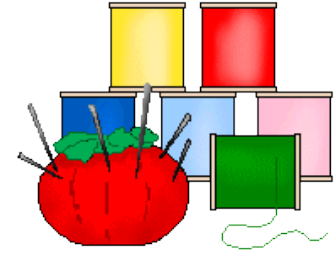


PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



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APRIL PROGRAM – APRIL 23, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

At our April meeting the program speaker will be Mary Beth Dunn. She will present a trunk show of her work and talk about her creative process. If you want an advance peek at her work, search for Mary Beth Dunn Quilts on Instagram.

During social time preceding the April meeting we will have an opportunity for creative brainstorming about layouts for your Crave Box Challenge blocks and completion of your quilt top made from them. And, if you have already made progress in that regard bring your project in process to share and talk about. Several Crave Box Challenge participants had to miss the March meeting and big reveal, so if you bring your blocks back there are plenty of people who would enjoy seeing them... some for the first time!

Coming up:

- May - Big Stitch Quilting, presented by Shannon Burns; Bonus Content, demo/discussion of thread basting in preparation for quilting on you domestic sewing machine (rescheduled from March)
- June - CKHQG "Yard Sale" (see separate article below).
- July - Incorporating Vintage Linens in your quilting, presented by Mary Jane Weddle.
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BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

The next Brown Bag Challenge starts at the April meeting. If you would like to participate, bring three fat quarters to the meeting. Put them in a brown bag and include a piece of paper with your name. If you don't have a brown bag use any opaque bag. Brown bags will be available at the meeting. Bags will be exchanged and you will make something of your choosing with the fabrics you receive. Completed projects are due at the September meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr 23** Guild meeting 6:30. Social time starts at 5:30
Apr 24-27 Quilt week in Paducah
- May 14** Quilts of Valor sew day 9-4
May 18 Deadline for submissions to May newsletter
May 19 Quilts of Valor award ceremony, VFW Post 4075, 104 E 2nd St Frankfort, 2 pm
May 28 Guild meeting
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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

7 May Eileen Bray
26 May Leah Tupts

26 May Mary Anne Burch



Schmetz non-stick needles

From Katie Daugherty

Following the item in the March CKHQG newsletter about the Schmetz non-stick needles, I made a bulk order for 100 of them in size 80/12. They haven't arrived as of this writing, but they have been shipped and should be received well in advance of our April meeting. Michael Johnson of Quilter's Trunk recommended that I try these after he had to recalibrate the bobbin case on my elderly Bernina following a cheap spray baste + Heat 'n Bond free motion quilting episode. The needles are a bit pricey as needles go... but certainly more economical than machine repair!

At the bulk price they cost \$.85/needle vs. \$1.52/needle in the 5-pack. If you would like to have some of these needles I will have them available to you at the April meeting at my cost. If you send me an email message (davekatepgi@gmail.com) telling me how many you want, I will even have them counted out and wrapped up for you in advance.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



March Member of the Month, Theresa Jaminet displays some of her quilts.

April Member of the Month - Dodi Fouts

Our MoM for April is Dodi Fouts. She is a native of Indiana. Her husband's job brought them to Kentucky (twice!), and they finally settled here in 2006. She has two daughters and two grandsons also living in Frankfort.

Dodi started sewing at around 11 years of age, and became a seamstress who would tackle pretty much anything in garment sewing, even up to men's suits. Growing up, there was only one quilt in her house, and it was thick, wool, and *heavy*. The women around her did various fiber arts, but not quilting. Her mother did upholstery and encouraged innovation. Her grandmothers crocheted and knitted, and one of them also tatted.

Dodi became interested in quilting around 2015, after her sister in Indiana took up quilting and then bought a long arm quilting machine. They would shop together at quilt shops in Indiana. Dodi found CKHQG through a genealogy class at the KY History Center where she met another of our members who invited her to join.

In quilting, Dodi particularly enjoys all aspects of piecing: cutting out the fabrics, choosing colors, and even finding a good use for "ugly" fabrics. She likes English paper piecing also. Dodi can be found nearly every Friday at Friday Stitchers, where a various and informal group meets to work on their own projects, socialize, and work through various quilt issues. She is as close to a chair of that group as we have.

