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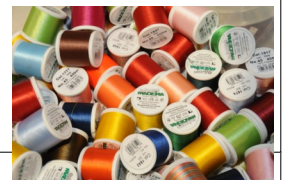
Next Meeting:
Saturday,
May 11, 2013
1pm

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

Our Program:
To Be Announced

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

From Your President: Cameron Potter



Happy Spring, everyone! I hope that you are all enjoying the beautiful weather we are having (minus the cold fronts and dry lines that bring tornadoes and hail storms, of course!) and are getting outside and planting in your gardens. Or better yet, make a springtime-themed quilt to grace your bed or living room. I am right in the middle of piecing a batik quilt for my bed that's not exactly spring-themed, but it's full of very bright colors that cheer me up!

I'm sorry to have missed the last meeting, but Hawaii was absolutely beautiful. It's a breathtaking paradise that I would love to retire to someday. Unfortunately, my husband doesn't like sand, salt water, warm temperatures or beaches, so I'll have to settle for visits there... *sigh* I did man-

age to find a quilt store, however, and came home with some gorgeous Hawaiian batiks (yes, I love batiks – why do you ask?).

I WILL be there for the May meeting, and I look forward to seeing everyone. I know that it's Mothers' Day weekend, but it was either that or scheduling it during MQS, and I didn't think we'd have very many members show up if that were the case!

Speaking of MQS, I hope that many of you take the time to drive up to Wichita, Kansas, even if only for a day. The show is one of the best in the country, and the quilts are just astounding. And this year it's close enough to drive to and back in just a day. What a great opportunity for our local quilters! I will be going, if only to see the quilts and

walk through the vendors. Oh, and I will have a quilt entered in the show this year. Keep your fingers crossed that it does well!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple of weeks. Please remember to bring your quilts for Show & Share, and anything else you have that you would like to talk about and/or show at the meeting.

See you soon!

Cameron Potter
OKMQA President

From Your Membership Chairman:

Allison Vaccaro



We welcomed three new members in March: Tina Hallmark, Linda Rinehard, and Robbie Wood

We will have more tri-fold brochures ready for upcoming quilt shows. If you are in a guild that is planning a quilt show this summer or early fall please let me know so we can make enough. We found that we gave out over 200 brochures in January to people who

visited our booth at the Oklahoma City Quilt Show. We already have our table reserved for next year! Plus we had some suggestions to add to the brochure regarding quilt top preparation to make things easier for the longarm quilters! I think I got the top three: make sure the quilt top is clean (watch that pet hair!) with threads clipped, pressed and squared up.

Thanks again for the door prize donations! We received some clever handmade items. See everyone in May!

From Your Treasurer:

Brenda Esslinger

TREASURER'S REPORT – as of March 16, 2013

Balance as of January 19, 2013		2840.58
Deposits:		
2/25/2013	2013 Dues – 120.00	
Total Deposits		<u>120.00</u>
	Subtotal	2960.58
Expenses:		
none		
Total Debits		<u>0.00</u>
Balance as of March 16, 2013		2960.58

Minutes From the Last Meeting:

Secretary: Shirley Waters



The meeting was called to order by Vice President Debbie Croft. She read the minutes of the previous meeting. There was a motion to accept the minutes by Kathleen Whelan and seconded by Lea Alspaugh. Motion passed. There was some discussion about the tri-fold handouts that were given out at the Winter Quilt Show. The next time we hand out these fliers we need at least 250 as we ran out at the Show.

Committee Reports:

VP – No report

Treasurer – Brenda Esslinger reported that we had a former balance of \$2800.48 and a current balance of \$2960.58.

Membership – Allison reported that we had two members renew by mail, as well as two paid at the meeting: one new, one renewing.

The website is up to date. The meetings are listed in the center of the homepage. There was a change to the May meeting date - we had to move it from May 18 to May 11 due to a conflict with the MQS show in Wichita, Kansas.

Webmaster – No report.

Activities – There were three Show & Share items: One thread painting, one T-shirt meandering, and one pieced quilt. Thank you to Allison and Lea Alspaugh for sharing their work.

Kathleen Whelan showed her Mock Block of an Uneven Star.

The Activities for the year have included Name Tags, Backgrounds, Pantographs, Tools, Thread Painting and Mock Block. Reminder: You can still bring any of these to Show and Share and sign the book. Your name will go into the drawing as many times as you have completed an Activity. The drawing for prizes will be at the September meeting, so hurry and get those projects completed!

Tool Activity: Wrap a plastic credit-type card that you get in a mail offer with a piece of batting and use it to clean your tracks. It does a great job of getting down into the cracks.

May Meeting Activity: Cheater Cloths! Go wild and quilt it a lot! This could be a great summer project for a baby quilt. Be sure to bind it and use it.

July meeting Activity: Altering Pantograph patterns.

There were no other reports.

Old Business: Same But Different for this year is on the web site along with a link to the pattern and directions. It needs to be made of red, white and blue fabrics, and uses a Tri-Recs ruler.

New Business: Allison requested additional funds to print more of the tri-fold fliers given out at the Winter Quilt

Show. Brenda said that line-item costs will cover this and it didn't need to be voted on.

If the group has old prepared rules for sending quilts to a long-arm quilter, maybe we could just put the top 3-5 rules in the tri-fold mail out. The top 3 could include:

- 1) Extra length & width
- 2) Square up ends
- 3) Iron at least - the seams on top & back

Door prizes were given out by Allison.

We had 15 people attending – 14 members and one guest

The motion to adjourn was made by Sammie Jester and seconded by Robbie.

The program was "Ways to Alter a Pantograph" by our own Brenda Esslinger.

The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted, Rena Powers, sitting in for Shirley Waters

Activities:

Peggy Grinsteiner & Kathleen Whelan

Activity Challenge for May Meeting is

Cheater Cloths



**Fifth Annual
Kiowa County Quilt Show
Sponsored by**



**Oklahoma Home and Community Education - Kiowa County
And Knot Sew Perfect Quilt Guild**

\$3.00 Admission

Door Prizes!

**Sewing Machine to
be given away**

Fri & Sat at 3 pm.

Merchants Mall!

Raffle for a quilt
\$5 each or 5 for \$20
Need not be present to win.

Quilt Displays

Free goodie bags

Quilts for Sale!

**May 24th &
May 25th 2013**

**Western Technology
Center**

**1000 S. Bailey
Hobart, OK**

Friday 9 am-6 pm

Saturday 9 am-5 pm



To enter a quilt contact before April 26th:
Kiowa County OSU Extension Office
302 North Lincoln
Hobart, OK 73651
580-726-5643 Fax 726-4210
Website: <http://oces.okstate.edu/kiowa>

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

Meeting Dates for 2013

May 11, 2013

July 20, 2013

September 21, 2013

