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Visitor Fee

We have a \$5 fee for visitors to attend meetings. The fee does not apply to children.

March 2019 Program

Robbi Joy Eklow



Our speaker this month is Robbi Joy Eklow, the Goddess of the Last Minute, of Omaha, Nebraska. She enjoys working with fiber and uses it to introduce herself to people.

Robbi has an Engineering degree from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. In college she married her husband Brian and they have two children. Robbi lectures and teaches internationally, and has shown quilts and won ribbons in major quilt shows across the United States.

Her bi-monthly column, "Goddess of the Last Minute", was published in Quilting Arts Magazine from 2002-2015. She has designed quilts and written articles for many quilting publications and written two books about quilting.

Robbi's quilts are mostly in the Art Deco style. She makes art quilts from cotton fabrics which she dyes herself, uses bonded applique and free motion quilts extensively on the surface.

She enjoys lecturing and teaching in order to share the techniques she's using and to encourage others to find their voice through fiber.

Robbie's presentation, Free Expression Quilts, will explore her latest quilts and those from her book "Free Expression: The Art and Confessions of a Contemporary Quilter". It will include real quilts as well as a power point presentation.

There's still time to sign up for Robbi's workshop, Fusapalooza Mini. Choose a pattern from many and make a mini top to take home!

PQG Challenge - Take Flight

We are nearing the deadline for our 2019 "Take Flight" challenge. All entries must be turned in by the March 12th meeting. Please have your entry labeled and with a hanging sleeve, placed in a paper bag with your entry form. The committee had had a great time; we hope you have, too. Voting will take place at the April meeting. Any questions, please contact:

Nancy Staton, (620) 584-6216 or statonjn@sktc.net

President's Notes

By Sara Farley

Color

As I write this column, it is frigid! We had sleet last night and have seen flurries of snow off and on today. By the time you read this, I hope it will be warmer! Cold though it is, I'm thinking about spring—particularly baseball and flowers! My color preferences for both are long-standing and remarkably similar, with one exception. See if you can guess my teams from my flowers!

My front walk is lined with daffodils. I love them for their cheery yellow and for the fact that I don't have to plant them every year! In my front and back beds I have a great variety of irises—and especially like the deep purples for they were my mom's favorites. I like to plant geraniums and red petunias and may intersperse them this year with blue asters and wingstems (which are yellow). Near my back door are black-eyed Susans and blue Japanese iris.

When I make quilts, I love to work with a much wider variety of colors, perhaps because most of the quilts I make are intended for other people. But I like to work in different palettes, too, since I find it both challenges and stimulates my creativity. My current projects include the following combinations: purple and lime green; butterscotch, wine, and navy; black, white, green, and blue; red and green; and electric blue, orange, and lime green. These don't include my challenge project—that's still a secret!!

So, did you guess my teams? I love my Sox, the Red Sox, and the Royals! Bring on spring!



Cares & Concerns

Peggy Dawson had back surgery
Rayma Korber is in the hospital with brain tumor
Diana Nichol's mother died

Please note so that you don't get locked out in the cold!! The doors to the Scottish Rite will be open from noon to 1:30 pm and then locked until 5:30 pm.

PQG Spring Retreat

MAR 25-30, 2019

We are looking forward to the Spring Retreat that will begin at 8am on Monday, March 25. We will have a Buy - Sell - Trade table set up for your quilt related items only. We will have two fabric vendors. Be ready to bring your sewing projects and some new fun ideas to share with everyone. We will have a few games and door prizes during the week and a few projects to share with you. IF you have not yet registered, please call Mary Graham 316-303-6414. All balances due for Spring Retreat must be paid by the March 12 meeting.



Note From the Librarian

Just to let you know that we have 2 books in the library from our July speaker Peggy Martin. They are both on paper piecing 1. Paper Piece the Quick-Strip Way 12 Complete Projects Create Your Own Designs Paper Piecing Faster 2. Quick Strip Paper Piecing. (2 copies)

And for March we have one of our speaker Robbi Eklow's book: Free Expressions.

