

**PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2025**

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

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

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**JANUARY PROGRAM – JANUARY 28, 2025, 6:30 P.M.**

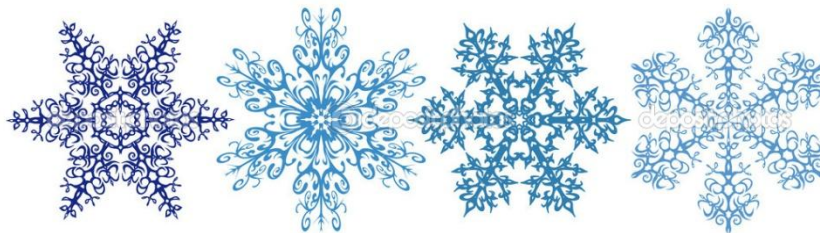
For our guild meeting on January 28, Kathie Tomazic has arranged for us to view the 2024 KHQS President's Challenge quilts on the theme "Barnyard." We *think* we will have a demonstration of fabric twining as bonus content during our social time and immediately before the start of the meeting. (Our meetings in October, November, and December were so jam-packed that we weren't able to squeeze in any bonus content!)

Coming up:

February - Our program will be a presentation about Miniature Quilts.

March - Vice president's challenge. Members are challenged to bring their completed Crave Box on the one-year anniversary of participants in the Crave Box challenge receiving their blocks. There will be prizes! We will also launch a new challenge on this occasion. More details about that will follow.

April - President's challenge. Bring your completed 12" quilt block, quilted and bound like a quilt. Prizes again! The blocks will be auctioned off at the State Homemakers' meeting, where proceeds are donated to cancer research. We are doing this in honor of our long-time member Elizabeth Eaton, who died of cancer last year.



## **You are invited - from Katie Daugherty**

Would you like to get some experience with big stitch quilting without committing to an entire project? I intend to host a series of "Big Stitch Quilt Bees" at my house starting in February to work on the "Shine" quilt I showed at our October meeting. I intend the quilt bees to be themed social events with food and beverages at various times to suit the schedules of those who would like to participate: e.g., weekday brunch; after work wine down; Saturday goof-off. I will announce the times and themes through the guild email list. If you'd like to come, I'd love to host you.

I finally got the "Shine" quilt basted together and have done some experimentation with the stitching to see how our quilting bees can work. I have gotten perle cotton in lots of colors to coordinate with the quilt. I will have needles. You only need to bring your favorite thimble with you. I look forward to fun and fellowship.

I have studied lots of YouTube videos to gather insights about big stitch quilting, as I am just getting started with this too. Here is a very informative link with oodles of helpful

information. <https://suzyquilts.com/how-to-hand-quilt/>

Scheduling information will follow.

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Jan 28** Guild meeting 6:30, Social time at 5:30
  
  - Feb 1** QOV National Sew Day 9-4
  - Feb 6** Stocking stuffer sort day, 2 pm
  - Feb 11** QOV monthly sew day
  - Feb 12** Deadline for submissions to Feb newsletter
  - Feb 25** Guild meeting- social time begins at 5:30, meeting at 6:30
  
  - Mar 6-8** Indiana Heritage Quilt Show-info below
  - Mar 8** Quilter's Day Out Lexington
  - Mar 8** Quilter's Day Out Shepherdsville
  - Mar 13** Submissions for Cultural Arts are due
  - Mar 15** Quilter's Day Out Burlington (Stringtown Quilters)
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## **UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Feb 14 Theresa Jaminet



## **Craft in America: QUILTS episode**

<https://youtu.be/OWtboRxFtgs>

This is a link to a Ken Burns video about quilts in America. You will need to copy and paste the link into your browser to watch it.





## December Member of the Month-Leah Tupts

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### **JANUARY MEMBER of the MONTH- VICKI GROSS**

Our featured member for January is Vickie Gross. She grew up in Shelbyville, but has spent her entire adult life in Frankfort. Vickie had a forty-year career with the Federal Government, commuting to Lexington. She has a grown son, Rodney, who also lives in Frankfort

Vickie started quilting shortly after she retired in 2019. That is when she finally had the opportunity to completely sort through the crafts from her mom, who was a seamstress, and who had a lot of unfinished projects. Her mom passed away in 2006. After going through the contents, Vickie was inspired to learn to quilt because she found several quilted items her mom had made. Some of them were a 9 square patch block, a 4-patch square block, and a circular pattern, and a few other unfinished projects. Vickie learned a little sewing from her mom but not quilting.

She took her first beginning quilt class in 2019 at the Scott County Extension Office where she learned to make some basic quilt blocks such as log cabin and simple 4 block patterns. Shortly after that she took a quilting class at the Woodford County Extension Office, where she continued to add to her skills. In early 2020, Vickie had a chance meeting with Debbie Brown and Mary Ann Burch at the JoAnn Fabric store in Frankfort. Vickie already knew Debbie, as their sons had been school mates. Debbie and Mary Ann told Vickie about our guild and urged her to join. A few months later Vickie did that, during the Covid lockdown! Meetings and show and tell were conducted via Zoom during the first several months of her membership.

Vickie has made several t-shirt quilts for friends, and she is currently working on restoration of a beloved and worn quilt made by a college mate's grandmother. She is also sorting her fabric scraps. On Vickie's "to do" list is completing some of the projects her mom didn't get to finish and her own unfinished projects.

