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March 2021 Program



Karlisa Crombie A Journey of Color & Camaraderie

Karlisa Brewer-Crombie of Derby, Kansas – (child of God, wife, mother of 2 (ages 35 and 37), retired educator (USD 259), novice quilter)

Quilting is my therapy and something I have admired and desired to do for as long as I can remember; however, I did not begin my own journey as a quilter until 2010. This love for quilting and yearning to become a quilter comes from my deep appreciation of my family heritage of quilting. My paternal grandmother was a very accomplished and avid quilter and she remains a great inspiration for me.

I feel so honored to have been asked to share my quilts and love of quilting with PQG. I have only been quilting about 10 years. I am delighted to share my journey and love for this artful expression. My plan is to share some of my quilts, the stories behind them, and share my version of a "leader/enders quilt".

I look forward to sharing and especially for a time when we will be able to meet in person again. Stay healthy & safe. In the meantime, may your sorrows be patched, and your joys quilted.

Blessings to you all,

Karlisa

No meetings at PVUMC in March

BUT

Join us LIVE on Facebook! March 9th at 1:00 pm



President's Notes

by Kendra McBroom



When I think of the upcoming year of 2021, I wonder what new things we can expect and I know that we can honestly expect the unexpected. If last year taught us anything, it is to be flexible. I am going to go ahead and make plans to live my life, have as much fun as I plan to have, and if I need to make adjustments, then I will do so accordingly (with a smile on my mask and a spring in my step!)

On my schedule for this year is of course my love for quilting and my activities that surround Prairie Quilt Guild. I am so happy to be a part of this active group that loves to give and share what we have with others and continue to give Charity items and Quilt of Valor blocks. Your generosity is heartwarming.

I hope you are enjoying the challenge project of the table runner/table cloth for this spring. We will show them in person at McDonalds Sewing and Vac store, take pictures and and showcase them via the webpage and Facebook. When we can't get together, we have to get creative, and it helps when you get involved to make the project successful. Look in this newsletter for more information.

The Quilt show in Kansas City is still scheduled for June and you will find an announcement in this newsletter about an upcoming one-day bus trip that our Activities Director, Kaye Barth, has planned that will get us there. I am looking forward to putting that on my calendar. Sign up early before the bus fills up. Seats will be limited.

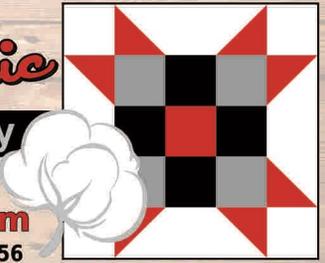
My hunger for a retreat is at an all-time high, and our retreat committee is planning one for October. I can hardly wait! Yes, I can sew at home, but there is nothing like the laughter, the goodies, the ideas, and the sharing with your friends from morning till night, doing what we love, to lift our spirits and get us out of the locked-down funk.

Many small groups are starting up again. It is important to not lose contact with each other. I talked in February about doing workshops via Zoom as a new way to stay connected and keep up our educational skills. After all, that is our purpose. I don't have an exact date for when we will meet in person again. You are probably just as anxious as I am. This month marks one year since we met last. Gosh a lot has happened. Hoping to see you soon!

“Be the **change** that you wish to see in the world.”

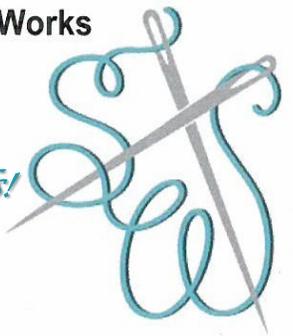


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Cares & Concerns

- Sonya Saylor-Collins is having rotator cuff surgery.
- Judy Terhune tells me that her sister, Teresa Mulhern, continues to have low blood counts and will be getting additional blood and platelets. She wants to thank everyone for your continued prayers.
- Those that follow the National Quilt circuit, Roberta Horton passed away. She was an author, fabric designer, and teacher.

February Door Prize Winners!



