

From our President . . .

Greetings to All You Fabric Lovers,

Valentine's Day is around the corner. It makes me think of Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. I know what you're thinking- "Kelly, what does Indiana Jones have to do with Valentine's Day??!!" Do you remember when Indy is going into the cave for the Holy Grail? Indy is taking walks of faith, being careful with his steps and then choosing the cup? Sean Connery is coaching him along the way. And then old Knight tells him to "choose wisely" because choosing poorly had terrible results!

There are life lessons you can learn from movies and "Choose Wisely" is one. I have told my kids this one for years. Apply it to love, friends, cars, classes, jobs. Quilters- apply "Choose Wisely" to fabric and sewing machines and gadgets!!! If my husband knew how much money I have thrown down on some of the gadgets I have... Well, yeah- I need to take Papa Jones's advice!!!! Aaaaand with Quilt Retreat coming up I am going to have to make it a much repeated mantra!

Well, I need to go lovingly embrace that scrappy quilt top I told you about last month. Hopefully picking up the backing that kept drawing me in was the wise choice!

Happy Quilting,

Kelly Irvin

p.s.

1. On the surveys several quilters commented they would like a serger class. The Golden Needle offers classes for serging projects on a regular basis. Sheryl can help you with that.
2. PLEASE use a check when paying for dues, retreat, classes. It has a dual purpose- your cashed check is your receipt & the Guild has a record of your payment. Cash is not easily trackable. Thank You!!!!

Greetings from the VP corner

The fat quarter is Valentine (love is in the air).

Our speaker will be Bonnie Kipper. She is with the Heartland Lace Guild. She will be talking about her guild and showing some of her amazing work.

So until we meet again take care,

Lisa

QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Only eight (8) months until our quilt show, Sept 29 and 30, at the Arena Building. We are hoping to make this the biggest and best quilt show ever. There have been so many beautiful quilts at Show and Tell since our last show so I know we will have a beautiful turn out. There has been lots of talk about getting Round Robins done. Also, the Theme quilts....Black and White with a Splash of Color. Both of my tops are done, need to get them quilted. Also, be thinking of what committee(s) you would like to be on. We will be talking about the different committees each month at the guild meeting. Remember, this is a "whole guild" project. It takes all of us to make OUR quilt show.

Madeline Gieselman

REMINDER! The meetings start at 6:30. After that you can't buy tickets or sign in. Sorry but that's the rules. Membership is always there at 5:30 so in order for us to get to go to the meeting, we have to shut down as the rules say. Thanks for understanding.

Nancy Buchanan, Membership

Happy Birthday!

2/1	Glenda Faber
2/1	Carol Gallaher
2/3	Melody Loveless
2/3	Jane Rosenbarger
2/7	Nancy Bishop
2/11	Betty Brooks
2/11	Deanna Easley
2/14	Mary Beth Parish
2/18	Roni Curry
2/22	Barb Egbert
2/23	Cheryl Reinagel

****Inclement Weather News****

- If Cape Public Schools are closed, the Quilt Guild will not meet. Sometimes bad weather strikes later in the day.
- The decision to cancel a meeting due to inclement weather will be made by the **President** who will then contact each officer.
- Guild members are responsible for contacting an officer for information concerning cancellation of a meeting.
- If possible, perhaps Donna Irwin could be notified and she could send a message out.
- We do not want members risking injury or accident to get to a meeting.
- Please use good judgment when considering driving conditions.

RHQG 2018 Retreat
March 5-11th

Check in times for the 5th- 3pm or after and check out time - 11am on March 11th.

Our former coordinator Dora has left KDV to assist her family. We wish her the best of luck. Our new coordinator, Karen, has obtained a price per night for us of \$125.

This is an excellent rate! The new "on" season rates for the larger cottages/cabins has increased to over \$300 per night. Last year we paid \$117 per night.

We have spoken for 15 cottages/cabins. Last year we filled 14. That leaves one cabin for a new group.

We have requested the same cottages/cabins we have had each year.

We will be celebrating our 20 year milestone of going to retreat as a Guild. Does anyone have any ideas for special events, shirts for the retreat etc.? Let me know after the holidays to make it a special year.

TYFYS
Denise SteckCarpenter
2018 Retreat Chairperson

RHQG Minutes 01-08-18

The meeting was opened with a welcome from President Kelly Irvin. She introduced 1 guest and 3 new members, Jenn McBride, Mary Talley, and Robin Smith.

Karla Kiefner presented this month's program entitled "Hashtag: Use Both Sides." This was her quilting journey shown in a slideshow and trunk show.

January birthdays-Darlene Jackson, Patricia Terry, Mary Peters, Pat Leech, and Marjorie Suedekum-were given gifts by Jo Payne and sung to.

The motion that was made to approve the December minutes by Madeline Gieselman and seconded by Priscilla Kirby was passed.

Denise Steck-Carpenter let us know that we have 15 cabins for the retreat at Kentucky Lake from March 5-11. Each person will need to have a \$20 deposit next month to reserve a place and all house mothers were given their packets.

Lisa O'Brien announced that next month's program from Bonnie Kipper would be about homemade lace. The fat quarter for next month is Valentine fabric.

Ravan Simms talked about the Woolly Gals' meeting last month and stated that the next one would be January 20 from 1-3 at My Daddy's Cheesecake. She also introduced our new challenge, "Quilts on a Stick." If you did not get directions, please contact Ravan. These will be due at the April meeting.

