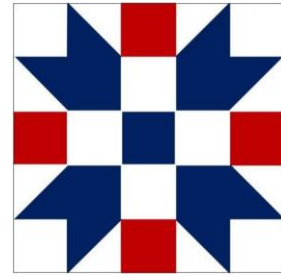


## PIECEMAKER'S NEWSLETTER MAY 2024



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### **MAY PROGRAM – MAY 28, 2024, 6:30 P.M.**

At our May meeting we look forward to a presentation by Shannon Burns on the topic of Big Stitch Quilting. Besides being a member of CKHQG, Shannon is also the proprietor of Birdsong Quilting in Georgetown. This promises to be a very useful and interesting presentation you won't want to miss.

For bonus content toward the end of our social time preceding the May meeting we will have a short presentation and discussion about thread basting in preparation for quilting on your domestic sewing machine in comparison to spray basting and basting with safety pins.

Coming up:

On June 25 we have scheduled our guild "yard sale" from noon until 6:00. This is our regular meeting day. This is a wonderful opportunity both to find new homes for excess materials and tools which you may have and/or to pick up some treasures to add to your stash. More details follow in a separate item below.

At our July meeting Mary Jane Weddle will give us a presentation on the topic of incorporating vintage linens into your quilts.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>May 28</b>	<b>Guild meeting</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Plant sale to raise money for QOV supplies, 10 am</b>
<b>Jun 15</b>	<b>Deadline for submissions to June newsletter</b>
<b>Jun 25</b>	<b>Yard sale and guild meeting</b>

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## **MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sheri Mastan Bochantin 16 Jun  
Elizabeth Eaton 16 Jun  
Teresa Walden 5 Jun

Susan Dudley 22 Jun  
Terry Sullivan 13 Jun



## **BARBARA SONNEN**

Barbara is moving! Here is her new address-

Bear Creek AL  
291 Village Rd E  
Unit 314  
West Windsor Township NJ 08550



## **QUILTS OF VALOR**

There was a Quilts of Valor sew day on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Doyle demonstrated a new pattern called Star Spangled Variation.

Nine new quilts were photographed at the sew day. They will be awarded at the presentation ceremony on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that seventeen quilts will be awarded, but several recipients are experiencing health issues and may not be able to attend.

There will be an update and photos in the June newsletter.

Debbie Brown has reserved room G for the second Tuesday of every month for those who would like to come and sew more often. Programs will still be scheduled every other month.

The next sew day will be June 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a QOV business meeting that evening at 6:30 pm. The next sew day with a program will be July 9<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a plant sale to benefit QOV on Saturday June 1 on the Old Capital Lawn, 10 am until sold out.

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## **CHARITY QUILTS**





**MEMBER OF THE MONTH**



**April Member of the Month, Dodi Fouts**

## May Member of the Month, Joyce York

Our member of the month for May is Joyce York. Joyce lives in Owen County. Before retirement, she worked at Fruit of the Loom in Frankfort for twenty years and after that for twelve years at Three Rivers Health Department in Owenton. She and her husband have been married for 48 years, and have two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren... one of whom just arrived in the last few days!

Joyce was taught to sew by her mother when she was about eleven years old. Joyce says that her mom made practically everything: clothing for the children, including even making her own patterns; slipcovers and upholstery for furniture; and pretty much anything she wanted to make... but not quilts.

Joyce became interested in quilting through her grandmother and her husband's grandmother who both were quilters. Joyce started quilting around 2008 or 2009 when she took a quilting class at the Owen County Cooperative Extension Office and has been quilting ever since. She particularly enjoys trying out new patterns.

About ten years ago she invested in a long arm quilting machine. She started with a used mid-arm machine, and just a few years later she upgraded to a new Handi Quilter. Though her Handi Quilter is equipped with a computer system she mainly does free motion quilting on it. She says she has tried free motion quilting on her domestic sewing machine, but that the handlebars of the long arm make quilting much more fun and satisfying.

Joyce observes that a long arm machine is a big investment. She has her Handi Quilter located in a shop building separate from her house and says that when she goes out there she is "in her own world." She says she had a "She Shed" before they were even a thing! She enjoys the whole process of quilting, from piecing through completion of the quilt.

