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December 2016 Program

IT'S A GIFT

The Christmas season is a gift to all the senses. The colored lights and brightly wrapped packages are a treat for our eyes. The scents of evergreen, candles and cinnamon remind our noses of the smells of Christmas past. The warmth of a hug or a homemade Christmas quilt comforts our sense of touch. Our ears welcome the sound of Christmas music, and our taste buds delight in the sweetness of a Christmas cookie.



Our December program will be a fashion show of clothing, home décor and gift items shared by our members. We will be entertained with **TIMELESS** music by Frank and Donna Graham who are a musical pair from right here in Wichita. We will taste the cookies supplied by some of our gracious members, and enjoy visiting with our quilt guild friends. It's a gift for all of your senses, well deserved as we quilters give the gift of ourselves in everything we create not only in the Christmas season, but every day of the year.

Thank You

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

A "Thank You" from Maggie Ball

Donations made by PQG members at the November meeting for the Mongolian Quilting Center totalled \$576. After adding the sales of Mongolian products, a total of \$1060 dollars was raised. Thank you!

Anyone interested in receiving Maggie Ball's e-newsletter may sign up on her website front page at www.dragonflyquilts.com

President's Notes

By Donna Lynden

Hi Quilters,

I do believe fall finally arrived! I love the fall colors! Hopefully we get an extended opportunity to enjoy the fall color and the nip in the air before winter rushes in!

Wasn't Maggie Ball's program inspiring? Her work with the Mongolian ladies reminds us how much we have to be thankful for. To thank you for your generous contributions, Maggie gave us two of the beautiful Mongolian table runners to be auctioned off at the 2018 quilt show mini auction.

I also want to thank you for your donations of new hats, gloves and scarves for the children thru Comcare. Some of these children receive used, newly cleaned coats, but it's so nice they have something brand new!

It sounds like Vera has a special 'Gift' for our December meeting. Music will be provided by the group 'Timeless'. Don't forget to bring your wearable art quilted garments for the fashion show that just might be the inspiration for a last-minute gift or two.

I hope you all have a joyous holiday season celebrating with friends and family! Take time to appreciate and enjoy the small things, and remember that the gift is in the giving.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Donna

Cares & Concerns

Peggy Dawson - in the hospital

Jeanie Lawrence - in the hospital

Linda Coates - fell at the YMCA and broke her left ankle


Peg Erhard, Hutchison - had a knee replacement

Please remember to enter Cares & Concerns in the notebook on the Hospitality table or call Susan Tigard 316-755-0870.

Thanks,
Betty McKenzie



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Spring Retreat

Spring Retreat dates are Mar 21-26, 2017, at Wheat State Camp - same location as 2016. Retreat Committee is accepting registrations for Spring Retreat at the December, January & February meetings. All deposits are due by February 14. You will find the Retreat Info & Registration Form on the PQG Website under Links. You can print these pages and use the Registration Form.

Mary Graham

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.

February Workshop

Our February speaker is Donna Lynn Thomas from Overland Park, Ks. Her lecture will be Patchwork Palette, and her workshop is Coral Reef.

This mini quilt is not only vibrant and stunning, it is fun because of the design twist at the end of the class.



This vibrant and stunning quilt is just one of many, many ways to set the blocks together into totally unique and different quilts. We will be exploring those design options in class as well as Donna's unique recipe approach for using lots of fabrics in your

quilts. Come spend a fun day making blocks, mastering your skills and playing with design.

All-Day Workshop. Confident beginner, rotary cutting and machine piecing skills required.

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Library Lines

I'm excited about a new book we have in our library. *The Ultimate Guide to Machine Quilting: Long-Arm and Sit-Down* by long-arm expert, Angela Walters, and home-sewing machine specialist, Christa Watson. These authors walk us through their design processes as they tackle the same quilt tops. They describe what quilting patterns and motifs are best suited for each method of quilting. The pages in this book are color coded for each author, so you can tell at a glance if you are looking at a tip for or example of a long-arm quilted top or a home sewing machine quilted top. This book includes ten quilt patterns and all the tips and inspiration you need to start or improve your home machine quilting and/or your long-arm quilting.

You may have noticed that the library carts look neater, and that it is easier to find the book you are looking for. Well, Olivia and I have finally finished implementing a bar code system for inventory purposes. As part of this process, we weeded out many of our duplicate books and older books that hadn't been checked out in years. We still have plenty of books, but now you can find what you want easier, and of course we can put books away much easier too. Some of you benefited from the weeding process at the last library sale, and for those that missed it, we have plenty left over for the next sale. We have implemented a new bar code system particularly for inventory, which will make this job much quicker and easier in the future. This program also tells us that we currently have 1663 books available with a value of \$32,429.71, magazines are not included. We think the library is a great asset for the guild and these numbers back that up!

Tami Carlson
Library Co-chair



Charity Quilts

The cool weather is settling into Kansas and the sewing machines are humming along. Things are getting made and coming along nicely, and very quickly, not a mistake can be seen anywhere. The colors were chosen, and looked lovely. My fingers were doing their magic work, the pattern that was chosen was going to wow all that saw this quilt. I was so proud, people were telling me how beautiful it was and wanted to do one just like it. Oh yes life is good.

