



## PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

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**TREASURER – Nadine Cox**

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### **DECEMBER PROGRAM – DECEMBER 17, 2024, 6:30 P.M.**

Our December meeting will feature a holiday celebration as we traditionally have done. We will switch up our meeting format just a bit.

Starting at 5:30 during what is ordinarily our social time we will have "part 2" of the One Block Wonder class, with tips on laying out the blocks into a quilt top. (Participants in the one block wonder class, please see the separate article below in this newsletter.) One block wonder arrangement will continue into our regular meeting time, and even people who didn't take the class can participate in helping to get the lay-outs just right.

There is no bonus content planned for December. Our business meeting will start at 6:30 as usual.

Members are invited to bring a treat to share - savory or sweet - so that we can all enjoy a bit of a snacky supper during the course of the evening. The guild will furnish the beverages, plates, napkins, and forks as usual.

We plan to have an ornament exchange during the meeting time. If you wish to participate, please bring a Christmas tree ornament, wrapped, to include in the exchange. The ornament can be one from your personal stash, one you just bought, one you made, one you got from a thrift shop, etc., but it should be one you think is cool and neat. All the wrapped ornaments will be put into one big container. If you put one in, you get to draw one out. The ornaments will be drawn during the course of the evening.

In addition to the ornament exchange there is some other festive giving on the agenda. Plan to bring your holiday themed quilts in addition to anything else you want to show and tell.

In January our program will be a presentation of the KHQS challenge quilts.



## **ONE BLOCK WONDER, PART 2**

One Block Wonder workshop participants are reminded that starting at 5:30 p.m. on December 17 (our next guild meeting day) Marcella Wright will be sharing information and tips regarding how to organize and lay out your blocks for completing your quilt top. This will be during what is ordinarily our social time before the meeting. Please bring your One Block Wonder project with you in whatever state of completion it is in - be it wedges, half hexagon blocks, or completed quilt. Your classmates will be interested to see how it is turning out. It should be interesting for the rest of our membership as well to see how the process works and the design possibilities.

We have reserved both large meeting rooms on the main floor of the Extension Office. Thus, we will be able to lay out our blocks on tables. If you have your blocks completed, this is an opportunity to figure out your block arrangement, or at least make substantial progress. There will be plenty of help for getting the blocks situated just so, as the rest of our CKHQG members will be there to chime in as well.



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Dec 17** Guild meeting 6:30, One Block Wonder workshop 5:30
- Jan 14** QOV sew day 9-4
- Jan 15** Quilt Guild Board Meeting, 9am. All are welcome
- Jan 18** Deadline for submissions to January newsletter
- Jan 20-24** Winter retreat at Pieceful Haven
- Jan 28** Guild meeting 6:30, Social time at 5:30
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## **UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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| <b>22 Jan</b> | <b>Debbie Ball</b> | <b>26 Dec</b> | <b>Carla Carter</b>   |
| <b>20 Jan</b> | <b>Debi Newman</b> | <b>15 Jan</b> | <b>Debbie Poole</b>   |
| <b>11 Dec</b> | <b>Sherry Wade</b> | <b>10 Jan</b> | <b>Ginny Riensche</b> |



## **FREE TABLE**

At its October 6 meeting, your board considered formalizing and organizing our "free table" to make it more useful and effective for our members (as well as fun!).

Debbie Brown volunteered to create a sign to identify the free stuff at meetings and make it clear that the stuff offered is free. Debbie has done that, and now you are invited to bring the free stuff you want to pass on to someone else for the Free Table at the December meeting.

Organizational plan for free table:

Do you have something you wish to send to a good home? Bring the stuff you don't want to keep to the Guild Meeting. Place it on the clearly marked "Free Table."

Everyone, when you arrive at Guild Meeting, check out the Free Table. There you can find various quilting (sewing, crafting) items offered up by your friends. Free table items not immediately adopted will be retained for up to three months before being donated.