Sue Gilliam, Librarian



Workshop Information

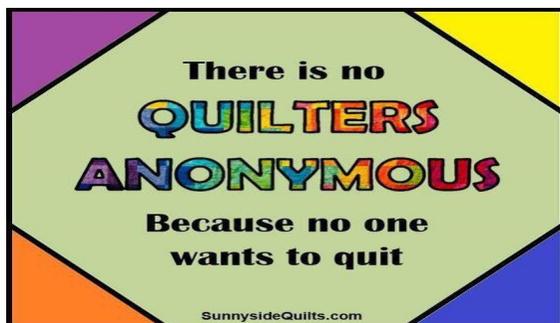
Please read the Guild Workshop Policy first before registering for one of our speakers' workshops.

Please check the Upcoming Workshop for details for cost, available kit cost, and materials needed for each workshop. Workshop fees are non-refundable. Sign up for workshops is available during Guild meetings at the Workshop table. A supply list is available at the time of sign-up.



Workshop Policy

Workshop sign-ups are open to all Guild members three (3) guild meetings before the workshop at a cost of \$40 for one-day workshop (\$80 for two-days). If space remains available one month prior to the workshop, non-members may register at the non-member cost of \$50 for one-day (\$100 for two-days). Workshop reservations are held only with full payment of the registration fee. When reservations are phoned into the Workshop Chair, the person will be placed on a waiting list until payment is received. Refunds will be given only if a workshop is cancelled by PQG. If there is no waiting list, members and non-members are responsible for finding and securing funds from another person.



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Upcoming Workshops

March Workshop

March 13, 2019 9 am – 4 pm

Robbi Joy Eklow "The Goddess of the Last Minute"

Full day Workshop: Fusapalooza Mini (18"x24" wall quilts) These small fused quilts can be completed in this full day class. Choose one pattern from many and make a mini top to take home, Fusing is fun and you'll enjoy this sociable and relaxing class. Additional patterns may be purchased in class. No appliqué stitching!!! All skill levels welcomed. Email Carol for supply list.



Sign Ups will begin at the March guild meeting for;

Gyleen Fitzgerald, Colourful Stitches

Modern Free-Wheeling Circles

May 15th 9am-4pm

Workshop Location - Scottish Rite

332 E First, Wichita

Call or email Carol Provencher to sign up.

(316)655-3431 or workshops@pqgks.com



After the Founders: Quilters

By Sara Farley

In 1982 the musical *Quilters* by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek premiered in Denver. Based on the book *The Quilters: Women and Domestic Arts* by Patricia Cooper and Norma Bradley Allen, the musical was produced across the country including a run on Broadway and was nominated for six Tony awards. When Mary Jane Teall of the Wichita Community Theater decided to produce the musical here (October 2-6, 1985), she invited PQG to produce the props and backdrop.

The story is of Sarah, a pioneer woman who wants to create a legacy quilt. Through a series of short tales, Sarah and her six “daughters” present a patchwork of “girlhood, marriage, childbirth, spinsterhood, twisters, fire, illness, and death.” For each of these tales, a quilt pattern was part of the dialogue and used as a prop. In the final scene a quilt containing all of the patterns was revealed.

PQG embraced this huge undertaking with Eleanor Malone as the chair. While the script names the blocks, there aren't patterns, so guild members drafted patterns and produced blocks large enough that they could be seen. Each block had to be made twice—one for the prop and the second for the backdrop. The tour de force was a 17-foot quilt the guild designed for the finale. This quilt has at its center the Tree of Life framed with the other blocks referenced in the musical and hand-applied wheat borders. The guild assembled this quilt in sections and hand-quilted each section. The quilted sections were then joined into one large quilt and bound. The entire project was completed in seven weeks by eighty-seven guild members.

PQG received the Wichita Community Theater's Civic Service Award for 1985-86 for its contributions for the production.

Over the years, the guild has rented out the 17-foot quilt and props to various theaters and schools producing this show. The guild is now searching for a permanent home for the quilt.

