



Sunflower Piecemakers Newsletter

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The next Sunflower Piecemakers meeting will be held Monday, February 20th
(President's Day) @ 7:00 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & Maple, Ottawa, Kansas
Wear your nametag and bring a guest!

Social Time

*Remember that the doors open 30 minutes before every meeting.
Come early to catch up on the news with friends, meet new members, browse the
library cart and check out the newest BOM.*

*A Presidential Tea will be served beginning at 6:30 for the February meeting!
Wear something "presidential" (colors, buttons, etc.)*

President's Message

In 2005, Steve Jobs gave a motivating commencement speech to the Stanford University graduates entitled "Do What You Love". It was a moving speech that I believe in half-heartedly.

Half of me believes that only in a perfect world will we all be able to do what we love and still have trash service, paved roads, and a clean septic tank. If I were to really do what I love, I would be chasing butterflies all day, watching the Super Bowl from the sidelines, and be activities director at a tropical resort. Since I don't have tickets to the Super Bowl (yet), it's back to reality.

The other half of me believes we should do what we love. It makes us happier, healthier, and live longer. So I will continue these things:

I love helping others (teaching) I love making a difference (recycle) I love raising two great kids (being a mom) I love laughing (being with friends) I love creating memories (quilting & scrap booking) I love my family (being with family) and I love seeing other people happy.

So if you love to appliqué, do it. If you love to paper piece, do it. If you love to hand quilt, do it. If you love to shop for fabric that may never have a purpose other than to look pretty in your stash, do it.

I encourage you do what you love. Michele Altendorf, Guild President

***"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the LIFE in your years".
Abraham Lincoln***



[February Program](#)

To celebrate President's Day, we will be serving a Presidential Tea at 6:30. Wear something "Presidential"-red, white, and blue, buttons, etc.

Our speaker will be Julie McEathron from Lawrence, Ks. She will be presenting the program "Clearing Out Your Stash".

[Block of the Month for Drawing](#)

The February Block of the Month is called "Lincoln's Platform". The finished block is 14". Handouts were available at the Jan. meeting and can also be found online-

<http://www.quilterscache.com/L/LincolnsPlatformBlock.html>

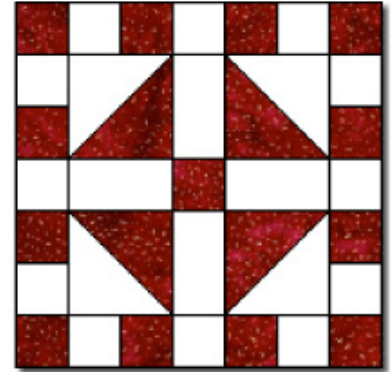
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Color 2: **WHITE**

Bring completed block to February meeting.

Remember that for each block you enter, you put your name in for the drawing! The more you enter, the more likely you will win!

Lincoln's Platform



[Kansas Quilts of Valor](#)

The Kansas Quilts of Valor Mission Statement: The mission of our organization is to cover all war wounded & injured service members and veterans for the War on Terror in Kansas, whether physical or psychological wounds.

The QOV is in need of quilts for Kansas's soldiers. Find out more information by calling the [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) Presidential Library 785-263-6700 or visiting the website- www.qovkansas.org.



[Membership Dues](#)

If you have not already paid your dues for 2012, please bring to the February meeting or mail to Sandy Luvgren P.O. Box 822 Ottawa, Ks. 66067. You can also drop them off at Chris' Corner. Dues are **\$25.00** per year. Fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter or pick one up at the meeting.

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." George Washington



Our fellow quilters with [February](#) birthdays:

The following list may be incomplete, as the membership list has not been recently updated. After renewals are complete we will have a new list. Thanks for understanding!

Tammy Hostetler	Feb. 4	HAPPY
Judy Meyer	Feb. 6	BIRTHDAY!!

[Guild Member Spotlight](#)

One of our newest members to Sunflower Piecemakers is **Carol Reekie**. Carol was born in Ottawa, lived in the Richmond area for a while and is now back in Ottawa. She and her sister grew up on a farm with their parents where Carol drove tractors and helped with other farm work.

As a girl, she was involved in 4-H where she learned to sew. She also had a couple of Home Ec. teachers who taught her good construction skills. Although she has always sewn, Carol took up quilting 2 years ago when she took a class at Chris' Corner. Carol's mother was a quilter. However, Carol always said that she "thought it odd to cut up perfectly good material and put it back together". Now that she has tried it, she understands why her mother liked to quilt and now Carol has become addicted to the hobby!

Carol presently is working on several projects. She is trying to complete a Christmas tree skirt for a granddaughter who is getting married in March, as well as a log cabin quilt with butterfly appliqué blocks incorporated into the design, and loves the paper piecing block of the month quilt offered from Chris' Corner. Her sister gave her a flannel quilt kit for Christmas, so she has plenty to keep her busy. We look forward to her show and tell at guild. Besides her quilting passion, Carol has 7 grandchildren that she loves to spend time with.

[Sunflower Piecemakers Website](#)

By the time you read this newsletter, our website should be up and running again. The website contains the current and past newsletters, a calendar, photos, an archive that includes necessary forms, and advertisers. If you or someone you know would like to advertise on the website, contact Kathleen Leary. Remember to "bookmark" the site www.sunflowerpiecemakers.com.

[Upcoming Dates-mark your calendars!](#)

Monday, March 19th- "Sunflower Search" to increase our membership-bring a guest or two who is a quilter or a quilt lover to the quilt guild meeting.

