



PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

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

VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Daugherty
TREASURER – Nadine Cox

MARCH PROGRAM – MARCH 25, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

Our March meeting marks a year since the twenty-six Crave Box participants received their completed blocks, and six months after they were issued a challenge to complete their quilts within the year. Participants are asked to bring their completed quilts to the March meeting for viewing, praise and prizes!

Several members completed their quilts immediately and have already given them away. If this is you, maybe you can bring a picture. Participants who haven't completed their quilts can bring their quilts in progress. Anyone unsure about the maker of a block or blocks can bring their quilt or blocks to clear up any questions on that subject. This will be the official wrap-up of our Crave Box project.

Additionally at the March meeting we will launch a new, fun, group project to work on. (Don't think of it as a challenge, as we all have enough stress in our lives!)

Here's how it will work. The organizers have prepared 36 packets containing three fat quarters of coordinating, print fabrics plus a fat third yard of white fabric. The packets are available at the cost of \$5/each. Your mission will be to complete at least one, but preferably more, 12" finished quilt blocks of your choosing from the fabrics enclosed in the packet. (Blocks should be 12.5 inches to allow for seam allowance), It is our hope that you will make several blocks, as you can easily make five or more from the fabric provided. Do not include any additional fabrics in creating your blocks.

Completed blocks will be due at our September meeting where all the blocks will be displayed anonymously. Attendees at the meeting will vote on their favorite among the blocks. The winner of the viewers' choice balloting will be awarded twenty blocks of her choice. The remaining blocks will be awarded by lottery, with one chance to win for every block submitted. Thus, if you submit five blocks, you have five chances to win an allotment of blocks. You can only win once, however. The number of blocks in the lots awarded by lottery will be determined by the organizers based on the number submitted and dividing them into usable lots.

In April we will have the President's Challenge, whereby Kathie Tomazic has challenged us to bring a 12-inch quilt block, quilted and bound like a regular quilt, to be auctioned off at the Homemakers' state meeting. The proceeds are donated to cancer research. This effort will be in honor and memory of Elizabeth Eaton. The Homemakers ask that this be a block you would want to purchase yourself. Please write your name and county on a small slip of paper and attach it to the back of your block.

Since we did not have Show and Tell last month, be sure to bring you miniature quilts as well as any new projects to share.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| Mar 25 | Guild meeting, . social time 5:30, meeting at 6:30 |
| Mar 29 | One Block with Possibilities class |
| Apr 8 | QOV Sew Day 9-4 |
| Apr 12 | Deadline for submissions to April newsletter |
| Apr 12 | Deadline for submissions to Smokey Mountain Quilt Guild show |
| Apr 14 | Kit Together for a Good Cause |
| Apr 16 | Quilt Guild Board Meeting |
| Apr 22 | Guild meeting, 12 inch blocks are due |
| Apr 23-26 | Quilt Week in Paducah |
| May 18 | Quilts of Valor award ceremony 2pm |
| May 18 | Kit Together for a good cause. |



POSSIBILITIES CLASSES

There are still several spots left in the "Block with Possibilities" class with Jane Adolf on March 29. Cost is \$25. Contact Katie Daugherty if interested.



UPCOMING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

28 Mar Nancy Cooley
14 Apr Kathie Tomazic



CHARITY QUILTS

There will be no sew day in April because the third Sunday is Easter. Next sew day is May 18th.

Message from Rosemary (state director for Quilt's for Kids)

I thought you'd be interested in seeing our totals for 2024 (sorry I forgot to send them out earlier): 310 quilts; 70 fleece or flannel blankets; 226 pillowcases; 90 crocheted hats; 47 NICU sheets; and 53 Beads of Courage bags. The majority of these items went to Kentucky Children's Hospital, but we also served GreenHouse 17, Habitat for Humanity, New Beginnings pregnancy center, the Clark County Homeless Coalition, and the Beacon of Hope homeless shelter. So many people were blessed by your loving work!



QUILTS OF VALOR

Next QOV sew day is Tuesday April 8th.

The next QOV award ceremony will be May 18th at 2 pm.



