

Kiamichi Quilt Guild News

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Message from our President

Dear Quilting Friends,

Now that the Quilt Show is over for this year, it is time to start making things for next year's show as we sold most of the quilts that we had in reserve. Thanks again to all who helped. It was a team effort.

Hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party.

Your President
Kay

December 14th Christmas Party 5:30pm

Things to bring:

Dish to share
Wrapped gift \$15 for a game we will play
Secret Pal Christmas gift—reveal name

NOTE: Will start at 5:30pm versus 6:00pm

Kamp Kutty Uppy

Date: 8 – 11 March 2007

Price: \$110

Limited to: 40 persons, Kiamichi Guild members only unless the quota (40) is not filled.

Reservations: Only with full payment. 2007 guild membership dues must be paid. Reservations can be made starting 2 January 2007 – Contact Linda Knowles, phone home: 420-5811, work 420-8760, mailing address: 112 Saunier Way, McAlester, OK 74501.

Kamp Kutty Uppy is for Kiamichi Guild members that have paid for the retreat. Saturday afternoon between 1 and 4 o'clock, Kamp Kutty Uppy will be open to visitors. This will give friends and family the opportunity to visit and see what we are up to.

Planned Activities:

- Massages (If there is interest, I will try to have someone available to give half hour and hour massages...so let me know)
- Camp Quilt Blocks: Janice Davis
- Short Demonstrations: Sharon Carter is organizing this, let her (or me) know if you have something you would like to show/teach us
- Game "Fat Quarter Walk": Darlys Hutten (bring some fat quarters, about 10)
- Daily Exercise Program: Sherron Hearod (she has a new one)
- Campers Gift Box: Kaye Dunn, Patty Nordquist (still looking for other good ideas, let me know)
- Camp Project: Flower Garden Quilt (instructions available on the website or in the guild room).

I hope this retreat will be relaxing, fun, and a time to finish our UFOs.

Thank you
Linda Knowles, Kamp Chairman

DID YOU KNOW?

Here are some of the amazing cuts you can make from a fat quarter:

- 99 — 2” squares or
- 56 — 2-1/2” squares or
- 42 — 3” squares or
- 30 — 3-1/2” squares or
- 20 — 4” squares or
- 16 — 4-1/2” squares or
- 12 — 5” squares or
- 12 — 5-1/2” squares or
- 9 — 6” squares or
- 6 — 6-1/2” squares

QUILTING TIPS

In paper piecing, before pressing freezer paper to your fabric, punch a small hole in the paper. When you are finished, you can put your needle in the hole and it pulls right off.

When quilting with “invisible thread”, the nylon that’s as fine as hair, place a small piece of masking tape on the machine just above the needle. When you cut the thread, you have a place to stick it so that it won’t come out of the needle.

If you have a wall hanging that, despite your best efforts, doesn’t hang flat against your wall, try adding a small sleeve to the bottom of the backing and slip in one of those freebie yardsticks (or similar flat wood). It won’t add a lot of obvious weight or bulk, but may get rid of those nagging wrinkles.

Block of the Month

Betty N. presented the Taffy block which was featured in the Quilt Makers magazine Spring 2006. She provided the fabrics and pattern for the block.

Door Prizes

15 door prizes were presented! Thanks to all who donated them.

Refreshments

The Nov. refreshments were provided by Marty Center, Pam Cable, and Marg Grubbs.

December will be the potluck Christmas party beginning at 5:30pm.

Sew & Tell

Olivia G. - Red & Black Stars quilt for her son-in-law who will be leaving for Iraq and a Thanksgiving Turkey wall hanging.

Pat C. – 1939 Friendship quilt. She asked the guild on suggestions to repair the hole or preserve it as is since the hole is part of the quilt’s history.

Program

Betty N. shared several guild library books. From the books “Quilts for All Seasons” and “A Country Threads” she read the authors acknowledgements, thoughts, and dedications. Betty also shared paper-pieced patterns from “Needles & Notions” and The Fons & Porter 25th anniversary magazine. She stated our library is filled with wonderful books and magazines. Next on Betty’s program she brought her sewing room to us. She shared many wall hangings and finished blocks that grace her sewing room. Betty also showed several sewing caddies and Stack the Deck placemats, pattern by Mary Puckett featured in the McCall’s Quick Quilts

We give thanks for our many blessings that we count each day. Have a Blessed Holiday season!

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year



See you at our Christmas Party December 14th!!

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The Quilt of Life

As I faced my Maker at the last judgment, I knelt before the Lord along with all the other souls. Before each of us laid our lives like the squares of a quilt in many piles. An Angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life. But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty, like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of truth. The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness, and death, and false accusations that took from me my world, as I knew it. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully, each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it was. I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with wide eyes. Then, I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, the face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes. He said, "Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you." May all our quilts be threadbare and worn, allowing Christ to shine through.