

PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER JULY 2023



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

VICE PRESIDENT –Sherry Wade
TREASURER – Debi Newman

JULY PROGRAM – JULY 25, 2023, 4-8 P.M.

For our July meeting we are going to have a sew night. We will meet downstairs in room G. UK Children's Hospital is requesting pillowcases for their new sleep clinic and sheets for the NICU.. So we are going to start sewing at 4 pm. There will be a break and a brief business meeting at 6:30 pm. There will be no Show and Tell. Please bring those items to the August meeting. You do not have to arrive right at 4 pm. Just come whenever your can and leave when you want

Sheets for the NICU unit are made using a 1 yard piece of fabric. The fabric needs to be straightened and the selvages cut off. The sheets are only one layer and finished off by hemming all 4 sides. Either good quality 100% cotton or flannel can be used for the sheets.

Pillowcases for the sleep unit can also be made using either good quality 100% cotton or flannel. All seams have to be finished. Shabby Fabrics has a great video that demonstrates how to make the "burrito style" pillowcases. This method is both simple and results in a pillowcase with finished seams. You can find the video at: <https://youtu.be/C7yrDQ7G9so> Supplies needed for a pillowcase are: 27" x WOF for the main fabric, 9" x WOF for the cuff fabric, and 3" x WOF for the trim or accent fabric.

Please bring your machine, neutral thread, and any basic sewing supplies you may need. We will have some pillowcases and sheets cut and ready to sew.

We have received some donations of kids novelty fabric but could use more if you have any you would like to donate. It needs to be 100% good quality cotton or flannel.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact either of us. We hope you can come and see what our guild can do when we all work together!! We always have fun and it's a great way to get to know each other.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 25th!

Debbie Poole & Debbie Ball

The guild will be providing pizza. Debbie Poole and Debbie Ball will provide dessert and lemonade.

Carol Wilson will be collecting items for the library display. If you are unable to bring your quilts to the meeting contact Carol to make other arrangements. Cwilson871@aol.com, or 502-330-4694.

Don't forget your Crave Boxes!!!!

There will be sew days at the Extension Office on July 28 and 29 to work on stockings and Holiday Store items.

There will be a board meeting on August 9th, 8:30 am at the Extension Office. Come and share your ideas. Everyone is welcome.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

28 July Barbara Hadley Smith
6 Aug Mary Lou Burchfield
24 Aug Beth Gallagher-Henninger



IMPORTANT DATES

- July 25** **Quilt Guild meeting 4:00 pm**
July 28-29 **Sew days at the Extension Office for Christmas stockings and holiday store.**
- Aug 1** **Annual exhibit at the library begins**
Aug 9 **Board meeting at the Extension Office, 8:30 am. All are welcome**
Aug 22 **Guild meeting 6:30 pm. Cabinet Bundle Challenge projects are due.**
- Sept 26** **Guild meeting and birthday party.**
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A MESSAGE FROM MARILYN DAVIS

(Marilyn will be showing us to make the puppets during our sew days on July 28 and 29. She will be speaking at 10 am each day)

QUILT GUILD

Thank you for making puppets as part of items you create for your children's Holiday Store. I have enjoyed making them for many years and have enjoyed creating different characters. I hope you will find ways to change and embellish them to create your own characters. I am simply showing you some of the "puppet friends" I have created. Enjoy.

Puppet making supplies:

When you choose which puppet you want to make, you will take a packet that includes the puppet pattern, instructions, fabrics and supplies for that puppet. The "accessories", muzzle fabric, eyes, noses, and other items not included in the original pattern, are in the packet in a separate zip lock bag. I changed some of the finishing touches to make the puppets have individual looks and details I felt were missing in the original pattern.

Puppet making supplies you will need:

Sewing machine

Scissors, shears, rotary cutter and mat, pins and needles, pliers, ruler or seam gauge. If you have fiberfill, bring it. A small amount of fiberfill goes in the head of each puppet.

Thread colors: Royal blue, white, pink, grey (light and dark), red, yellow, brown, Lt. brown, tan, gold, lt. green, black. The color thread you need depends on what puppet you choose to make. All seams are ¼". In addition to straight stitches, when attaching the "muzzle" and creating the faces, you will need

satin stitches, and/or zig zag stitches. I also used a blanket stitch to attach the muzzle to the puppet head. Instructions for all this are in the packet with each pattern.

You may want to try out zig zag stitches, satin stitches and blanket stitches on your machine in advance. Every machine is different and I am currently struggling with getting the stitches to work correctly on my new Viking Topaz. Also, we have lots of pieces of fleece available so you can practice. You will be stitching through two layers of fleece.

The “safety” eyes and noses can be a challenge. That’s the reason you may need pliers. I will bring my pliers.