IN MEMORIUM

Joyce York passed away on February 14, 2025. She was only a member of the guild for a short time, but through her Metro Rings class and her Member of the Month profile we were all able to get to know her. Below are some photos of her quilts from the Member of the Month article.



FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

The fair will be here before we know it, so I just wanted to make you all aware of changes for this year.

1. Quilt intake will be done at the Extension Office in the basement room. That way we won't have to be outside in the heat for an extended period of time and we won't have to move the quilts over to the Extension Office for judging. Individuals will still have to go to the barn for an exhibitor number before submitting entries. We will still move the quilts back to the barn for display after judging.
2. There will be two categories for group quilts-one for a quilt that is quilted by the exhibitor and one for a quilt quilted by another. This will allow you to enter your Crave Box quilts this year.



Member of the Month - Lula Ray

Our featured member for March is Lula Ray. Lula is a fairly new member, having joined our guild shortly after having acted as Marcella Wright's teaching assistant at the One Block Wonder class Marcella taught last fall. Lula and Marcella first knew one another through working together in the same office in Frankfort, and they then discovered that they lived near one another in Owen County. Lula's husband is from Frankfort, and they lived in Frankfort before settling in Owen County where Lula was reared. Their two children graduated from Franklin County. They now have a grandchild as well.

Lula reports that she has always been interested in crafting and creative pursuits - paper crafting, scrapbooking, making her children's Halloween costumes, etc. Her mother sewed by necessity (making children's clothing for the family) and taught Lula the basics of sewing. She started sewing more around 2019 when she made her first "real" quilt. Before that she had made a few tied baby quilts, and t-shirt quilts for her children. Her quilting has really picked up since her retirement in August, 2023, and now quilting is her primary creative pursuit. Marcella Wright has been a mentor and teacher, helping her along and generously sharing her knowledge.

Lula particularly enjoys the process of creating a quilt, seeing it through as lots of little pieces are combined in an interesting way to make a large end product. She enjoyed working side-by-side with Marcella in 2023 when they both created a block of the month quilt, Twilight Jewels, which is one of Lula's favorites. They each worked on a mystery quilt together in 2024 which also was very enjoyable. She is presently working on a paper piecing project and would like to try a bargello quilt sometime soon.

Lula says she is not a perfectionist and can tolerate a few puckers or mis-matched points. "The perfect quilt is a finished quilt," she says.





February Program- Miniature Quilts



HOMEMAKERS NEWS

**MARTIN TOURS, INC.
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1-866-346-8687**

TOUR: BROWN COUNTY, INDIANA

**GROUP: FORT HARROD HOMEMAKERS
Debbie Pierce 859-873-9165**

DATE: APRIL 21-22, 2025

**COST: \$369.00 Per Person Double Occupancy
\$359.00 Per Person Triple Occupancy
\$349.00 Per Person Quad Occupancy
\$50.00 Per Person Non-Refundable Deposit
Balance due March 1, 2025.**

PRICE INCLUDES: Transportation by motor coach; Dinner and lodging at Brown County Inn. Shopping in Nashville, Indiana. Visit the Brown Co State Park.

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Leave Lexington – Arrive **Nashville, Indiana**
11:15AM - 12:15PM Lunch (on your own).
12:30PM - 4:30 PM Shopping in the unique village of Nashville, Indiana.
4:45PM Check in at the **Brown Co. Inn.**
6:00PM **Dinner (included) at Brown Co. Inn.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

7:00AM – 8:00AM Breakfast (on your own).
8:00AM – 11:00AM **Visit the Brown Co. State Park.**
11:00AM – 12:00PM Lunch (on your own) at the park.
12:00PM – 3:00PM Leave Nashville, IN. – arrive Lexington.

THANKS FOR TRAVELING WITH MARTIN TOURS!!!!

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025
Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild

President Kathie Tomazic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced February CKHQG *Member of the Month*, Anne Cockley. Anne shared several projects that demonstrated her skill with hand applique including a Baltimore Album wall hanging and a "Susan's Roses" wall hanging that she made for her sister. Kathie then welcomed new member, Kate Gonska, and reminded those with February birthdays to get their fat quarter. A directory addendum was available at the sign-in table.