Vickie has returned to the workforce again, this time as a federal contractor. Now she squeezes in her quilting between piano lessons, Book Club discussions and on weekends.

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## **CHARITY QUILTS**

Message from Rosemary-

We have made a number of deliveries to finish out 2024.

Last Friday: to Kentucky Children's Hospital -67 quilts, 50 crocheted hats, 29 pillowcases, 18 NICU sheets, 28 fleece and/or flannel blankets, and 10 Beads of Courage bags

Last Friday: to GreenHouse 17 (domestic violence shelter), 25 quilts and 8 fleece and/or flannel blankets

Today: to Beacon of Hope Emergency Homeless Shelter, 6 quilts and 4 fleece/flannel blankets

This coming Monday (when they reopen for the week): to New Beginnings Pregnancy Center, 8 quilts and 22 fleece/flannel blankets

WHEW!!! This represents so many hours of loving work by our wonderful members; what a blessing you are!!! Just think of all the children and their families who are being comforted by these fruits of your generosity. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Praying that you and your families enjoy a peaceful and blessed holiday season,

Rosemary

P.S. I received an email from Rachel in Peds Cardiology requesting more Beads of Courage bags. (I believe the ones we have been giving recently have been going to different departments.) She is arranging to have more labels/cards sent to me, but for now they are out of stock. If you are interested in this project, please let me know so I can send you labels when they do come in. Thanks!



Quilts for Kids

## **QUILTS OF VALOR**

We will have two QOV Sew Days in February and all guild members are invited to attend. On Saturday, February 1st, we will participate in National QOV Sew Day from 9-4 in the Willow Room. You may bring any project to work on.

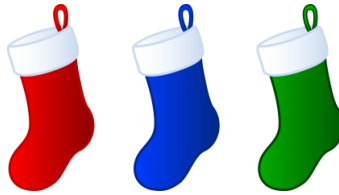
On **Tuesday, February 11th**, we will have a presentation at **10:00 am** on the **Cozy Quilt Designs' Double Dipping pattern**. Come at 9:00 to get your sewing machine & supplies set up. This pattern makes two completely different quilts from your strips. A copy of the pattern can be found here - <https://jordanfabrics.com/products/double-dipping-cozy-quilt-designs-pattern?variant=31517080453207>, but there will be a handout to follow that day so pattern isn't required.

**Fabric requirement** for two QOV sized quilts are as follows: 96 various 2.5 x WOF cuts ( or two jelly rolls plus a few extra cuts), 7 yards background fabric in a contrasting color (solid color usually), borders (optional) - 3/4 yard and 2 1/8 yards. You can also use 32 fat quarters. This quilt would be a good one for two people to work on together - the strip piecing is the same for all strips; the cuts to your pieced strips is what yields two totally different blocks that make the two different quilts.



## **STOCKING STUFFERS UPDATE**

What has been recommended by membership was that we do something for Valentine's Day and to give to the Family Resource Workers within a school with the donated items that we weren't able to use this year and will not keep well for next year. A member also suggested a plan to give toiletry items to the homeless through a friend who works with them. To that end, we will meet on February 6 @ 2 pm to pull out, sort, deliver and inventory remaining items. Help is greatly appreciated; also, if you have other ideas, we are happy to consider them if we still have items to give.





Holiday Celebration &  
Ornament Exchange  
12/17/24

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# Indiana Heritage Quilt Show

The next show is **March 6-8, 2025**, at the Monroe Convention Center,  
Bloomington, Indiana. We hope to see you then.

[www.ihqs.org](http://www.ihqs.org)

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## **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.





**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 2024**  
**Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild**

President Kathy Tomazic called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. and introduced December CKHQG *Member of the Month*, Leah Tufts. Leah shared that she was inspired by her grandmother, who was a quilter, but didn't begin quilting herself until she took a few classes and became hooked. She showed some beautiful quilts she has made through participating in block of the month (BOM) clubs from different organizations. She likes the pace of BOM projects and enjoys that there are clear directions with pre-determined fabrics. She also showed a crocheted rug that had been made from old sheets by her grandmother – a treasure for sure!

**Committee Updates and Reports**

Information for the January newsletter should be sent to Mary Quinan by January 18, 2025.

Treasurer Nadine Cox reported that the 2024 Holiday Store yielded \$818.00 in sales.

**Community Outreach and Other Activities**

Debbie Brown reported that 150 stockings were filled and delivered for the *Meals on Wheels* recipients. An additional 20 bags were filled and taken to *YES Arts* for adults and children. Nadine commented that the quantity of donated items was incredible, and Debbie noted that these items are currently stored, but could possibly be shared with other deserving groups during other times or holidays. Kathie stated that she would begin helping with coordinating the stocking project in 2025 and will schedule monthly sew days – dates TBD.

**New Business**

Vice President Katie Daughtery thanked Marcella Wright for facilitating the very helpful “part two” of the One Block Wonder class prior to the regular business meeting.

Kathie reminded members about the 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.

Suzanne Sharp and Mary Moore volunteered to manage the “free” table. Items will remain on the table for three months before being donated to Goodwill or the Paul Sawyer Public Library.

**Program**

The December program consisted of a Holiday Celebration including an ornament exchange and a delicious selection of appetizers. Everyone enjoyed time to fellowship, and the ornaments were all unique and appreciated!

Vickie Gross was the door prize winner. Following show and tell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Jarboe, Secretary