

October 2009



# Kiamichi Quilt Guild

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October 8th

5:00pm Board Mtg  
6:00 pm Refreshments  
6:30 pm Meeting

Dear Quilting Friends,

Our guild meeting in September was long and hot. I apologize for the inconvenience, but we had to get an accounting of the quilt show progress. It looks like everyone is in good shape with their chairmanships.

Reminder, we still need items to sell in the Boutique. If all members would just make one or two items it would be a very nice and profitable sale. If you don't have anything to work with, go to the quilt room on Wednesday, there are still kits left from my BOM.

Ladies and gentlemen, we need to think about officers for 2010. If you are interested in being a KQG officer next year please contact me. Consider taking a larger part in our guild, it is a chance to let your talents loose and implement new ideas. I assure you it can be an interesting and satisfying experience.

The 'Quilts by the Lake' Show in Eufaula was a hit this year, I worked the admissions for a few hours and we had many nice comments as people left.

Entries for the 'Fall in Love with Quilts' Show will be accepted until October 4, so get those entries to me soon. We need 130 quilts for a nice show and right now I have only 50. We will be at the St John's Catholic Church from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to accept the entry quilts. We could use help assembling and placing the quilt racks and tables during that time also. If any of you have special circumstance and cannot get your quilt turned in at that time, please call me for arrangements. The quilts must be picked up after the show; your quilts should be ready for pick up by 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. on the day of the show.

Tickets???? Please sell, sell, sell those Opportunity Quilt tickets.

Linda Knowles  
KQG 2009 President

**Refreshments for October meeting:** Chris Clark, Cathy Boyer, Patricia Williams, Juanita Barker

**Program for October:** Brenda Esslinger will be demonstrating her Fractured Quilt technique.

**Block of the Month for October:** Linda Knowles

**Announcements:** Be sure to sell your tickets for the opportunity quilt. Tickets are \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 10. This money helps to pay for our rent/expenses throughout the year, so please sell as many as you can!!!

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## AREA EVENTS:

October 10 & 11, Cimarron Valley Quilters Home Tour and Quilt Show, featuring 5 homes located in Stillwater, OK, displaying more than 200 quilts. \$5 (covers both days) includes a map of the 5 homes. See [www.cvqg.org](http://www.cvqg.org) or phone 405-372-1039 for details.

October 15 – 18, International Quilt Festival, Houston, TX.

October 23 – 25, Affair of the Heart, Oklahoma City Fairgrounds, 9:00am – 6:00pm and 11:00am – 5:00pm on Sunday, cost \$6, Oklahoma City, OK.

October 28 – 31, American Quilting Society Quilt Show, Des Moines, IA.

Nov 6-7, Pieces of Our Lives 2009 Quilt Show, 107 S Ora, Pryor, OK, \$3, 9am-5pm.

November 20 - 22, Affair of the Heart, Expo, 4145 E 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Tulsa, OK.

## September's Member profile was **Cathy Boyer**

I am not originally from Oklahoma, but have lived here 11 years now and plan to stay here after retiring. Fell in love with the state because of the weather and the not-so-fast paced lifestyle. I went to secretarial school but I no longer work as a secretary.

**Likes/Dislikes:** I love to socialize, read, quilt, and keep things running smooth at home. My husband still refers to me as his social secretary. I complain sometimes that I have to do more than he does, but then when he does some of the things, I don't like the way he does it so I have to take back over. I dislike people who lie and cheat and because I am naïve, it is hard for me to believe that people can do some of the things they do.

**Family life:** I am married and have two children (a girl and a boy). I was one of 5 kids. I grew up living in a very small town (800 people) so everyone knew everyone and everyone's business. It had its advantages and disadvantages, but mostly everyone looked out for each other. You didn't have to worry about your kids playing outside as you knew there were several moms watching out also. My parents are no longer living but I have 4 brothers and 1 sister who all live in the same small town I grew up in. I am the only one to have moved away so they now have a place to come for a vacation and I love to have any family any time.

**What is important to you:** My faith and my family.

**Pet Peeves:** When someone cuts you off when you are talking.

**What you want to accomplish this year:** Get a quilt in the show.

**Any talents you have:** Good typist, writes shorthand, good with the computer, and can play the piano somewhat.

**Any unusual experiences you have gone through:** Worked for the same company for 30 plus years. Have vacationed in Hawaii, Europe, East Coast, and West Coast but have only moved from my home state once.

## Kiamichi Quilt Show "Fall in Love with Quilts" October 24, 2009

Chairperson: Leanne Massengale

Will need:

Quilts

Bazaar items

Bake sale goodies

Pies for luncheon

**Yourselves** with a big smile and a willingness to help!!!

## Quilting Tips

Before washing your fabric, trim the corners off the selvage edges at a diagonal. This prevents the cut edge from raveling in the wash, and is a great way to tell at a glance if you've prewashed that fabric!

A good tip when washing flannel so that all those loose ends don't tangle is put it in a pillowcase first. Wash "like" colors together and dry them the same way. No more tangled mess when done!

## Guild Library

We have a very nice organized library of many wonderful quilt books. Linda J. and June have organized the library by title, category, or author. These books are for your use and can be checked out any time. Each book has a sign-out card in the front and all you need to do is sign your name on the card and put the card in the basket provided on the book shelf and when you return the book, just put the card back in the book and place the book back on the shelf. A couple of the books are: Eleanor Burns' Appliqué in a Day and 65 Drunkard's Patch Quilt Designs by Pepper Cory. A complete listing is provided on our website or at the guild room.

## Camp Sewjourn – Exit 255

Sewjourn 255 was another wonderful event. The tables were well arranged this year and there was plenty of room for us to spread out with our sewing projects and supplies. We had a lot of fun with our skirts, fellowship, and productive sewing. Patty Nordquist and Darlys Hutten instructed and assisted several ladies in making the overnight make-up bag and they were all so beautiful. It looks like it will be a very handy tote. We played fat quarter poker and had several demonstrations. Thanks to Whitney Nordquist for coming out two days to life guard for the swimmers. Thank you Janice Davis and Sherron Heard for all your hard work planning the event.

## The Best Ever Pumpkin Cake

1 large 29 oz can pumpkin	1/2 tsp salt
1 box yellow cake mix	3 eggs
1 cup milk	1 cup sugar
1 tsp cinnamon	1/4 tsp ginger
1 cup melted butter	1/8 tsp nutmeg
1/8 tsp cloves	

Prepare pumpkin mixture pour in a 9" by 13" cake pan. Sprinkle yellow cake mix over pumpkin mixture. Melt butter pour over yellow cake. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

Enjoy hot or cold. Top with Cool Whip.

## Reducing Static Cling

Pin a small safety pin to the seam of your slip and you will not have a clingy skirt or dress. Same thing works with slacks that cling when wearing pantyhose. Place pin in seam of slacks and...tada!...static is gone.

## Foggy Windshield?

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

## To Brighten Your Day

### MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a Pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his Mother asked.

'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, You'd never believe it!'

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## ROSE

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder. I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?" I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze. "Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked. She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, have a couple of children, and then retire and travel." "No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age." I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me. Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor. Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know." As we laughed she cleared her throat and began: "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing. There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success." You have to laugh and find humor every day. "You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die. We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it!" "There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight. Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding the opportunity in change." "Have no regrets. The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets. She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose." She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the years end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago. One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep. Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

**GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY, GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.**  
Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.