We need a volunteer to chair the Free Table: The Job description is very easy.

- Set out the Free Table placard out on the table and set out any retained free stuff before each meeting;
- Return leftover free stuff, if any, to storage at the end of each meeting.
- Donate unwanted stuff.

We hope to fill this volunteer position no later than the December Guild Meeting



## **HOMEMAKERS NEWS**

Elizabeth Collins spoke at the November meeting about the Homemakers Cultural Arts Event. There are numerous categories, not just quilting. Enter as many categories as you would like. This is a great opportunity to show our support for Franklin County Extension. Entries are due at the Extension Office by March 13, 2025.



Kathie announced a President's Challenge for April, which will consist of making a 12" finished block in memory of Elizabeth Eaton. (You will submit a 12 ½ inch block.) These blocks will be sent to the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association State Meeting in May where they will be auctioned off to raise money for cancer research.



## **JANUARY RETREAT AT PIECEFUL HAVEN**

Here is a great way to chase away midwinter doldrums! Pieceful Haven in Crestwood, KY has offered us the use of its quilt retreat house from Monday, January 20 through Thursday, January 24, 2025, due to a rare cancellation.

If you *think* you may want to go, please indicate that by giving a *refundable* \$50 deposit to treasurer Nadine Cox at the December meeting.

### Details

- This is a great opportunity to enjoy some concentrated sewing time, free from distractions, for up to four nights and five days;
- You can stay for any combination of days and nights, including day tripping;
- The lodging cost is \$50/night/person;
- We need to have seven persons minimum booked per night. Twelve is probably the largest ideally comfortable number of participants to have at one time in terms of work space;
- If you come, you should bring your own breakfast food. Before the retreat we will organize and assign cooking teams to be responsible for the lunches and suppers;
- We pay the balance of our lodging expense at the conclusion of our stay.
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Nadine Cox can answer any further questions you might have at the December Guild Meeting.

Note from Nadine- Looks good. I've already decided it's a soup week! I'm thinking Chili, taco, potato, vegetable, chicken noodles, tomato basil. Cornbread, grilled cheese. Ready to go?



## **FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR**

I got an email from Matt Graham recently, confirming that he will implement the changes I have requested for 2025. That means that we have a Group Quilt category for next year. I hope to see a few Crave Box quilt entries.

Also, he shared the entry totals for the last four years-

2021-32    2022-29    2023-44    2024-52. Can we keep up the pace in 2025?

Any items that you enter into Cultural Arts will be returned in May, so those will be eligible for the fair too.



## QUILTS OF VALOR



Quilts of Valor  
November 10 and 17, 2024

The Quilts of Valor group has been very busy. They had two award ceremonies on November 10 and 17 where they awarded a total of 39 quilts.

In addition, Nadine Cox awarded two quilts to former Henry County classmates during a Junior ROTC veterans' event. Then she awarded another quilt in a private ceremony at the Methodist Church in Hickman KY.

That brings the monthly total to 42!





Candlelight Weekend  
November 7-10, 2024

Hello Friends!

We had a great day at the Children's Holiday Store on Saturday.

Thanks to the many hands who made light work from the set-up crew, Debbie, Anne and Theresa on Friday night, to our registrars - Kris and Lisa, our gift wrappers - Eileen and Katie and our sales force and cleanup crew - Debra, Kathie, Suzanne and Susan. I appreciate your help!!

Thanks to those of you who made and donated items to sell. Hot sellers were once again, pillows and puppets!

I have to give honorable mention to Eileen Bray who donated, 20 Hershey Kisses Jugs, 12 small quilted stockings, 15 microwave cozies, 20 square quilted hearts, 20 quilted crosses, and 15 Hershey Kisses Christmas trees! Well done, Eileen!

Our grand total was \$818!

