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

Beth Helfter

Author, pattern designer, and national quilting instructor Beth Helfter has one rule about quilting - it's supposed to be fun. With that in mind, along with her company motto of "Inspired Designs, Relaxed Attitude," Beth brings visionary designs and techniques to her patterns and exuberance and encouragement to the classroom. Looking for staid or typical? You won't find it here.

As a mostly scrappy designer, Beth prefers to dig into her stash to create designs and patterns that appeal to her senses of color and value, using as many different fabrics as possible. Keeping to just a few color families in each quilt palette is one of her best tricks to keeping scrappy quilts from getting too out of hand but allowing them to sing with tone and movement. Her lecture "Give it a Scrap Slap" is a walk through the fun she had, and the befores and afters have to be seen to be believed. Beth has decided she will never solve the mystery of why even scrap quilters can never use up their fabrics, and no longer even tries.

Her penchant for scraps and her need to use as many fabrics as possible in her quilts led her in 2017 to develop the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ method of creating half square triangles that don't have a match and yet waste no fabric. Delving into the

method further, she discovered "ordering" the accordions could lead to the creation of whole blocks and quilts from a single accordion. Since founding EvaPaige Quilt Designs in 2005, she has published over 40 patterns and her work has been featured in various quilting magazines and on well known quilting websites.



PQG HAS MOVED! Come join us!

Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, 1600 West 27th St N, Wichita, KS 67204

President's Notes

By Kendra McBroom

As we settle more easily into our new home at Pleasant Valley UMC we also are starting our new year of dedicated volunteer workers within Prairie Quilt Guild. I am happy to serve as President during this term. You might see many familiar names that shifted jobs or perhaps a new face that had the voice to say YES when asked to help out in some capacity. I was thrilled as each name was written beside the committees that needed leaders as well as helpers. Every person's willingness to help is what has kept our guild so successful for 37 years. Thank you to Sara Farley and her board for a very successful year during which many tough decisions needed to be made.

This term will take us to a new decade that I have decided to use as my theme for the year. 2020 is a year that seemed so far away all of my growing up years. Now it is so close to us that we can see it in our near future. But what do we really see? Is it only what is visible to us, or is our vision still in the planning stage? Join me as we talk about our "20/20 Vision for the Future". My desire is that you can think about where you will fit in with the PQG vision.

I don't have any trouble coming up with a vision for my quilting projects. My friends joke and say that I have an Excel spreadsheet for everything. And they would be right! I like to see ideas on paper possibly so that I can cross them off when completed and feel a sense of accomplishment. Keeping track of my personal goals and visions is not exactly an obsession, but keeping it updated might be. For example, at any time, I can identify how many projects I have: Spreadsheet 1) all fabrics ready to start a project, 2) all UFO'S that are in progress, 3) how many quilt tops are in the tubs ready to be quilted. My vision for personal items is to get it to a manageable number. However, what keeps me updating my spreadsheets are the fantastic workshops, retreat projects, local quilt shop classes and of course starting impulse projects. I add them to my list with joy.

Let us think about how many times we need to look ahead at a project or life event. Our perception needs to be clear and well-planned. I am going to work on my goals and vision this year and share those ideas with you on this journey.



Cares & Concerns

Lynda Miller's mother, Rosemary McMullen (also a PQG member) is in hospice

Judy Oswald, stage four cancer

Susan Miller's husband in ICU following a car accident

Please remember to enter Cares & Concerns in the notebook on the Hospitality table or email membersatlarge@pqgks.com

New Books in the LIBRARY!



The library purchased 3 books from our September speaker. They are HOPES JOURNEY, HISTORY REPEATED, and TREASURY OF QUILTS. They will be available at the October meeting.

Remember the library has new hours. - we are now open from 12 noon to 1 pm and then for one half hour after the afternoon meeting. We will be open from 6pm to 715pm for the evening meeting. WE ARE NO LONGER OPEN FOR THE BREAKS.