- Charlotte's: Jeanne Belew
 - Sewing and Embroidery Works: Donna Balzer
 - Sew In 2 Quilts: Julie Crawford
- Beehive Quilt: Sandra Davis and Ellen Heckerman
- Hen Feathers: Kaye Barth and Sharen Kay Rayburn
 - A-! Singer: Susan Palmer and Kathy Huebert
 - Midwest Sewing: Trica Lehman
 - Picket Fence: Gretchen Mason
 - Bluebird Quilting: Elaine Wilson
- Faithful Fabric Remnants: Sheryl Knott
- McDonalds Sewing and Vac: Sue Maddox
- Wichita Sewing Center: Karen Kirk They have a full line of solids in.
 - Country Fabric's: Jan Soden
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Charity Quilt Committee

I was surprised to be able to deliver 31 quilts to our charities after the January meeting. Since we didn't plan a Drive Thru, I notified our charities that I didn't expect to have any to deliver in January.

Of course they were well received and will be put to good use. We will have a Drive Thru in February, if weather permits.

We are still supporting ICT-SOS which helps transition people from sex work exploitation; Transitional Housing for women leaving abusive relationships through the Wichita Family Crisis Center; and KVC Children's Psychiatric Hospital. We have discontinued the two Rehab Centers as they are doing better now and seem to have sufficient lap robes. We have added the Tree House that supports young mothers with baby quilts and the Mental Health Association's Senior Companions. This is one of the United Way's vetted programs that pays Companions to help seniors in their own homes. Their director said she was sure their seniors would appreciate lap robes. Therefore you are still aiding a wide age range and both men and women. If you who enjoy smaller projects, consider making infant and youth quilts or lap robes. Those of you who can accommodate larger quilts can help by making teen and adult sized quilts. Someone who have been traumatized cannot help but find comfort in receiving a homemade quilt.

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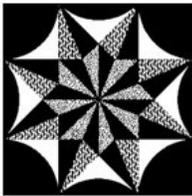
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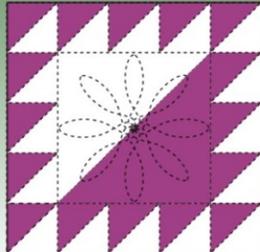
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Camp News

Plans are underway for the 2021 PQGKS Summer Quilt Camps.

This will be the second year for Adult Quilt Camp. No experience level is required. The subject will be 60 degree triangles and the many variations for putting a quilt of these together. The dates for the Adult camp are June 14th through the 18th.

The 2021 Kids Quilt Camp will feature Half Square Triangles and Flying Geese. Each camper is required to bring an adult. There are two sessions for Kids Camp - June 28th through July 2nd and July 12 through 16th.

Masks and temperature checks will be required each day in line with the Sedgwick County Health Department's Policy at the time of Camp. Other precautions for communal pressing and cutting stations will also be implemented. Equipment will be sanitized regularly.

Registration for both camps will be online this year and will begin in April. Project books for each camp will also be for sale in April.

Look for the interest survey in next month's newsletter

Look for these exciting topics!

- ⇒ *Positive Vibes Shop Hop, pg 11*
- ⇒ *Easy Machine English Paper Piecing Workshop, pg 9*
- ⇒ *Kansas City Quilt Show Bus Trip, see flyer included with newsletter*




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Meet the Member by Kendra McBroom

Wilma Niemann



This month I am highlighting Wilma as one of our interesting members to interview. Wilma lives in Valley Center and was a school teacher for 39 years and substituted for another 10 years. She has also taught and continues to teach quilting classes for the past 18 years. Wilma has 2 children and 4 grandchildren with one due in May.

What is the one thing you are never afraid to do? I am comfortable talking in front of large groups and I am not afraid of the microphone or crowds.

What is a job you would never want to do and why? I would never want an office job that dealt with numbers. Any sort of Actuary job. For example, dealing with figures for an insurance company and numbers all day long, and math calculations and doing it by myself would be terrible.

What is your favorite line from a book or a movie? I have always liked *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In fact, I taught it for years. I particularly liked the line "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it."

Did that book have the most significant impact on you? It did impact me because of the theme and it was relevant and I taught it. At the beginning the students thought it was boring then they begin to see the judging, the unfairness, do no harm, and what they got out of it was personal reflection.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received? I particularly like the Serenity Prayer. It says: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. It helps me to stay positive while having fun through life.

What is the most outrageous thing you've ever done? When I was 55 I went with others as a Student Counsel Sponsor to a Challenge Rope Course. At one point, we had to climb to the top of a 40' telephone pole, stand on a little platform, grab a line and jump off like a zip line. It was a challenge and was safe, but still scary and required trust. I would say that was outrageous for me at 55.

