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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— Bonnie Bowman

I've been thinking a lot lately about safety in the sewing room. Maybe it's because I just nearly sliced off a portion of my left index finger with a nifty new rotary circle cutter I was learning to use. The act, in itself, does manage to balance off somewhat my already deformed index finger, made significantly smaller from slicing off the right side of it when using a rotary cutter with a dull blade. Am I a klutz? I must admit it would be a hard point to defend myself against, but, yes, I've had my share of sewing room accidents. What have I learned? Like the child who burns himself on a hot stove, I have learned a healthy respect for those things that can injure. When I taught Home Economics to Jr. High students, I constantly taught against the dangers lurking below a moving sewing machine needle, all the while being sure it wouldn't happen to any of my sewing newbies. As luck would have it, I got to experience that "first time" with one of my beloved students. I helped her extract the needle by rotating the hand wheel of the machine so quickly that she just stared at her hand trying to absorb what happened. We both remained calm, but she, no doubt, was extremely careful from then on, allowing more space between her fingers and the presser foot of the machine.

I've heard horror stories from other quilters, good for a chuckle (only because much time has passed and managed to numb the memory of the pain) in regards to falls, trips, burns, punctures, stabs, and bruises. My point here is not to scare you so that you are caused to hear the theme song of the Jaws movies every time you enter the door of your sewing room. Instead, I want to remind you to honor good safety practices in your work space, wherever it might be.

Always replace rotary cutting blades when they begin to dull. Just like kitchen knives, rotary blades are more apt to cause injuries when they are dull than when they are sharp. Example: When I sliced off the right part of the finger, I was using a very dull blade. I had to cut several times in one place to make a thorough cut and resorted to the "sawing motion" method of cutting, causing the blade to jump over the edge of the acrylic ruler and race across the edge of my finger. There are safety gloves available for the ruler-steadying hand.

Always use the safety lock on your rotary cutter each time you finish cutting - It's probably also a good point to make that you need to become very familiar with a new piece of equipment before you start using it too casually. I grabbed what I thought was the safety cover on my new toy in order to pull it down over the blade. I grabbed too low and ended up sliding my finger over the blade instead. Take your time and concentrate!

Dispose of used needles, pins and blades safely - You can keep an empty prescription bottle next to your machine for disposing of used needles as well as bent pins. I keep the original plastic rotary blade containers for disposing of old blades. I just write the word "used" on the cover to tell the new container from the used blades. You can also place the blade between two pieces of stiff cardboard and tape it closed before disposing of it.



President's Report... continued

Continued ...

Place a bag or container next to the machine for collecting thread pieces - It's a matter of safety for your pets. Countless cats have had to face needless surgery when the threads they ate ended up wound around their intestines. Dogs are not immune either. For those of us with pet free homes, it's really a matter of saving our vacuum cleaners from harm. I've burned up motors numerous times from winding the loose threads around the beater bar of my machines. A clothing lint roller, the sticky kind, will do a good job of picking up the strays around your work area.

Don't use your floor as a storage area - It might be convenient to have your project boxes stacked at your feet while you are exploring, but after concentrated sewing you might likely forget about their location and go flying across the room after your big trip.

Practice good iron safety - Whether or not you have the automatic irons that turn themselves off, be sure to turn off your iron before leaving the room. Try not to use your ironing table for anything else. If the old style board is too wobbly for you and you find your iron flying off the table if you bump it, consider making an ironing surface top for a more stable table that you can leave in a permanent location.

Pick up dropped pins - I must admit I am negligent in this area. I sew with such concentration, that I find it annoying to stop what I'm doing just to pick up a dropped pin. I figure I can do that when I get to a stopping place. If you sew in a carpeted room like I do, you know already that most of the time when a pin gets imbedded in the carpet, it does so with the sharp end pointing up. If you have carpet, it's a very good idea to wear shoes. Your foot will find the pin before a magnet will. Did you know that 95% of pins imbedded into feet require a trip to the hospital emergency room? I had a friend many years ago who stepped onto a needle that got imbedded into her heel and required emergency surgery.

