

Edmond Quilt Guild Highlights for 2008

The Year in Review

Edmond Quilt Guild celebrated our 4th Anniversary in January 2008. We continued to remain busy with speakers, fun meetings, and several community projects. We have continued to maintain NQA membership, which was started in 2007.

Board Members:

Our board was again comprised of the “old” and the “new”, with three board members and a committee chair carrying over from 2007, being joined by four new board members and a new webmaster.

Laura James - President
Lee Gray - Vice President, *new*
Brenda Dodson - Treasurer
Brenda Esslinger - Secretary, *new*
Alice Kellogg - Programs
Patti O’Neil - Membership, *new*
Judy Elliott - Communications, *new*
Cheryl Boles - Loving Touch Committee Chair
Don Lusk - Webmaster, *new*

General Happenings During The Year:

This year held several changes for us. A major change was the revamping of the guild’s web site. Thanks to Don Lusk, the web site sported a new look starting in February. He consolidated and organized and generally made us look pretty darn snappy. During the year, we continued to receive compliments from guild members in addition to others that were browsing our site. We even had another guild call to ask “what program” he was using so they could update their own site. Thanks again Don!!

Another change was our meeting room. As anyone living in Edmond and OKC well remembers, we had quite an ice storm in December 2007! The storm damaged several areas of the church which required them to rethink how they had their rooms arranged. Our regular meeting room was surrendered to the Girls Scouts and Day Care, forcing our meetings to move to a “cozy” little room off one of the hallways. Remember that room, everyone?? We really got to know each other well in our January guild meeting, didn’t we?!

Through conversations with the church, we were able to secure a class room in the Summit Building for our meeting in March. WOW! What a difference - large room with a sound system even. Thankfully this became our regular meeting room from that time on.

We have had room for speakers, parties, vendors and even a retreat with 20-some people. Custodia Ewald took over as our "sound lady" and has helped during the guild meeting with all the sound system stuff. Thank you, Custodia!

Lee Gray, in her role as VP, took on the challenge of developing a "Block of the Month" for the membership. Not only did she create one BOM but she created two - one appliqué and one pieced. Through out the year, members presented their completed blocks at the following month's guild meeting and put their name in a hat for a drawing. She had good participation and we are all looking forward to seeing the finished quilts in 2009. Plans are underway in 2009 to take photos of the completed tops/quilts to post to our web site. Lee's blocks drew attention from several quilters outside our guild and our state who also participated along during the year. Great job Lee!

During her free time, Lee also organized the "Hancock Challenge". Using three solid fabrics from Hancock's, she established guidelines and time frames. Fabric was passed out in July and quilts were handed back-in in October. All the completed quilts were donated to Hope Center in Edmond once the judging was completed. Judy Elliott won first place and Lee Gray won second based on membership voting.

Mary Dubois created a Mystery Quilt for the membership. Directions for the quilt appeared over three months on the web site, starting in March and continuing through May. The pattern was the "Honeyberries" pattern from the book "40 Fabulous Quick-Cut Quilts", by Evelyn Sloppy. Thank you to Martingale & Company for giving us permission to use Evelyn's pattern!

Cheryl Boles and her daughter, Rachel, made life easier for those making donation quilts. They created the "tote bag" system early in the year. Boy was it easy to just go and grab a cloth bag that held all the fixings of a quilt!

EQG made the news in the NQA "Quilting Quarterly", Fall 2008 issue. They mentioned our summer anniversary party that featured the mayor cooking hot dogs for us! They all thought that was really special.

March 1st saw the opening of another great quilt shop. The Savage Quilter finally moved from Debbie Savage's front room to an actual shop site, right next to Bernina. How can you not be excited about another shop opening, especially one with such great fabric choices as hers!

The Rotary Rebel small group organized a Red, White & Blue window display at the Library for the month of July. Several guild members donated RW&B quilts for the display. It looked great and was a patriotic way to promote the guild's activities in the area.

Homestead Quilting went out of business in May 2008. They sold

embellishments and supplies for art quilting techniques.

The Quilting Post in Perkins shut their doors on October 31, 2008. Darlene and Joyce sold the building to one lady and the name and contents to another. The Quilting Post in Stillwater opened in November 2008 under the management of Terri Gibbs. Carol's Quilt Shop opened shortly thereafter in a newly painted pink building. So, where there was one, there are now two.

The guild welcomed new member Vickie Pratt in the Fall. Vickie visited the guild several months prior, when our speaker was from children's hospital. She was moved enough to go through her own stash as well as her friends to get the fabric to complete preemies for the guild. The end result was 118 completed preemie quilts!! She definitely set the record for the most preemie quilts handed in by one person at one time.

Programs:

Again, we stayed busy with a lot of different speakers and learning different techniques. Alice did a great job getting speakers and keeping us going. And the guild members did a great job having fun!

January - Susan Lucky came and talked about the "Legacy of Hope" and the ABC Quilts. She was a great sport as she presented in our "cozy" room without help of any sound equipment.

February - Marilyn Karper talked about Quilt Photography. She gave us pointers about cameras and lighting and then showed us some photos she had taken at the Machine Quilters Show.

March - Alicia Key shared Jodi Barrow's "Square in a Square" techniques with us. She had the joy of being the first speaker in our new Summit class room so was really able to show off all the great quilts she brought with her.

April - Debbie Bacon shared a great trunk show with all her scrappy plaid quilts. Who knew you could do so much with plaid fabrics.

May - Debbie McCann substituted for Karen Corff from Children's hospital. They receive our preemie quilts and shared with us information about their program and how our quilts are used with the tiniest of patients.