QUILTS FOR KIDS NEWS



Recent
Quilts for Kids
Donations



Rosemary, the state coordinator for Quilts for Kids recently received this letter from KY Children's Hospital.-

Dear Rosemary,

On behalf of Kentucky Children's Hospital (KCH), we express our sincere gratitude for the donations Bluegrass Quilts for Kids has generously provided our hospital. Your compassionate support enables us to provide tailored care for Kentucky's children, positively impacting families across the Commonwealth with healthier kids and brighter futures.

We are excited to share the roll out of a new Community Partner Program for KCH. As a valued community partner, Bluegrass Quilts for Kids contributions have qualified for inclusion on a special donor recognition pillar within the hospital. For this inaugural year we have taken the higher total of your 2022 and 2023 (cash in-hand) donation to KCH and we will recognize you with a plaque on the donor pillar.

Your partnership plays a vital role in creating a healthier Kentucky. We are truly grateful for your compassion and commitment to improving the lives of children across the Commonwealth. Stay tuned for additional details about the Kentucky Children's Hospital Community Partner Program in the coming months, including an invitation to a thank you event.

In gratitude,

Glenda

Glenda McCoy

Associate Director, Community Giving

QUILTS OF VALOR

We will be having our next quilt awards program May 19, 2:00 pm, VFW Post 4075, 104 E 2nd St in South Frankfort.. We currently have 18 nominees.

The next Quilts of Valor sew day will be on May 14th from 9-4. Kathy Doyle will be teaching a new quilt pattern called Star Spangled Variation at 10 am.



Hi All!

I mentioned at the March meeting that the homemakers are requesting we donate 12-inch quilt squares to be auctioned off at the annual KEHA state meeting. These squares should have a pieced top, batting, backing and binding...a mini quilt! Maybe you have an orphan block you can use or any design of your choice. Appliquéd blocks seem to be popular as well. Make as many as you want, the money raised goes to a good cause...ovarian cancer research.

If you have one finished by the April meeting, I'll collect it and get them to homemaker president Elizabeth Collins and she will take them to the state meeting, May 7th-9th. If you have one you'd like to donate after the next meeting, you can drop it off at the extension office by May 3rd and text/call Homemaker president Elizabeth Collins at 502/320-6267 or email her at wildkyrose53@gmail.com, so she'll know to collect it.

Thanks and Happy Quilting!

Leah



Some of the quilt squares that were donated in 2023.

QUILT GUILD YARD SALE

Time is fast approaching for our Guild Yard Sale on June 25, 12:00 noon - 6:00pm in Room G (Basement) at the Extension Office.

There will be a sign-up sheet at our April Guild meeting for everyone who would like to participate in this event. Everyone bringing items will be in charge of their own table, including displaying, pricing, and handling cash purchases and change.

Advertising will begin in May so we are hopeful there will be numerous items to sell. Suggestions include: fabric boards/bundles, jelly rolls, precuts, patterns (complete), pattern books, kits (not started or partially completed), thread bundles, containers, embroidery/needlepoint patterns and floss, handbag handles, zippers, buttons, laces and trimmings. Additionally, crafts could be included, such as casserole caddies, row marker pins, zip bags, purses and tote bags, etc.

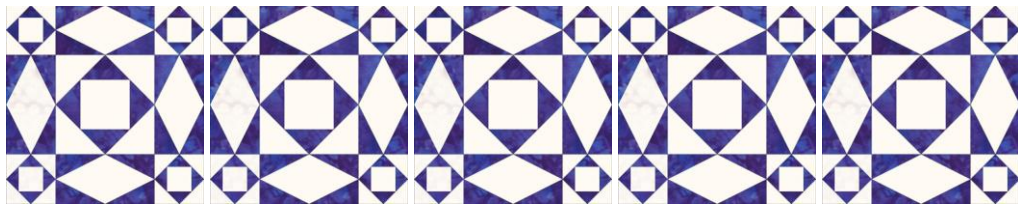
This is an opportunity for our members to spring clean their quilting and craft stash, organize what they plan to keep and identify items to donate, share or sell

Looking forward to a great day!



QUILT EXHIBIT AT LIBERTY HALL

Liberty Hall currently has many of their quilts on display. These quilts were made and used by various members of the Brown family. This exhibit runs through May. Visit www.libertyhall.org for tickets to guided tours, Monday through Saturday.





The Smithsonian Museum of American Art is currently exhibiting Amish quilts. The exhibit runs through August 26. This is one of the more interesting quilts in their collection.

