

Edmond Quilt Guild Highlights for 2010 The Year in Review

Edmond Quilt Guild celebrated our 6th Anniversary in January 2010. We remain busy with speakers, fun meetings, and several community projects. We maintain NQA membership, which was started in 2007.

Board Members:

Bonnie Bowman - President
Becky Beierle - Vice President new
Cathy Dawson - Treasurer
Gloria Kreuer - Secretary new
Sue Esparza - Programs
Becki Davis - Membership new
Nancy Forrest - Communications new
Vicky Wyalie - Loving Touch Committee Chair
Gloria Kreuer - Hospitality Committee Chair new
Don Lusk - Web Master
Pam Forrester - 2010 Quilt Show Chair

General Happenings During The Year:

The Guild started the with a bang when we learned, much to our delight, that our Butterfly raffle quilt was featured in the newest issue of *Quilting Quarterly Journal* of the National Quilter's Association. They even gave us kudos on our website picture and promo materials. At the Winter Quilt Show in January, the guild sold over \$800 in raffle tickets for its 2010 raffle quilt, designed by Brenda Esslinger, which featured floral appliqué and bear paw blocks. Even Mark Lipinski of *Quilter's Home* fame purchased twelve of our tickets! The Quilt Show Committee began t-shirt sales and sold a terrific gray t-shirt that featured the medallion from our raffle quilt. Pam Forrester encouraged everyone to wear them whenever and wherever possible to advertise, advertise, advertise!

New vice president Becky Beierle kicked off the new year with a UFO challenge for the first six months of the year. The first winner, announced in March, was Brenda Esslinger. In March Becki announced another challenge, this time for name tags that could be worn to meetings. The winners, announced in April, were Bonnie Bowman for the most creative name tag,, to Linda Bonham for the most legible, to Delma Maltby for the most colorful, and to Barb Buettner for the best embellishment. The UFO Challenge winner for April was Lee Grey. She finished only one quilt but what a doozy! Her quilted garnered 57 points. In May Brenda Esslinger again was the UFO Challenge winner. There was no UFO Challenge winner for June since we were having our joint meeting with the NAQG at Rose State. However, in July, Brenda Esslinger was named the UFO Queen.

Highlight of the year was the guild's 2010 quilt show, held in Hamilton Field House on the campus of UCO. The basketball court was magically transformed into a gallery of the most beautiful quilts assembled by the most talented group of quilters any guild of only a little over 6 years could ever have hoped to assemble. The Quilt Show Committee did an absolutely stellar job and it paid off in an incredible show with terrific vendors and an NCQA certified judge (Serena Vrnak), and everyone involved in making this show such a

success. Door prizes were handed out with wild abandon...even husbands won fat quarters and other marvelous quilt-related items for their wives. Much to our surprise, our own Brenda Dodson was the excited winner of the beautiful batik appliqué lottery quilt. Because she sold the winning ticket to herself, she even won the wall-sized version of the same quilt. A feature of the quilt show was Bonnie Bowman's "President's Challenge," which featured fabric from the "Samsara" collection. The 1st Place winner was Judy Elliott with her appliquéd quilt titled "Summer Holly". Don Lusk won 2nd Place with a machine embroidered hanging called "Presidential Paisley", and 3rd Place went to Joan Ballew with her precisely pieced hanging called "Northern Jewel". The Savage Quilter provided a \$100.00 gift certificate for the 1st Place winner.

No doubt the judge had a difficult time selecting the best of the best, but she managed to do it and the quilt show winners for 2010 were, as follows:

BEST OF SHOW"

Charlotte Hickman, "Into the Woods"

"UCO PRESIDENT'S CHOICE"

Brenda Esslinger, "EQG Block of the Month"

"MAYOR'S CHOICE"

Charlotte Hickman, "Field of Lilies"

"JUDGE'S CHOICE"

Joan Ballew, "Sun and Sand"

Honorable Mention

Pam Forrester, "My Marine"

"SPECIAL ART AWARD"

Sarah Daneke, "Autumn Splendor"

"PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE"

1st Place

Judy Elliott, "Summer Holly"

2nd Place

Don Lusk, "Presidential Paisley"

3rd Place

Joan Ballew, "Northern Jewel"

"VIEWER'S CHOICE"

Kerry Fisbeck, "Batik Star"

"TRADITIONAL PIECED LARGE"

1st Place

Lee Gray, "Inspirations"

2nd Place

Sharon Harmon, "Red and White Circles"

3rd Place

Sharon Harmon, "Stars of the Civil War Era"

Honorable Mention

Judy Elliott, "Double Nine Patch"

Linda Eiseman, "Tonga Dimes"

"TRADITIONAL PIECED SMALL"

1st Place

Lee Gray, "Oklahoma Summer"

2nd Place

Patti O'Neil, "Occidental Accident"

