



Dear WMQG Members,

Here is hoping that everyone enjoyed the Holidays and you are well-rested to get back into the swing of Quilt Guild with the President's Challenge, finishing up our Community projects from Sheryl, and helping to continue with the Quilt Show Committee.

I hope our winter stays 'reasonable' during January, February, and March. We have had such a pleasant weather experience so far. It has been cold, but certainly no mounds of snow, slipping sleet or ice have shown up in our forecasts. I'm crossing my fingers that it stays this way.

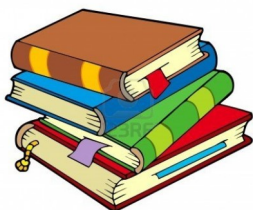
I need to have a full board meeting at 5:15 before our January meeting. There are some concerns that need to be addressed. If you have one to offer, please let me know as soon as possible. I do prepare an agenda prior to the Board meeting. Some of the concerns are 'should we have the program before or after the business meeting', 'making sure the president knows any changes planned before they are announced to the members', 'what do we do in case of bad weather', 'the need for a review of the By-Laws of WMQG for all members, are the ones that I have been asked about during 2019.

I am looking forward to 2020 and the challenges and opportunities it has in store for our Guild. Thanks to Vicki, Donna, and the Quilt Show Committee for keeping us informed. If you would like to be on a committee, Vicki or Donna needs to know.

Welcome to 2020!

Regards,

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Bring a quilt book to quilt guild meeting and tell us why you like it.

Upcoming Events

January 9 6:30 pm @ FBEC middle portable
Quilt Show Meeting "

January 13 5:15 pm at FBWC **Quilt Guild Board Meeting**

January 13 6:30 pm at FBWC **WMQG Meeting Quilter s Book Club**

January 17 10-2 at FBEC middle portable **SewSocial**

OUR OFFICERS

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Quilt Show Chairman: Vicki Nightingale

No minutes for the month of December.
We partied instead of having a meeting.

**Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report December 2019**

Beginning Balance- 12/1/2019	<u>\$10,035.20</u>
Income	
Interest for December	\$0.88
Subtotal	<u>\$10,036.08</u>
Expenses:	
Ending Balance – 12/31/2019	<u>\$10,036.08</u>

Community Service

Please bring your finished projects and the flannel and fleece fabric to the January Meeting. Also whoever brought the surgical mat things that were blue and pink the ladies that are making the mats for the homeless could use them to line their mats.



Programs

Please sign up for the WMQG retreat at Sunset on March 13-15 in January. At the moment there is not enough signed up to meet the quota.

January 13 Program: Quilter's Book Club (Bring any favorite quilt-related book and tell us why.)

February 10 Program: Sue Turk is presenting a program

February 15 Barn Quilt workshop by Deborah, Barn Quilter Express

MARCH 13 - 15 WMQG retreat & Bargello Quilt Workshop by Norma Reel sign up is open. Contact Lenor now.



President's Challenge for 2019-2020

I would like you to make a creation!

- 1) Using a minimum of 3-7 bright, sparkling colors, which make a splash, create your Color Explosion. The fabric may be any kind you want: satin, netting, prints, wool, linen, etc. This creation should please YOU.
- 2) White or black may be used for binding, outside bordering, cornerstones, or sashing. No 'block' may be black or white within the body of the quilt.
- 3) Quilts may be no larger than a total of 60" perimeter, but may be smaller. The content; shapes like circles, triangles, and other geometrical shape or even a 'blob' is up to you. This is your creation!
- 4) Use any dimensional element like beads, applique, mixed media, 3D fabric element, or whatever you think is a dimensional element.
- 5) Please use a label on the back, any size, any place.

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place at the April Meeting



Those signed up for January snacks are:

Savory: Marilyn Sikes, Caty McDanel, Judy Haley

Sweet: Sue Turk, Nel Wallace, Kathy Hepner



Quilt Show Information

Our next meeting is Thursday January 9 at 6:30 pm in the middle portable building at First Baptist Church East. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. Committees don't forget to do a time lime of when things need to be done for January.