Practice good posture - Using chairs without good support or at the wrong height for your worktable can create back strain and shoulder pain. Use good light to avoid eye strain and to do a better job. Ergonomically designed tools can lesson the chance of carpal tunnel syndrome. Be good to your body. It's the only one you are going to get in this life.

Don't let anything spoil your fun while you quilt...certainly not something that is avoidable like an accident. If you have any good tips or stories you would like to share about the subject, please send them to me at bsbowman@cox.net and I'll share them in future newsletters.

PS. Look for the instructions for *The President's Quilt Challenge* below.

Bonnie Bowman

President's Quilt Challenge

Those interested in participating in the President's Challenge should plan on picking up a packet at the November EQG meeting. The packet will contain one fat quarter of challenge fabric and instructions/rules for the quilt. These quilts will be wall hanging size. All challenge quilts will be entered into the EQG Quilt Show in July 2010. Special entry forms for the challenge quilts will be part of the Quilt Show packets available closer to the show time. These quilts will be judged by the EQG President, Bonnie Bowman (Me!), who promises a special prize for this category. A small nominal fee will be charged to cover the cost of the fat quarter of fabric. I hope everyone takes up the challenge!!

Bonnie

Vice-President's Report– Lee Gray

If you were not at the September meeting (shame on you) or failed to get a lottery block handout, please be sure and go to the patterns section of our web site to get the next lottery block instructions. The #9 lottery block is a scrappy block called "Buckeye Beauty". At the **November 17th** guild meeting, we will have a drawing to see who wins the blocks. Remember, you get a ticket for every block you enter, so the more you enter, the better your chances.

Happy Quilting,

Lee Gray



October Birthdays List

Lee Gray	10/04
Bonnie Malone	10/09
Carolyn Mars	10/09
Sherrill Lewis	10/10
Rachel Boles	10/13
Becky Lambert	10/15
Margaret Newman	10/16
Brenda Dodson	10/19
Jackie Beebe	10/24
Debi Pickens	10/27
Jennifer Major	10/31
Susan Schaul	10/31



ATTENTION MEMBERS ...ATTENTION MEMBERS ... ATTENTION MEMBERS

SOME OF YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED THAT OUR WEB SITE HAS A "LINKS" PAGE ON IT. WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PAGE! WE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE LINKS FOR OUR MEMBERS IF THEY HAVE WEB SITES OR BLOGS. IF YOU CAN SEND YOUR INFORMATION ALONG TO ME, I WILL GET IT TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO GET IT INCLUDED.

PLEASE REMEMBER, THIS IS A SERVICE FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP. IF YOU DROP MEMBERSHIP, WE WILL HAVE TO REMOVE YOUR LINK.

SEND INFORMATION TO MY EMAIL WHICH IS LISTED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

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Program Report - Sue Esparza

Thank you to Debby Bond and Darlene Szabo from The Rabbit's Lair for a very interesting lecture on wool appliqué. And yes, several people mentioned to me later that they would like to have a workshop on wool appliqué. I will see what we can do to get them back for a workshop.

Our October meeting will be the much anticipated and intriguing DUTCH AUCTION! Remember the CHIPS, CHARMS, CHUNKS, STRINGS, STRIPS, and STRAYS. (Check the September newsletter for the definitions.) I hope all of you took several of the 2-part identification tags for your sale items. Remember this is an auction in reverse – first bid wins! Don't let your neighbor get your prize! You will have time to preview. Please clean out your stuff for your own sale items, can be fabric scraps bagged, ugly fat quarters, fabric you bought once but can't remember why, thread, tools, books, or patterns. We only ask that your items be sewing related. Make your own jelly rolls of whatever width strips, or charm packs of like-sized squares. You can find a small basket or plastic bin, roll your fabric pieces and stand them all up really pretty. Make it so pretty someone else will love to buy it! Maybe put a kit together with fabric, a pattern and a ruler, spool of thread, batting scrap enough for whatever. Think!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

October 20– Our Dutch Auction! Remember this is an auction in reverse – first bid wins!