3rd Place

Toni Galley, "Hummingbird"

Honorable Mention

Sherry Massey, "High Country Stars"

Patricia Chivers, "Flying Geese Pineapple"

"TRADITIONAL APPLIQUE"

1st Place

Lee Gray, "Flower Fancy"

2nd Place

Debra Lea, "Funky Blue Vases"

3rd Place

JoAnn Young, "Bouquet of the Month"

Honorable Mention

Sharon Thompson, "Bee Attitudes"

Linda Morton, "French Bouquet"

"APPLIQUE PROFESSIONALLY

QUILTED"

1st Place

Bonnie Bowman, "Chintzware Series #4"

2nd Place

Alice Kellogg, "EQG BOM"

3rd Place

Brenda Esslinger, "EQG Block of the Month"

Honorable Mention

Toni Galley, "North of Forty-Nine"

Laura James, "Anticipating Spring"

"MEDIUM PIECED PROFESSIONALLY

QUILTED"

1st Place

Brenda Esslinger, "Saturday Sampler"

2nd Place

Marilyn Karper, "Pagosa Holiday"

3rd Place

Millicent Gillogy, "This One's For Me!"

Honorable Mention

Cameron Potter, "Pastel Pinwheels"

Suzan Aven, "Floral Star"

"LARGED PIECED PROFESSIONALLY

QUILTED"

1st Place

Kerry Fisbeck, "Batik Star"

2nd Place

Marilyn Karper, "Diamonds in the Garden"

3rd Place

Sarah Daneke, "Autumn Splendor"

Honorable Mention

Jo Balding, "Fairy Dust"

Bonnie Bowman, "Fall Harvest"

“INNOVATIVE SMALL”

1st Place

Charlene Brewer, “Fire and Ice”

2nd Place

Brenda Williams, “March Madness with Carol”

3rd Place

Becky Beierle, “Pineapple”

Honorable Mention

Brenda Dodson, “Cotton Sunrise”

Alice Kellogg, “Ode to Carol”

“INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONALLY

QUILTED”

1ST Place

Sherrill Lewis, “I’m Going Back to My Crazy Raisin”

2nd Place

Edith Frank, “Sunflower Festival”

3rd Place

Brenda Dodson, “Colonel Mustard’s Revenge”

Honorable Mention

Edith Frank, “Midnight Garden”

Linda Gaither, “Mod Mosaic”

“INNOVATIVE LARGE”

1st Place

Don Lusk, “Funky Flowers”

2nd Place

Linda Eiseman, “Others Worlds”

3rd Place

Debbie Croft, “Out of the Darkness, Into the Bright”

Honorable Mention

JoAnn Young, “M & E’s, A New Dimension”

Joyce Curtis, “Butterscotch”

“ART LARGE”

1st Place

Charlotte Hickman, “Into the Woods”

2nd Place

Barbara Tobin, “Drifting”

3rd Place

Charlotte Hickman, “Field of Lilies”

Honorable Mention

Laura James, “Many Hands Make Light Work”

Ruth Harris, “Passion Flower”

“ART SMALL”

1st Place

Sherrill Lewis, “The 3 R’s in Green”

2nd Place

Brenda Williams, “I See You”

3rd Place

Brenda Williams, “Which Path”

Honorable Mention

Ruth Harris, “Leaf Study”

Ruth Harris, "Color Play 3000"

"MINIATURE"

1st Place

Bonnie Bowman, "Blooming 4-Patch"

2nd Place

Brenda Dodson, "Did I Lose My Mind"

3rd Place

Joan Ballew, "Big Bang"

Honorable Mention

Sue Esparza, "Fan Trail"

"HOLIDAY"

1st Place

Millicent Gillogy, "Christmas All Around"

2nd Place

Gailynn Phelps, "Christmas on Fire"

3rd Place

Toni Galley, "Spooky Town"

Honorable Mention

Janice Filler, "K. Nicholas Claus, Saint"

Marilyn Karper, "Santa's Ride" Sharon Harmon, "Merry Christmas to All"

"FIRST TIME ENTRANT"

1st Place

Nancy Myers, "Irish Lullaby"

2nd Place

JoAnn Young, "Tequila Sunrise"

3rd Place

Lea Alspaugh, "Visions of the Deep"

Honorable Mention

Carol Ann Snyder, "Stain Glass in Green"

Cathy Dawson, "Sweet Dreams"

"JUVENILE"

1st Place

Linda Eiseman, "Brian's Quilt"

2nd Place

Lea Alspaugh, "Blue Jean Teddy Stars"

3rd Place Joan Ballew, "Alphabet Quilt"

Honorable Mention

Nancy Myers, "Up, Up and Away"

RAFFLE QUILT WINNER & SELLER

Brenda J. Dodson

Right on the heels of the quilt show came fair season. Again, EQG members garnered *beaucoup* awards.

