



QUILTERS GUILD OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

Post Office Box 22561 Kansas City, Missouri 64113

<http://www.quiltguildofgkc.org>

Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at First Lutheran Church 6400 State Line Rd.
Mission Hills, KS 66208 Social Hour 9 AM Meeting & Program begins at 10 AM

VOLUME 34 ISSUE 12

December 2011

Minutes of the meetings & the **Treasurer's Report** are always posted on the bulletin board at the regular monthly meetings. Reminder – if on the day of our regularly scheduled meeting, KC public schools are closed due to inclement weather, our guild meeting is automatically cancelled...

OFFICERS: Board President - Sarah Rathjen **First Vice-President-Program Chair** - Candy Hargrove **Second Vice President-Workshop Chair** – Nancy Wakefield **Corresponding Secretary** - Karlene Cooper **Recording Secretary** – Jan Jarchow **Treasurer** - Carol Crouse **Membership/Public Relations** – Karen Tanyi **Member-At-Large** - Gwen Wheeler **Past President** - Donna Bogue **Ways & Means Chair** – Pam Coleman
Information for the newsletter should be directed to *the respective board members or chair people*. Pat Jerez - Editor & Publisher – Newsletter/Website

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Wasn't last month's program outstanding! Marlene Moore did us a great service when she booked David Taylor initially way back when she was 1st Vice President. I still am hearing comments about David's program and I'm sure we who attended will remember him for a long time. Having David Taylor come speak to us is just an example of what membership in our guild can do for us. How our lives are enriched by our guild.

Speaking of our wonderful guild – I know we all want another quilt show. I am not going to twist arms to obtain a quilt show chair. If no one comes forward then we will just take a break from having a show. We can just content ourselves with Show and Tell each month. Our advantage was having a show at Crown Center each year – not only for ease but also for general public contact. Without Crown Center to help us contact the general public I'm thinking our shows are just for other quilters anyway.

I know many of us were touched by Nancy Wakefield's plea for quilts to our local Fort Riley veterans returning from Afghanistan. I know I was and am working on this project. It is a large project because not only do we need to produce a quality quilt of certain dimensions, but also a pillow case and journal of our experience in making the quilt. I'm not really a journal kind of person. But I figure if I can do it then everyone should feel encouraged that they can do it too. I look forward to show and tell and seeing our efforts before they go to the returning veterans.

As discussed in our last meeting, the Participation Ticket Program will be in force once again in January 2012, and back by popular demand is the UFO program for those of us who still have unfinished projects. More information regarding these programs next month. If you have any comments or suggestions let Gwen Wheeler know.

See you at our next meeting!

Sarah Rathjen



2011 HOLIDAY SOCIAL

We're hoping for great weather and a big crowd at the December Holiday Social. Here's what you need to bring:

- ✓ Sweet and/or savory finger food for sharing.
- ✓ Up to three holiday quilts for show and tell.
- ✓ For the optional ornament exchange, a hand-made ornament. Leave your wrapped ornament at the welcome table and pick up a number. Put your name inside the package.
- ✓ Diapers, cash or coupons for Happy Bottoms.

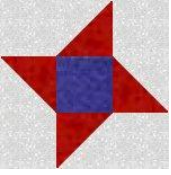
We will have some decks of cards, Scrabble games, dominoes, and Bananagrams games (my new favorite game). If you and your pals have a favorite game, bring it along.

If you don't want to play games, bring along your hand sewing and enjoy the fellowship. If you have any questions, just give me a call or send an email.

Candy Hargrove, Program Chair
816-734-1497
cahquilter@kc.rr.com

Scissor Sharpening

Dale Graham will be back at the January meeting to sharpen your scissors. Watch for his price list in the January newsletter.



HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE MADE A FRIENDSHIP STAR FOR A SPECIAL PERSON IN THE GUILD? You can find a copy of the instructions on the guild website <http://www.quiltguildofqkc.org>. Click on the Projects Tab....

2012 At A Glance

January - Kelly Ashton
February – Janet Stone
March 13 – Deanna Hodson
April 10 – Ilene Bartos
May 8 – Theresa Ward
June 12 – Carol Elmore
July 10 – Schoolhouse
August 14 – Tony Munoz
September 11 – Gloria Hall
October 9 – Lynne Hagmeier
November 13 – Kathy Freshwater
December 11 – Christmas Social

KANSAS QUILTS OF VALOR FOR FORT RILEY TROOPS

This is a follow up column about the Kansas Quilts of Valor request. They were recently asked by the Chaplain of the 4-4th Cav from Fort Riley to donate 400 quilts to this unit upon their return home from Afghanistan. This unit has been in the middle of fighting since they arrived, losing an average of 2 soldiers every week. Their moral is very low, and the hope is to give a quilt to each returning soldier. They are expected to return in January and February of 2012 with the Award Ceremony in March, where the quilts would be passed out.

