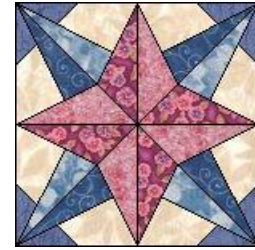


**PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2024**



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

**VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Daugherty
TREASURER – Nadine Cox**

FEBRUARY PROGRAM – FEBRUARY 26, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

For our program in February, we will have an evening of sharing and creative collaboration on any stuck projects, design uncertainties and technical issues you may have, so please bring your projects to share as the topic for group brainstorming. You can also bring anything else you might want to share from a recent "aha moment", etc.

Suggestions for helpful and kind critiquing of others' work are found below. Our quilt guild = safe zone for showing your work. We are here to help and encourage one another.

As bonus content in February, during our social hour and shortly before the meeting, we will have a brief presentation of tips for cleaning and maintaining your cutting mat, thanks to Nadine Cox.

Immediately following the February meeting we will have a brief organizational meeting for those who are interested in participating in our "crumb quilting" workshop on Saturday, March 23. See article below.

Thoughts on Critiquing Others' Work (adapted from Thinking Outside the Block, by Sandi Cummings)

All dialogue should be based on mutual respect and supportive, helpful input. We strive for the guild to be a safe place to show any works in progress and seek informed reactions to them. We will bear in mind that we have different levels of experience and are at different levels in our development as quilters.

It is helpful to offer positive and affirming commentary about the stronger attributes of a quilt. These comments may build the quilters' confidence and let her know areas to focus on and perhaps explore

further. Comments about weaker areas should be framed in a way that promotes creative thinking and discussion.

Suggested solutions to technical problems can be especially helpful. Group brainstorming to solve design problems can open up our thinking processes, even if the ideas may be far-fetched. The ideas might not be used, but may lead to other solutions.

Upcoming programs:

March: Crave Box reveal. Bonus content TBD.

April: We will host Mary Beth Dunn for a trunk show and talk about her creative process. Bonus content during social time will be the opportunity for brainstorming about layouts for your crave box blocks and completion of your quilt top.

Crumb Day

Based on the interest shown in crumb quilting, and furthered by Anne Cockley and Susan Wigglesworth's presentation on the topic as part of our November "tips and tricks" round robin, we have scheduled a crumb workshop for Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m. in rooms E-F (the room where we have our meetings) of the Extension Office.

If you are interested in participating in our crumb day workshop, please plan to attend a brief organizational meeting following our February guild meeting in order that we may best plan to address your wishes insofar as what you want to learn and what you want to accomplish at the workshop. You can start gathering your scraps. (Peculiar shapes and partially pieced units add interest.)



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 27 Guild meeting
Feb 29-March 3 KHQS Spring retreat
Feb 29-Mar 2 Indiana Heritage Quilt Show (more info below)

Mar 9 Quilter's Day Out Louisville
Mar 12 Quilts of Valor sew day 9-4
Mar 16 Quilter's Day Out Lexington
KHQS Challenge Quilts will be on display at both QDO events
Mar 16 Quilter's Day Out Burlington
Mar 16 Deadline for submissions to March newsletter
Mar 23 Crumb Day
Mar 26 Guild meeting

UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11 Mar	Nadine Cox	3 Mar	Dodi Fouts
25 Mar	Mary Quinan	4 Mar	Carol Smith
10 Mar	Cathy Sparks		



Member of the Month - Kathie Tomazic

We are starting "Member of the Month" in this newsletter. We will feature a short member profile in each newsletter, and the monthly meeting will begin with an introduction of the MoM, plus some of her quilts. We hope to get to know one another better in this way. A different member will be highlighted each month.

To kick off our series our president, Kathie Tomazic, has graciously agreed to be interviewed to tell us a bit about herself: Kathie began quilting in 1998, though she had always sewn, and had always been interested in quilts. Kathie's mother and grandmother were both accomplished needlewomen who inspired her. Her mom did fine tailoring, alterations, clothing, and home decor as well as various crafts... and had Kathie sewing on buttons at 5 years of age.

Kathie was reared in Cleveland, OH in a Ukrainian neighborhood. She and her husband moved to Lexington, KY in 1979 for his job at UK. They moved to Lima, OH in 2003 and remained there until 2015 before returning to Lexington where they live today.

Kathie has had an interesting career path, last serving as a Hospice Chaplain. Prior to that she was Director of Family Ministries for the Catholic Diocese of Lexington where she had the opportunity to organize several quilting/prayer retreats. She held jobs in the medical field before that.

She made her connection to Frankfort during the time the Tomazics lived in Lima. Kathie was looking for a quilt retreat and found KHQS Getaway, where she met Nadine Cox. When Kathie returned to Central Kentucky, their connection continued, and now she is leading our guild.