Oklahoma State Fair

Joyce Curtis - Second Place - 3; Fifth Place - 1

Laura Beaver - One Third Place

Brenda Esslinger - Best in Show - 1; First Place - 3; Second Place -1; Fourth Place -3;

Toni Galley - Best in Show - 1; First Place - 5; Second Place - 4; 7th Place - 1;

Don Lusk - Best in Show -1 ; First Place - 3 ; Second Place - 1; Fourth Place - 1

Oklahoma County Free Fair

Laura Beaver - First Place -2

Cameron Potter – First Place - 1

Lincoln County Fair

Barbara Bain - First Place - 2; Third Place - 1

Maria Cox - Second Place - 1

Nancy Forrest - Fourth Place - 1

Shirley Weiss - Second Place - 1; Third Place - 1

Payne County Fair

Sherrill Lewis - First Place – 2

Programs:

January – Sherrill Lewis presented a workshop and presented to the guild at its monthly meeting on crazy quilts. Everyone enjoyed seeing her clever and creative approach to crazy quilts and those who attended the workshop had the thrill of pawing through buckets and boxes of luscious fabrics to create their own crazy quilt block, complete with embellishment.

February – Pat Speth, author of *Nicklel Quilts*, presented a workshop and lecture on her approach to cutting leftovers into usable sizes (e.g., 5” and 10” squares) for creating beautiful quilts. It renewed members’ resolve to save and use those pesky scraps!

March – Piecekeepers of Yukon, OK, lectured on blended quilts and the soft and subtle colorations were wonderful to see. A Saturday workshop scheduled for March 20 to commemorate National Quilt Day had to be cancelled as a result of adverse weather conditions.

April – Dalen Keys, author of “Just a Quilt?”, lectured on creativity in quiltmaking.

May – Guild member Brenda Esslinger lectured and presented a workshop on fractured quilts, a unique technique for creating an entirely new look from a fabric.

June – Ami Sims presented a lecture and workshop at Rose State for our shared meeting with NAQG. With her delightful sense of humor, she allowed us to see that we all have to start somewhere, and with a little patience, we can all improve our skills. Ami also presented a workshop “String Quilts” that was held at the Quilter’s Corner in Midwest City. Everyone enjoyed Ami’s unique approach to string quilts.

July – The guild had an indoor “picnic, with the board providing the hotdogs and members bringing a treat to share. There was plenty of good food, games and a “tin can” auction, where members bought tickets and put as many tickets as they wanted into tin cans by the auctioned items.

August - Kim Cronin Bunchuck lectured and presented a workshop on Sunbonnet Sue. Her lecture began in the late 1800s with very early redwork sunbonnet sues, progresses to depression era sues, kit sues, feedsack sues and to the modern sue quilts, even some bad sue quilts. She said her lecture is part history, part trunk show, and a lot of

fun! Her workshop was preceded by a workshop, "Three ways to Appliqué with Sunbonnet Sue". Even members who were not big finds of Sunbonnet Sue had a great time.

September – The guild was visited by a 'frontier' lady (the guild's very own Barb Buettner), who was traveling by covered wagon agreed to make stop in Edmond to visit with our guild members and told us of her travels and how they inspired her quilting choices. Barb was terrific and it was a great change of pace from our normal program routine.

October – The originally scheduled presenter, Jessica Olea from The Savage Quilter, had to cancel as a result of illness. Stepping up to the plate at the last minute was Brenda Esslinger and members of their group, "Beyond the Block." Their artistic efforts gave all members something to which they could aspire.

November - LeAnn Weaver, author of "Loose Change" presented a lecture and workshop. Her workshop featured quilts from her latest book. Her technique calls for cutting scraps into nickel (5"), dime (10") and quarter (2.5") squares and then using them to create quilts. She brought copies of her latest book which were snapped up by guild members.

During "show and share" at the November meeting held after the class, members who attended the workshop displayed their efforts.

December- As per custom, the guild held its Christmas party at the December meeting. It was "strip poker" night. Everyone was instructed to bring 12 strips of fabric cut 2 ½" by the width of the fabric and a plate of finger food to share. It was great fun and everyone took home strips of fabric to add to their stash.

Membership:

Membership reached over 170 by the end of the summer and, at the end of the year, membership totaled 176. This represents a 12 per cent increase over membership at the end of 2009.

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!

The following EQG members won ribbons at the Winter Quilt Show in Oklahoma City:

Best Art Quilt —"Into the Woods" by Charlotte Hickman
Fabric Challenge/First Place — "Back to the Roots of my Crazy Raisin" by Sherrill Lewis

New Advertisers/Vendors:

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. New advertisers included Grannie Annie's in Beggs. The guild had a long list of existing advertisers continuing to advertise in the newsletter.