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### **YARD SALE**

Tables are still available for the guild yard sale which takes place on June 25<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6pm. Contact Sherry Wade or Sarah Wilding if you are interested.

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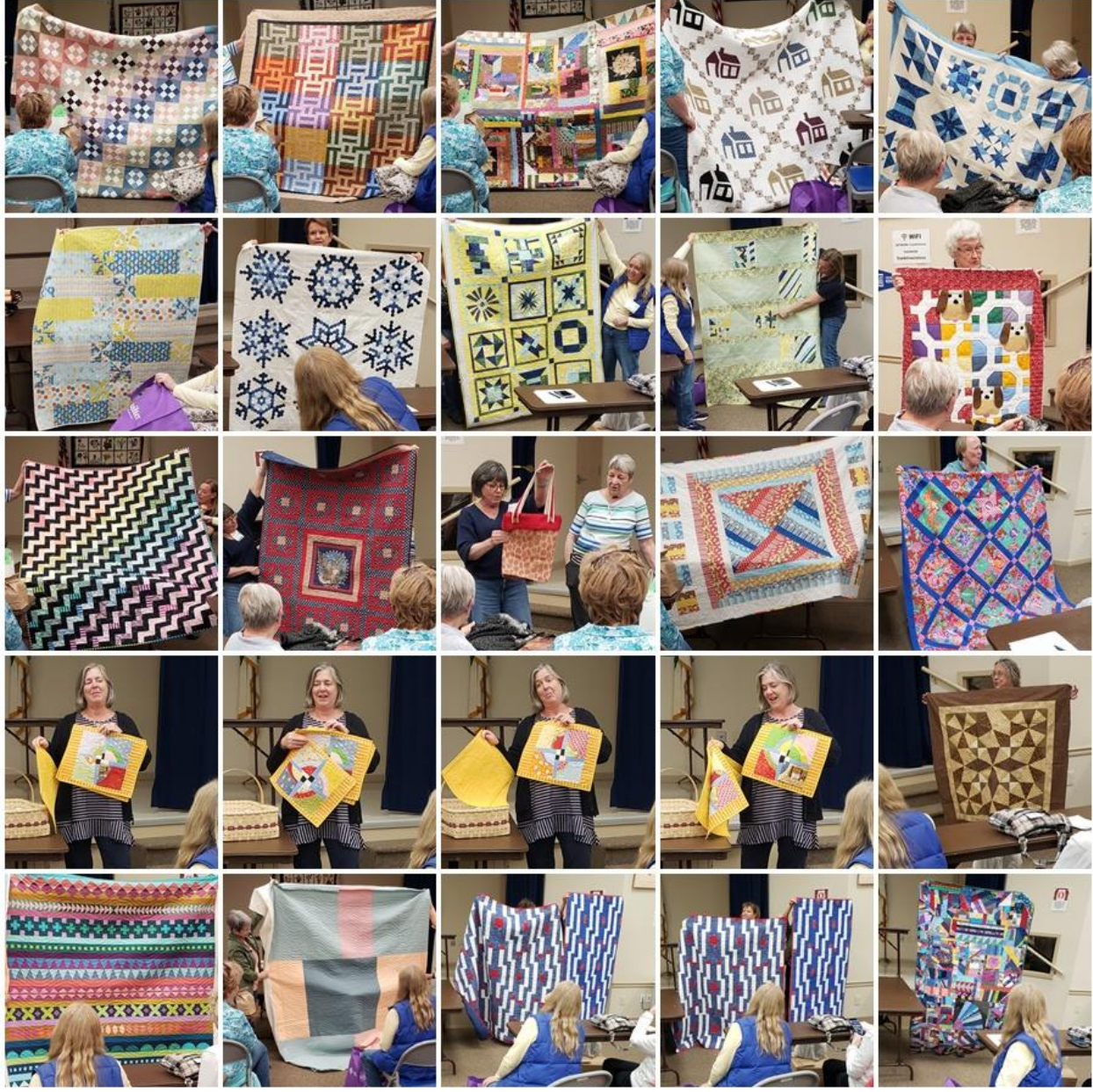
### **COUNTY FAIR**

The Fair information is not available yet. As soon as the book comes out I will send out an email. I will also pass around a signup sheet for volunteers at the June meeting.