In the meeting I will check with each of the committees to see if they have any questions about their jobs. We may have discussions about improvements. I am working tickets for the raffle and Penny. March meeting will be looking at changes to the quilt entries and repurposing last year ribbons.

Diane will bring example of our quilt shirt for us to order our shirts. It is ice-dyed in many bright colors with the name and dates of the show on the front. Her daughter created the tee shirt and will be producing them. The cost will be \$14 for sizes up to 2X. Sizes from 3X to 5X will be available for \$16.

Lee Diaz has been working hard on the raffle quilt.

Continue making clothes for Penny.

I still need volunteers to

Tickets - I need someone to handout tickets and keep track of them and the money.

Schedule the events and get volunteers to take the raffle quilt and doll to sell tickets

Demonstrations - Find people usually vendors or members to demonstrate techniques at the quilt show

Program - To prepare the program booklet for the quilt show

Door Prizes - Collect Door Prizes to be given away during the quilt show

Show setup - Setting up the quilt show

Vicki, Quilt Show Chairman



Did You See the Newspaper Article about Sew Social?

Diane Fizzell and Donna Klein gave a wonderful interview about SewSocial to Hannah, a reporter for the Lawton Constitution. Thanks for Donna and Diane for doing the interview.

COOK'S CORNER
Howard shares anukkah recipe

FACE LEONHART
How Howard began practicing at an early age and has continued until today. He is preparing to celebrate here, but I have my places in my said. "I have already with Jewish we to cook few, especially around the Festival begin at sunset to be observed defiled the 336 BCE." ed. "When ck to take there was of oil for cided to with the tainer of I last just ed." The oil, but ke eight the one he me- it days I it the a mir- other tered where king Hal- ally ost are as pu or

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COMMUNITY BUILDERS
Guild Gathers Lawton stitchers for quality quilting time

BY HANNAH MAGNOT
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When Diane Fizzell's husband, Jon, dragged her to her first Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild social event eight years ago, the self-described "horribly shy" newbie stitcher was terrified. "I didn't talk for the first two years of the quilt guild, no one knew I talked," Fizzell said.

When she was named vice president of the guild, Fizzell had to start talking — and leading monthly sewing socials. Coincidentally, that was also when her creativity and talent really took off, inspired initially by her husband's gift for stitching. "He was a quilter and a sewer," Fizzell said. "He made all my daughters' prom dresses and wedding dresses."

In 2017, when Jon died, fellow guild member Donna Klein stopped by Fizzell's house daily for two weeks. And the support didn't end there.

"That was the blessing of this guild to me," Fizzell said. "For two years solid, I was running around helping out with the guild, and it made that first two years of him gone, the best two years it could have been."

The Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild has about 45 members and meets monthly for business and events, but at the heart of it all is a love for stitching alongside friends. "We solve all of the world's problems," Klein said of the guild's monthly sewing socials, "and we have some fits now and then, some tears now and then. We share recipes, we share struggles. It's just a place that I feel comfortable being in."

Klein has been a member since the mid '90s, joining just a few years after the guild was founded, but her love for sewing and quilting runs deep.

"My grandmother hand quilted," Klein said. "She had a frame up in her dining room my whole life, and I used to sit under it and she'd have me thread needles and poke them up for her."

Over the years, Klein built up her home quilting business and has been a part of countless guild and community sewing and quilting projects, but she loves to keep memories of her humble beginnings with her grandmother close.

"She made me a quilt when I was born, it was a Sunbonnet Sue," Klein said, "and I still have it, and it's tattered something terrible, it's just all worn out, it's irreparable, but I want to cut it up and frame what's left."

