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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.



The Edmond Quilt Guild meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Memorial Road Church of Christ, 2221 East Memorial Road, Edmond, Oklahoma

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President's Report— Alice Kellogg

We have started the year off with a bang. The transition of new officers on the board has been smooth. Our member renewals have been going great and I hope you were present to see one of our members (Dagmar Peery) receive a free year. Our Loving Touch Committee received more quilts for our charity projects, even though last month was a deadline for preemie quilts and placemats. Keep them coming...we still need them!

You know from our Treasurer's report at January's meeting that we are solvent. The quilt show really made a difference in our coffers and we have enough to earmark money for the next show and even make some purchases. Working on a budget that has money is a whole lot more fun than trying to budget when there is none. This is going to be a good year.

Speaking of quilt show, we need a quilt show chairman. If you have organizational skills mixed with a few people skills, you are perfect for the job. Give me a call so that we can talk about it.

We have two upcoming events. Mark your calendar for National Quilt Day, March 19. We plan to have a sew-in and demos to celebrate our art and craft of quilting. More details will be coming at February's meeting. In the spring, we are planning a studio tour. Have you ever wondered how other quilters are organized or how big is their stash? We will have several quilters that are willing to share how they use their space and what tools are important to them.

Until next time, happy stitching

Alice

Vice-President's Report – Becky Beierle

To recap our last meeting for those of you who couldn't make it, we had our own Don Lusk give a wonderful presentation. He showed us how he came in the back door to quilting by starting first through costume design. With no fear of a sewing machine and plenty of creative ideas it was a natural fit to find quilting. His process for starting an art quilt begins with the title then he moved methodically through the stages of creation. It was enlightening to see how another quilter's mind works. Thanks, Don.

The Nursery Rhyme Challenge was also presented for all to grab hold. Several folks mentioned that the original deadline was not nearly enough time to do the job justice so I will relent and give you all till the April meeting to complete the magnificent work of art I know you will turn out. If you still need a rhyme please call and I'll draw one for you. This quilt does not have to be a literal interpretation of your rhyme. The idea is to get creative and have fun, no restrictions (but a 180 in perimeter).

Yours in Stitches,
Becky Beierle

Communications Report – Nancy Forrest

Thanks to those of you who have contacted me regarding corrected e-mail addresses. If you're not yet receiving your e-mail blasts, please let me know!

Nancy Forrest



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Program Report - Brenda Esslinger

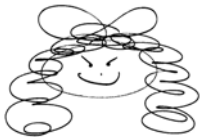
Were you at the January meeting? If not, you missed a very entertaining program by our very own Don Lusk. In addition to generously sharing his many award winning shirts and quilts with us he also shared the many lessons he's learned along the way. We have many very talented members in our guild and are fortunate to count Don among them. Also, a special thank you goes out to Phil Carlton who was our technical genius for the evening.

Our February guest will be Nova Montgomery who is speaking on how we should care for our quilts, both old and new. You can learn more about Nova at <http://www.novamontgomery.com/>.

March will bring Donna Thomas who promises to take the fear out of choosing fabric combinations for our quilts. <http://www.donnalynnthomas.com/>.

And in April our guest will be Debbie Maddy. Her lecture is titled "No Diamonds/No Y Seams." She will also be teaching the workshop "Labyrinth" that day (April 19). You can see a picture of the quilt at <http://www.calicocarriage.com/>. The cost of the workshop is \$25 (due in advance) and the supply list is available on her web site. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting.

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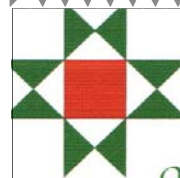
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Loving Touch – Vicky Wyalie

A big “Thank You” to Becki Davis for her contact with Fairfield Processing. They donated 2 cartons (16 bags) of low loft batting (120” X 120”). We’ll cut these into various sizes and have batting available for the guild members to use for our various donation projects.

Preemie Quilts – 22” X 22” (finished size quilted and bound)

Placemats – 18” X 14” (finished size quilted and bound)

Youth Quilts – approximately 40” X 44” (finished quilted and bound)

Do you know of a special opportunity in our community that we might be able to honor someone or shine on a family in need with a special quilt? Please share that information with the Loving Touch Committee.

Also, “Save the Date” – March 19, 2011 - “National Quilt Day”. We will share more information regarding activities for the day as plans are finalized.

“Shine on”
Vicky

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OUT & ABOUT

"Kickin' Up Our Heels" 20th Anniversary Quilt Show 2011 Lawton, OK

February 18 & 19, 2011, 10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advanced Ticket Price: \$5.00; Day of the Event: \$6.00. Great Plains Coliseum Annex, 920 South Sheridan, Lawton, OK 73505. This show will feature over 100 quilts on display; Quilt Appraisals by Appointment; The Hoffman Traveling Exhibit; Small Quilt Auction; Vendors. For more information, see WWW.WMQG.NET

Ponca City's Pioneer Area Quilt Guild (PAQG) is holding a quilt show in several of its members homes, April 16th and 17th, 2011. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at Completely Quilted. Contact 580-718-9300 or visit the Pioneer Area Quilt Guild website at www.PAQG.blogspot.com for more information.