Thanks again to all!  
Leah



## **MEMBER of the MONTH- LEAH TUPTS**

Leah has been a member of CKHQG since 2019. She began quilting when she took a beginner quilting class from Roberta Fleming at the Extension Office, and Leah says she was immediately hooked! Leah enjoys making things, and finds that quilting is challenging and fun at the same time.

Since starting quilting, Leah has particularly enjoyed making Block of the Month quilts. The blocks are pretty and interesting, and it is nice to receive all the materials needed for constructing the quilt top along with the quilt patterns. Leah is currently working on her fourth Block of the Month quilt. The first two are completed and the third one is awaiting its backing and quilting.

Leah has become involved in Quilts of Valor and in making Holiday Store items, so she has gotten a bit behind lately on her block of the month. Mary Ann Burch tapped Leah to organize and lead our guild's participation in the Franklin County Homemakers' Children's Holiday Store the first time we joined in that endeavor, and Leah has done that for us the last three years with good success.

Leah is an ultrasound technician. After fifteen years of working full-time at the Frankfort Regional Hospital, she had three active boys at home. She then scaled back to working part-time at a local physician's office until the doctor retired. Now she works a couple of days a week in Lexington, and does PRN work here and there. She enjoys having a bit of extra time for herself and her creative pursuits.



## **QUILTS FOR KIDS**



Debbie Poole  
delivered  
21 Quilts to  
Rosemary on  
November 26th



**LINDA SANFORD TRUNK SHOW**



Our November program was a trunk show by Linda Sanford. If you would like to see more of her amazing quilts, see our Facebook page.



## **STOCKINGS FOR SENIORS**



Many thanks to all who made stockings, who sorted donations, who stuffed stockings (along with 6 community volunteers) and who helped deliver the 150 stockings to the Capital City Activity Center. The community was more than generous in their donations. The left-over items that we could keep for next year will be kept in storage, and the items that won't keep, we are gifting to those in need locally (not determined at time of newsletter).

Debbie Brown





## Show & Tell November 19, 2024



### **REMINDER**

If Franklin County schools are closed because of bad weather on a day we are scheduled to meet then our meeting will be canceled. School closing information is available on local radio and television stations and on the internet.



Kathie Tomazic got a call this past week from a gentleman who asked for help in selling a sewing machine. He bought the machine for his wife shortly before her health declined and she passed away. He said that she was only able to use the machine for about 2 weeks.

The machine is a Janome Horizontal QCP and it includes a sewing table and items that came with the purchase. He is asking \$800.00.



## **Meeting Minutes November 16, 2024 Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild**

Vice President Katie Daughtery called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and introduced Elizabeth Collins from the Franklin County Homemakers. Elizabeth distributed a handout regarding the 2024-2025 [Cultural Arts and Heritage Program](#) exhibit categories and encouraged everyone to consider entering something in the exhibit in order to strongly represent Franklin County. There are multiple categories, including quilting. All winning entries will advance to the Area level, and winning entries there will advance to the State level. All entries should be brought to the Franklin County Extension Office by March 13, but can be brought up to two weeks in advance. Please contact Elizabeth, Carla Carter or the Extension Office for additional information.

Katie then introduced November CKHQG *Member of the Month*, Mary Moore. Mary is a self-taught quilter of 10 years after initially buying herself a quilting book. After moving to Kentucky, she continued quilting and later joined the CKHQG. She enjoys making scrap quilts from multiple fabrics and likes to include many colors; many of the scraps included in her quilts were found in the CKHQG stash of donated fabrics. Mary is a regular attendee at Friday Stitchers, a group that meets every Friday at the Extension Office for quilting and conversation. She encouraged others to stop by because there is always someone there who is willing to help. Mary showed several striking quilts that she has made from various scraps, displaying her talent for turning someone's tossed out "trash" into beautiful treasures!

### **Committee Updates and Reports**

The guild welcomed a visitor from the Shelby County guild, Jeanie Gaus. A new member gift was given to Lula Ray who joined the CKHQG in October. Deb Miller reported that most dues had been paid and that a new updated directory would be available in December.

