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## November 2020 Program



### Let's Give Them Something to Talk About

Guest Speaker Mayleen Vinson

By Pam Sackschewsky

Mayleen has been an active member of Prairie Quilt Guild, serving as the 2014-15 president as well as several other positions on the board. She has also held the positions of Quilt Show Book Chair and Judging Chair on the quilt show committee.

When she was ten years old, Mayleen learned to sew in 4-H and went on to create some memorable Home Ec sewing projects in high school. About this time, she made her first "quilt", a red, green, and yellow calico puff quilt, which was probably donated to a thrift shop not too long after she made it. Secretly she wishes she still had it! She spent the next 25 years sewing clothing for herself, her children, and for her craft business before deciding to make simple flannel quilts for both of her adult children. The rest is history: a quilting addiction was born!

Mostly self-taught, Mayleen admits she struggles through practically every step of quilt making and is amazed she can mostly operate a computerized sewing machine. Ask her to choose which is her favorite technique, applique or piecing, and her answer will be whichever one she's not currently doing. Seriously, Mayleen's favorite part of quilting is creating something beautiful and colorful. Some of her quilts have been juried into special exhibits or won awards at quilt shows, but her favorites are her quilts which are associated with stories or memories!

Mayleen's presentation, "Let's Give Them Something to Talk About!", on November 10 will include ALL of the orphan block quilts made with orphan blocks guild members gave her, all of her selvage quilts, the animal quilts, plus quilts most of us haven't even seen yet!



No meetings at PVUMC in November

*BUT*

Join us LIVE on Facebook!

November 10th at 1:00 pm



## President's Notes

by Kendra McBroom



November church location meeting cancelled

Hello friends. Thank you to Sara Farley for her very interesting program in October showing her own personal quilts that she created – Her Way. I looked on Facebook to see that her video was watched over 1800 Times! That speaks very highly of her sought after teaching and sewing skills. Those that were at the videoing in person got to see these beauties up close and personal.

This time of year always gets me thinking about seasonal smells and tastes. As I write this, the trees are turning beautiful colors and we can enjoy them for a bit if the harsh winds don't blow them all off too soon. I am reminded that the seasons are a lot like our quilting adventures. In Kansas we are blessed to be able to enjoy all of the seasons even if some are not our favorite. Many times I get excited about a new season and then before it is finished I am so ready for it to be over. I think you can see where I am going with this comparison. I have started many sewing projects all gung-ho and before I am too far along, I don't like the pattern, or my color choices or I just get distracted. I have to remind myself that everything changes with time and it is ok to put something aside and get refocused on something else. Perhaps when I have that change in mood or interests, I can set it aside and focus on something else to work on. I think our moods are like a season, going smoothly without a hitch. Other moods are twisted with

## Cares & Concerns

- Judy Terhune will remain in KC until the end of November for continued tests and treatments
- Elaine Baker's husband of 61 years passed away.
- David Dewey's heart surgery was successful and he feels great.
- Cheryl Jacklovich sustained a concussion and is slowly improving.
- Siriporn Hollar broke a bone in her foot and will wear a boot for 6-8 weeks (no surgery required)
- Member Liz Whitehurst suddenly and unexpectedly passed away Oct 20th.
- Sharlene Hayes was in Wesley hospital with a broken hip and Covid.
- Tess Turner had a double mastectomy for bilateral breast cancer in June.
- Lora Lagree's mother passed away

A card or a call to our friends is greatly appreciated.

You may email  
[membersatlarge@pqgks.com](mailto:membersatlarge@pqgks.com) with your cares and

the winds and can change often. This year has been the twisted kind! I am looking forward to a season that doesn't have so many twists and turns with my sewing changes.

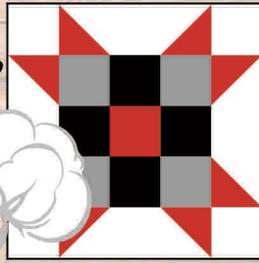
I spoke to a very dear member that was concerned about not being able to see our online videos since we stopped meeting in March. She and many of her friends feel abandoned and lonely. They are missing us badly. I am going to her house to help her with her phone so that she can watch the past monthly videos. My challenge to you is to call an older member and ask if you can help them set something up. Or maybe sit with them for an hour a week so that they can watch with you on your phone, or iPad. They will feel better and I guarantee you will too. A little kindness goes a long way.