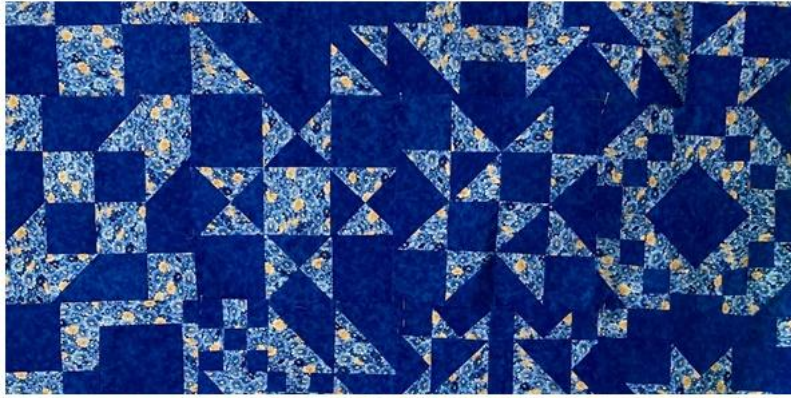


Show & Tell
March 26, 2024



Crave
Box
Block Sets





Crave Box Individual Blocks

Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024
Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild

President Kathie Tomazic called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and began by introducing Theresa Jaminet, the March CKHQG *Member of the Month*. Although Theresa has been sewing for a long time, she is relatively new to quilting. Theresa showed the group a beautiful self-designed quilt that she has been working on that was inspired by a passage in the novel "Moby Dick." She enjoys handwork and continues to create her own patterns and designs.

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements

Sherry Buford spoke to the group about visiting Shipshewana, Indiana, a small Amish community in northern Indiana with several locally owned quilt shops. She said that she would be willing to organize a trip for those interested in going to this artisan community and a sign-up sheet was passed around.

The Crumb Day event was well attended with lots of positive feedback and fun. Thanks to Anne Cockley, Katie Daughtery and Susan Dudley for the inspiration and instruction in transforming crumbs and scraps into unique quilts!

Committee Updates and Reports

Information for the April newsletter should be sent to Mary Quinan by April 14, 2024. Also, if you are aware of events being hosted by other guilds, please let Mary know.

Deb Miller provided a directory addendum with member updates from November 2023 to the present. We currently have 57 members in good standing.

Community Outreach and Other Activities

The CKHQG yard sale will be held during the June meeting (June 25, 2024). Please continue gathering sewing "goodies" that you would like to donate or sell.

Debbie Brown announced that the next QOV Ceremony will be May 19, 2024. A November 10, 2024, ceremony has also been scheduled. The May QOV sew date will be May 14, 2024, at the Franklin County Extension Office. Kathy Doyle will be sharing directions on making a Star-Spangled Variation quilt. Debbie reminded the group that if red, white, and/or blue fabric is found on sale or at a good price, then please contact her regarding purchase and reimbursement procedures. Debbie also recognized Ellie Roberts' article in *The State Journal* about her holiday puzzles/cards contributions for the Meals on Wheels stockings at the Capital City Activity Center.

Sheri Bochantin reported that she delivered two quilts to Hospice of the Bluegrass and that they were very appreciative. They indicated that there is no size requirement for donated quilts and that they would also be glad to accept wheelchair or walker bags for their patients.

New Business

The next CKHQG Board Meeting will be held on April 17, 2024, at 9:00 am at the Franklin County Extension Office. All are welcome to attend.

KHQS Getaway will be June 19-22, 2024, in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Brown Bag Exchange is back and will take place at the April guild meeting. For those who are interested in participating, please bring three fat quarters to the April meeting. These will be placed in a brown paper bag and exchanged with a fellow quilter. You will then make something with the three fat quarters you receive to be given back to the "owner" at the September meeting.

Leah Tupts shared that the Central Kentucky Homemakers are collecting 12-inch quilt squares to be auctioned off at the annual KEHA state meeting. The squares should have a pieced top, batting, backing and binding. All proceeds from the auction will go to ovarian cancer research. Leah will collect any completed blocks at the April meeting. Any other completed blocks can be dropped off at the extension office through May 3, 2024.

Program

The March program featured the long-awaited Crave Box reveal! Kay Wilson, assisted by Marcella Wright, displayed the blocks from each box, challenging the owner to identify their fabric. The fabric selections and blocks were amazing, a true representation of the talent, skill and thoughtfulness of our membership! A very special thank you to Kay Wilson and Susan Hampton for organizing and facilitating the challenge!

Following Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jarboe, Secretary