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**SHOW AND TELL, APRIL 23, 2024**



Five Tips  
**For Buying Fabric to  
Build Your Stash**

**Only buy what you love**

I don't care how good the sale is, don't buy fabric you don't love.

**Consider quantity**

Do you think you will use it once? A fat quarter or a 1/4 yard cut is plenty. Is it a versatile print that you will use over and over? Buy 1/2 yard. Is it your favorite print ever? Buy a bunch!

**Stock up on basics**

I love a large scale floral print, but it isn't very versatile. Stock your stash with prints that have just 1 or 2 colors and that will blend well.

**Consider quality**

Not all quilting fabric is created equal. If you are going to spend hours and hours working on a quilt, it is worth buying good quality fabric.

**Shop the rainbow**

Do you have a favorite color? Stock up on it, but don't forget other shades that will be useful in future projects.



## **LINKS OF INTEREST**

If you have a favorite website, blog or fiber artist send me the info and I will share it in the newsletter.

Here is one of my favorite fiber artists. Ian Berry creates images with recycled denim jeans. These are not quilted, they are created with scissors and glue. He does not dye or bleach the fabric. Instead he finds the shades he needs in his collection of denim. I wonder how big his stash is. If you would like to see more you can find him at [www.ianberry.org](http://www.ianberry.org).



THE GENTLY REVOLVING DRUM GOES QUIET





**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2024**  
**Central Kentucky Homemakers Quilt Guild**

President Kathie Tomazic called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced featured speaker, Mary Beth Dunn. Mary Beth is a designer, teacher and quilter and brought several quilts from her collection to share with the group. She began quilting while living out of state and later combined her talent of teaching with quilting to inspire others. She designs all her quilts; some using panels and others using embroidered blocks. She likes to combine both these mediums with fabrics she has on hand, along with traditional blocks, to design and create dynamic quilts. She enjoys utilizing the different decorative stitches on her sewing machine for added dimension and has won numerous awards, including first place in landscape quilts at the Kentucky State Fair. When buying fabric, Mary Beth said she prefers to buy blender fabrics rather than solids and does her own quilting on a longarm in a freestyle method.

Following the presentation, Kathie introduced the April CKHQG *Member of the Month*, Dodi Fouts. Dodi shared that she has been sewing most of her life. She brought several quilts that she has made, including a Jen Kingwell pattern and first place quilt from the Franklin County Fair. Dodi has an eye for coordinating color, which was evident in her quilts, and confessed to being a late-night quilter 😊

**Announcements**

The CKHQG yard sale will be held June 25, 2024, from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The Extension Office basement has been reserved for the entire day to allow for set up prior to the sale. Sherry Wade and Sarah Wilding presented some examples of fabric packs, books, plastic containers and premade items as ideas for sellable items. The event will be broadly advertised. Sherry reminded everyone that participants will need to provide their own change (\$) for sales.

**Committee Updates and Reports**

Information for the May newsletter should be sent to Mary Quinan by May 18, 2024.

Deb Miller announced that directory addendums with member updates were available at the sign-in table.

**Community Outreach and Other Activities**

The next QOV Ceremony will be May 19, 2024. QOV sew days are scheduled for May 14, July 9, September 10, and November 12, 2024, at the Franklin County Extension Office. The sew day starts at 9:00 but the featured demonstration is at 10:00 am. Participants can work on the featured demonstration or work on a project of their choice.

Debbie Brown reported that 142 people will need Christmas stockings this year. There are fewer surplus stockings going into this year and she is working on looking at patterns.

**Kathie announced that** Vicki Coleman will be available for quilt registry on August 2-3, 2024. The Extension Office will handle registration, but volunteers will be needed for other responsibilities. Volunteer training will be available for those who are interested in helping and more information will be available later.

Carol Wilson reminded the group that the PSPL Quilt Display was right around the corner. She encouraged everyone to consider displaying a quilt or other quilted items such as wall hangings or pillows. She will collect these in July.

### **New Business**

The next CKHQG Meeting will be held on May 28, 2024.

KHQS Getaway will be June 19-22, 2024, in Lexington, Kentucky.

“Brown bags” were exchanged prior to the end of the meeting. Following Show and Tell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Jarboe, Secretary