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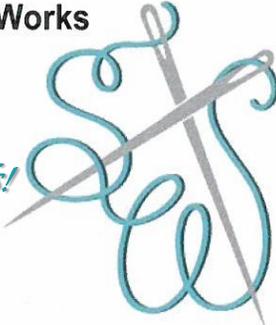
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Contact Kendra McBroom at 316-650-1375

Leave a message and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank You

Sharon Allman



Tour The Town  
with Kendra

We are fortunate to have many local areas that are of interest to us as quilters. I would like to invite you to check our Facebook page as I take my camera to visit places, people and shops during this 2020-2021 year. We will have fun while learning new things as we travel together. You just might see a fabric shop, someone's sewing space or have an impromptu show and share. Invite your quilting members to join us!



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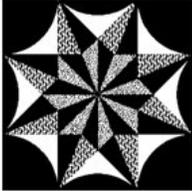
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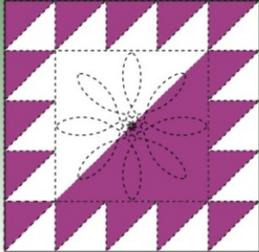
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# In the Spotlight

## Meet the Member – Marilyn Sharp

By Kendra McBroom

**Each month Kendra highlights one of the members of Prairie Quilt Guild. This month's interview is with Marilyn Sharp.**

**If money wasn't an issue, what would you do with your time?** Marilyn would like to travel. She has done some travel to many places and would like to do even more. She would like to help Samaritan's Purse with time and money. If staying at home, she would use her time to go through what she has and do more quilting.



**What was your favorite thing to do as a kid?** Her rapid answer was, READ and go to school! She lived on a farm with 2 brothers and quite a ways from town. They went to town once a week so that left lots of time for reading. There were no girlfriends her age until later in school so she had her whole summers to read. Her favorite books are history and historical novels. She is currently reading an autobiography about the Apostle Paul. Marilyn avoids Science Fiction and romance novels.

**If you could invent something, what would you invent?** Something to make people get along with each other! Her ancestors did farming and did invent several things to make that easier. Her Great-Great Grandfather invented an item but someone took the idea and got it patented before he did.

**Would you rather use solids or prints for the rest of your life?** Prints. They are of more interest and you can change the theme of the print with different projects. They read different depending what you put next to them.

**When you are having a bad day, what do you do to make yourself feel better?** First she prays, sometimes eats and of course sews. During Covid, Marilyn was involved with the online Block of the Week project from the quilt shop in Hennessey, Oklahoma. They were sending out 2 blocks a week to keep everyone busy.

Marilyn started sewing by making her own PJ's before the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Her mother was very busy and didn't have the patience nor time to teach with the farm to work. Some of Marilyn's early projects included embroidery and crochet. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and her first teaching job was on the Winnebago Indian Reservation. She was instrumental in her teaching career with Special Vocation to develop a curriculum for the students and prepare them for possible job placements. Teaching included Home Economics for 20 years with West High School in Wichita, Adults at the Dunbar Learning Center, and Child Care at Cowley County.

Marilyn has a son living in the Seattle area. Since she lives by herself, she is free to spread all her quilting and sewing items wherever she wants in her home. Marilyn has a great smile and a generous laugh. I hope you will find the opportunity to meet her and develop a new friend.

## ***On the Road with PQG***

***By Kaye Barth***



On Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 am, 29 ladies started a planned PQG Village Travel Bus one day adventure to Oklahoma.

Our first stop was Prairie Quilt Shop, Hennessey, OK. Everyone had their COVID-19 temperature checked at the door and with masks on we moved into the shop in search of that perfect item that we might need for a future project(s). In anticipation of our arrival shop owner, Randa Parrish, planned several demonstrations on new products, back light, sewing machines and kits. All bus shoppers received a 15% discount and a thank you bag filled with a fabric piece, candy, lip balm and information on future retreats. Prairie Quilt Shop served our group lunch in their new Creativity & Retreat Center building located across the alley from their main store.

After lunch everyone returned to the bus and we headed NE to Ponca City and the marvelous MARLAND MANSION. I say marvelous because it truly is marvelous. This piece of Oklahoma's history is well worth planning a day trip (80 minutes from Wichita). I highly recommend the guided tour to learn about the mansion's secrets.