Saturday, April 14th-Mini Workshop Pomona Community Center 9AM.



Minutes of the January 16th Meeting

- President Michelle Altendorf opened the meeting with a joke and game.
- The list of officers are Michele Altendorf, President; Jackie Bennett, Vice President; Brenda Weien, Secretary; Sandy Lovgren, Treasurer; Mary Redeker, Historian; Kim Finney, Newsletter Editor; Kathleen Leary, Web Manager; Melinda Clark, Print & Mail.
- Michele listed goals for the guild for the upcoming years. 1) Be respectful to all members 2) State your name when making a motion 3) Increase membership
- Dues of \$25.00 are due in January for 2012.
- Saundra Peterson and Peggy Watts did the audit on the treasurer's books.
- Congratulations to JoAnn Stigal who has been named teacher of the year at West Franklin.
- Michelle announced that the budget was not ready yet but will be soon.
- Carol Reekie is our newest member and we had two guests.
- The birthday question was "What is your favorite block?"
- Florence Milliman made the motion that the minutes from November be approved as written in the recent newsletter. Motion passed.
- Melinda Clark won the nametag drawing.
- Sandy Lovgren reported a balance in our account of \$1677.33.
- Jackie Bennett announced that the speaker for next month would be Julie McEathron on clearing out our stash.
- Jackie also announced that the social time in February which will begin at 6:30 PM will include a Presidential Tea and for members to wear something "presidential".
- A membership drive will take place in March.
- The February BOM will go along with our theme for President's Month- a 14" block called "Lincoln's Platform" made from ruby red and white.
- Delores Dyer won 22 "Snowball" blocks.
- Ron Elmore from Manhattan gave a talk on Log Cabin quilts.

Submitted by Brenda Weien, Secretary

News from Chris' Corner Quilt Shop 785-242-1922

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Upcoming Important Dates:

- ❖ *Saturday, March 17th* is National Quilting Day-we will be holding a workday with Courtney Sands to help her accomplish her quest of making rag quilts for the 2012 Salvation Army Angel Tree. Donations are needed of fabric, 80/20 batting and time. Contact us for details.

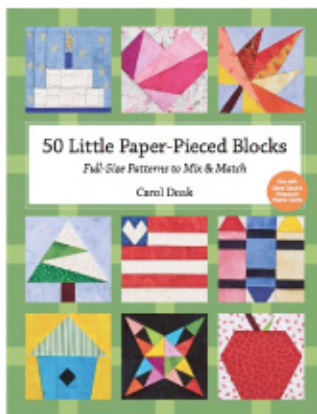
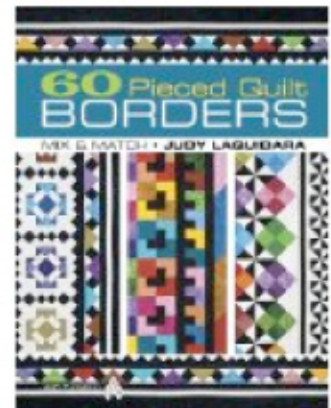


- ❖ *Saturday, March 24th* is the declaration of a one-day “Spring Break”-shop will be closed.
- ❖ *Saturday, May 12th* will be the day that Carol Elmore will be offering quilt appraisals. More details later.
- ❖ Remember as a Sunflower Piecemaker member you are eligible for a 10% discount on most fabric, patterns, books, and notions purchases. If we don't offer it remind us!

[Quilt Book Review](#)

[60 Pieced Borders: Mix & Match by Judy Laguidara](#)

A brand new publication by American Quilter's Society is the ultimate endless possibilities book. Make any of the 15 quilt centers and then mix and match them with the 60 pieced borders to make a quilt of any size and design. Learn how to figure the number of blocks needed for any pieced border and to make size adjustments. Also learn how to balance multiple borders on any quilt. 120 pgs.



[50 Little Paper-Pieced Blocks by Carol Doak](#)

This is Carol's newest book for those of you who love to paper piece. Create perfectly pieced 3" quilt blocks in a variety of themes-from hearts and flowers to airplanes and birthday cakes. Use for making cards, mini quilts, and other small projects. 40 pgs.

[Tales of First Ladies by Eleanor Burns](#)

Just in time for President's Day, you will enjoy making traditional blocks from Eleanor Burns's new book to honor the brave First Ladies from our past. The role of the First Lady has evolved over the centuries. In this book, you will see them as courageous and fascinating women. You'll learn the history of several First Ladies from Martha Washington to Mary Todd Lincoln, as well as learn where the traditional appliqué and pieced blocks originated from. Includes full-sized patterns and an art gallery of finished quilts for inspiration. 128 pgs.



[Letter from the Editor](#)

The Sunflower Piecemakers Quilt Guild is off to a great start in 2012. The January meeting was well attended and our goal is to increase membership this year. If you should have any questions or concerns, please discuss it with an officer. Ideas and suggestions from members will make us a place where many quilters want to be!

“Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Perhaps this could be an adopted motto for Sunflower Piecemakers Quilt Guild!

Kim

Submit items to the newsletter no later than the **1st of the month** to:
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Sunflower Piecemakers meets at 7PM on the third Monday of each month. (No meeting in December.) Meetings are held in Roberts Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & Maple, Ottawa, Ks. Guests are always welcome. Dues are \$25 & renewable in January. For more information, write Sunflower Piecemakers, P.O. Box 822 Ottawa, Ks. 66067 or email chriscorner@sbcglobal.net.

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