The Territorial Quilt Show Guthrie, OK September 30-October 1, 2011, 10:00-5:00 pm. Logan County Fairgrounds Educational Bldg. at 215 Fairgrounds Road (off South Division Street). 150+ quilts on Display; demonstrations, concession, door prizes, vendors. Sponsored by First Capital Quilters Guild of Guthrie and Logan Co. HCE. Admission: \$5.00 (Under 12 free). For more information, go to www.firstcapitalquiltguild.org

Inclement Weather Policy



Brrrr It's beginning to look a lot like Winter out there!

Just a reminder about our "bad weather" policies:

1. If the Edmond Public Schools are closed due to the weather, then the guild meeting will be cancelled also.
2. Communications will try to end out a timely email announcement regarding cancellation of the meetings. So you can also check your email for a "blast" if you have questions.

But the biggest thing to remember

Although we want you at all the meetings, we want you safe!! If you don't think the weather is safe for you to drive, please stay home.. Be safe!!

Hospitality Report – Barb Buettner

Welcome to our new members! It's great to see so many wearing those fat eighth corsages!

Hospitality is trying something new... We realize that some members may not be comfortable driving at night (especially in these winter months when it seems to dark by 7:00PM). Also, in these days of soaring gas prices and environmental concerns, sharing a ride is a great idea. So the Edmond Quilt Guild is creating an informal program to carpool to the meetings. I will be the contact person for "share-a-ride". If you need a ride to the quilt guide meeting, or, if you are willing to give a ride to the meeting to a fellow quilter, please contact me at 348-3373 or KBAJ@aol.com. No promises but I will try my best to "make a match". As Humphrey Bogart said..."I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship!"

"Sew Long!"
Barb Buettner

Membership – Becki Davis

Way to go members! We had 78 members at the January meeting and of those, 22 renewed their membership. We had five guests and six new members. Dagmar Perry was the 125th member to renew and was given a free year's membership.

I would like to welcome our new members: Dianne Webb and her daughter Sarah Njuguna, Kathy Patty, Glenda Addison, Cherrie Hampton and Nancy Waggoner. We now have a total of 133 current members. Remember: If you haven't paid your dues yet, you still can! But if you don't, you'll be removed from the mailing list and won't know about all the wonderful last-minute items sent out in the blasts.

Our members and vendors are to be credited with donating door prizes. . .were it not for them, there wouldn't be any! For the January meeting's prizes, I'd like to thank our vendor, Becky Lambert from Chickasha, and Brenda Esslinger, Savage Quilter, Barbara Tobin and many others for donating door prizes.

Happy Quilting,
Becki Davis



Sew. . .Who Sews?

Mother Dianne Webb and daughter Sarah Njuguna sew!

Dianne is married and the mother of two adult children. She is the OUHSC Sports Medicine program coordinator. Dianne has been sewing since she was a child. On her sewing room wall hangs the two-page critique her 7th grade home ec teacher wrote in 1971 about her 8th grade sewing project. The teacher noted, "It really would have been much better if you had put the fringe inside the seam rather than attaching it to the outside edge. This more than anything else makes your garment appear less than professional." Today Dianne says, "I can't recall why I attached FRINGE to a cotton knit jumpsuit in the first place; but such were the unfortunate fashions of the 1970s."

Among her other endeavors, Dianne started smocking when her daughter was born. She'd do the smocking, which her mom would then make into a dress that looked like a million bucks but cost three dollars. Dianne recently did something we would all be smart to do: She documented family quilts in her mom's closet, put photos of each quilt in a notebook, and documented what her mom remembered about them.

Dianne prefers quick projects. She hand embroiders tea towels, serges fleece socks, and makes simple quilts that, according to Dianne, she'd never let any serious quilters see. Her son and his wife have a two-year-old daughter, so for Christmas she made doll clothes. She'd forgotten how tricky those tiny shoulder seams are, but had a blast sewing in her new role as Grammy.

Dianne's daughter, Sarah, has been married three years to a computer guy. She's a Parent Educator at a non-profit agency that helps parents at risk for child abuse. Sarah grew up learning sewing and hand embroidery from her Grandma, who today at age 82 embroiders stunning creations for the entire family. Sarah loves vintage aprons and linens. Friends say she's a reincarnation of a 1950s housewife.

Sarah treasures her family's sewing stories, especially the one about her great-great-grandma Ida who always had two quilts in progress. The front porch one was an everyday quilt which visiting neighbors helped quilt when they stopped by. But Ida kept the special pretty quilt hidden in a back room so visitors wouldn't offer to help with it. Her stitches were tiny and she didn't want their big stitches ruining it, but Ida didn't want to hurt their feelings.

Sarah started knitting a couple years ago. Everyone begs for her knitted dish cloths that are much prettier than store-bought, and work much better too! At her first EQG meeting, in January, she was excited to see people knitting and plans to bring hers along next time. She took a tiny quilt wall-hanging from the "Freecycle" table to hang in her home to remind her of her first EQG meeting (she appreciates whoever donated it).

Both Dianne and Sarah are looking forward to the inspiration of seeing what all of you are doing in the world of quilting. Maybe we can tempt them with some classes to hone their quilting skills and learn some new tricks!




February Birthdays

Jana Leslie	2/04
Barbara Bain	2/06
Dottie Doughty	2/06
Ellen Woods	2/07
Diane Jackson	2/10
Carol Pitts	2/11
Elizabeth Eagan	2/12
Lucille Smith	2/12
Becky Blackstock	2/13
Delma Maltby	2/20
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