Sources: Merylyn Austin, Eleanor Malone, 2012 Common Threads Show Booklet, Wikipedia



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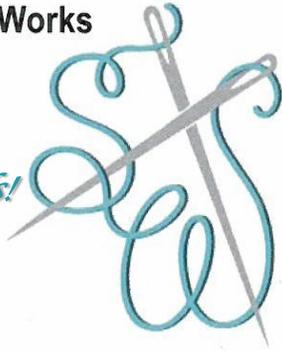
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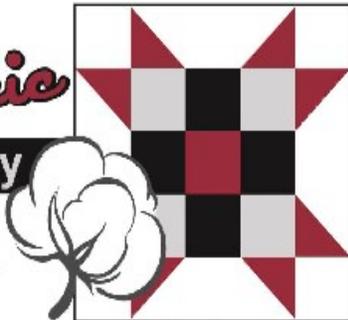
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Prairie Quilt Guild Birthday Block 2019

Four Patch Log Cabin

The log cabin birthday block for this year is an easy one to make, so make a bunch. Black-on-white prints, white-on-black prints, and BRIGHTS (hot pink, lime green, bright blue, etc.) will make stand out blocks.

Directions below. The more you make the better your chances in June of taking home enough blocks to make your own log cabin project.

For each 8 1/2" unfinished block you will need the following fabrics.

Center four patch – 4 2 1/2" squares of two brights – solids, tone-on-tone or small prints

Logs - 1 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle A = black-on-white print

1 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle B = black-on-white print

1 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle C = white-on-black print

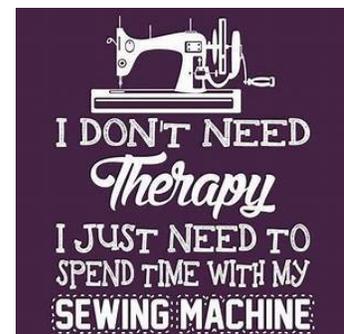
1 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" rectangle D = white-on-black print



1. Sew the four patches of two bright colors using 1/4" seams. Press seams to one side and butt together to finish the four patch. The last seam may be pressed to one side, opened, or twirled.
2. Sew rectangle A to any side of the four patch and press to the outside.
3. Add rectangles B, C, and D (going clockwise) to the next three side and press to the outside.

Blocks may be turned in at the March through May meetings. For every block you complete and turn in, your name will go into the drawing for a chance to win enough quilts to create your own Birthday Block Quilt. The more you make the more chances you have to win.

Have Questions? Call Rose Wiebe Haury 316-288-0079 haury@juno.com



2018-2019 Block of the Month - March 2019

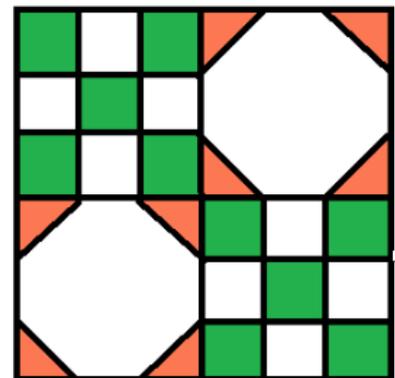
“To The Nines” / Block of the Month / Block 6

Error! Block 5 cutting chart requires a total of 4 squares to be cut for star points, 2 of each fabric. If desired, the inner triangle can be a third fabric, requiring 2 star point squares, one outside square and one inside fabric square. My apologies.

Daylight hours are lengthening, and gardeners are getting eager to put hands into the soil. But it isn't time yet for planting. So let's make a **Snowball** block as we hopefully bid them farewell in our weather! Also referred to as Job's Troubles, Flagstones, and Pullman Puzzle, it is a composite of snowball and nine patch units.

Tips & Techniques: Flip corners and bonus HST's. For stable corners, flip or snowball corners allow using straight of grain pieces to create angled additions to corners with precision. Mark the center diagonal of the small square. Place on top of the large piece, then stitch on the line. Finger press the fold to be certain the new piece will complete the original shape—if not, adjust the seam before final pressing. (The outside triangles can become a bonus HST, if large enough, by stitching a second seam allowance.) Cut away the back layers and press.

			Finished Block Sizes		
Unit	Fabric	#	6"	9"	12"
9 Patches	Dark	10	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"
	Light	8	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"
Snowballs	Dark	4	3 1/2" "	5"	6 1/2"
S. Corners	Light	8	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"



Note: Light and dark pieces may be reversed if desired.

Would it surprise you to know that this block is referenced in both “Romance”, and in Khim’s Encyclopedia with multiple names? I found that each of its other names also refer to additional blocks. So, I close this month with a quotation from “Romance...”, “And it is a fact to be deplored that, for commercial purposes, the old patterns are being offered for sale under new names thus destroying all the romance attached to the names familiar in Colonial and Pioneer days.” They would be astounded at the pattern opportunities of 2019.

