

PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



PRESIDENT- Kathie Tomazic
SECRETARY –Kris Jarboe
NEWSLETTER- Mary Quinan

VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Daugherty
TREASURER – Nadine Cox

APRIL PROGRAM – APRIL 22, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

At our April meeting we will have Kathy Tomazic's President's challenge. We have been challenged to make a 12" quilt block of your choice, quilted and bound like a regular quilt. There will be prizes.

Our quilt blocks, along with others made by Homemakers throughout Kentucky, will be auctioned off at the KY Extension Homemakers' State Meeting in May, and the proceeds will be donated to cancer research. Our effort will be in honor and memory of Elizabeth Eaton. Please write your name and county on a small slip of paper and attach it to the back of your block

Also, at the April meeting we will have fabric packets available for an activity we plan for our September meeting. Here is how it will work. The packets contain four contrasting fabrics (three fat quarters of print fabric and a fat third of solid white), and they are available for \$5/packet. You are asked to complete at least one, but preferably more, 12" finished size (i.e., 12.5" inclusive of seam allowances) quilt blocks of your choosing from the fabrics enclosed in the packet. Do not use any additional fabrics in creating your blocks. There is sufficient fabric in the packet from which to create four or more blocks easily from the fabric supplied.

Completed blocks will be due at our September meeting where all the blocks will be displayed anonymously. Attendees at the meeting will vote on their favorite among the blocks. The winner of the viewers' choice balloting will be awarded twenty blocks of her choice. The remaining blocks will be awarded by lottery, with one chance to win for every block submitted. Thus, if you submit five blocks, you have five chances to win an allotment of blocks. You can only win once, however. The number of blocks in the lots awarded by lottery will be determined by the organizers based on the number submitted and dividing them into usable lots.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr 22** Guild meeting, 6:30 pm, social time starts at 5:30 pm
Apr 23-26 Quilt Week in Paducah
- May 10** Registration for KHQS Getaway opens
May 12 Kit Together for a good cause. May's charity is the infant Resource Center at Immanuel Baptist Church.
May 13 QOV sew day and quilt photo day.
May 17 Deadline for submissions to May newsletter
May 18 Quilts of Valor award ceremony 2pm
May 18 Quilts for Kids sew day 12-7
May 27 Guild meeting 6:30 pm



UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 May** Eileen Bray
26 May Mary Ann Burch
26 May Leah Tufts



UPCOMING KHQS EVENTS

KHQS Getaway is June 18-21 at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington. Ricky Tims will be the guest speaker. Registration opens on May 10.

SHERI BOCANTIN

Sheri Bochantin plays the lead in The Lucky O'Leary's presented by the Bluegrass Theatre Guild. Performances will be held at Frankfort High School for two weekends, April 18-20 and April 25-27. Showtimes on Fridays and Saturdays are at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Students tickets are \$13 and adult tickets are \$18. Tickets can be purchased at the door or bluegrasstheatreguild.org

It is nice to support our members in their other endeavors.

Perhaps some of you might like to attend as a group.



CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT

The Quilt Guild was well represented at the Cultural Arts Exhibit with many guild members winning ribbons. Congratulations to Debbie Ball who won best of show.

Blue ribbon winners will move on to the area exhibit and winners from the area exhibit will go on to the state exhibit.



QUILTS FOR KIDS

There will be no sew day on April 20th because it is Easter. The next sew day is May 18th from 12-7. Bring a project to work on or help finish up some of the quilt tops that Debbie Poole has on hand.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Our Member of the Month for April is Debra Miller.

Deb presently is our Membership Chairman, but that's not all - within the past eleven years she has also served as our Vice-president, President, and Treasurer. She encourages members to consider serving as an officer in our guild, as it is a great way to get to know people. She notes that having new officers brings us new life and ideas.

Deb's attraction to sewing started when she was a girl, as her mother was skilled at making clothing. Deb learned to sew from her, and Deb made her own clothing into adulthood. One of the highest compliments she ever received on her sewing was when she took a woolen, glen plaid, suit she had made for herself to a professional tailor for pressing, and he offered her a job.

Deb took up quilting around 2008. Insofar as her approach to quilting goes, she says that she is a "pattern follower". She doesn't cut out all the parts at one time however, but ordinarily makes one block first to see if she likes it and if it needs any tweaks. She likes seeing the quilt come together. In general, Deb likes to complete what she has started and doesn't have a bunch of unfinished projects hanging around. She has two to three projects at most going at any one time. When she shops for fabric, she ordinarily knows what she is purchasing it for. Thus, she does not keep a big stash of fabric on hand, although she says she sometimes envies the big fabric stashes of others.