I woke up. The quilt I had been dreaming about was gone. It was not even there. I cried out in my soul, because I wanted to have one - just one - quilt that I could have pieced, appliquéd and quilted with no signs of blood, sweat or tears staining it anywhere. But we all dream of things that don't come just because we want them to. We have to learn how to do things. Little by little we get better at it, but the things that we have to work at usually mean the most to us.

So for all you just beginners and those of us still learning, don't give up. Soon it will be in your blood. You will find yourself with a new passion in your life. Also if you need some practice on piecing or such, come by my table. I have some new patterns to piece up, quilt up or bind up. Ha ha - see how I got some of you to help me. No seriously, I could use some extra hands to help out. So if I can help you out with a bag of fabric for you to take home, don't be shy. We have enough to go around. Jelly roll racing is the new plan for some new tops to do, as well as a new block pattern called Sunshine and Rainbows. See you there.

We are still collecting hats, gloves and scarves until February.

Amy Fowlkes

Charity Quilts

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.

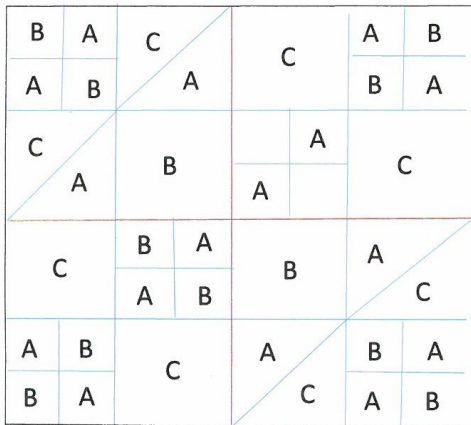
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Block of the Month

December 2016

Block size 16 1/2" unfinished square.
Final quilt without sashing will be 48" x 64".

Kick The Can



Cutting Instructions:

- A (12) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2
- A (2) 5" x 5"
- B (2) 4 1/2 x 4 1/2
- B (12) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2
- C (4) 4 1/2 x 4 1/2
- C (2) 5" x 5"

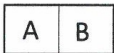
Fabric

- A - Dark
- B - Medium
- C - Light

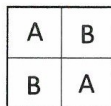
Unit measures 16 1/2 x 16 1/2 (unfinished) makes 48 x 64 quilt without sashing or borders

Assembly Instructions

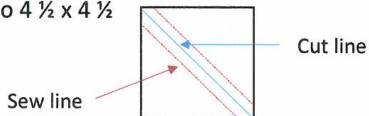
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Join to make (6) 4 patches =

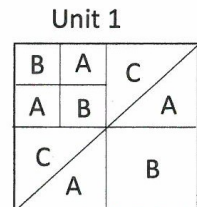


- 2) Sew 5" A to 5" C to make (4) HST
Trim to 4 1/2 x 4 1/2



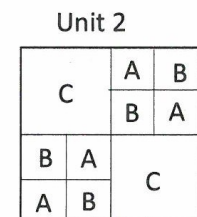
- 3) Construct unit one by sewing 4 patch to (1) HST and (1) to (B) 4 1/2 x 4 1/2

Make 2 =



- Construct unit two by sewing 4 patch to (C) 4 1/2 x 4 1/2

Make 2 =



- 4) Assemble 4 patch to complete Block as shown in diagram at top.

Designed by Rebecca Patillo 2016

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2016 to 2017 Program and Workshop Schedule

January 2017: Workshop chair

February 2017: Donna Thomas

www.donnalynthomas.com Workshop: Wednesday
February 15, 2017

March 2017: Susan Cleveland, Pieces Be With You

www.PiecesBeWithYou.com Workshop: Wednesday
March 15, 2017

April 2017: David & Teresa Duwe, Yesweduquilt

www.yesweduquilt.com Workshop: Wednesday

April 12, 2017 Topic: Double Pointed Dresden Plates

May 2017: Deanne Eisenman, Snuggles Quilts

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June 14, 2017

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www.kellyquilter.com Workshop: Wednesday July
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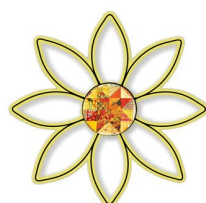
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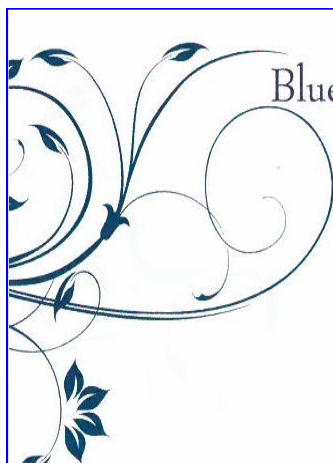
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The Prairie Quilt Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Downtown Senior Center, 200 S. Walnut, Wichita.

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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