During our travels we enjoyed an early morning nap, rest stop and then QUILT BINGO.....yes bingo. During the day we played 5 games. Q U I L T Bingo winners included: Q- Mary Simpson, U- Kathy Medina, I- Tammy Ashlock, L- Margaret Mans and the T- Martha Van Nordstrand. Our bus driver, Ed, help by picking numbers for other prize winners.

I personally want to thank everyone that went on the trip and helped make it a very special day. I hope others will consider joining us on our next adventure coming in 2021.

The day after our trip I received this sweet note from Carol Fox.

*"Kaye, just wanted to say thanks for all you did for us to make yesterday a terrific day!*

*I didn't stop talking for hours telling my husband all about the mansion."*

### ***Sara's String of Friends***

I think I'm done (I hope I'm done) making masks and I'm far enough along with my two current projects that I have some space on my design wall for my String of Friends! The directions for the block were published in the December 2019 newsletter with my original request. This is my *friendship quilt to remember my year as president*. *If you have a block for me, or would like to make one, there's still time!* Remember, the colors are neutral (white or off-white), yellow/gold/orange, and indigo (dark blue— think night sky). You may choose solids or prints. If choosing prints, please choose those that will read as the colors named. You may mail your block to me (see the directory for my address) OR maybe will be able to meet in person in December! Many thanks for sharing in my memories as president of PQG! Best regards!  
Sara Farley, Past Past President

## 2020-2021 Block of the Month - November 2020

### PQG Block of the Month

2020-2021

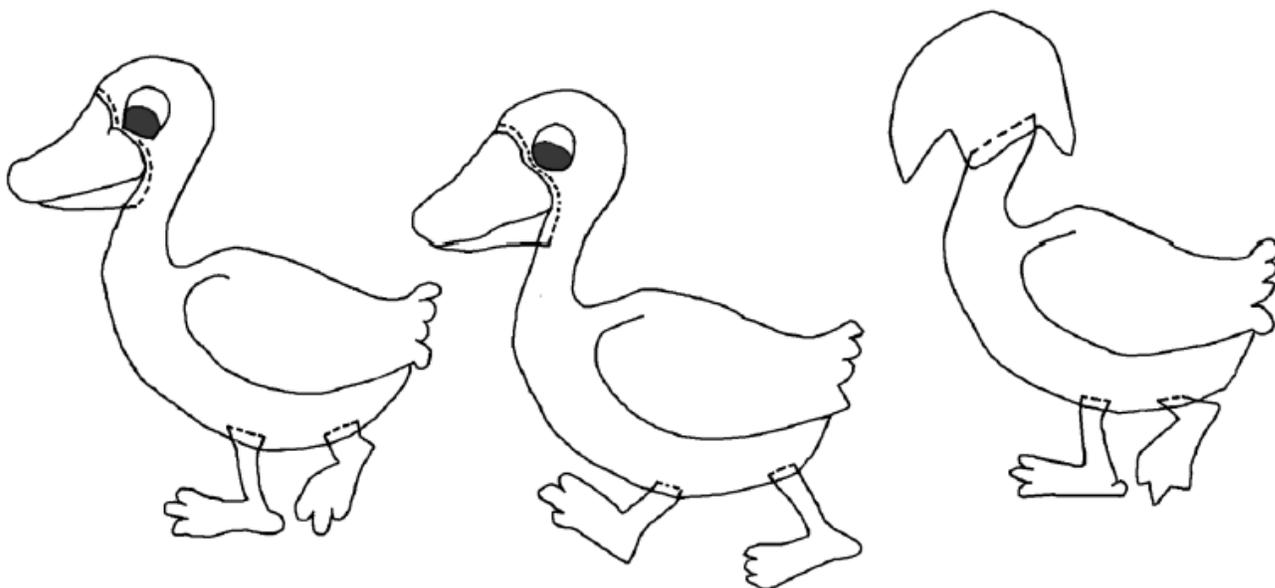
1. Block # 2 Frame fabric -
  - 2 rectangles 12.5" x 2.5"
  - 2 rectangle 4.5" x 2.5"
2. Small Squares – for each
  - 2 rectangles – 1.5" x 2.5"
  - 2 rectangles – 1.5" x 4.5"
  - 1 square – 2.5" x 2.5"
1. Background fabric – 8.5" x 4.5" rectangle

Applique Fabrics – your choice – Shown with orange feet & bill, black pupil and white eye.