Committee Updates and Reports

Treasurer Nadine Cox reported that National Quilt Museum and Franklin County Fair expenses have been paid.

Community Outreach and Other Activities

Debbie Brown shared that the next QOV sew day will be March 11, 2025, and all are welcome. The February sew date was cancelled due to the weather. The May QOV Ceremony has been scheduled for May 18. Fabric has been inventoried and batting for QOV quilts has been purchased.

Debbie Poole announced that everything is going well with Quilts for Kids. She suggested that Wal-Mart fleece blankets be considered for quilt backing as they are soft, inexpensive and a good size. When using these for backing, no batting is needed and the quilt should measure approximately 45" x 55". There are several quilt tops ready for quilting. Volunteers should contact Debbie Poole.

The next outreach sew day will be Sunday, March 16, 2025, in the Willow room from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Bead bags, Quilts for Kids and/or Meals on Wheels stockings will be the featured projects.

New Business

Carla Carter spoke briefly regarding the upcoming 2024-2025 [Cultural Arts and Heritage Program](#). She provided a handout with exhibit categories and encouraged everyone to consider entering something in the exhibit to strongly represent Franklin County. All entries should be no more than two years old and made solely by the entrant. Entries should be brought to the Franklin County Extension Office by March 13, but can be brought up to two weeks in advance and should have the entrant's name and county pinned to the back. Please contact Carla or the Extension Office for additional information.

Carla also reminded everyone to read the Franklin County Extension Office [newsletter](#) each month for information on upcoming programs, including a "Spring Evening on Canvas" event, a "Move Your Way" exercise class and "It's Sew Fine" (September 4-5, 2025), a celebration of National Sewing Month in September. She also provided information about [LIHEAP](#), a program to assist with utility costs. She shared that she is working on obtaining funds for a long arm quilting machine for CKHQG use and asked for assistance in getting

estimates on machines. Debbie Brown volunteered to help. Lastly, Carla announced that due to a class scheduled from March 7 through April 18, the Friday Stitchers group would need to begin at noon. However, she is going to check the availability of the conference room for those who prefer to come at 10:00 a.m.

Sherry Wade stated that there has been interest from members in having another guild yard sale. She asked for feedback, and it was suggested that the next guild yard sale be held on a Saturday in September. Additional details will be determined at a later date.

Nadine announced that there will be another retreat opportunity in LaGrange on March 10 through March 13. She is currently negotiating the cost with the owner.

Many Quilters Day Out activities are scheduled for March, including events in Lexington, Shepherdsville and Burlington. Please check the February newsletter for more information.

Vice President Katie Daugherty announced that the “One Block with Possibilities” class with Jane Adolph is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, from 9:00 – 4:00. The cost is \$25.00, and lunch will be provided. Cutting directions for those who plan to attend are available and will be sent via email. Katie also shared that she attended the dye workshop with Pat Sturtzel and showed the beautiful results. There is one opening available in the March 12 workshop if anyone is interested in attending.

Upcoming guild programs include the Vice President’s Challenge in March to showcase the Crave Box quilts assembled by members in 2024. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories. The April program will consist of the President’s Challenge; 12” finished blocks to be donated to KEHA for the silent auction in memory of Elizabeth Eaton.

Program

Katie Daugherty shared her experiences with miniature quilts for the February program. She made her first miniature quilt in 1994 and has continued making them ever since. She shared that the small size makes miniatures easier to complete than a full-size quilt and that they present a great opportunity to explore different techniques. She has gotten the inspiration for many of her miniatures from larger quilts and has used scraps from many people to add a special meaning to each project. Katie recommends accurate cutting and sewing when making a miniature quilt. She starches all fabrics and primarily uses a poly-blend batting for ease in quilting. She typically makes her own templates to enhance the design of the quilt and has quilted her miniatures by hand, machine, big stitch or a combination of the three. Katie displayed several examples of her work during the program and each was a beautiful representation of her skill with miniature quilts.

Show and tell was postponed until the March meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jarboe, Secretary