

May 2009



Kiamichi Quilt Guild

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May 14th
6:00 pm Refreshments
6:30 pm Meeting

President's Message

My KQG Family,

Well quilters, I promised you a president's message so here goes. First, let me say I am honored to be your president this year. You have been so patient with me, providing encouragement and friendship that is so appreciated. I especially want to thank our Board members for working with me and teaching me the ropes. What I didn't and don't know about this guild could fill a large lake. Thanks, all of you.

Our biggest hurdle so far, finding a quilt show chairperson, is behind us now. Leanne, thanks so much for volunteering. I know you will soon learn how generous our group is; we all pull together and the work gets done. And we do it so well! Each year we have a lot of fun, pat ourselves on the back, and bask in our success. I hope you all have a quilt or two to enter in the show.

Whew! I can hardly believe that a third of 2009 has passed us by already. May is pushing April out of the way. Don't you just love the spring blooms? And when the lawn turns green, we know the winter weather is almost gone. But you can never be sure of anything in Oklahoma.

The refreshments so far this year have been wonderful. Most of the slots have been filled for the rest of the year, but there is still room for a few more volunteers. We still have openings for Block of the Month. Do any of you have ideas for programs? We have budgeted for programs and spent nothing so far. What are you interested in? Let Marty know your ideas, I'm sure she will be receptive to your suggestions.

I am getting ready to fly away again. It is a trip to Nevada for a Family Reunion and celebration of Uncle Jerry's 75th birthday. I am excited to see family all together again; our last reunion was in celebration of my mother's 85th birthday in 2001.

I will see you at the May meeting on May 14th.

Linda Knowles

Refreshments for May meeting: Bitsy Randazzo, Jurline Jackson, Mary Ellis, Gloria Basinger
Program for May: Elaine Nelson
Block of the Month for May: Betty Nevills
Treasure Box: Bring anything quilt related that you no longer want as "one quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure".
Area Events: Please provide any that you know of to Darlys so that we can list them.
Announcements: Date of the quilt show has been **changed to October 24, 2009**, St. Johns Catholic Church Gym, McAlester, OK.

President: Linda Knowles, 918-420-5811
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AREA EVENTS:

May 8 – 9, Annual Festival of Quilts, 10am to 5pm, Bob Duncan Community Center, 2800 South Center Street, Arlington, TX, admission \$6, free parking.

May 22 – 23, Kiowa County Quilt Show, Western Technology Center, 1000 S. Bailey, Hobart, OK. cost \$3, bargello quilt raffle and merchants.

June 4 – 6, Road to Oklahoma Shop Hop Check out: www.roadtooklahoma.com

June 18 – 20, Central Oklahoma Quilters Guild Quilt Show , “A Time to Shine 2009”, 10:00am-6:00pm at the State Fair Park, I40/I44, Oklahoma City, OK.

July 10-11, Washington County Fair Bldg, 1109 N. Delaware, Dewey, OK, cost \$5, sponsor: Bartlesville Jubilee Quilter’s Guild.

July 17-19, Affair of the Heart, Expo, 4145 E. 21st Avenue, Tulsa, OK, cost \$6, 9-6pm Fri & Sat, 11-5pm Sun.

April's Member profile was **Andrea Heles**

Who am I???

Born and raised in McAlester.

Married. Have children, grand children, and a great grand child.

Likes piecing quilts.

Hates set ins.

Pet Peeve: Someone who thinks they know everything.

Goal: Finish 5 quilts that are UFOs.

2009 dues of \$15 are now due. If dues aren't received by the May meeting, you will be dropped from our mailing list.

Is your quilt stash all piled up and you can't tell what you have anymore? Use your ruler (5 x 24), roll your fabric around your ruler until it is all 5 inches wide, then slide out your ruler and fold it in half length wise and you have a perfect stackable fabric. Then your fabric can sit on the shelf and you can see what you have!

Wet the eye of the needle, not the thread to easily thread the needle. Works on sewing machine needle, also.

A very inexpensive way to fussy cut a pattern piece for a quilt or purse is to make a new pattern out of wax paper. It is clear enough to be able to see through it so that you can get the exact flower, etc. that you want. When you are done you can throw it away and you are not out a lot of money

Sewjourn – Exit 255

Sewjourn Camp will be August 13-16 2009. Sherron Heard and Janice Davis are camp directors. Application form and information is available at the guild room or on the website. Camp cost is \$122 with \$50 deposit when signing up and balance due by June 11th. There will be a lot of fun activities, quilt blocks, games, and good fellowship.

Peanut Butter Pie

- 8 oz 1 cream cheese {room temp}
- 8 oz. 1 cup peanut butter
- 8 oz. 1 cup powered sugar
- 8 oz. 1 cool whip
- 1 tbls vanilla extract
- 1 6 oz. prepared graham cracker pie crust

Mix cream cheese until smooth. Add remaining ingredients and blend until creamy. Pour into pie shell and refrigerate at least 2 hours. You can easily substitute low/no fat ingredients. Enjoy !!

Cornbread Salad

- 5 cups cubed cornbread or crumbled corn muffins
- 3 cups diced fresh tomatoes
- 1 cup diced sweet onion
- 1 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup sweet pickle relish
- 1/2 pound sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sweet pickle juice
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Place cornbread in a large bowl. Combine tomatoes, onion, green pepper, relish, and bacon. Spoon on top of cornbread.

Mix mayonnaise and pickle juice; pour over vegetables. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Chill before serving.

Serves 10 to 12.

The position for the 2009 Quilt show Chairman has been filled: Leanne Massengale. A big thank you. Let Leanne know which committee you would like to be on.



April showers bring May flowers

What historical event occurred on May 13th, 1913?
The first soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

What publication debuted on May 2nd, 1885?
Good Housekeeping magazine, the first "female oriented" publication.

What is the origin of the name given to the fifth calendar month?
To honor "Maiesta", the Roman goddess of honor and reverence.

To Brighten Your Day

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked 'Is my time up?' God said, 'No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live.'

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance. Arriving in front of God, she demanded, 'I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?' God replied: 'I didn't recognize you.'

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Rules of Life for the Graduates

RULE 1. Life is not fair; get used to it.

RULE 2. The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

RULE 3. You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school OR college. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone, until you earn both.

RULE 4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

RULE 5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping; they called it opportunity.

RULE 6. If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

RULE 7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try "delousing" the closet in your own room.

RULE 8. Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades; they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

RULE 9. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

RULE 10. Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

RULE 11. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.