Sue Gilliam Librarian

Workshop Information

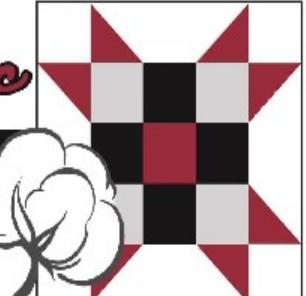
Please read the Guild Workshop Policy first before registering for one of our speakers' workshops.

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 September 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.

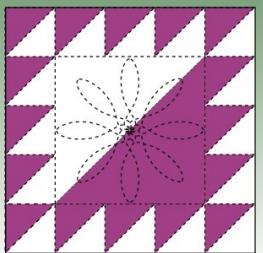
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Upcoming Workshops

BETH HELFTER **CARPENTER'S APPRENTICE**

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Beth created the Accordion Sewn HST's, two non-matching HST's, without any fabric waste! She discovered not only could she do this, but she could create ordered accordions that make laying out blocks and quilt designs almost effortless. She was hooked and you will be too! It's addicting, magical, and a little bit witchcrafty, or so she's been told. Don't be surprised if you finish this one in class!

For Workshop information and supply list email Nina Trusty at workshops@pqgks.com



Workshop Location

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Call or email Nina Trusty to sign up.

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20/20 Vision for the Future

Our Purpose Statement

by Kendra McBroom

Having 20/20 vision is more than having perfect eyesight. We as a guild want to be continually successful in our goals through good times and bad; therefore, we must know who we are and what our appeal to non-members is. It is important for us to have a vision/mission statement to know what the end result will look like.

Our guild has developed a relevant vision and mission statement which is the first step in the process of defining our organization. Every member has a chance to review the By-laws of Prairie Quilt Guild, Inc. as they are printed in our member directories. This might help answer some questions you have regarding:

- Why do we exist?
- What is our "business"?
- Who are our members?
- What do they value?
- What do we do to achieve the club's vision?

When we understand that we have a vision that includes all members, it gives us a better perspective on how your gifts of time, money and effort are helping to achieve it.

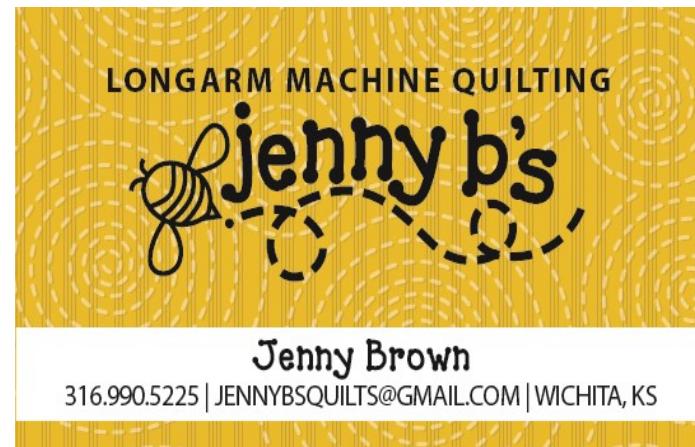
Look at Article II: Purpose The purpose of this guild shall be to stimulate an interest in quilts; to promote and advance the art of quilt making; to conduct educational programs and services in the design and techniques of quilt making and to foster research in the history of the art.

Our Purpose statement makes me look at the previous questions like this:

- Do we still have a vision for us to exist?
- How can we share our love of quilting vision with others?
- Do we have a vision for new members?
- What is the vision for new and current members?
- What can I do to achieve the club's vision?

