

Kiamichi Quilt Guild News

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Message from our President

Dear Quilting Friends,

This is my last President Newsletter. I want to thank everyone for their help this past year. We had a lot of changes, hopefully good ones. Please think about taking an Office, the guild needs you. Come vote for the new Officers (if you are not there, they might vote you in). I will have my President's Block at the meeting, please take one and put your name in the middle square. You will need a fat quarter to make it. Thank you again.

Your President
Kay Schumacher

January 11th

**Nominations and Voting
For 2007 Officers**

**6:00pm Refreshments
6:30pm Meeting**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please complete your 2007 membership application and attach it with your check of \$15. These can be mailed to our current Treasurer, Joan Bolesworth, or you can pay Joan at the January meeting. 2007 membership dues must be paid before signing up for our quilt Kamp.

2007 sign-up sheets for Program, Block of Month, and Refreshments will be available at the January meeting. By signing up, you get to choose when and what you want to do, can plan ahead for things that are needed to make it happen, and relieves someone from begging and calling members when no one has volunteered. The more that sign up, the easier it is to have smooth running meetings.

Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild is holding their 2007 "For the Love of Quilts" Quilt Show at the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton, OK, February 16-17, 2007. We are invited to enter quilts at the show or just come and enjoy the view of lovely quilts. For those that might want to explore their Quilt Guild a little closer, their website is: www.wmqg.net. Your consideration of supporting their guild through your entries, presence, or just passing on this information would be greatly appreciated. POC: Johnnie Cloon, email: ctqjc@tds.net.

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.

Food: Meals will be prepared by Rosie Stoos as part of the Kamp cost. Linda will let kampers know what other things are needed such as water, snacks, etc.

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).

Things to bring if you want to participate:

Camp Project, Flower Garden: Material list is included in instructions. If you want to do a fabric exchange, please bring 10-inch squares of flowered 100% cotton fabric. This will be a one for one exchange, so bring as many 10-inch squares as you would like to receive.

Game, Fat Quarter Walk: Bring 10 fat quarters. Darlys will collect the fat quarters on Saturday and divide the total amount into bundles. Winner of each walk will receive a "bundle". Number of walks will be determined by the number of "bundles" we have.

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

Thank you
Linda Knowles, Kamp Chairman

Oklahoma City Winter Quilt Show
January 11-13, 2007
Cox Convention Center
Oklahoma City, OK
Daily Admission \$7, 3-day pass \$18

Eleanor Burns
Quilts Through the Season
Fri & Sat, 2-3:30pm, \$15/session
www.prairiequilt.com/okcwqs
Or call
Prairie Quilt at 405-853-6801

Let Us Know

If you have a point of view, an idea for a meeting, a workshop you would like to have presented, travel plans to quilt shows, or anything quilt-related, please let one of the 2007 officers know or send an email to: mcalesterkqg@yahoo.com. This is your guild and we welcome all suggestions.

TIP OF THE MONTH:

The biggest threat to storing a beautiful quilt is the crease that can become permanent along the fold. Fold your quilts on the bias. This causes less crimping and the folds are softer and more pliable than folds along the grain...and these bias folds do not leave a permanent crease.

BOOK OF THE MONTH:

"Centennial Stitches" by Judy Howard. Included in this book are the 80 Oklahoma Centennial Quilt Contest winners and a sampling of 50 1800x treasured legacy quilts homesteaders brought with them in covered wagons. All book profits from the sale of the book at Oklahoma Quiltworks benefit Infant Crisis Services.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH:

Www.freequiltpatterns.info. There are 1001 different sites linked that offer free quilt patterns.

QUILT SAYING OF THE MONTH:

Quilting with a friend will keep you in stitches.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH:

Baked Asparagus

- 2 bunches asparagus, washed
- 1 to 2 T olive oil
- Parmesan cheese, grated
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place asparagus in a large plastic bag. Drizzle olive oil over the asparagus. Seal the bag and shake until asparagus is coated evenly with the olive oil. Place the asparagus in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Season with salt, pepper, and parmesan cheese. Bake until tender or crunchy depending upon your preference, about 12-to 20 minutes.

<i>Block of the Month</i>	<i>Sew & Tell</i>
<p>Kay Schumaucher will give us the pattern for her President's Quilt for 2006.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Door Prizes</p> <p>Door prizes will be given at the January meeting. Thank you to all who donate these prizes.</p>	<p>Looking forward to 2007 Sew and Tell projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Program</p> <p>December program was our Party. January program will be the nominating and voting of 2007 officers.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments</p> <p>The refreshments for our Holiday Party were wonderful! Thanks to all who participated.</p>	

What is your New Year's Resolution?

Use up your stash?
Learn new techniques?
Finish your UFOs?



HAPPY NEW YEARS

See you at our regular meeting, January 11th.

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Happy New Year!

The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth. Although the early Christians denounced the practice as pagan, the popularity of the baby as a symbol of rebirth forced the Church to reevaluate its position. The Church finally allowed its members to celebrate the new year with a baby, which was to symbolize the birth of the baby Jesus.

FOR LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

Traditionally, it was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. For that reason, it has become common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year in the company of family and friends. Parties often last into the middle of the night after the ringing in of a new year. It was once believed that the first visitor on New Year's Day would bring either good luck or bad luck the rest of the year. It was particularly lucky if that visitor happened to be a tall dark-haired man.



Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.

Many parts of the U.S. celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures. The hog, and thus its meat, is considered lucky because it symbolizes prosperity. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," playing in the background, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."