What is the most beautiful place you've ever been? I have gone on 'Sister trips' with my sister for over 15 years to many different places. We have had quite the adventures and seen much of the US. I really love Colorado and the Rocky Mountains. We have been to North Carolina to see the Appalachian

Mountains. We went to the Outer Banks and saw horses being ridden on the beach. We went to Niagara Falls. One trip was to the sea coast of California. We like to rent a car and go off the beaten path. Last year we went to Glacier National park and this year we are tossing around the idea of maybe going to Hot Springs Arkansas and the Gulf Shore. Those plans are still in the making.

What is your 2021 quilting goal? I want to try something new with these rulers that always promise to do magic tricks with my fabrics. I have a spider ruler that I am using to make a quilt for a new grandbaby coming. UFO's will always be there, but I am going to dig through my rulers in 2021.

I hope you get the chance to meet Wilma and get to know her. You will find a great friend who is always willing to help you. She has even published her own patterns.

News from the Retreat Committee!!

The Retreat Committee has been discussing our plan of action regarding the scheduling of retreats for 2021. Obviously, we are all missing our fabulous retreats - our friends, our sewing time, our meals that we do not have to prepare, our FUN. Although the threat of Covid19 by the time of a retreat will be greatly reduced, but due to its continued threat and the various variants that are out there, the retreat committee is not sure what course we should take and would like your input.

For informational purposes for the retreat committee, please let us know which of the following you would feel most comfortable with:

If you would not want a retreat this spring (April) but would be interested in a retreat in the fall, please let us know.

If you would be interested in a spring (April 13-17) retreat please let us know if you would prefer a retreat for 4 days/4 night (Tuesday-Saturday) - cost \$210.00; or a 3 day/3 night (Wednesday-Saturday) - cost is \$160.00/person; or a 2 day/2 night (Thursday-Saturday) - cost \$110.00/person retreat. Saturday would be included in these rates. There is a minimum requirement of attendees at our retreat location and if this is not met we would not be able to schedule this at all or we may need to reduce the total number of days/nights to fit the minimum required. (A fall retreat could/would also be scheduled).

If you would be interested in a fall (October) only retreat, please let us know.

As before, the retreat will be held at Wheat State Camp--east of Wichita and just West of Augusta. Two meals per day will be provided as in the past as part of the fee to attend.

Due to the timing of a spring retreat, we feel it would be necessary for a deposit of \$20.00 to be sent along with the registration form (this form can be found on the PQG website); this money will be refunded if PQG finds it necessary to cancel the April 2021 retreat. Please mail both the deposit and registration form to Donna Loehr email: cr8ivemama@yahoo.com

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Goose Whacked -- Block # 6

Frame fabric --

2 rectangles 12.5" x 2.5"

2 rectangle 4.5" x 2.5"

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"

