

PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

PRESIDENT Debbie Brown, Mary Ann Burch
SECRETARY –Katie Daugherty
NEWSLETTER- Mary Quinan

VICE PRESIDENT –Sherry Wade
TREASURER – Debi Newman

FEBRUARY PROGRAM – FEBRUARY 28, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

February - speaker will be Sandy Phillips She will be sharing her current book project "A Quilt Tour & a Bite to Eat. Ladies, I have seen some excerpts and this is awesome and a very clever idea. Can't wait to see and hear more.

March - will be official kickoff of Pizza Box Quilt. Also, we will have one of our own, Nadine Fletcher Cox, speaking on Trapunto Quilting. If you would like to bring your sewing machine and participate that is fine. But, we need at least two-three machines so others can look on. Supply list will be forthcoming.

April - we will have Elizabeth Peck as our guest speaker. She is the owner of "The Quilt Makers Shop" Her shop specializes in wide backings and battings. She will share her ideas on preparing your quilt for the longarm plus other information regarding battings. There will be a variety of backings and battings for sale that evening. Her website is thequiltmakersshop.com.

April 29th - our workshop with Sara Frye. There will be a \$15 fee for our Guild members and \$25 fee for non-Guild members which includes lunch. We are limited to 15-20 attendees. The class will be 10:00 - 4:00 upstairs at the Extension Office. The pattern for this class will be Crazy Curves. She will be preparing the supply list and will forward at a later date.



MINUTES OF THE JANUARY GUILD MEETING

Minutes of January 24, 2023 Meeting

Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mary Ann Burch. One guest was welcomed. Members with January birthdays were reminded to choose a birthday fat quarter, and Mary Ann reminded us to visit the “free table” for items being shared.

Mary Ann announced that the Executive Board had determined that a by-laws amendment was appropriate to reflect our membership in and payment of dues to the Franklin County Homemakers. She read the proposed amendment and presented it in writing. Debbie Brown moved and Nadine Cox seconded a motion that the proposed amendment be adopted and there was discussion. The proposed amendment will be duly noted in the next newsletter and will be voted upon at the next regular meeting per our by-laws.

On the handout setting forth the proposed by-laws amendment, we also received a listing of upcoming sewing class opportunities and a list of quilt retreat packing suggestions from Krista Moser. Mary Ann and Carla Carter, CKHQG member and Franklin County Extension Agent, reminded us that we now have opportunities to be active in the Homemakers organization and programs. Carla also explained that we qualify for a 15% off 4-H discount at Joann Fabrics and told us how to apply.

Reports:

Treasury – Debi Newman reported a bank balance of \$7,863.89, with \$4,270.30 designated for stockings. Debi is investigating changing banks.

It also was reported that Debbie Brown will chair the Stocking Committee and that the Executive Board had discussed investment of funds we do not anticipate needing immediately in some CD's. Debi Newman moved that \$1,000 of the guild's undesignated funds be invested along with as much as \$4,000 of the funds designated for stockings. Debbie Brown seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed unanimously. Volunteers were solicited to help with the Stocking Committee. Debi, Debbie and the Stocking Committee will move forward to invest in CD's of appropriate terms of time and yield. Cathy Sparks recommended that we check into the tax ramifications of receiving investment income by a non-profit organization.

Membership – Debra Miller had our new name tags ready this evening. People who hadn't already received their Membership Directory were given them. New member gift baskets were presented to those new members who had not already received theirs. Debra shared that we have CKHQG pins for

sale and that if you wear yours to the meeting you qualify for a second door prize. We had 28 members present.

Newsletter – Mary Quinan was recognized and resoundingly thanked for her work in getting our informative and appealing newsletter out each month. Newsletter items for February should be submitted by February 19.

Quilts of Valor – Debbie Brown reported that the National QOV Sew Day is scheduled for February 4, and that she has reserved a room at the Extension Office. The next regular meeting for QOV is planned for Tuesday, March 14, 9:00 – 4:00 at the Extension Office.

Charity Quilts – Debbie Poole reported that she had several “kits” for Quilts for Kids which had been cut out and assembled at Friday Stitchers to be given out for completion. If you want to help with this effort, the quilts are well started.

Hospice Quilts – The guild will provide batting. Kathy Doyle has agreed to quilt 2 to 3 quilts per year for this effort. Vickie Gross stepped forward to give it a try as well, with Kathy’s help. Additional volunteers for the quilting of these quilts are sought. Since the quilts are not terribly large they can be quilted on a home sewing machine.