I hope you will enjoy looking at the 20/20 vision for our

We have a request for 7 quilts to assist victims of an F1 tornado in Burke, South Dakota. This small town of 600 people had damage to their civic center, schools, school gym, lumber yard and 6 homes. The owner of the lumber yard is a quilter. We have a contact person in Burke, who would receive and distribute the quilts and one of our members, Julia Waterberry is willing to deliver them to her hometown. . Vera Zahner



2019 - 2020 PQG Officers

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Help Needed for Quilt Show Publicity

I am Publicity chair for the 2020 Common Threads Regional Quilt Show and need some help with tasks that can be done by one person or a small group. These tasks were announced at the September guild meeting. Some already have volunteers. Please see my notes in the list below.

COMMUNITY CALENDARS – Post Common Threads information (that I provide) on as many calendars as you can identify around town and maybe in Hutchinson. Update with new information as it becomes available. Begin identifying calendars now (i.e., Convention and Visitor Bureau, radio and TV stations, newspaper, etc.). Start posting by early January. Keep updating until the show. Requires some basic computer skills.

POSTERS AND BOOKMARKS – Manage distribution to quilt shops and guilds in Kansas and northern Oklahoma. THIS JOB IS FILLED.

MEDIA SPONSORS – Work with KMUW and Radio Kansas (in Hutchinson) as potential media sponsors. We have someone who can advise on how to do this.

JUNE 2020 FIRST FRIDAY ART CRAWL – Develop a mini-quilt show for the June art crawl. Includes finding a place to display (a business, art museum, art gallery, etc.), find 5-6 quilts that represent the artistic side of quilting (for example, quilts that might attract the interest of fiber artists), organize staff to set up, stay with the quilts during the crawl, and take down quilts, etc. WE HAVE A FEW PEOPLE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS; IF YOU WANT TO HELP, LET ME KNOW.

BILLBOARDS – Check out the feasibility of using billboards for May and June 2020 advertising. We've never done this but need to evaluate prices, possible placement, how many drivers might see it, etc.

I will be designing ads, posters, and bookmarks, writing articles and news releases, and coordinating with publications such as Quilt Shop Navigator, Country Registers, Kansas! Magazine, the Wichita Eagle, Hutchinson News, etc. If you have an interest in helping me design and/or write, or in observing my process with a possibility of doing Publicity for the 2022 show, let me know.

Call or email me at 316-682-7265 or cklusman@cox.net. Once I have some volunteers, I'll call a meeting and we can get started! - Cathy Bruner

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Prairie Quilt Guild

2019-2020 Block of the Month - October 2019

Kansas Theme for each Center Block

The theme this year is Kansas. Each center block will have a design reminding us of Kansas. The border for each block will be the Churn Dash block (see brown block below). The first center block will be the Windmill design (see blue/yellow design below). The first step will be determining what colors you would like to use for the blocks, choosing a color design for the center block (that design changes each month) and the Churn Dash block that will border each of the future blocks as well. I will try to stay consistent with using 2-3 colors for the center block, in addition to a white or beige for the light colored pieces.

Windmill design

Cut two $4 \frac{1}{4}$ inch squares for the blue design below. Cut each in half to make 4 triangles.

Cut one $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inch square for the yellow design below. Cut in half for two triangles, then cut in half again to make 4 smaller triangles.

Cut one $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inch square for the white design below. Cut in half for two triangles, then cut in half again to make 4 smaller triangles.

Sew one yellow and one white triangle together (these are the shorter side of the triangle. Repeat for the other 3 yellow/white sets.

Sew the long edge of the yellow/white triangle to the long edge of the blue triangle. Repeat this with the other 3 sets. Trim these back to be exactly $3 \frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Follow the design below by sewing two upper blocks together and the two lower blocks together, making sure the yellow triangles are spinning appropriately.

Sew the two rows together, making sure the yellow triangles are spinning appropriately. Trim this square to a $6 \frac{1}{2}$ inch square.

Churndash Design

Cut four strips $2 \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ for the orange pieces below.

Cut four strips $2 \times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ for the white pieces below.

Cut two $3 \frac{7}{8}$ white squares and two $3 \frac{7}{8}$ brown squares.

