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Edmond Quilt Guild
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The Edmond Quilt Guild meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Memorial Road Church of Christ
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Edmond Quilt Guild is to preserve, teach and share the history and art of quilting



President's Report— Laura James

I got a call from a gentleman this week asking me if our guild would be interested in some old quilting magazines from the 50's and 60's. Normally I would have replied, "thanks, but no thanks." But then I recalled Bonnie Bowman's recent 2 AM encounter with a stack of old Quilter's Newsletter articles and I thought, what the heck. These magazines could be rather entertaining. Bonnie surely would have fun with digging through to find some "helpful" tips. I'll save them for our next Quilter's Market event. Look for them in the insomnia humor section.

I thoroughly enjoyed having Emmie Seaman as our speaker last month. She truly inspired me to get my creative juices flowing. How about you? If you haven't started on something for the quilt show now might be the perfect time to experiment with something completely new!

Alice has arranged another wonderful program in April to help us prepare our quilts for the show in September.



See you at the April meeting - if not sooner, Laura

Vice-President— Adrian Thompson

The First Challenge of the Year

Our first challenge of the year will be a miniature quilt made from the fat quarter that you received at the Christmas meeting. If you don't have one of these, close your eyes and reach into a bag of fat quarters and pull one out.

What is a miniature? One dictionary meaning reads, "representation on a small scale," which assumes that the works in question normally exist on a larger scale.

For a miniature quilt and for this challenge:

- 1 No one side is larger than 20 inches with no minimum.
- 2 The swap fabric must be the dominate fabric in the quilt.
- 3 If you are using a block format, the block should not exceed 5 inches.
- 4 Put a sample of the swap fabric on the back of the quilt
- 5 NO whole cloth quilts.
- 6 The mini will be quilted and bound for the **April EQG meeting.**

Have fun with this one!

Program Report - Alice Kellogg

April 17: "How to make a Show Quilt" This meeting will involve demos and short talks about judging and requirements for a show quilt. Information on how to make a sleeve, where to document your quilt and what in the cat hair are those judges looking for.

May: TBA

June 18: This is our joint meeting with Norman and we will be hosting Mickey Depre. Her book on fusibles has been a huge success. Plan your vacation around this one.

July 17: Susan Lucky will speak to us about her "Legacy of Hope" project and working with the ABC baby quilt project. She will be an inspiration to all of you and we are proud to have her as a guild member.

Atta Girls!

The *Edmond Outlook* magazine that is sent to every Edmond household had an article in this month's issue about our own Darcy Ashton. It is a full page write-up and includes her picture with one of her quilts in the background. Way to go Darcy! We are proud of you.



Quilt Show Chairman – Lee Gray

Everything is going well with the preparations for your Sept. 7-8, 2007 Quilt Show. We need all EQG members to be selling raffle quilt tickets to help finance the show.

Don't miss our April EQG meeting. The program "How to make a Show Quilt" will be very helpful and answer questions we may have.

Quilt Show entry forms will be available at the April EQG meeting.

We will also be taking pre-orders for the Quilt Show T-shirts at the April meeting, so bring cash or checkbook as you will need to pay for the t-shirts at the time you pre-order. S- XL, regularly \$13.00 will only be \$11.00 if you pre-order. XXL & XXXL, regularly \$15.00 will only be \$13.00 if you pre-order. We will have t-shirt size samples at the meeting.

We will also have volunteer sheets available at the April meeting, so bethinking about what part you want to play in making our Quilt Show a success.

To carry out our theme beyond the special category, we would like to display a few "old" quilts. We are looking for old quilts that have a history that goes with the quilt. If you have an old quilt that you think would be of interest please contact Lee Gray.

See you at the April meeting and we will talk QUILT SHOW !!!

Lee Gray

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Membership Report– Debi Pickens

We currently have 121 members in the Guild. I hope you enjoyed our speaker for March as much as I did. We had 6 guests who seemed to enjoy the Art Quilts. My daughter said she picked a good month to be home from OSU and visit the guild. I made her work for the privilege. If you have not paid your dues for 2007 you will be dropped off our list as of April 1st. You of course can rejoin at anytime.

If you didn't pick up your card, they will be there next month along with the three I missed printing this month.



April Birthday's



- 04/10 Karen Hoskins
- 04/18 Dixie Grosshans
Alison Giordano
- 04/28 Reta Brown
- 04/30 Sharon Coon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Muskogee Area Quilters Guild
April 13, & 14 9am-4pm
St Paul United Methodist Church
2130 West Okmulgee Muskogee, OK

April Flower



Small Group Invitation

Debi Pickens (324-8585) and Evelyn York (341-4647) are starting a small group for Art Quilters. We will have our first meeting at Evelyn's home on Tuesday, April 3rd. If you are interested call for instructions or if you picked up the address at the meeting just show up. We will make plans for what we want the group to be/do at that time.



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Guidelines for Small Groups

by Alice Kellogg

It is easy to get lost in the crowd when you belong to something as large as a quilt guild. Belonging to a small group is a blessing. Strong friendships are made, and the participants learn more and at a faster pace. But how to start a small group and where to begin?

The first thing is to set a goal or purpose. It can be as simple as wanting to sew together, or as complex as a color study group where there is a teacher with lesson plans. If there is not a purpose to the group, then the members become bored and aimless, the group becomes stagnant and dies. Some examples of purpose are the above-mentioned, color study, round robins, appliqué, paper-piecing, followers of a certain method or teacher, art quilts, quilters from a certain part of town, crazy quilts, hand quilters, challenge quilts, place of business, fellow workers or church members and there are plenty more that have not come to mind.

The second consideration is limits. If the group plans to meet in someone's home, how many can the home comfortably hold? Maybe the members will take turns hosting the group and some of the homes are smaller than others. If you want to keep the group "open" then it might be wise to find a church or meeting room so that you can easily grow. There might be natural limits, *i.e.* a traditional quilter would not be happy in an art group. FOOD! Some quilters are a nervous about food around their quilts. Does your group want to include lunch or dinner into their meeting time? Are husbands ever allowed? If the members know the limits and rules (and they may be made as the group progresses), then everyone is happier and more secure in the group and will help eliminate hurt feelings.

The next thing the group should consider is a time line. Will you be meeting in the evenings? mornings? half the day? once a month? every other week? There have been groups that met for six months and then disbanded after they met their goals or project. Some groups have been ongoing for years.

Projects! Even though the guild will have projects and programs, a small group setting is easier to plan and execute projects. Suppose everyone in the small group is fairly new to quilting and they need to build a stash. One of their simple projects could be a fat $\frac{1}{4}$ exchange. Suppose the purpose of the group is to meet with fellow "scrap" quilters. Then a fun project would be a 6-inch fabric trade. Maybe one of the group is leaving, the group may make friendship blocks to remember her fun times and her friendships she has made in the group. Some small groups have birthday celebrations. The point is that if there are projects or challenges in the group, the ladies stay interested and motivated.

The last consideration is leadership. When there is no leader, there is confusion and chaos. Someone has to be in charge! The responsibilities of the leader could be very limited or could be absolute, depending on the needs of the group. Leadership could change or members can take turns. Some groups are very happy keeping that same person in charge all the time. If the group is a "study group" the natural leader would be the instructor, but not always. It depends on the group, goals and needs of the group. In all cases, the leader needs to be flexible and tolerant.

These guidelines are just that, GUIDELINES. They are only suggestions to help you get started and reap the benefits of a small group. As the group grows and progresses, then new rules or rules that do not work can be modified. Hopefully, you will consider starting a small group and the guild is here to help you in any way we can.

