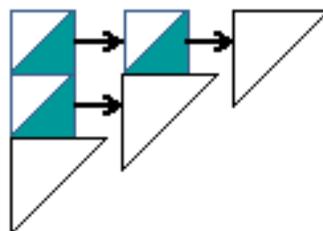
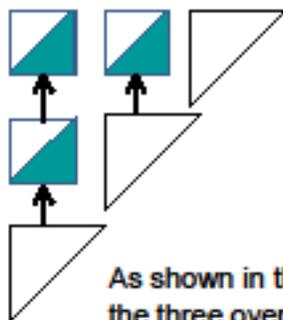


Hold off trimming the white triangles until you have the upper left portion of the block pieced.

Cut two blue $7\frac{7}{8}$ " squares in half diagonally. You will need one half-square triangle for each block.



To assemble a block, sew blue and white squares together as shown below. Add white half-square triangles where indicated, lining up the straight edges of the triangles as shown. Join the upper left corner of the block vertically, then horizontally.



As shown in the enlarged assembly at right, trim the three oversized white triangles by aligning the $\frac{1}{4}$ " line of your ruler with the lower tips of the blue triangles. Cut off the excess, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance.

Now add the large blue half-square triangle. Your block will measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ".



Make four blocks and join them side-by-side to form your "Spacious Skies" row, measuring $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $28\frac{1}{2}$ ".



For a scrappy look, cut your triangles from $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares. Cut each in half diagonally, then sew them together carefully so as not to stretch the bias edges. Trim the blue and white squares to $2\frac{7}{8}$ " and complete the blocks as described above..



Direct questions to Cathy Klusman, 316-682-7265, cklusman@cox.net



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Tulsa Fairgrounds/Central Park Bldg/21st & Yale
 Large group rate Opportunity Quilt
 Small quilt auction Basket Walk Boutique
 Mary Lou Weidman, Quilt Instructor
 See all info on BULLETIN BOARD at Meeting

To save selvages to donate to the selvage workshop in September, please remember to include a minimum of 1/4" of fabric beyond the selvage. Give them to either Mayleen Vinson or Tammy Gross, Workshop Chair, at our guild meetings. Many are in need, so your selvages will be very welcome. Thank you!

Mayleen Vinson

Cares & Concerns

Rosemary Ray- passed away
 Mary Anne Esch- passed away
 Karen Knitig- mother passed away
 Kathy Jenkins- brother had work related accident
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Next Guild Meeting—April 12

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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 Erme, 316-788-1979 or
Past President Mayleen Vinson, 316-655-3876

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