A long and winding way! Thank you for sharing, Kathie.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Crumb Day is scheduled for March 23rd. More details at the February guild meeting or contact Katie Daugherty at davekatepgi@gmail.com



Show and Tell, January 23, 2024



Spring is almost here, and that means it is time for Quilter's Day Out! Lots going on, so here are three that are nearby.

Hello Kentucky and Surrounding Area Quilt Guilds!

On behalf of Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass, I would love to cordially invite you to our wonderfully spectacular Quilter's Day Out event on March 16, 2024.

Our event, which we hold in celebration of National Quilting Day, is shaping up to be such a fun day for all of our quilt friends and neighbors. Last year we had over 300 attendees from surrounding counties and states. We hope that even more guests will find their way to us with the desire to shop, admire quilts, win door prizes, and view a presentation by our guest speaker Cheryl Sleboda.

Our guild would be so grateful if you could tell your respective guild members about this event. We would also be very thankful if you chose to donate any type of item or gift basket to our door prize raffle. If you decide to donate, we will happily add you to our list of donors at the entrance and throughout the event.

Thank you so so much for your time! We hope to see everyone in March. Please see the attached flyer and/or visit our Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Facebook page for more details. Feel free to forward this email along to anyone who would be interested. You can also email me with any questions or clarification needs.

Quilters Are Awesome!



Ashley Nguyen

Secretary, Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass

akatherine13@gmail.com

*Quilters' Guild of the Bluegrass
presents...*

**Saturday
March 16**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m

Tickets \$5

Fayette County Cooperative Extension

1140 Harry Sykes Way Lexington

Light breakfast snacks provided

Catered Box Lunch \$10

Quilters' Day Out



Featured speaker: Cheryl Sleboda
"Heirloom Textures to Modern Quilts"*

- Shop the Vendors: Fabulous Quilt Stores offering fabric, machines, tools & notions
- Sharpen your Shears: Snippy Jim on site!
- View the Quilts: Display of Traditional to Modern Quilts
- Take a chance: Beautiful Spring Opportunity Quilt
- Bring a fat quarter: you may win the the lot!
- Receive a Gift Bag (First 175 attendees)
- Win a Door prize--It might be your lucky day!
- Bring a Friend! It will be a Wonderful Event!

*for more information about Cheryl Sleboda, see her website: www.muppin.com

Cheryl will teach a quilting class on Sunday, March 17, from 10-4:00: "Heirloom Sewing for Modern Quilters. \$50 class + \$25 kit.

For class info email QGBG.commteam@gmail.com

Quilters' Day Out 2024

Saturday March 9

Paroquet Springs Conference Centre

9am to 3pm

395 Paroquet Springs Dr.

Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Admission \$10

+Donation to Charity

Quilt Challenge Theme: Welcome to the Neighborhood

Quilt Block Challenge: Disappearing block

Charity: Mt Washington Ministries Food Bank

Grand Prize: Sewing Room Furniture

(Martelli Sewing Table, rolling sewing chair, and other supplies)

(Value Over \$1000)

Vivian Armstrong

QDO Co-chair

vivian.b.armstrong@gmail.com

(502) 439-2830

Susan Lance

QDO Co-chair

suzielance60@yahoo.com

(502) 264-3542



2024 Featured Quilter Debra Bank

*2023 Viewer's Choice Award Winner
by Debra Bank
"Grace's Dinner Plate Dahlia"*

**Stringtown Quilters Guild
presents
Quilters Day Out**

Quilt Show

Saturday, March 16, 2024

*9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Place: First Church of Christ
6080 Camp Ernst Road
Burlington, KY 41005*

**Many Shops & Vendors
Demonstrations
Free Admission
Silent Auction
Amazing Quilt Displays**

Donations of lunch size fruit/applesauce cups accepted for
Go Pantry. Monetary donations accepted for First Church of Christ.



www.stringtownquiltersguild.com

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.



INDIANA HERITAGE QUILT SHOW FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 2, 2024

We're a friendly quilt show held in beautiful Bloomington, Indiana during the first weekend in March. We're looking forward to another exciting show!

Register for one of our **workshops**! We offer three days of workshops for every level of experience, taught by award-winning **instructors**. Be sure to check out our **vendors** at the show!

Quilt entry for our 2024 show is closed. Thank you to all who entered! Quilts must be received the week of February 19-23 if shipped and February 24 if hand delivered. See our **Quilt Rules and Awards** for details.

Monroe Convention Center
302 South College Avenue
Bloomington, Indiana 47403
Get Directions.

HOURS:

Thursday, Feb. 29: 9am – 5pm
Friday, March 1: 9am – 5pm
Saturday, March 2: 9am – 4pm



PRE-ORDER TICKETS

Pre-ordered tickets are entered for a door prize.