Background fabric – 8.5" x 4.5" rectangle

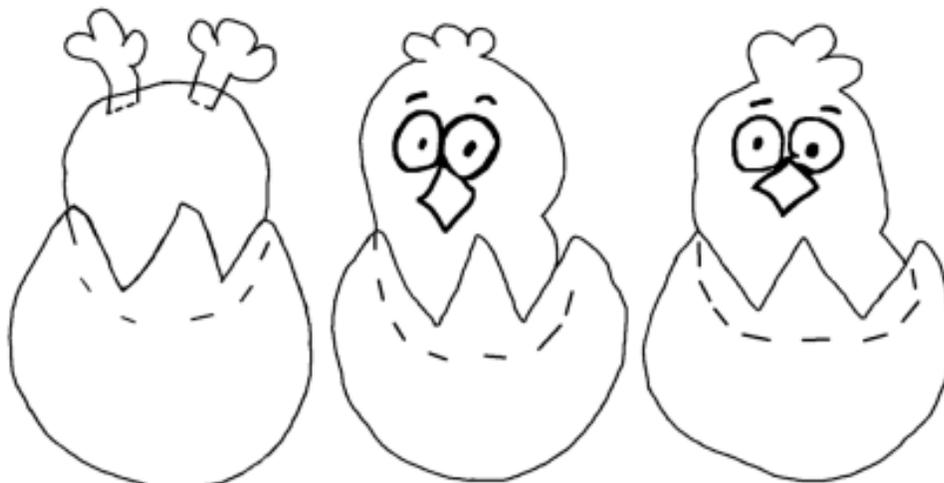
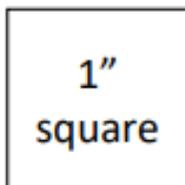
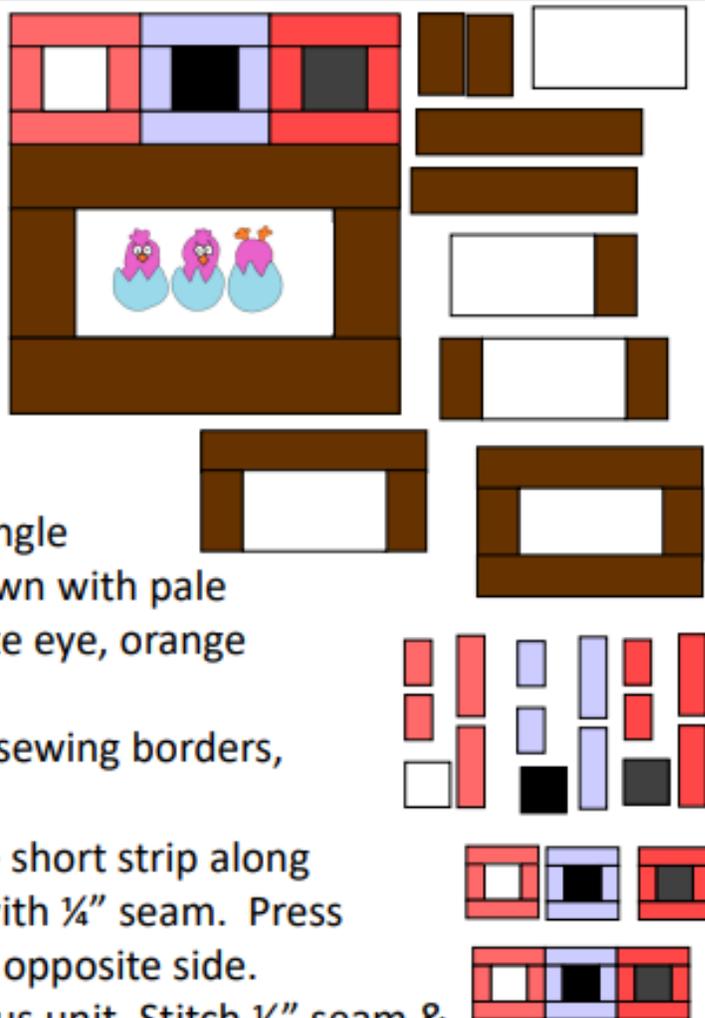
Applique Fabrics – your choice – Shown with pale blue print eggshells, black pupil, white eye, orange feet & bills.

Note: applique may be done before sewing borders, or after borders are attached.

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 squares 4.5" x 4.5" Sew the 3 small squares together side to side. Sew this unit (4.5" x 12.5") to top of larger block (8.5" x 12.5"). Block #4 should now be 12.5" square Block #6 should be 12.5" square.



Upcoming Workshop!

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— Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*

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Welcome to My Table

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We are EXTENDING the Challenge. People are getting vaccinated so they can get out more. We have sold 12 kits; and we would like to have 25-30 people in this challenge. Please come join us in this challenge.

You can pick up your challenge kit for \$8 at three different Quilt Shops:

You need to ask the store where to find the challenge kits. Cash or checks made to PQG only

Picket Fence Hen Feathers McDonald's Sewing Center.

We want to challenge both your artistic creativity and current quilting skills. Give yourself a chance and you might be surprised by what you can do. Enjoy working on your table project in February and March. Remember to turn in your completed creation before the APRIL (this date has been extended) meeting. The table projects will be displayed at McDonald's Sewing and Vacuum the month of April where you can view them and vote on them. We will tell you the different ways to vote in the next newsletter. Pictures of each entry will be posted on the Prairie Quilt Guild Wichita Kansas Facebook page. The winners will be announced at the May meeting.

For an extra \$1 I will mail you the fabric and challenge information. Contact Debbie Jones 316-841-0456

We hope you will join in on the fun. Debbie Jones and Susan Palmer



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

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