Marilyn Davis

KHQS GETAWAY 2023

Audrey Esarey was the featured teacher at KHQS getaway. She lives in Louisville. Here is her website www.CottonandBourbon.com. She has patterns which include paper piecing, patterns, pre-printed, on line classes and quilting tools. And a portfolio of her work is viewable. She has won many national ribbons and has quilts in the permanent collections at Paducah and the International Museum of Quilts in Nebraska. Check her out. On Tuesday all those who attended Getaway presented. There seemed to be interest in her. All who took her classes agreed she is an excellent teacher.

Submitted by Debra Miller

UPCOMING KHQS EVENTS

Mystery Quilt will begin October 1, more info to come.

Fall Retreat at Rough River State Park

As we continue to complete projects from Getaway it's time to think ahead to Fall retreat. We will once again be at Rough River State Park in Falls of Rough, KY. Our retreat will be Thursday, October 19th through Sunday, October 22nd.

In addition to being a bit earlier this year, there are some additional changes. We will have a larger space to accommodate more sewers and we will be offering a class taught by Alice Benham of the Kentucky Quilt Company. Additional class information and cost will be available soon.

Room reservations are required by Saturday, August 19th to get the KHQS discount. Make plans to join your quilting friends for a fun time of sewing and socialization at Rough River State Park.



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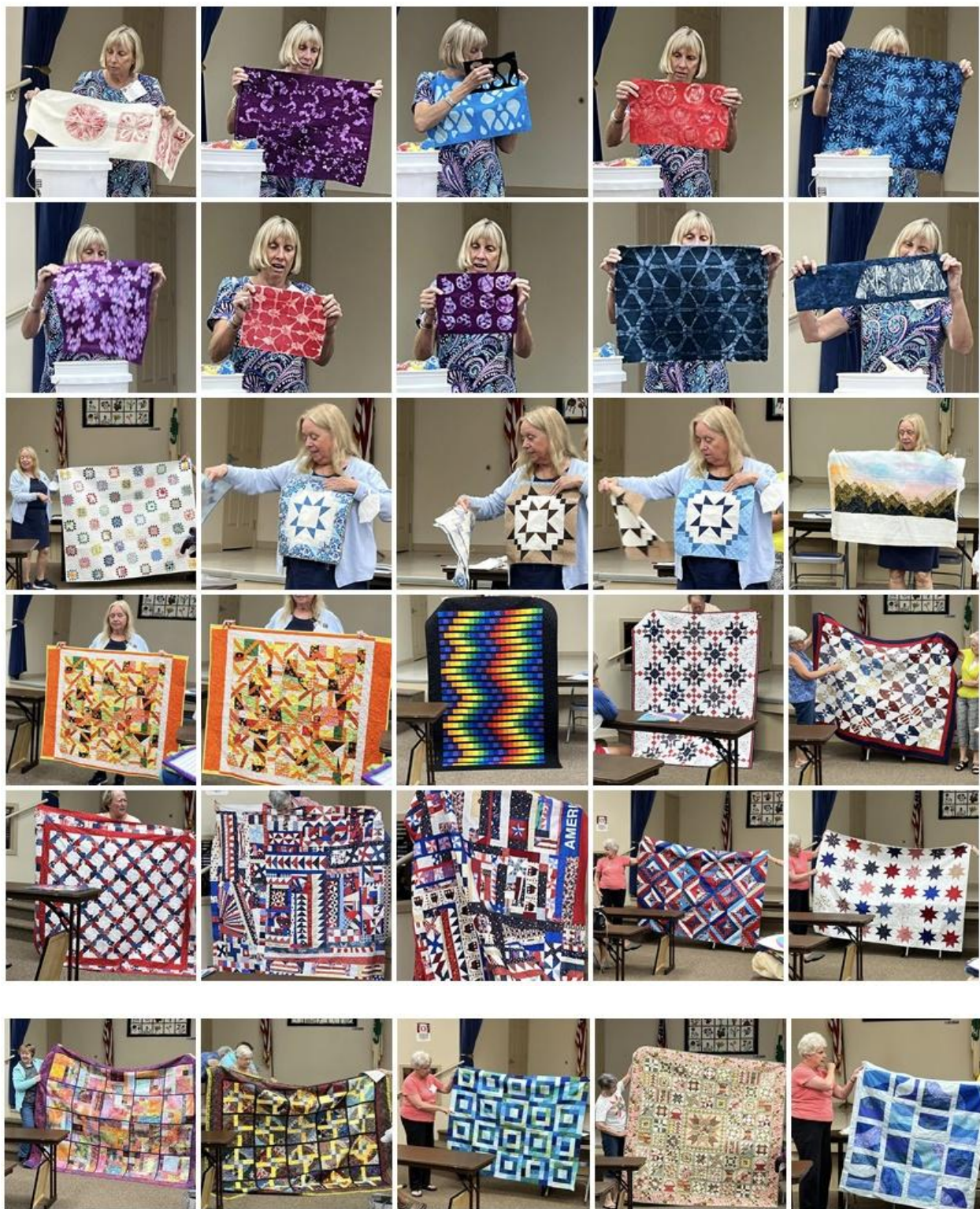
🔔 Save the date! Our Jingle Bell Shop Hop is two days: July 28th and 29th, 9am to 6pm! 🗓️ Each shop will have its own kit for you to discover, as well as door prizes, a fantastic raffle basket, and even a grand prize of a 2-night getaway for 6! We will also be offering a 25% discount on Christmas fabric (min half-yard cut).