Note: applique may be done before sewing borders, if desired. With right sides together (RST), place short strip along one side of center rectangle. Stitch with  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Press seam to border rectangle. Repeat on opposite side. Place long strip RST on side of previous unit. Stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam & press to border rectangle Repeat on remaining side of square. Block should be 12.5" x 8.5" Use same process to make 3 small squares from 2.5" x 1.5" and 4.5" x 1.5" border rectangles and 2.5" x 2.5" center square. Sew the 3 small (4.5") squares together side to side. Sew this unit (4.5 x 12.5") to top of larger block. Block #2 should be 12.5" square. Applique pattern is below.

Goose Wacked Applique Pattern

1"  
square



## *Sharing the Holidays*

Holidays... a general term that describes the many types of celebrations during this time of year that are shared with family and friends. These traditions may differ based upon nationality, location, religious beliefs, and family traditions but they all have one thing in common – Sharing the Holidays with those that mean the most.

Face it, 2020 has really been pretty darn cranky for us quilters! We long for the many traditions that come with quilting: like our tradition of togetherness and sharing our completed projects, the sampling of what someone has brought for us to taste with our eyes (and our mouths!), the fellowship that comes with many hours of cutting and sewing, and most of all, the many celebratory “oohs & ahs” that you hear from around the room when a quilt is brought up, and the story behind the quilt is shared. These traditions remind me of when I was a child sitting in the back of the old Pontiac, driving around town, viewing holliday lights dancing off the freshly laid snow. I can still hear my own “oohs & ahs” echoing in my mind. Those quilts and traditions provide us with ideas, visions, and dreams of the next exciting project that may come our way. This is something I am really looking forward to again.

PQG is excited to announce that in the spirit of Sharing the Holidays, we are asking all of you to join together with us at the December meeting to create the biggest virtual quilt show ever! We are looking for 10-15 people who would be willing to come and share their holiday quilts (2-3) along with the story behind each quilt in the hopes of adding some sparkle to this holiday season.

Here are the details:

Location: McDonald’s Sewing and Vacuum/TBD – this is still in limbo.

Date: December 8, 12:30-2:00 pm

Space is limited and we are working on getting a secondary meeting to allow more participation.

If you are ready to share some holiday spirit please contact me with the following information:

Your Name, phone number

Number of HOLIDAY quilts you have to show (limit 3)

Your availability – let me know what works for you, so I can try to share among as many as possible!

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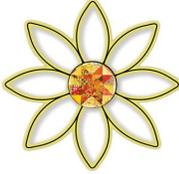
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## *Coming Events!*

Exhibition: "Foot in the Door"

To mark the Wichita Art Museum's 85th anniversary, the museum is featuring the work of current Wichita artists in a special exhibit, entitled "Foot in the Door." Included in this show are six PQG members: Abby Arthur, Janet Ghilino Bates, Kae Decker, Sara Reimer Farley, Karen Funcheon, and Carla Lipoldt. This community art exhibition will be on display through Apr. 18, 2021.



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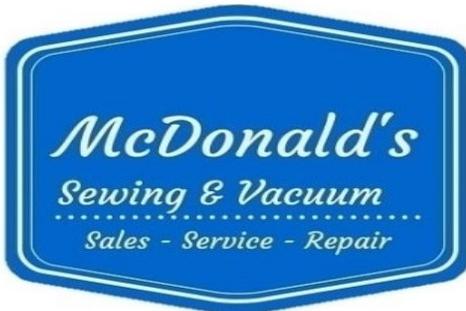
## Upcoming Workshops

### Last Minute Gifts

We have all been missing sewing together & learning something new! To go along with the upcoming theme of Sharing the Holidays, these workshop will touch on a few ideas to help with some last minute gift ideas from our own Jackie Clark.

The Workshop will be held Wednesday, November 11th & Wednesday, December 9th at McDonald's Sewing Center from 9am - 4pm. Each workshop will cost \$5 for members & \$10 for non-members. We are limited to 24 people.

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unless otherwise announced. Annual dues are \$45.00 for the period October through September.

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