Information for the December newsletter should be sent to Mary Quinan by December 7, 2024. President Kathie Tomazic reminded members to share information about community events and/or useful websites with Mary to include in monthly newsletters.

Treasurer Nadine Cox reported that the annual report was finished.

### **Community Outreach and Other Activities**

Sherry Wade shared that the two November QOV ceremonies were "awesome" and thanked everyone who had taken part. The Capital City QOV so far has provided 120 quilts to veterans in and around Franklin County since its inception in 2022. She encouraged members to consider becoming a member of the CCQOV and announced that the next QOV sew day would be on December 10. The next QOV ceremony will be in May 2025. Nadine added that she had the opportunity to share some QOV information at the Henry County High School Air Force JROTC Veteran's Breakfast, along with Sandy Phillips and Deb Miller. Nadine also attended a QOV ceremony in Hickman, Kentucky.

Debbie Brown reported that there are plenty of stockings and donations for this year's Meals on Wheels recipients. Stockings will be filled on December 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Willow Room (room G) for delivery to the Capital City Activities Center. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Debbie for more information. Kathie added that stocking sew days will be scheduled for 2025 and that stocking kits will be available for streamlined construction.

Kathie reminded everyone on behalf of Leah Tupts that the Homemaker's Holiday Store event is this Saturday, November 23. An email has been sent to everyone who signed up to help in October, but volunteers are still needed to help with clean up. Donated items can still be dropped off at the Extension Office and/or brought during Friday evening set up. Mary Ann Burch shared that Marilyn Davis made 20 puppets for the event.

### **New Business**

Katie announced that the December meeting would include an ornament exchange and asked everyone to bring a wrapped ornament. She also asked everyone to bring an appetizer to share. Prior to the December business meeting, Marcella Wright will be available for a "part two" of the One Block Wonder class to offer layout assistance to those needing help completing their quilts. This will begin at 5:30 p.m. Katie reviewed with membership a proposal she had requested from Pat Sturtzel to find out the terms for a full-day fabric dyeing workshop to determine if that is something we would want to do as a group. It was decided that there was not sufficient interest to have the fabric dyeing workshop here, as the number or people interested could easily go to Pat's studio to take the class there.

Upcoming programs will feature a KHQS Challenge Quilt display in January and the vice-president's challenge (completed Crave Box quilts) in March. The February program will be announced at a later date. Kathie announced a President's Challenge for April, which will consist of making a 12" finished block in memory of Elizabeth Eaton. These blocks will be sent to the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association State Meeting in May to support cancer research.

Nadine shared that there will be a quilter's retreat at Peaceful Haven in Crestwood, Kentucky, January 20-23, 2025. Please contact Nadine for more information.

"Free" table items will now remain on the table for three months. If they have not found a new home by that time, the items will be donated to Goodwill or the Paul Sawyer Public Library.

### **Program**

Katie introduced Linda Sanford, a quilter from Shelbyville who has won several local, state and national awards for her quilts. Linda shared that she started quilting at age 12 but took it on as a dedicated hobby when she retired. She brought several championship quilts to show and spoke about the origins and details of each. Linda does all of her own quilting on a longarm machine and prefers free-motion feather patterns above all else. She doesn't use computer-generated patterns or pantographs, but quilts everything free-motion, occasionally using rulers. She makes a label for each quilt and, along with her name and date, she includes information about the thread and batting and occasionally the story behind the quilt. When asked what was necessary for an award-winning quilt, Linda said first and foremost, you have to ENTER to win! She shared a feedback form from one of her Kentucky State Fair entries to show some of the areas that are evaluated. Other tips Linda shared included always using fabric colors that blend and work well together, always having a full and enhanced binding and always making sure that corners are mitered and sewn down on both sides.

Dodi Fouts was the door prize winner. Following show and tell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Jarboe, Secretary