Insofar as Deb's life outside of quilting goes... She and her husband met at UK, and after a brief time spent in Chicago they settled in Frankfort in 1978. They bought the farm where they now reside nearly 40 years ago. They enjoy horseback riding and travel, sometimes combining the two at western dude ranches. Before retirement, Deb worked for several non-profit organizations doing policy work relative to social services.



March Member of the Month
Lula Ray

ONE BLOCK WITH POSSIBILITIES

Our workshop led by Jame Adolf, "One Block with Possibilities", on Saturday, May 29 was a success. Jane's written instructions, oral presentation, slides, and examples were exceedingly well organized so that all the participants were well along with their project by the end of the day. There were twelve participants, including two from outside our guild and a new member.

Participants in the class have been asked to bring their works in progress for a show and tell at our April meeting. The options for fabric choices and arrangement within the block, combined with the options for laying out the blocks make for amazing variety... all using the same block!



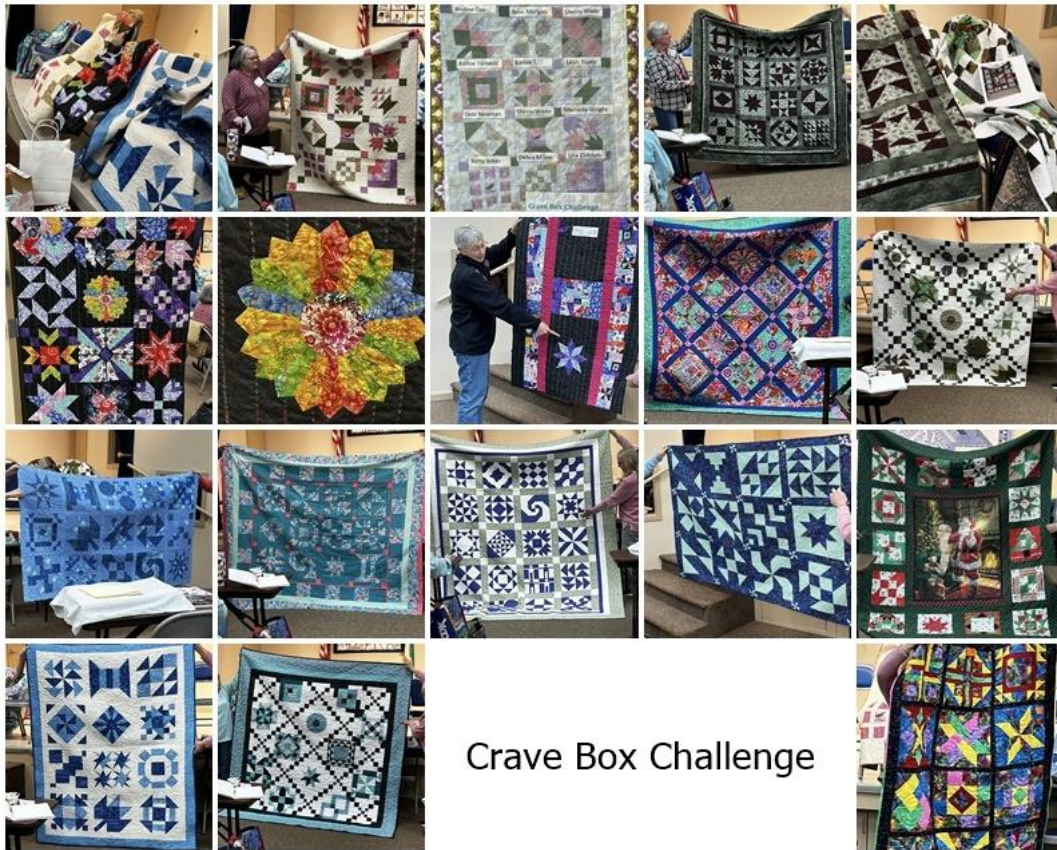
Possibilites Class with Jane Adolf



QUILTS OF VALOR

The next Quilts of Valor award ceremony will be on May 18th at VFW Post 4075 on Second St. at 2 pm. There is also a Quilts of Valor group meeting on May 7th at 5:30 pm. The next Quilts of Valor sew day is on May 13th from 9-4. We will also be photographing quilts on the 13th at 10 am.





