

# The Machine Quilter

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**Next Meeting:**  
**Saturday,**  
**July 21, 2012**  
**1pm**

**St Johns United  
Methodist Church  
1755 North Meridian  
Oklahoma City, OK**

**Our Program:**  
**Robert Hill from  
The Stitching Post**

**Also don't forget your  
latest quilts for  
"Show and Tell"**

## From Your President: Cameron Potter



Hello and happy summer, everyone! I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather we've been having.

I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend the last meeting; I heard it was a really good one. Thread is something we all need to know more about so we can enhance our quilting even more.

One of the most exciting events of this past month (for me, anyway) was the Machine Quilters' Showcase in Overland Park, KS. If you have never attended MQS, I highly encourage you to do so. It features some of the best quilters on the planet, whose works never cease to blow me

away. Each year has a theme, and this year's was "Under the Sea". There were many sparkling mermaids, whimsical scuba divers, overflowing treasure chests, and fish of every kind... it was breathtaking! Then there were the non-theme quilts, including works by Rene Haddadin, Sherry Rogers Harrison, and the Best of Show winner, Sharon Schamber. I wish there was a way for me to describe the beauty of these works of art. The closest you will get is obtaining one of Marilyn Karper's photo CD's, which has full-view and close-up shots of every quilt in the show. If I am ever stuck on coming up with an idea for a quilt, I

pull out one of her CD's and scroll through. I am constantly amazed at the creativity these show quilts exhibit. Of course, then I have to try to come up with my poor attempt at interpretation of these gorgeous designs! Ah, well... practice, practice, practice... Then there are all the classes offered at MQS by outstanding, internationally known teachers and quilters. There is no better place to get new ideas or improve on old ones than at this show. If you decide to go next year, you're in luck - the show is moving from Overland Park to Wichita, Kansas, which is a much closer drive. That, of course, means you won't  
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## From Your Librarian:

Peggy Gibson



Please return your items that you have checked out to the library. Someone else wants to check it out.

Thank you!

## Publicity:

**Sandy Gard**

thanks you allison for printing up such a wonderful public list for me to hand out to our quilt stores. hey quilters, don't forget to put your cards out there. our business is definitely word of mouth or card. keep quilting.

piece out,  
sandy



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have as far to go with all those new goodies you picked up from all the vendors!

I hope that everyone has our next meeting marked on their calendars. It will be July 21, 1:00pm, at St. John's Church. I look forward to seeing you all there! Until then, Happy Flag Day, Happy Fathers' Day, Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Happy Quilting!

Cameron Potter  
President

## From Your Treasurer:

**Brenda Esslinger**

### TREASURER'S REPORT – AS OF May 12, 2012

Balance as of March 17, 2012		3192.32
Deposits:		
5/7/2012	2012 Dues –	57.00
Total Deposits		<u>57.00</u>
Subtotal		3249.32
Expenses:		
3/13/2012	St. John's, balance of 2012 rent	75.00
3/17/2012	Donna Skvarla, speaker's fee	200.00
Total Debits		<u>275.00</u>
Balance as of May 12, 2012		2974.32

# Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



The May meeting was called to order at 1:00 on Saturday the 12th by Vice-President Debbie Croft. Guests were Leslie and Will.

New member Sabrina Diehl was introduced.

The March meeting minutes were read and motion to accept minutes was made by Sue Cook and seconded by Kathleen Whelan.

Vice-President - Same but different pattern has been chosen but Debbie needs help in enlarging the pattern. Brenda Esslinger volunteered to assist Debbie. The current SBD quilts will be displayed at the Hobart Quilt Show.

Treasurer Report - Guild members should try to recruit new members to increase revenue.

Web Master - No report

Activities Chair - Background fillers project reviewed and new project for July meeting of pantograph samples was discussed.

Program Chair - July program will be Simple Maintenance presented by Robert from the Stitching Post.

Newsletter - No report.

## Minutes Continued.....

*Next Meeting is  
July 21st  
1pm*

Historian - No report.

Publicity - New flyers are being distributed with the new artwork created by Allison.

Librarian - Reported several books have not been returned.

Old Business - None

New Business - List of quilt shows will be added to web site. Sandy Gard's Quilt Festival is June 9th.

Membership - Allison will send complete guild membership to anyone who sends her a request.

Door prizes were handed out.

Brenda Esslinger made a motion to adjourn meeting and motion was seconded by Al Coster.

Program was presented by Sabrina Diehl from Patchwork Place and covered different types of threads and their uses.

# From Your Membership Chairman:

**Allison Vaccaro**

We had 25 people at our May meeting. This included two new members: Patricia Oglesby and our speaker, Sabrina Diehl. My apologies to Shellie Hansen who was left off the membership printout. She has been with us! I'll get that omission fixed

Tri-fold brochures are getting out to various shows and shops. Some were sent down to Hobart and

Sandy got a giant pile for shops. I can run off more or email the files to anyone who needs them, just let me know how many or where to send them.

Sabrina brought us some great thread samples for door prizes. As usual we can accept donations to add to our door prizes. Looking forward to July.



# Activities:

**Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan**

Notes from the May 12th Activities Directors

Fortunately, Kathleen Whelan was able to bring and share a sampler quilt featuring our next challenge -

## PANTOGRAPHS

for the July 21, 2012 meeting. Her quilt featured areas of quilting of various patterns, i.e. Daisy Swirl, Feather Meandering, Inside Out and Rain Drops. Good job, Kathleen!

One of our members was able to bring the May Challenge (background fillers). Super. Please bring it again. I'm hoping others have finished theirs and will bring to the July meeting. Anyone else who finished their nametags recently,

bring those, too.

Kathy and I believe it's time, that we create a list of those who participated in the challenges so far this year. We will approach the officers for a prize funding with a drawing at the end of our term.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Grinsteiner - the absent one who mixed up her days and spent the day with a handsome red-headed 2 year old.  
Kathleen Whelan

*Activity Challenge for  
July Meeting is  
Pantographs*

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machine quilters for the promotion, educa-  
tion and enjoyment of machine quilting.*

***Meeting Dates for 2012***

*July 21, 2012*

*September 15, 2012*