More info at www.ihqs.org

8 TYPES OF QUILTERS

THE EXPERT

This quilter has tons of skill and experience and enjoys making intricate patterns. They may teach classes, write books, or have a helpful YouTube channel.

THE ARTIST

Focused on creativity, this quilter likes to experiment with color, texture, and shape to create visually stunning quilts. Their quilts wouldn't look out of place in a museum.

THE SHARER

This quilter has a strong online presence and enjoys sharing all about their quilting projects on social media. They have lots of online quilty friends.

THE QUILT POLICE

This quilter adheres strictly to traditional quilting rules. They frequently give unsolicited advice and are the type of quilter most likely to get blocked on IG.

THE COLLECTOR

This quilter loves to buy fabric and may or may not actually make quilts with that fabric. If you see fabric purchased by this quilter, don't ask if they have a plan for it.

THE ADMIRER

This quilter may not actually be a quilter (yet!) but they enjoy seeing what other quilters make. Don't worry, we will get them to make quilts eventually.

THE NEWBIE

This quilter is just getting started and is a little overwhelmed. Don't worry, quilters are the best helpers so just ask if you have questions!

THE APPRECIATOR

This quilter just loves to make quilts, loves to see other people make quilts, and loves to cheer people on as they make quilts.

Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024
Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild

President Kathie Tomazic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Franklin County Extension Agent Carla Carter provided information regarding upcoming events and programs sponsored by the Extension Office and the Franklin County Homemakers Association (FCHA). Upcoming programs include handcrafting cards, using Cricut machines, a painting party, the Big Blue book club and a class on cooking through the calendar. More information about these programs can be found in the [Franklin County Cooperative Extension newsletter](#). She reminded everyone to provide their current email address on the sign-in sheet to ensure that they regularly receive the newsletter.

Kathie reminded everyone with January birthdays to get a fat quarter. She also recognized Lisa Colston, who will serve as hospitality chair for the remainder of the year.

Treasurer Nadine Cox reported a balance of 4,900.00 in the CKHQG account and a balance of 4,128.00 in the investment account. Concerns about spending funds from the investment account will be discussed at a future QOV board meeting.

Committee Updates and Reports

Information for the February newsletter should be sent to Mary Quinan by February 2, 2024.

Vice President Katie Daugherty shared future program topics, including a “stuck project” program in February and the crave case block reveal in March. She will provide additional information regarding protocol for the stuck project via email at a later date. Katie provided handouts for members to review regarding possible future challenge projects for the guild. Ideas on the handout included ugly fabric quilts, two-color quilts, fat quarter quilt challenge, signature album blocks, rainbow quilts, paint chip quilts and a fabric combo block pattern. She and Kathie welcome additional ideas from members and will continue to think about possibilities for group activities and challenges.

A crumb block sewing day will be held on a Saturday in March – the exact date and time has not been determined. Please also let Katie or Kathie know if you have any suggestions regarding guest speakers for future programs.

Membership Chair Deb Miller welcomed new member Suzanne Sharp to the guild and provided her with a new member gift basket. Directory addendums will be printed and available soon.

Community Outreach and Other Activities

Sherry Wade shared information regarding the CKHQG yard sale, which is tentatively scheduled for the June meeting (June 25, 2024). Those wishing to participate should begin

thinking about items to either donate or sell; participants will have the option to either sell items themselves or donate items and profits to CKHQC. Suggestions for items include scrap fabric bags, fabric bundles, patterns, books, trim/ribbons, rulers and precut fabric packets – basically anything related to sewing and/or quilting! Sherry is going to attend the Lexington guild's sale in April to get additional ideas. Members from the Owen County guild shared that they hold a similar event each July and use the proceeds to fund their annual Christmas party and gift exchange.

Debbie Brown announced that the next QOV sew day will be March 12. A QOV getaway is also tentatively planned for the week of March 12-15 in LaGrange, Kentucky. Please contact Nadine Cox (1-502-320-9748) for additional information regarding the retreat. February 3, 2024, is National QOV Sew Day and room G at the Extension Office has been reserved for those who can attend.

Marcella Wright shared that Michael Johnson from The Quilter's Trunk in Liberty, Kentucky will be facilitating a maintenance workshop for Featherweight machines at the Owen County Extension Office on April 10, 2024. The cost is 60.00, which includes lunch. Please contact the Owen County Extension Office (502- 484-5703) for additional information.

The program featured a display of amazing quilts from the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society's (KHQS) 2023 President's Challenge. The theme for the quilts was "home" and quilters were challenged to create quilts that showcased what "home" means to them. The quilts were beautiful, ranging from cityscapes and bridges to farm scenes and roadways, and included a quilt by our own Debbie Poole. The variety of construction and quilting techniques were a treat to see!

Crave Boxes were collected and redistributed by Kay Wilson and Susan Hampton – only one more month to go (YAY!) and several projects were shared during Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jarboe, Secretary