The quilts need to be well-made as they may go to wounded soldiers, and thus need to be washed often. They are asking for the quilts to be a minimum of 55 "x 65" and a maximum of 72" x 90". While red, white, and blue is traditional, they do not necessarily need to be in those colors. They do ask that the quilt is made by good quilting standards, such as good quality fabric and no sheets for backing. In other words, a quilt that follows good quilting principals that we quilters understand. Also, the quilt needs to be machine quilted all over so they can stand up to hard use, if necessary -- no big spaces left, no fancy hand quilting, no tied quilts, no quilt as you go, etc. If you can make a top, we can find a long arm quilter to machine quilt the top for you. We would ask that you pay for the batting.

They do ask for a label, and a pillow case or bag in which to place your QOV. And they ask that you wash your quilt before sending it. IF YOU DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU CAN MAKE A QUILT, MAYBE YOU CAN MAKE THE PILLOWCASES FOR THE QUILTS. THESE NEED TO BE STANDARD SIZE. They are used to keep the quilts clean and for easy storage.

If you cannot make a quilt, money is always needed to pay for shipping costs to Fort Riley. If you are interested in more information, contact Nancy Wakefield, nancywake65@hotmail.com. Also, please let other quilters know about this.

Here is a link to the Kansas Quilts of Valor newsletter with information about Fort Riley and also how to make the quilts.

www.quiltsofvalorks.org/newsletters/Oct_Nov_2011.pdf

Quilters, this is one way to give back to our men and women who have sacrificed for us. Hopefully we can respond with quilts individually or made by a group. Thanks for your support.

NOTE: The quilts for Quilts of Valor need to be finished by January if they are going to be machine quilted by another person. If not, they need to be finished by the end of February.....

Membership

Please make the following additions/corrections to your Guild Membership Book

Membership info is only available to guild members. The content of this block has been removed for publication to the website.

MEETING CHECKLIST

- ☺ Camera
- ☺ Charity quilts
- ☺ Name tag
- ☺ Library Books ☺ UFO
- ☺ Sweet and/or savory finger food for sharing
- ☺ Up to three holiday quilts for show and tell
- ☺ For the optional ornament exchange, a hand-made ornament. Leave your wrapped ornament at the welcome table and pick up a number. Put your name inside the package.
- ☺ Diapers, cash or coupons for Happy Bottoms.



QGGKC 15th ANNUAL TOO MUCH FUN RETREAT

WHO: Forty of YOU!

WHAT: The 2012 Quilting Retreat

WHERE: Heartland Presbyterian Center in Parkville, MO

WHEN: Thursday February 23rd to Sunday 26th, 2012

WHY: Fun, eating, quilting, eating, friends and fun!

HOW: Give your \$25 deposit check to Connie Zwego at October meeting to hold your spot.

CHALLENGE: In celebration of our 15th year, make a small (15" X 15" square) quilt utilizing 15 colors, 15 blocks, the number 15 appliquéd, 15 embellishments, or??? Prize for Popular Choice to be given on Sunday morning.

Connie Zwego, Retreat Chairperson

U F O Program to resume!

More info in next month's newsletter...

F Y I For you "newbies", volunteering for the telephone committee is very easy and a fairly infrequently needed service... Joining a "BEE" can be enjoyable as well as enabling us to share some of our personal quilting talents...

A REAL DEAL BUT ACT PROMPTLY!!!

A quilter, Eleanor Bassett, passed away and her sister - Nancy Panting - is settling her estate. Nancy says there are many quilting books in good condition (many are still new) that she is willing to sell for \$1 to \$5 each. She also has fabric (many on bolts) that she wants to sell for 50 cents per yard. **There is a catch: Nancy is leaving December 7 to go back to Canada so if you are interested you must contact her before then.** Her phone number here is 816-516-7700 or her email is nj44p@shaw.ca which you can contact her even after she leaves. She will return next spring.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THREAD + ART = ART QUILTS

An exhibit by the Fractured Fabric Society will be on display at the Main Branch of the Johnson Co. Library (9875 W. 87th St., Overland Park, Ks. 66212) from Nov. 2 - Dec. 29, 2011.



QUILTERS GUILD OF GREATER KANSAS CITY
PO BOX 22561
KANSAS CITY, MO 64113
<http://www.quiltguildofgkc.org>

NEXT MEETING

December 13th