



QUILTERS GUILD OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

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<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

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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...

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I had lots of fun at last month's meeting and oh the food! LOTS of goodies to eat and enjoy! I turned in quilts to be quilted for the Quilts of Valor for Fort Riley troops. I hope you are participating in that in some way also. It's not too late if you want to help. I talked to my nephew at Christmas Eve about his experiences in Afghanistan this past year. Not such a fun place to be. He's glad to be back.

As I announced last month, Judy Redding has volunteered to help as Co-Quilt Show Chair. Judy is new to quilting and new to our guild. She does not know anything about organizing a quilt show, but is willing to work with someone who has some idea of what is involved. That means I need someone else to come forward to volunteer. Whether we have a multi-guild show or just our guild show is up to the co-chairs, but eventually down the road we will probably have a multi-guild show.

As discussed in our last meeting, the Participation Ticket Program will be in force in 2012, and back by popular demand is the UFO program for those of us who still have unfinished projects. Plus the crayola challenge! I look forward to that because I love challenges! If you have any comments or suggestions let Gwen Wheeler know.

By the way, I am a new grandmother again! Cienna Taegan Rathjen was born on December 22, which was 3 weeks early! Ruth (my youngest) was thrilled to have Cienna born on her birthday! Ruth decided it would be a great birthday present to get her DMV driver's permit – now the fun begins for me! It turned out to be a busy day. See you at our next meeting!

Sarah Rathjen

Our January Speaker . . . Kelly Ashton

Kelly has fallen in love with DIAMONDS!! 45 degree, 60 degree – it doesn't matter; she loves them all. Kelly will be sharing her “bling” with all of us – a lovely grouping of vintage diamond quilts and blocks, along with her own diamond creations.

Kelly lives in Overland Park. She is a quilt pattern designer and a teacher. She loves using pre-cut fabrics to speed her quilting process along.

March Workshop with Deanna Hudson

This workshop, called Simply Hankies, will be held after the Guild meeting on Tuesday, March 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 for the workshop plus \$10 for the pattern. This workshop allows you to put your favorite hankies or vintage textiles in a wall sized quilt. Ideas will also be shared about how to handle delicate items. Bring your own lunch. Contact Nancy Wakefield at 816-858-3670 or nancywake65@hotmail.com for more information. Sign up will start at the January guild meeting.

Library News

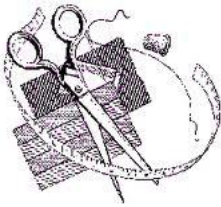
Shirley (guild librarian) has added 14 new quilt books to the library and 8 fiction books. Some of the additions are Dawn Heese's book, Cottage Charm: Quilts and Cross Stitch, Little Lone Star Quilts (paper piecing) by Lorraine Olsen, Bonnie Hunter's book, Scraps & Shirrtails: Reuse, Re-purpose, Recycle!, and Scrappy Duos by Donna Lynn Thomas. There also is a new Technique book on Surface Design by Jane Davila exploring the use of paints, inks and pencils.

Stop by the library and check the list of fiction books. Did you know the library catalog is posted on the web site? <http://www.quiltguildofgkc.org/library.htm>

For some of you newbies, the following is a quick synopsis on the correct procedure for checking out a book from the guild library.

Check Out Information

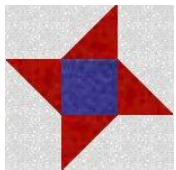
- Only members of the guild may check out books
- Remove check out card from the book pocket
- Print the date (month & year) on card
- Print your name on card
- Place card in yellow box
- Loan Fee: \$0.30 per item per month paid when book is returned



Blade and Scissor Sharpening

Dale Graham will be at the January meeting to sharpen your rotary blades and scissors. You may remember that he came to one of our meetings last year and he does a great job. He will do the work at the meeting. Here is his price list:

Rotary blades	\$2.50	Standard scissors	\$5.00
Razor sharp & Pinking shears	\$6.00	Embroidery scissors	\$4.00



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.quiltguildofgkc.org>. Click on the Projects Tab.... Remember to keep track of all the Friendship blocks that you have sent. Karlene still has a surprise for the most sent.

At the January meeting we will acknowledge the December birthdays before we acknowledge the January birthdays.

Please email Karlene of anything of special interest going on with our members or their families.