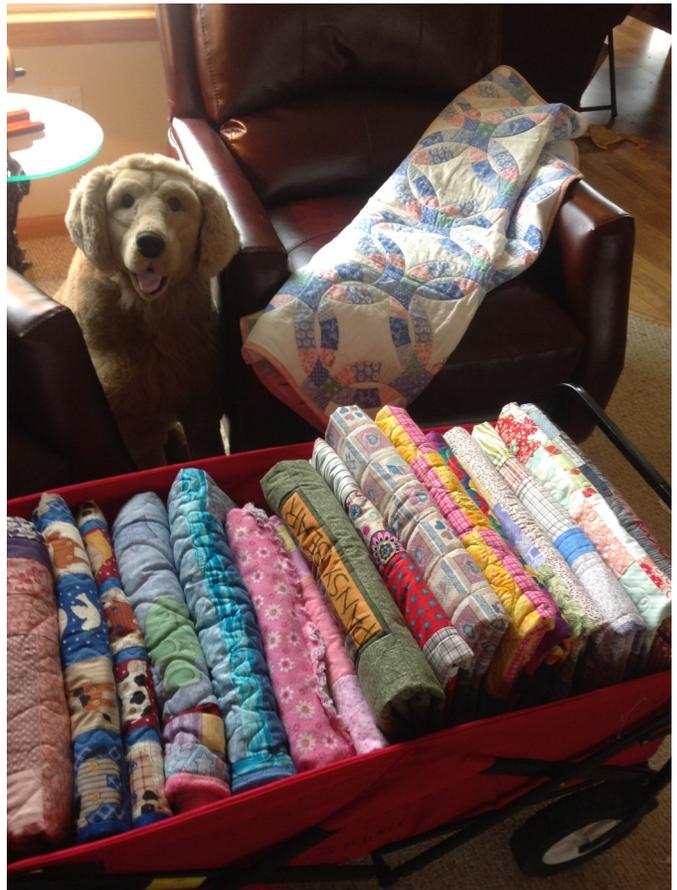
Stay warm and enjoy your stitching, but don't be surprised if we have enough white stuff for a good natured snowball fight!

Barb

Charity Corner

18 quilts this month, off to Victory in the Valley and Family Promise. You do such lovely work, and these quilts bring warmth and beauty to the recipients. Thank you sew much. We have lots of quilt tops, and I hope to get some backs together, sew you wonderful members can help finish them up. Vera

Vera Zahner 316-686-2315 or zahnerdv@cox.net



2019 PQG Programs & Workshops

April, 2019 Elizabeth Granberg-Jerome,
www.gypsydreamerquilts.com

Lecture: Adventures with 60 Degree Triangle Quilts

May, 2019 Gyleen X. Fitzgerald
www.colourfulstitches.com

Lecture: The Path to Modern

Workshop: Modern Free-Wheeling Circles

June, 2019 Rose Haury Lecture: Trunk Show

July, 2019 Peggy Martin

www.peggymartinquilts.com

Lecture: Beyond Tradition

Workshop: The New Feathered Star

August, 2019 Nancy Prince

www.nancyprince.com

Lecture: So What is Thread Painting All About?

Workshop: Enhancing a Photograph through Thread Sketching



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Campers must be independent sewers with knowledge of their machine and basic sewing/quilting skills. Graduates of PQG beginner quilt camps and PQG members who are "new to quilting" are eligible to enroll.

Enrollment will begin at the March PQG meetings. Each camper must purchase a \$10 booklet at time of enrollment.

Don't miss the fun and fellowship. Come by our table at the PQG meetings, get inspired, and sign up for a week that will build your confidence as you continue your quilting journey.

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Beginning Quilt Camp

July 8-12 or July 15-19, 2019

(9:00 am to 3:30 pm)

This camp teaches beginning sewing and quilting skills as campers make small projects on Days 1 & 2, and then a quilt top on days 3-5.

Campers must be age 8-16 and each camper must have a PQG sponsor to sit with them and guide them each day.

Enrollment will begin at the March PQG meetings. Each camper must purchase a \$10 booklet at the time of enrollment.

Talk to your kids, grandkids, neighbors, nephews & nieces, and plan a week of fun, new friends, and new skills that will last a lifetime!

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