Librarian – Anne Cockley has updated the spreadsheet of titles of our books and currently is working on a list by topic/subject matter. When completed, the list will be distributed to membership in our newsletter.

Homemakers’ Holiday Store – Marilyn Davis has donated materials and patterns for hand puppets, and has even agreed to make up some kits for us to assemble at our “Christmas in July” Sew Days scheduled for July 28 and 29, 2023.

2023 Meeting Dates – After discussion it was determined that in 2023 all meeting dates will be the fourth Tuesday of the month except for December’s, which will be on the third Tuesday, December 19.

Programs - Vice President Sherry Wade first introduced Kay Wilson to talk about our upcoming “Pizza Box Quilt Challenge,” which will start in March, but which we should start thinking about now. Kay distributed an information sheet detailing how this will work, and also shared stories of how much fun this project has been for the Owen County guild. (They liked it so much that they did it two years in a row!)

In February our program speaker will be Sandy Phillips (a QOV member) who will speak about her soon-to-be-published book of recipes with quilts. In April we will have a presentation on threads by Kay Wilson [Now battings]. Also in April we intend to have an all-day class on April 29 led by Sarah Frye.

Sherry introduced our program: the KHQS challenge quilts “I Spy Red”, shown by Nadine Cox. Before showing the quilts though, Nadine announced that

- The Missouri Star trip has been rescheduled with the Shelbyville Guild, June 12 – 16, 2023. A \$400 deposit is due before February 28 [now February 14].
- The “clear the cabinet” challenge this year is flannel. Nadine had an assortment of flannels from which to choose. Please email Nadine a picture of the fabric you took. Projects are due in August, with prizes to be awarded in September. Earn extra points if you make something for the Homemakers Holiday Store.

The KHQS challenge quilts shown were varied, interesting, beautiful, and thought-provoking.

Following the program we had show and tell. Drawing for door prizes was made with the prizes to be awarded in February, as Linda Sanders was absent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

[Reader, note that the bracketed information above reflects changes since the meeting.]

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Daugherty,
Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 28 Guild meeting, social time at 5:30, meeting at 6:30.

Feb 14 Deposit for Missouri Star trip is due.

Mar 11 Quilters Day Out, Louisville

Mar 14 QOV work day 9-4

Mar 18 Quilter’s Day Out, Lexington. See info below

Mar 19 Deadline for submissions to March newsletter

Mar 25 Beads of Courage sew day. 10-4 More info below

Mar 28 Guild meeting

Apr 25 Guild meeting

Apr 26-29 Quilt week in Paducah

Apr 29 Sarah Frye class



BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

Follow-up to our joining the Franklin County Homemakers Club....

To make it official and easy to find in our permanent records, I'd like to suggest that we AMEND OUR BYLAWS. To accomplish this our bylaws require us to follow these steps:

Article X. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended under the direction of President, at a regular meeting, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, PROVIDED THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN WRITING AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, AND DULY NOTED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 5. The Guild belongs to the Franklin County Homemakers as a Special Interest Homemakers group. Annual dues for Franklin County Homemakers shall be paid when due for each Guild member out of general funds held by the Guild.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Mar Dodi Fouts
4 Mar Carol Smith
10 Mar Cathy Sparks

11 Mar Nadine Cox
25 Mar Mary Quinan
28 Mar Nancy Cooley



MISSOURI STAR TRIP

\$ 400 deposit for the Missouri Star trip is due by Feb14. If you have any questions please contact Nadine Cox, jakgolkate@gmail.com or 502-320-9748

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new member Linda Prible who joined in January. Linda lives at 322 W Fourth St. Her contact info is 757-567-6035 or 2dabuzz@gmail.com

QUILTS OF VALOR

The Capital City QOV group met for National QOV Sewing Day on Saturday, February 4th and worked on the 2023 QOV Block of the Year, using patriotic charm packets donated graciously by Shannon at Birdsong. Many blocks were completed, as well as work on other Quilts of Valor in progress.

Our next Sew Day will be Tuesday, March 14 in Room G of the Extension Office. We have the room from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Debi Newman will be sharing directions on how to make a Floating Star block beginning at 10:00. She will provide background material and you should bring one 4.5 inch and eight 3.5 inch squares, in either blue or red fabric (or both colors as you can make more than one block!). She will also have written instructions plus we will have written instructions for making the Split Back Star, which is a very similar block and is the QOV Block of 2023. We have charm pack fabric for construction of these stars. You may also work on your own project during this time.