Participants include:

- * Austins
- * Busy Lady
- * Cotton to Quilts
- * Quilted Joy
- * Quilters Corner Cottage
- * Sewing and Vacuum Authority Louisville
- * Sewing and Vacuum Authority Clarksville

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PHOTOS FROM JUNE 27 GUILD MEETING





Minutes of June 27, 2023 Meeting

Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by vice president Sherry Wade in the absence of Debbie Brown.

Reports

Treasurer. Debi Newman reported a bank balance of \$3,240.61.

Membership. Deb Miller. We have 61 members at present. New member Sharon Hubert and Guest Elsie Banks were welcomed. Deb has updated the membership directory.

Quilts for Kids. Debbie Poole. Kay Wilson had quilted and returned a number of QFK quilts, ready for binding, which were distributed to various members to finish up.

Quilts of Valor. Sherry Wade. There are sufficient quilts for the next QOV Awards Ceremony which will be Sunday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the VFW on Second Street.

Puppets and Holiday Store. Christmas in July Sew Dates are Friday and Saturday July 28-29 in the downstairs room, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day. Mary Ann Burch and Marilyn Davis have prepared 46 puppet kits so that we can make them assembly line fashion. Bring your machine. Leah Tufts also said we can work on items for the Holiday Store. She has ideas if you need a suggestion for a project, or you can bring your own project to share and sew. Plan on good fellowship and fun with high productivity.

Franklin County Fair. A sign-up sheet listing volunteer jobs and available time slots was circulated by Sherry Wade on behalf of Mary Quinan, who will organize volunteers to help with the fair quilts.

Cabinet Bundle Challenge. Nadine Cox. Entries are due in August.

Hospice quilts. Sherry Bochantin. Several have been distributed to various members for quilting.

Homemakers. We each got a Franklin County Homemakers form from Leah Tufts for us to track community volunteer hours, July '23 through June '24. The Extension Office likes to have this info for talking points data when it needs evidence of its value to governmental and private funding sources. (Also, keep record of books read. We might opt out of perfect attendance recognition should there be no pressing need for that information on the Homemakers' part.)

The Paul Sawyer Public Library Display will be up during the month of August. You may bring quilts you are willing to have on display to the July meeting, or you may drop off them off to Carol Wilson.

Fall Quilt Retreat. Nadine Cox. Dates are October 10 – 14 at Pieceful Haven, and cost is \$50/night. Please kindly inform Nadine of your likelihood to attend and/or interest in receiving more information about the retreat.

Pillowcases for UK Children's Sleep Study Debbie Poole reported that UK Medical Center has opened a children's sleep clinic and has requested pillow cases. She showed an example made by Betty Acker.

For our July meeting we will have a "sew night" to work on pillowcases. We will start at 4:00, conduct our regular meeting at 6:30, and continue sewing until adjournment at 8:00.

Debbie Poole will send out directions for pillow case construction via email before the next meeting. If you have fabrics for this purpose you wish to bring, the fabric requirements are: (All WOF) 27" plain or printed for the body of the pillowcase; 9" conversation print for cuff of pillowcase; 3" for accent strip between body and cuff of pillow case.

Mary Moore was wished a Happy Birthday.

Brown Bag Challenge Kris Jarboe distributed the Brown Bags. Challenge projects are due in December.

Our Program, introduced by Sherry Wade, was a review of the various classes our members had taken and what was learned at KHQS Getaway earlier this month. There was a wealth of shared insights received and the show of interesting projects in various stages of completion.

We had show and tell. Theresa Walden won the regular door prize drawing and Kathy Tomazic won the guild pin drawing ... both prizes to be collected at the July meeting, as Linda Sanders was away.

Sherry Wade reported that she will lead the Nominating Committee, and in the coming month she will recruit two members at large to serve with her. We expect to need nominees for President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please talk with Sherry. The nominating committee can furnish job descriptions so that you can know what is involved for a particular office.

The meeting was dismissed at 8:00 p.m. At that time, Kay Wilson and Susan Hampton redistributed the Crave Boxes for participants to make their fourth block and return them at the July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Daugherty,
Secretary