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July 2017 Program



Kelly Ashton

*Lecture: Quilting is not a
matter of life or death,
it is more important than that!*

Kelly, an accomplished long-arm machine quilter, has had the privilege of machine quilting for Marianne Fons & Liz Porter (Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting), Lynne Hagmaier (Kansas Troubles Quilts), Donna Lynn Thomas (Pre-Furred Quilts) and Kathy Delany (Fabric Crayon Designs), and a multitude of less-well-known, but equally as important, quiltmakers from all over the country. In her workshop, Kelly will guide you through straight-line and free-motion quilting techniques using your "home" sewing machine.

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

Meeting Location Change

Due to ongoing construction work at the Senior Center, we are meeting at the Scottish Rite Venue 332, 332 E. First Street, Wichita. (First and Topeka)

Free parking to the north of the building and along the street.

Paid parking across Topeka to the East.

President's Notes

By Donna Lynden

Hi Quilters,

Wasn't that a great Birthday Party last month! It's hard to believe the Guild is 35 years old, and better yet, some of the original members are still active members! Looks like quite a few of you submitted birthday blocks! Over 600 blocks – WOW. We are all waiting to see the finished quilts!

At the July meeting, we will be voting on the proposed bylaw change to update our visitors' policy. The existing bylaw asking visitors to join after visiting twice was written when the guild desired to build membership. With a guild as large as ours, tracking visitors is not practical. Many visitors are interested in a hearing a particular speaker. We have had as many as 60 visitors (mostly from other guilds) when we have a popular speaker. Charging a small fee is not a new idea. Some area guilds already doing this. We allow non-members to take our workshops for an additional amount, if the workshop is not filled by members. Other visitors may be former members who have moved away, but love to come to guild when they are in Wichita. With the existing bylaw, former members must pay for a full year's dues just to attend one meeting. I really hope you will give this careful consideration. If you are uncomfortable about asking someone to visit and pay, pay the \$5.00 fee for them. I hope you will consider these ideas before voting.

Karen Eckmeier was very interesting. For the artists among us (and aren't we all artists?!), her technique is so liberating! The pictures and comments from the workshop looked like everyone had a great time! These workshops are such a bonus to our members. Even if there is a supply kit to be purchased, it's a great deal, especially with the one-on-ones with the speaker/teacher.

I'm thrilled to hear that our Kid's Camps are almost full! I was surprised when I visited with our group at Cowtown last fall to see how many children's parents don't know how to use a needle and thread! The kids were thrilled to sew 2 5x5 squares together. We did speak with one 1st grade class, and had contact with a girl scout troop to share our knowledge. Our grant program is open to any age group organizations (schools, girls and boys scouting and clubs, 4H, etc.) but sadly, few groups

Cares & Concerns

Karen Cox - husband Robert passed away

Rebecca Patillo - great nephew has stage three brain cancer - very aggressive rare tumor. He is 21 years old.

Linda Davis-Haskins - husband hospitalized with heart issues, now home and much better.

Eleanor Malone - has been in hospital

Please remember to enter Cares & Concerns in the notebook on the Hospitality table or call Rose Marie Mintz at 316-841-4469.

Policy Committee Report

The committee met and has proposed the following change:

Article 111, Section 2

Current reading: A person may attend two (2) regular meetings of the Guild as a guest before being required to join if further attendance is desired.

Proposed change: Any non-member will be required to pay \$5.00 to attend a regular meeting.

This by-law change is being proposed following suggestions from members and the current Board.

It will be voted on at the July 11th meeting.

Merilyn Austin, Policy Committee Chair

Visit our website at

<http://pqgks.com>

take advantage of it. We need to do everything we can to teach children about sewing and quilting! Please look for ways you can share your knowledge!

Stay cool and see you next month!

Donna

Upcoming Workshops

August 8, 2017

Erica Plank



I am so passionate about what I do. Designing, creating, and providing fun quilt patterns for others' enjoyment is what Unseen Hands is all

about! I am constantly working on new patterns that are unique and fun to make. Workshop will require purchase of template for \$15.

September 13, 2017

Edyta Sitar

"Stars in Quilts" Workshop -
Guild Favorite!

This is a splendid workshop to honor one of the most common loved quilt designs - a star. I will help you to create beautiful star blocks and inspire you by sharing my thoughts, knowledge, and star quilts. The "Star in Quilts" workshop features 15 different star patterns. Through these patterns we will look at star blocks, layouts, sashing and different techniques to set stars in quilts. Workshop requires purchase of \$40 kit.



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.

July 12, 2017

Machine Quilting Basics



Kelly Ashton will guide you through straight-line and free-motion quilting techniques using your "home" sewing machine.

In addition to the workshop fee, Kelly requires the purchase of a \$35 kit.