June - Karen McTavish was the guest speaker for our joint meeting with Norman Area Quilt Guild. Held at Rose State, she had members from both guilds laughing and having a great time. Alice and Laura even found temporary tattoos for themselves to help her feel more at home! Not enough time to get the dreadlocks though!

July - The guild held their anniversary party, celebrating the guild's 4th year. (We didn't get to hold it in January due to the December ice storm and our super small temporary quarters.) The board dressed in fancy aprons and helped serve the other guild members. All the usual picnic foods but without the ants! Our chefs were none other than Bobby Kellogg, Alice' husband, and Edmond Mayor Dan O'Neil, Patti's husband. This guild meeting was also our introduction to "Quilter's Craps".

August - Mary Dubois from "Quilter's Corner" came and shared her love of scrap quilts. She had a wonderful trunk show that everyone loved.

September - EQG's First IRON QUILTER'S RETREAT ... Wahoo! This was two days of fun, sewing, demonstrations by Alice, and food that none of us had to cook. Twenty-six people attended the event. The Summit class room worked out great space wise - another benefit of this larger room. And thanks to Alice for bringing her ironing board for everyone to use ... you had to be there!

October - Martelli Notions stopped in to see us on their way to Houston for the International Quilt Festival. He showed us all the newest tricks and toys to provide easy, ergonomic sewing. Of course, he also offered everything for sale. It was an early Christmas for lots of folks!

November - Mary Ann Tate shared her "naked quilter" techniques. Luckily, all of us kept our clothes on for the meeting and came away with a lot of good information on quilting without marking.

December - Another loud, food and fun filled party! We celebrated the holidays early with more Quilter's Craps, candy cane games and lots of finger foods.

Workshops Sponsored by EQG:

January - Lola Jenkins presented a "face workshop", sharing her techniques for portrait quilts.

June - Karen McTavish presented a workshop on creating and making a whole cloth quilt. Lots of stencils and lots of washable blue markers can lead to one great looking quilt!

September - During the Iron Quilter's Retreat, Alice demonstrated the Terrific Two Patch. Several participants had completed enough of the blocks to show them off at the show and share during the guild meeting.

Membership:

We closed the year with 153 members! Up from the previous year and growing strong.

Pat Sherman and Evelyn York, both charter members of the guild, passed away this year in April.

Atta-Quilter Awards:

The awards received by guild members goes to show how prolific the guild is in general but also attests to the quality of work the guild supports. Way to go everybody!

**** 2008 Winter Quilt Show:**

1. Marilyn Karper won Judge's Choice
2. Cheryl Hoyt took 1st place in Artisan Wall Mixed, 2nd place in Artisan Wall Pieced and Honorable Mention in Centennial Challenge.
3. Don Lusk won a blue ribbon in Artisan Machine Appliqué and 3rd place in Artisan Wall Pieced.
4. Alice Kellogg received 2nd place in Pictorial.
5. Brenda Esslinger and Darcy Ashton have to share a red ribbon in the Group category.
6. Cherrie Hampton took 2nd place in Traditional Pieced Wall.
7. Millicent Gillogly was right behind Cherrie with a 3rd place in Traditional Pieced Wall.
8. Lola Jenkins was the featured quilter for the Winter Quilt Show.

** Lola Jenkins had a one woman display at the Mid West City Library in the month of February.

** Charlotte Hickman was accepted into the 2008 AQS show in Paducah again this year.

**** Fiberworks:**

1. Brenda Esslinger for winning a cash prize for best machine stitched quilt at Fiberworks for her piece "Dillo de Mayo".
2. Alice Kellogg for having her piece "Rana's Pond IV" accepted to display.

** Charlotte Hickman won blue ribbons for her OK Centennial Quilt and one of her Dogwood quilts at the Green Country Quilt Guild Show in Tulsa. She won a blue ribbon and Judge's Choice ribbon for her "Colorful Puffer Fish" at the Common Threads Quilt Show in Wichita, KS.

****Oklahoma County Free Fair:**

1. Laura Beaver won one first and one second place ribbons
2. Brenda Esslinger won two first and one third place ribbons

**** State Fair of Oklahoma:**

1. Don Lusk won Best of Show for Wallhangings along with 2 blue ribbons and one white ribbon.
2. Lola Jenkins won 8 ribbons (5 of them blue)
3. Brenda Esslinger took home 8 ribbons, including Best of Show for Machine Quilting
4. Laura Beavers won 3 ribbons, one of them blue
5. Joyce Curtis also won 3 ribbons, one of them blue
6. Michelle Schroeder won 3 ribbons (1,2 & 3).
7. Toni Galley won a blue ribbon
8. Debi Pickens won a white ribbon on her latest art quilt.

**** Charlotte Hickman won the Ina Stentiford Memorial Award at the International Quilt Festival in Houston this month for her "Pansy Among Leaves" quilt**

**** Darcy Ashton published her new book "Bunnies & More"**

Charitable Projects:

The Loving Touch Committee remained active through out the year with several on-going projects. During the year, we donated a dozen quilts to Citizens Caring for Children, 55 baby quilts to the Hope Center for their maternal health clinic, and around 500 preemie quilts to Children's Hospital. Way to go guild members!

New Advertisers:

We want to thank several new advertisers to our newsletter that joined this year. Their contributions to the newsletter funds, help to continue to support guild activities: Alford Inn, The Savage Quilter, The Quilting Post in Stillwater, The Rabbit's Lair, Kerry Fisbeck of Reveille Quilt Studio, Sandra Banks of Quilting 'N Embroidery, Sooner Quilts, Pfaff, and Bernina.