Place a white square on a brown square and draw a line from one corner to the opposite corner, diagonally. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on each side of this line. Cut down the line in the center to form a block, one side white triangle shape and the other brown triangle shape. Do this step twice to form four sets of white/brown squares.

Sew an orange and white strip together, long length. Do this for each orange/white combinations.

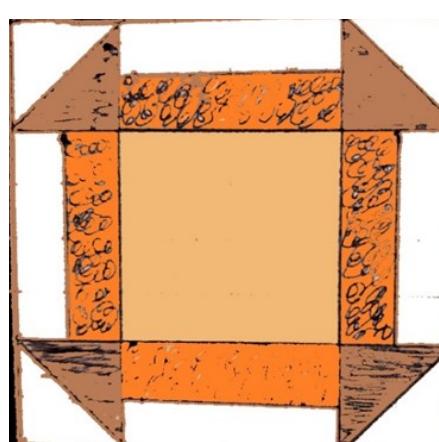
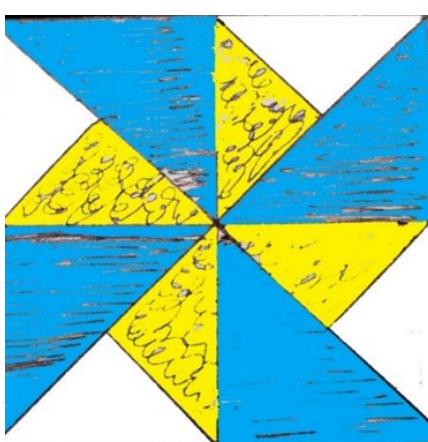
Sew one combo strip (white/orange) to the left side of your windmill design and another combo strip to the right side of the windmill design, making sure the orange (or your dark color) is right next to the windmill piece.

Sew brown/white square to the right side of a orange/white combo strip, making sure the dark triangle is next to the strip and sew another brown/white square to the left side of the combo strip, making sure the dark triangle is next to the combo strip. Repeat this with the last combo strip and two triangles left.

Add these $12 \frac{1}{2}$ inch strips to the upper side of the windmill design and another to the lower side of your windmill design.

These blocks should be $12 \frac{1}{2}$ inch blocks when completed.

GOOD LUCK! Betty McKenzie 722-9201



2019 /2020 PQG Programs

- October:** Beth Helfter, *EvaPaige Quilt Designs*
Lectures: **Afternoon** - Give it a Scrap Slap
Evening - Perfection is Overrated
Workshop: Carpenters Apprentice
- November:** Nancy Swanwick
Lectures: Still Quilting After All These Years
- December:** Deborah Divine
Lectures: 20th Century quilter Rose Kretsinger
- January:** TBA
- February:** Mickey Depre, *Mdqquilts.com*
Lectures: **Afternoon** - Me, Myself & I
Evening - Colorriffic Quilts
Workshop: Half Scrap Quilts/Summer Carnival
- March:** Kim Lapacek, *Persimmon Dreams*
Lectures: Wildly Careening
Workshop: TBD
- April:** Lori Triplett
Lectures: TBD

Charity Corner

Thank you for your continued generosity. Your donations of "Fight Quilts" were a big success last month. People cannot keep their hands off your quilts, so to speak.

We could use a couple of volunteers to help create kits for future charity quilts. It would take less than two hours and lunch will be provided. Call John.

There are many people in Wichita who will be helped by your participation in PQG Charity Quilts. If you can piece, if you can quilt, or you can bind we sure can use your hands. Kits would be provided.

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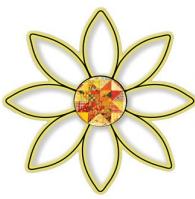
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About Our Guild

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unless otherwise announced. Annual dues are \$25.00 for the period October through September; after June 1 a first-time member will pay \$12.50.

For further information, please contact

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