The "kit" has a quilt sandwich approximately 36x45: pre-printed top with lots of practice designs, batting, and backing. The thread, Presencia, is a large spool of high quality, long-staple Egyptian cotton thread, 40 wt. Kelly loves Presencia thread because it is one of the few 3-ply threads still available, and it is a very low lint thread. The spool of thread, alone, retails for about \$7.50 most places. Plus, there is a class outline and a multi-page packet of designs. So, 2+ yards of fabric and batting (made into a quilt sandwich), thread, and the handouts - packet of information for \$35 is a pretty good deal. Kelly has been teaching this class for years and has used this particular panel for the past several years. Her class is always popular and well-regarded, and the students really like the quilt sandwich.

Location - Scottish Rite - downstairs

332 E First, Wichita

\$40 for Prairie Quilt Guild members

Call or Email Lora Lagree to sign up.
(316)644-0438 or lagree_lc@yahoo.com

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.

Library Lines

It's July, so you know what that means – it's time to start sewing for the holidays! Whether you plan to make quilts for all your kids or grandkids, a tree skirt, a table topper, or just a few decorations, the library has books with ideas and patterns for all your projects. We even have a whole shelf dedicated just to holiday patterns and books!

Winter Wonders contains designs created by Japanese quiltmakers with an eye towards western traditions. The techniques used in the projects range from simple piecing to more complex paper-piecing and even Y-seaming. The designs include several types of decorations, pillows, a wreath, a rug as well as quilts.

For those who are looking for something easy, perhaps even a project that could be done with a child, *Two-Hour Quilted Christmas Projects* by Cheri Saffote contains fun folk-art inspired projects perfect for



decorating or gift-giving. Or, if you, like me, are looking for ways to use your scraps, you might try *Fabric Lovers' Christmas Scrapcrafts*. The book description promises that not only is every project quick and easy to make, but is also made from leftover material.

From an author who teaches workshops on quilting, dyeing, and even making fabric boxes and bowls, *Fast, Fun & Easy Christmas Decorations* by Linda Johansen includes a variety of projects. Her 3-D ornaments can be made to fit any décor depending on the choice of fabric and embellishments. The author includes chapters on making wreathes, boxes, and an advent calendar. It even includes some projects that don't require a sewing machine.

It may seem early, but don't risk that feverish race to finish your holiday sewing. Start now, and maybe you can just relax and enjoy the season!

Tami Carlson

PQG Library Chair

Birthday Block Winners

Happy Birthday, Prairie Quilt Guild! and thank you to all who participated in our Birthday Block event this year. Thank you also to my friend Paula Whisenant who filled in for me at the afternoon meetings.

We had 681 scrappy bring blocks submitted this year. I think that is a record number of blocks!

We put together 12 sets of blocks ranging in number from 101 blocks to 20 blocks. We had two members who received 2 sets of blocks because their names were drawn twice.

Winners for 2017 are: Virginia Gering (101 blocks), Betty Enright (80 & 60), Pat Bozeman (80 & 40), Lynda Houle (70), Beverly McCalla (60), Delma Carter (50), Carol Sutcliffe (50), Invez Vohs (40), Chris Hawkins (30), Marilyn Sharp (20).

Congratulations to the winners. I'm looking forward to seeing all the scrappy string quilts that you will be making. And thank you to all who participated.

Linda Highbarger, Birthday Block 2017

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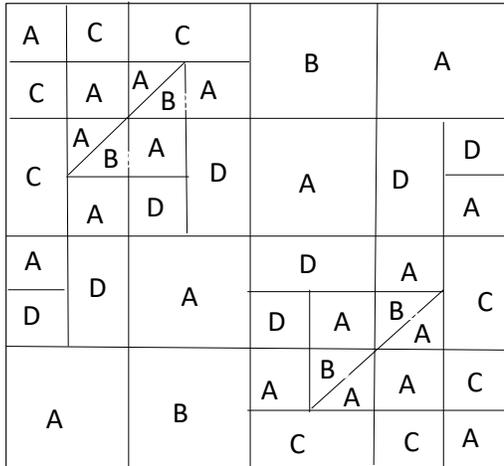
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Block size 16 1/2" unfinished square.

Final quilt without sashing will be 48" x 64".

Hide and Seek

The Games we used to Play



Cutting Instructions

- A- (12) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2
- (2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8
- (4) 4 1/2 x 4 1/2
- B- (2) 2 7/8 x 2 7/8
- (2) 4 1/2 x 4 1/2
- C- (4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2
- (4) 2 1/2 x 4 1/2
- D- (4) 2 1/2 x 2 1/2
- (4) 2 1/2 x 4 1/2

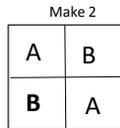
Fabric

- Dark – A
- Med #1 – B
- Med #2 – C
- Light – D

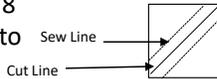
Unit measures 16 1/2 x 16 1/2
(unfinished) makes 48 x 64 quilt
Without sashing or borders

Assembly Instructions

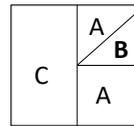
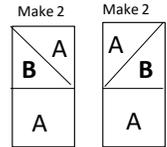
1) Join (4) A 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 with (4) C 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 to make (2) 4 patches