November 15 – Toni Steere of Timeless Treasures fabric line.

December 15 – Darlene Leach, formerly the owner of The Quilting Post, Perkins, will bring a Christmas trunk show to share. Also our Christmas meeting/party.

2010:

January 19, 2010 – Sherrill Lewis on crazy quilts, lecture and workshop.

February 16, 2010 – Pat Speth of “Nickel Quilts”, lecture and workshop.

March 16, 2010 – PieceKeepers of Yukon, lecture on blended quilts.

April 20, 2010 – Dalen Keys, author of “Just a Quilt?”, lecture on creativity in quilt-making

May 18, 2010 – Brenda Esslinger, lecture and workshop on Fractures.

June 15, 2010 - Ami Simms, lecture and workshop at Rose State;
(This speaker is our shared time with NAQG)

July 20, 2010 - TBA

August 17, 2010 - TBA

September 21, 2010 - TBA

October 19, 2010 - TBA

November 16, 2010 - LeAnn Weaver, author of “Loose Change” lecture and workshop



Our Studio Tour – Well. this is the story. Originally the board proposed the Studio Tour as a fund-raising event since we were not going to have a quilt show in 2010. Now that we ARE going to have the quilt show in July 2010, after much discussion the board has decided to postpone the Studio Tour until 2011. We all have much to do to be ready for the quilt show in July, and it was felt we would be competing against our own time for finishing our quilts, if we had to do all the planning as well for a Studio Tour. So, until later --

Sue Esparza

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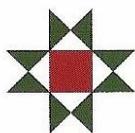
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Quilt Show Report– Pam Forrester

Hello again EGQ Quilters

While things are moving along very well, a couple of items:

1. We are looking to give the show a permanent name and your input is needed. Please submit your ideas to me at quiltergirl1959@yahoo.com and put "Quilt Show Name" in the subject line.
2. We are adding a "1st Time In A Quilt Show" category ...it has yet to be fully defined ... but it will be soon ... please start those quilts. Remember, we want to show off all of the skill, creativity, imagination, and down right fun we have, not only in this guild, but in quilting. Also, judging isn't a bad thing; it is a learning experience and isn't that something we should all strive for ... learning!
3. Lastly, if you have a question, please feel free to email me and ask (just remember to put Quilt Show in the subject line).

Oh yea! Those of us with the "really neat" purple folders are excited about the quilt show and I can truthfully say I am proud to be working with such an innovative group!

Till next month Happy Quilting!

Pam Forrester



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Membership Report– Patti O'Neil

Hello Members,

Attendance at the September meeting was great. It was an inspiring meeting and I'm looking forward to working with wool. We had 80 members present, 5 visitors and one new member. Our newest member is Christine Grewe!