After our break, Madeline Gieselman stated there would be a meeting set up later for the quilt show, which will be September 29-30 this year.

Gadget of the month was Best Press shown by Carla Wren.

Block of the month was shown by Karla Kiefner. It is a mystery quilt "River Heritage" and each block will be posted on her blog, www.blog.creativebeestudios.com, on the second Monday of each month. Contact Karla for introductory directions.

There was a report made by Merle Deneke on the opportunity quilt raffle. She made known that less than expected was made last year and that we all should increase our efforts this year.

Nancy Buchanan reported that we had 87 members, 3 guests, and 4 new members present. Membership drawing was won by Jewel Eggle, gadget by Lynne Taylor, name tag by Glenda Faber, 19 fat quarters by Rebecca Moore, and \$48.00 in the 50/50 by Jenn McBride.

Meeting was concluded with show and tell by Darlene Crocker, Lola Mayberry, Lisa O'Brien, Sharon Hart, Nancy Bishop, Donna Heuer, Evelyn Beussink, and Marla Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha L. Cox, secretary

Community Quilts

Progress is being made to the Community Quilts Room at Abbey Road Christian Church for the Community Projects Quilts. Please watch for updates in the newsletter and through email.

Darla Snider/Deanna Easley



We would like to invite you and your guild members to Kalona, IA, for our annual Kalona Quilt Show and Sale 2018!

Located in the heart of Iowa's Amish Country, it is a fun weekend getaway! The Quilt Show, Museum, Fabric Shops and so much more! We would love to see you there!

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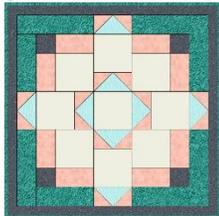
River Heritage

Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt

By Karla Kiefner Creative Bee Studios

Welcome to the River Heritage *Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt!*

Introduction: River Heritage will feature eight traditionally-pieced blocks and one pieced/appliqued block, in a lovely setting which will finish at 66 x 66 inches. Most of the quilt blocks have a common river-life theme and a couple of them have regional and local references. This will be a nice quilt for gifting to a loved one (you'll see why when we get to that block) or to have as a keepsake, especially if you are a member of River Heritage Quilters Guild.



The setting for this quilt will be striking and yet easy to put together. Instructions and specific fabric requirements for the setting and borders will follow the last block instructions. In general, one yard for the dark border and 1 ½ yds. for each of the light, medium, and dark setting pieces and binding will be sufficient. Your nine mystery blocks will be in the light gray squares. (The setting is similar to but not exactly like the picture shown – it is a MYSTERY, after all!)

Note: Seams are ¼ inch unless otherwise noted. When piecing rows, alternate pressing direction. (For example, I press row one to the right, row two to the left, etc. for easy nesting of seams.)

Block instructions will be posted the second Monday of each month at:

www.blog.creativebeestudios.com

You can sign up for my blog to get posts sent directly to your email.

You can also find the monthly link to the mystery on my “**FREE Block-of-the-Month Mystery Quilt**” board on Pinterest.

Share your blocks each month using **#riverheritage** on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and Twitter to show us your progress!

Bring your first block to show at our guild meeting! Please share my blog with your friends (buttons are at the bottom of each blog post) and pin it to your boards on Pinterest to let others know about this free mystery.

Pattern for our regular committee and guild meetings. . .

Community Projects Work Day
(***Discontinued until further notice***)
Abbey Road Christian Church
2411 Abbey Road Cape Girardeau, MO
First and Third Monday of each month,
8:30 am-11-30 am.

Guild Meeting

Second Monday Cape LaCroix UMC

6:00 sign-in, 6:30 pm meeting all but picnic
and dinner meetings

6 pm for September picnic and for
December dinner

Quilters Dinner Out --

Panera's before Guild meeting on the
second Monday

2/12/18 GUILD MEETING

Cape LaCroix UMC

Lexington Ave, Cape
Room 109, Entrance 7

FAT QUARTER

— “Valentine” —

PINTEREST

Check out RHQG’s page

2018 RETREAT

March 5-11, 2018

or

March 7-11, 2018

QUILT SHOW 2018

September 29 & 30, 2018

THEME

Black & White

with a

Splash of Color

2018 Committee Chairpersons

Audit-Barb Miller

Block of Month—Karla Kiefner

Comfort Quilts-Nancy Bishop

Community Projects-Deanna Easley & Darla Snider

Correspondence-Donna Irwin

Gadget of the Month-Carla Wren

Hospitality-Jo Payne

Membership-Nancy Buchanan

Newsletter-Melody Loveless

Opportunity Quilt-Barb Egbert

Opportunity Quilt Raffle-Merle Deneke

Publicity-Marla Moore

Quilt Show-Madeline Gieselman/Linda Gast

Quilts of Valor-Mary Green

Retreat-Denise Steck-Carpenter

Special Events-Ravan Simms

Website-Linda Tansil

Yearbook-Diana Diebold

2018 Officers

President-Kelly Irvin

Vice President- Lisa O’Brien

Secretary-Martha Cox

Treasurer-Judy Douglass

Historian-Darlene Crocker

Scrapbook-Mary O’Connell

****NEWSLETTER & EMAILS****

**Please send all information (in typed format in a Word document) to be published in the newsletter, by the 20th of the previous month, to Melody Loveless. If your email changes, or for any announcements, send an email to Donna Irwin.

NOTE: Please double check your information before passing it on to ensure it is correct.