Show & Tell, March 25, 2025

Quilting Self-Care

IDEAS FOR A BAD DAY

HAND SEW
BINDING

START A NEW
PROJECT

BUY FABRIC

MAKE A NICE COMMENT
ON A QUILTY IG

CLEAN YOUR
SEWING ROOM

EAT YOUR FAVORITE
SNACK WHILE QUILTING

MAKE A CUSTOM BUNDLE
FROM YOUR STASH

SPEND SOME TIME
IN A QUILT SHOP

SEW WITH HOARDED
FABRIC

LOCK YOUR SEWING
ROOM DOOR

KITCHEN TABLE
QUILTING

Some helpful suggestions from Erica Jackman of kitchentablequilting.com.

Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2025

Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild

In President Kathie Tomazic's absence, Vice President Katie Daughtery called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. with 35 people in attendance. She welcomed three visitors, Rita Belen, Joan Beard and Pat Miller and reminded members with March birthdays to select a fat quarter. She then introduced March CKHQG *Member of the Month*, Lula Ray. Lula shared that she had been sewing for a long time but transitioned to quilting in 2019, using a trusty 1960 Singer machine. She both ties and machine quilts her quilts and showed several beautiful examples of her work, including a "Twilight Jewel" BOM pattern and a panel quilt she made for a family member.

Committee Updates and Reports

Information for the newsletter should be submitted to Mary Quinan by April 12, 2025.

Community Outreach and Other Activities

Photography of new QOV quilts will be at 2:00 p.m. March 28 during Friday Stitchers. Approximately 20 quilts are ready to be awarded. Nadine Cox shared that Sandy Phillips sold an Overall Sam quilt as a QOV fundraiser for \$200.00 and received an additional \$50.00 donation from the buyer.

There are several children's quilts and beads of courage projects ready for completion. Volunteers should contact Debbie Poole. There will be no Outreach Sew Day in April due to the Easter holiday.

The "One Block with Possibilities" class with Jane Adolph is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 – 4:00. The cost is \$25.00, and lunch will be provided. Cutting directions for those who plan to attend are available and will be sent via email.

The April program will consist of the President's Challenge; 12" finished blocks to be donated to KEHA for the silent auction in memory of Elizabeth Eaton.

Franklin County Extension Office Update

Carla Carter shared that there were 42 entries for the Cultural Arts and Heritage program and thanked guild members for their participation. Franklin County entries were awarded 25 blue ribbons, 10 red ribbons and 3 white ribbons, with a purple ribbon awarded to one entry as a grand champion. Names and awards will be listed in the next FCS Newsletter. She also shared information regarding upcoming programs, including a [Move Your Way](#) exercise class that will include health screenings by the Franklin County Health Department and encouraged members to sign up. Farmer's Market Card applications will be taken at the [Capital City Activity Center](#) from May 6-10, 1:00 - 3:30 pm. The cards are income-based. Call 502-223-5794 to make an appointment. Lastly, Carla shared that the proposal for purchasing a longarm machine was approved by the County Extension Council and that she would present the proposal to the District Council for final approval.

New Business

The next CKHQG board meeting will be held April 16, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Franklin County Extension Office. All are welcome to attend. A nominating committee is being formed to begin nominations of officers for 2025-2026. Katie asked members to consider serving in one of the roles.

Mary Ann Burch shared that [YESArts](#) needs volunteers to assist with April youth sewing classes. Volunteers will help answer questions and offer encouragement as the children work on different projects. The classes are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings over the last three weeks of April. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who were interested in helping.

Katie announced a new fun activity for the guild. Fat quarter packets are available for \$5.00. Using only the fabric in the packet, participants will make one or more 12 ½" unfinished blocks to be displayed at the September meeting. Members will vote on the blocks and the maker of the "viewer's choice" block will then choose 20 blocks to take for their use. The rest of the blocks will be distributed by lottery. Katie shared that the guild has done this activity in the past and it was a lot of fun.

Program

The program consisted of a showcase of completed Crave Box Challenge quilts. Each quilt was displayed, and the quilter described their process on how the quilt was completed. Some quilts had the blocks sewn directly together in rows, some were on point, some were sashed and some were enhanced with additional blocks, but ALL were beautiful. Everyone was very appreciative of the thoughtfulness and skill that went into making the blocks each month and thanked Kay Wilson and Susan Hampton again for facilitating the challenge.

Mary Ann Burch was the door prize winner. Following show and tell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jarboe, Secretary