SAVE THE DATE

These are a few dates for events over the summer that you might want to add to your calendars.

July 18-22 Franklin County Fair. More details coming soon.

July 28-29 Stockings for Seniors sew days. Please save your batting scraps. Even smaller pieces can be joined together for stockings or items for the Children's Holiday store.

August 1-31 Our annual exhibit at the library. It's never too early to think about what you want to include,

QUILTERS GUILD OF THE BLUEGRASS
PRESENTS

Quilter's Day Out

MARCH 18, 2023 9 AM - 3:00 PM, \$5.00

FAYETTE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1140 HARRY SYKES WAY, LEXINGTON, KY 40504

Featured Speaker - Deb Strain,
Quilter, Moda Fabric Designer

Vendors+Food+Quilts
Door prizes + Show & Tell



Quilters Guild
of the
Bluegrass

Bring a Fat Quarter for the
Charity Basket Door Prize

QUILT SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS QUILT STORE VENDORS

Stringtown Quilters
Guild
presents
Quilters' Day Out

Admission is FREE!

March 18, 2023
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

First Church of Christ
6080 Camp Ernst Road
Burlington, KY 41005

For more information about Stringtown
Quilters' Guild, check out our website at
www.stringtownquiltersguild.com
For more information about Quilters'
Day Out, contact Robin Bisig at
SQGVicePresident@gmail.com

Featured Quilter:

Michele Kempainen

Her love of sewing and fabrics began when she was 8 or 9 years old. She learned to sew with her grandmother on her old treadle machine. She made clothes for her doll and simple tops for herself. She started quilting in the late 70's, learning from books and magazines. She began making miniatures on camping trips where she had her Featherweight but not a lot of room for fabric or supplies. Most importantly, quilting has given her lasting friendships.

Stringtown Quilter's Guild invites you to join us in a celebration of our love of quilting and the rich quilting heritage of our community!
Come see our beautiful quilts, fabric and textile arts on display. Vote for the Viewer's Choice Award. There will be various quilting demonstrations throughout the day plus a Silent Auction, Free Magazine Give-away and Door Prizes! Don't miss the fun!!!

Come see our vendors:

- Country Patchwork LLC (Viewer's Choice Sponsor)
- Around the Corner Fabrics
- The Quilt Maker's Shop
- Silk Road Textiles
- Quilts by Debbie
- Busy Needle Quilting LLC
- Original Creations
- JoAnn Abel
- The Little Shop of Stitches
- And others!!!

CHARITY QUILTS

I have received 2 different fabric donations in the last few months. In the first donation we had enough fabric to cut about 25 kits-ready to sew- for QFK. The kits will be available at the guild meeting.

In the second donation, Debbie Ball and I went to Lagrange with KHQS and left with so much I can't really believe it. After sorting we have: 48 quilt tops suitable for QFK, 20 quilt tops that need to be made larger for QFK, 54 quilt panels we can use for QFK, a box of fabric suitable for QOV and several finished quilt tops, yards and yards of fabric for backings and for making QFKs, several yards of fabric for Christmas stockings and the Holiday Store, a bag of fat quarters we can use for our birthday basket, a box of quilt tops suitable for hospice quilts, bag of cording we can use to make drawstring bags for Beads of Courage Bags for UK hospital. We have yards of fabric left after sorting that we can use for future projects. We gave several boxes of fabric to 4-H and what they don't need will be sent to KHQS Getaway in June.

The donation of this lady's fabric and quilt tops was made to KHQS and Charla Sky, the president, has asked that we make a donation to KHQS. Since this donation is such a benefit to our members and charity projects, I will ask the members at guild meeting to send KHQS a donation of \$200. This has been such a blessing for our guild and for our charity projects. We will be busy working with this donation for months!

After another day of sorting, we have quilt tops and backings matched that are ready for quilting. The QFK just needs simple quilting. I will have these at the next guild meeting. We matched panels and coordinated fabric in kits. These kits will need to be designed, cut, and sewn to make quilts in the range of 40" x 50-60". I will have these at the next guild meeting.

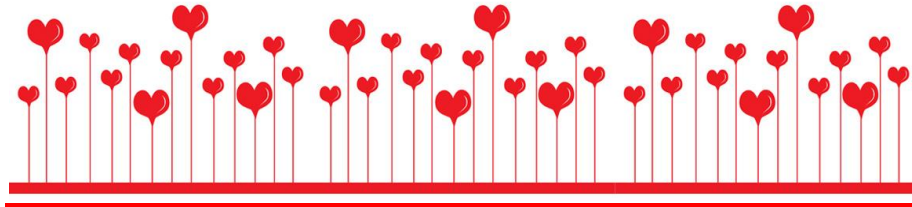
Pictures are of donations on the table before sorting and picture of the stack of quilt tops.