Patti O'Neil

OUT & ABOUT

- ◆ **2009 Friendship Display of Quilts** - October 3rd, Community Center in Burkburnett, Texas. Admission \$1.00 or canned food item. Guest appearance by **RICKY TIMS** with book signing at 11am. Contact the Stitching Dept at 940-569-0804 or www.stitchingdepot.com
- ◆ **Heritage Quilt Show** at the **Watonga Cheese Festival and Art Show** - October 9-10, the quilt show will be at the Fairgrounds, East 7th & Spiece, Watonga, OK, www.watongacheesefestival.com or 580-623-5452 or cwatonga@pldi.net
- ◆ **Muskogee Area Quilt Guild** presents "**Men of Cloth**" - October 9-10, Men of Cloth Quilt Show, St. Joseph Parish Hall, 323 N. Virginia, Muskogee, OK. This is an all men's quilt exhibit featuring Joe Galusha, Jim Gatling, David Moran, Charles Vaughn, and Gary Wasson. For more information, contact Brenda Haxton at sewsew7@suddenlink.net
- ◆ **Cimarron Valley Quilters' Guild "Fall Into Quilts"** - October 10-11, Stillwater, OK. Organized as part of a 5 home "Home Tour" that will showcase more than 200 quilted items. For more information visit www.CVQG.org or 405-372-1039. Tickets include a map of the homes and can be purchased at "The Quilting Post" or "The Quilt Box" on Main Street in Stillwater.
- ◆ **International Quilt Festival 35th Anniversary Celebration** - October 15-18, George R Brown Convention Center, Houston Texas, www.quilts.com
- ◆ **Arkansas Crossroads Quilt Shop Hop** - October 16-24, 13 quilt shops and 14 grand prizes. For information on stores participating: www.ozarksquiltz.com
- ◆ **Granbury Quilters Guild "Stitches of Love" 6th Biennial Quilt Show** - October 17-18, Harvest Moon Festival Weekend, Granbury Resort Conference Center, 621 East Pearl Street, Granbury, TX, www.granburyquiltersguild.com
- ◆ **26th Annual Creek County Home and Community Education Quilt Show** - November 6-7, Creek County Fairgrounds, 17806 W Highway 66, Kellyville, OK. They have a hand-pieced original feed sack quilt as their raffle quilt. Additional information at <http://oces.okstate.edu/creek/family-and-consumer-sciences> or 918-224-415 or 918-346-9393
- ◆ **OKC Winter Quilt Show - "Quilting, Sewing and Embroidery"** - January 14-16, 2010, Cox Convention Center. Classes begin on 1-13-2010. (*This show is under new management.*) Information is available at www.qscephos.com. You can download a \$1 off admission coupon from the web site.
- ◆ **Friendship Quilt Guild "Heritage Pieces Quilt Show 2010"** - February 5-6, 2010, Fireman's Training Center, HWY 290, Brenham Texas
- ◆ **The Quintessential Crazy Quilts' Spring Retreat** - May 14-16, 2010, OKC Marriot, 3233 NW Expressway, OKC. Three days of classes teaching the art of crazy quilting and the start of an annual event! For more information contact www.sherrillmlewis.com, email thebeadranch@aol.com or 405-624-8717
- ◆ **Norman Area Quilters Guild Quilt Show** N- July 16-17, 2010, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Norman, www.normanareaquiltersguild.com
- ◆ **Edmond Quilt Guild - July30-31, 2010, UCO Hamilton Field House. Yeah!!!**

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Hospitality – Gloria Kreuer

Remember to let me know if you know of any guild member that could use some extra support or encouragement!



My email is on the front page of the newsletter.

Gloria Kreuer



Atta Quilter Awards!!!

Shirley Weiss for Overall Best of Show, Lincoln County Fair!

2009 OK State Fair Winners:

Toni Galley won two 1st place blue ribbons, two 2nd place ribbons, one third and one fifth place; **Judy Elliott** won a third place ribbon; **Debi Young** won a 2nd place ribbon; **Don Lusk** won four 1st place blue ribbons and a Best of Show; **Vicky Wyalie** won a 1st place blue ribbon; **Joyce Curtis** won two 2nd place ribbons and one third place ribbon; **Michelle Schroeder** won two 1st place blue ribbons and one 2nd place ribbon; **Brenda Esslinger** won five 1st place blue ribbons and four 2nd place ribbons; and

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Loving Touch– Vicky Wyalie

Remember our newest challenge!

The recipients of this challenge will be the **Edmond Hope Center's Health Clinic** that serves infants, babies and new moms in our community. The goal was 25 quilts but Lee challenged everyone to 50 quilts!

"Dream Angel Christmas Challenge"

Size: approximately 36" x 45" ... crib size more or less

Deadline: December 2009 guild meeting ... 12-15-2009

Fabric: Anything - your choice or select fabric from the guild's stash

Techniques: no restrictions - anything goes but remember that these quilts will go to babies and infants so plan accordingly!

Batting: "Dream Angel" batting, provided by the guild. This special batting is 100% flame retardant and perfect for children. Or you can use your own batting if you desire.

Incentives to join challenge: Helping out Edmond Hope Center and Prizes of course!!

Please continue to make preemie quilts and place mats. Thanks!
Vickie Wyalie