Klein has served as president and serves as coordinator of the group's "Sewcials," monthly gatherings during which the group works on a new project together, often stepping out of their creative comfort zone to try new techniques, patterns and styles. They stitch the practical: coasters and potholders; the decorative: seasonal wall hangings and table runners; and the timeless: beautiful quilts and Christmas stockings to gift, sell or pass on to the next generation.

Guild members often work on charity projects for nonprofits in need of auc-

Members of the Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild meet monthly to stitch and socialize and create quilts like the one pictured.

More Information
Community happens all around us: at potlucks, in libraries, on the dance floor. This new weekly series will spotlight community builders in Lawton and the surrounding area that are working to give our city and region an identity we can be proud of. Know a person, place or event bringing people together? Let us know at hannah.magnot@swoknews.com.

tion items or facilities in need of supplies. They've stitched together Quilts of Valor for veterans, fabric children books for Family Promise guests and bowl holders for elderly Meals on Wheels recipients.

"You pass the love on," Fizzell said.

According to Fizzell and Klein, the group is diverse, including men and women who are military spouses, nurses, dentists, homemakers, teachers and more.

The only demographic not represented around their sewing circles?

"We would love to have some 20 and 30 See Quilt, 8A

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year olds," Fizzell said. "You need to have people constantly learning (quilting), otherwise it goes away. ... It's evolved so much that there's so many fun techniques that you can just venture into all kinds of different realms."

Fizzell and Klein are a perfect example of how the traditional and the progressive come together in the guild.

Ever the creative, expressive stitcher, Fizzell breathed new life into the guild's monthly Sewcials when she hosted them for a couple years. Each month, she pulled together fresh projects for the members to tackle, incorporating new stitching techniques and interesting mediums.

"It was fun to see their minds change to some of my ideas," Fizzell said of some of the longtime, more traditional quil-

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"I ask them who want to talk about the end of each m Reynolds said. "keep it simple." While seeking whether person a grander scale, the group's miss also exist to ed ter all, the quick any truth is dov of knowledge why the Law tual Tribe also ling-based gro To that en hopes that t expand into the Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild has about 45 members and meets monthly for business and events, but at the heart of it all is a love for stitching alongside friends. "We solve all of the world's problems," Klein said of the guild's monthly sewing socials, "and we have some fits now and then, some tears now and then. We share recipes, we share struggles. It's just a place that I feel comfortable being in."

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Members of the Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild show off a "Sewcial" group project. The guild meets monthly to conduct business, work on quilting and sewing projects and do some good old-fashioned catching up.

Courtesy of Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild

ters, "but it was equally fun seeing my mind start to learn some of the ways they were thinking, too."

Fizzell credited Klein with teaching her how to appreciate the historic traditions of quilting, and Klein credited Fizzell with pushing her to explore her more creative side.

"You know, on my own, sitting here at the house, I'm not going to get the markers out and color on fabric," said Klein, referencing a project Fizzell led during a Sewcial. "But to challenge me and be part of the group and do it, I will try it. And I will learn and have fun."

The guild's next Sewcial is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at First Baptist East Lawton, 3302 E. Lee Blvd., in the middle portable on the east side of the building. The building is wheelchair accessible.

To learn more about the guild, go to wmquiltguild.com or the Wichita Mountains Quilt Guild Facebook page.



New Year Sewcial

Let's celebrate getting back into routine and enjoying our hobby once again without the pressure of a deadline for Christmas. It is a new year and I'm looking forward to what may come my way in the art of quilting.

The last Sewcial we had, there were only 4 of us sewing. We did get some outfits finished for the raffle doll. We did not do any planning. I hope you can join us to do some planning for our sewcials and bring whatever you would like to sew on. I will bring plenty of strips, if you are interested in sewing the strip blocks for charity with them.

Bring your sewing supplies, your project, leftover Holiday goodies or a snack for lunch, and be ready to share a special memory of this Christmas.

See you Friday, January 17th, from 10-2, in the middle portable at First Baptist East. Don't be late!

No pictures for this edition. I was not at the Christmas Party and didn't receive any pictures. Vicki