Thank you
Karlene Cooper

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

MEETING CHECKLIST

- ☺ Camera
- ☺ Charity quilts
- ☺ Name tag
- ☺ Library Books
- ☺ UFOs

QUILTS OF VALOR FOR FORT RILEY TROOPS - Update

I know it seems like there are a lot of rules and regulations and things to do for just one quilt. But stop and think, we are making these quilts for people who have been away from their families for one year in one of the worst war zones in Afghanistan. Surely, it is not too much trouble if you think about it that way. Also, these quilts **could** be going to wounded soldiers, which is why they need to be clean and sturdy.

Quilt: use only 100 % quilt fabric; not sheets or scratchy fabric.

Size: Minimum is 55 x 65 inches; maximum is 72 x 90 inches.

Binding: Use our normal binding, not fold over backing.

Quilting: Machine quilting, not stitch in the ditch, ties, or hand quilting. (These quilts may be washed often and need to be sturdy.)

Label: Put on it "Quilt of Valor", your name and name of quilter, leave a space for the name of recipient.

Journal: Use a greeting card and say, "Thank you for your service and Welcome Home", write your name and that this is a project from The Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City. You can add more if you wish.

Washing: Wash quilt after it is finished; do not use scented laundry products.

Presentation Case: **Make** a pillow case or bag (out of the quilt fabric if possible) to place your quilt in.

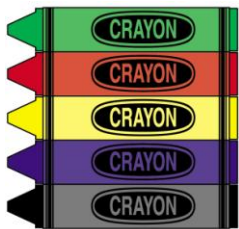
If you have a quilt top ready to be machine quilted, bring it to the January meeting with the backing that is 3 inches larger all around the quilt. I will be collecting all completed quilts in February to take them where they need to go. Let me know if you cannot get them to the February meeting.

Thank you so much for participating in this project. You are doing something so special for these people who need our support when they return from war.

Nancy Wakefield, nancywake65@hotmail.com, 816-858-3670

HAPPY BOTTOMS – THANKS YOU!

The diapers and the dollars were counted to come up with the total from our group of 1,151 diapers **and \$277!**
That is fantastic! Thank you so much. That will make a lot of Happy Bottoms!!!!



CRAYOLA CHALLENGE

The guild hasn't had a challenge for a while ...so here we go. This is the Crayola Challenge and it will test your use of colors and fabrics in a quilting project.

You will draw a crayon out of a bag – no peeking!!! This is the color you will use in your project. If you don't like the color first drawn, you may put the crayon back and draw again. **If you put the crayon back and draw again, you MUST use the second color drawn.**

Make a quilt project of your choice. Your color must appear in every fabric you use in the project and **you must use at least three different fabrics**. The minimum size of your project is 72" in circumference. For example, 18" x 18" equals 72". It doesn't have to be square, you can do the math! There is no maximum size. Be sure to hang on to your crayon so it can be displayed with your project.

Your Crayola project must be completed and turned in at the July, 2012 meeting. They will be displayed and guild members will vote for the top ten favorites. We will draw crayons at the January and February meetings, just in case you can't make it to one or the other. Feel free to call Candy Hargrove with any questions. (816-734-1497 – cahquilter@kc.rr.com)

UFO program BLASTING off, AGAIN!!!!

The **Un**Finished **O**bjects program is revving up once more. If you'd like to join some out-of-this-world rewarding fun - or don't know what this is yet - please read the guidelines on our guild website <http://www.quiltguildofgkc.org> on the 'Special Projects' page.

Prepare and turn in your lists to either Grace Lighthizer or Ysleta Meek at January meeting or to me, Connie Zwego UFO chairperson, at February meeting for your chance to win a **\$50.00 cash** reward in December!

Deadline for submitting lists: February 20th (except for newly joined members after that.)

QGGKC PARTICIPATION TICKET FORM

NAME: _____ MONTH: _____

DESCRIPTION: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS EARNED: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Calico Cut-ups Quilt Show will be Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11, 2012. The show will be open from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM both days. Location at Salvation Army, 14700 E. Truman Rd, Independence, Mo 64050.

Designer of the Month at Quilter's Station:

Saturday 1/7/2012 Renee Nanneman of Need'I Love.

Saturday, February 4, 2012 Lynne Hagmeier of Kansas Troubles.

Saturday, March 3, 2012 of Dawn Shuck of Sew Cherished.

At Quilter's Station from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

PS: Lynne Hagmeier is listed for our speaker in October 2012.

Prairie Quilt Guild presents: Common Threads Quilt Show 2012. June 21, 22, 23, 2012 Wichita, Ks

HAVE A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!



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NEXT MEETING

January 10th