Submitted by Debbie Poole

EXTENSION OFFICE INFORMATION

If you need to reserve a room at the Extension Office for a quilt guild related event or if you need photocopies, please contact administrative assistant Julie Banks. 502-695-9035 or Julie.banks@uky.edu, or Emma Boebinger emma.boebinger@uky.edu.



BEADS OF COURAGE

Beads of Courage Sew Day
Saturday, March 25, 10-4
Franklin Co Extension Office – basement (room G)

We have a request from UK Children's Hospital for the Beads of Courage bags. We made over 100 bags five years ago. Our plan is to make another 100 bags. We have labels on order and we are cutting fabric and cording to be ready to sew on March 25. I can answer any questions at next guild meeting.

I've attached a video that explains what Beads of Courage is and what it means to the kids. Also I have attached a copy of the instructions to make the bags.

<https://youtu.be/WMCcJxO9mnY>

Debbie Poole



Beads of Courage Bead Bag Guidelines

Thank you for your interest and generosity to stitch bead bags to be used with Beads of Courage members. Please use the following directions for sewing bead bags to ensure consistency.

Visit <https://store.beadsofcourage.org/beads-of-courage-sewing-labels.aspx> to order the Beads of Courage Bead Bag kit. A \$10 donation covers costs of 50 Bead Bag labels, 50 Caring Artist cards, & shipping.

The Artist Cards can be personally signed to acknowledge the effort and talent that goes into making each bag. Our bead bag labels are necessary for branding the services we provide to our members, and we thank you for your understanding and ensuring each bag made for the Beads of Courage program includes these labels. We greatly appreciate your tremendous support of our organization!

Materials needed (per bag):

- 2 pieces 9x12" focus fabric
- 2 pieces 9x12" lining fabric
- 2 pieces cording or ribbon 26"
- Beads of Courage Bead Bag label and "caring artist card"

Instructions*:

1. Sew Beads of Courage label in middle lower part or right corner of 1 piece of focus fabric.
2. Stitch pieces of focus fabric together along long edge.
3. Do the same process with lining fabric and iron the seams open.
4. Turn lining fabric right side out and place into focus fabric (right sides will be facing each other).
5. Stitch 1/4" from the top all the way around top.
6. To attach fabric together, iron seam open and turn right side out- focus fabric will be facing out now.
7. To make the "tunnel" for the cording, stitch all the way around 1/2" from the top catching both the focus and lining fabrics.
8. Reinforce at the side seams using reverse stitch.
9. Stitch all the way around 1 1/4" from the top catching both focus and lining fabrics.
10. Reinforce at side seams.
11. Using a seam ripper, open at side seams through the focus fabric only.
12. Turn bag inside out, and serge layers at the bottom together.
13. Turn right side out, and using a safety pin, thread cording through the 'tunnel' starting at one seam opening and ending at the same seam.
14. Repeat starting at the other seam
15. Please include a "caring artist card" in each bag.



Beads of Courage Bag Kit contents



Example of completed bead bags

**A heartfelt thank you to Nancy Fay for providing these detailed bead bag instructions.*



SHOW & TELL-JANUARY 24. 2023



SEWING CLASSES IN BOYLE COUNTY



It's Sew Fine Sewing Seminar

April 13-14, 2023

Join us for classes on:

- clothing accessories
- garment construction
- quilting
- home decoration

Full-day and half-day classes.

View schedule & details online:

tinyurl.com/3fvpb5vx



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Held at Boyle County Extension Office
99 Corporate Drive, Danville, KY



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For questions, contact:
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with prior notification.

Since the quilt guild is associated with 4-H by being affiliated with Homemakers we are eligible for the JoAnn's 4H discount

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Current & Alumni members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN guarantees a minimum donation to National 4-H Council of \$250,000 per year until June 2023 through a combination of customer donations during campaigns, minimum of 2.5% of sales from the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, and \$0.50 for every yard purchased of custom 4-H fabric.

ENROLL NOW

To sign up for JoAnn's discount go to www.joann/4h.

PLASTIC BOTTLES NEEDED

Please bring empty milk/OJ jugs to the guild meeting on the 28th. Mary Ann Burch would like to make plastic copies of the puppet patterns so we can use them over and over.

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.