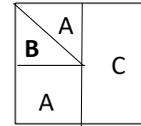
2) Join (2) A 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 with (2) B 2 7/8 x 2 7/8 to make (4) HST



3) Join (2) HST to (2) A 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 make 2.
Then Join (2) more HST to (2) A 2 1/2 x 2 1/2.
Now sew (4) C 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 to make



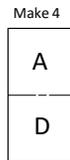
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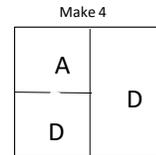
Make 2

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4) Join (4) A 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 with (4) D 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 to make



Then sew (4) D 2 1/2 x 4 1/2 to make



Make 4

5) With remaining (4) A 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 blocks and (2) B 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 construct as shown in diagram at top of page.

Designed by Rebecca Patillo 2017
Any questions 316-773-2468



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Prairie Quilt Guild

Summer Retreat

Price Change for August Retreat

After reviewing the income from the previous retreats and the expenses incurred, It has been decided to change the costs for the August Retreat for those staying overnight only. If you have already paid for the total retreat cost, you will be refunded at retreat according to the changes. Please see the Retreat Info & Registration Form - found in the Links on PQG Website - for the changes.

Mary Graham
Retreat Co-Chair



Quilt Room Tour

Mark your calendars -- this year's Quilt Room Tour will be Saturday, September 23. We will be selling tickets at the August and September PQG afternoon and evening meetings. More information on the "Tour" to come.

Donna Loehr

PQG Kid's Quilt Camp 2017

4, 9 & 16-Patch Quilts

June 26-30 and July 10-14 - Plymouth
Congregational Church

Things are really ramping up for this year's quilt camps. We've been working on plans, the pattern book and making quilt samples. I hope you and a young friend can attend one of the camps this year.

Information and enrollment forms will be available at the Guild meetings and we'll have quilt samples to show too.

Contact Janelle Miller at (316) 393-7387 or Linda Timmons at (316) 832-1369 for more information.



Enrollment form at the meeting.
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Charity Quilts

The summer is not only heating up. It is full out hot! As I write this we have a heat warning out for tomorrow at 105 degree index. Such a hard thing to think about making a warm quilt, even for someone we love - much less someone we don't even know. But, as sure as the sun comes up every day, we know the seasons will change. We will need that quilt to keep us warm and give us comfort to cuddle up with.

Winnie the Pooh said, "The smallest things take up the most room in your heart." So a little work on those quilts for our charity donations is a little thing in the course of a person's life. But I like to think the quilt we give to a lost heart anchors them with knowing someone cares for them. And that quilt that is wrapped around them is the evidence that someone cares.

I have so many quilts to get out my door this month with the smaller quilts coming back to me from the fire donations. I have around 70 quilts to find new homes for. I have plans to send 18 out to a new location at the YMCA on the south side. They have a daycare need.

The little ones there have been taking their naps on towels on the floor. So maybe a quilt to nap on will be a good thing to have, Yes.???? So onward we go with many smiles to give and receive.

I was able to give quite a load of fabric to the Boomerang Bag ladies. My closets were getting out of control. So I passed along some larger pieces to them. I don't like to hang on to fabric if someone can use it for the greater good. Those plastic bags in the trees, blowing across roads, and hanging out on fences are not pleasant to look at. Kansas winds take them up and away, but we don't have to help this process out.

So I send you my thanks for all the great quilts that came in the month of June. Looking forward to those you are working on at this time. Have a great summer and great 4th of July. See you at guild,

Amy Fowlkes
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2017 Program and Workshop Schedule

August 2017: Erica Plank, Unseen Hands
www.unseenhands.net
September 2017: Edyta Sitar, Laundry Basket Quilts
www.laundrybasketquilts.com
October 2017: Lola Jenkins from Omaha, Nebraska.
www.lolasdesignerquilts.net Workshop: October 12,
2017
November 2017: Shin-hee Chin www.shinheechin.com
December 2017 – Kansas Quilts of Valor – Lisa Conner

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Guild a wonderful place
through your service!*

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Vera Zahner will serve as Vice-President

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Evening: Linda Beachy-Hughes, Rose Marie Mintz

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Evening: Sara Farley, Bethel Wentz
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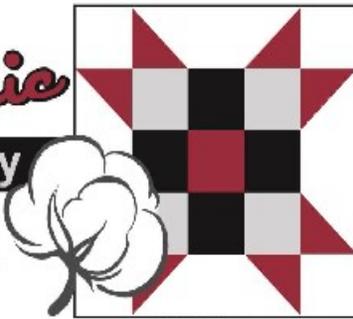
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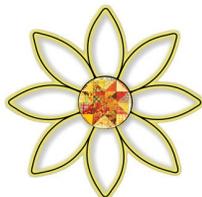
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The Prairie Quilt Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Scottish Rite Venue 332, 332 E First Street, Wichita.

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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