



# Sunflower Piecemakers Newsletter



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## Letter from the President

This month I am giving an honorary gold star block to my husband for the way he supports my quilting habit. Donald doesn't just put up with late meals and my disappearance downstairs for hours at a time. When I described what a design wall was and how it would let me move my quilt blocks off the floor, he built me one. And he hasn't complained when I figured out that if I had one quilt on the wall the next one was on the floor again.

He made me a cover for the ironing board so it was wider and better suited to my needs. He not only helped me clean up, paint and move an old (and very heavy) cupboard I found in the shop, he found a laminated countertop at a sale and brought it home for me.

When I'm stuck figuring out a layout he helps me move blocks around until we find something we like. He gives color advice when asked (and occasionally when he's not asked!). He is truly pleased that I have found something I enjoy doing so much.

I hope each of you has someone in your life who supports your habit. Be sure to give them a gold star!

Celia

## October Program

Kay Carlson from Kingman, Kansas will present "It's My Quilt - I Can Do It Any Way I Want!" That sounds like a lot of our own members!



"Maybe I'm lucky to be going so slowly,  
because I may be going  
in the wrong direction."  
Ashleigh Brilliant

Our October meeting will be held Monday, October 18th at  
7:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & Maple, Ottawa  
Wear Your Name Tag - There Will Be Prizes!

## Minutes of Sunflower Piecemakers' Meeting September 20, 2010

President Celia Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 43 members and one guest, Brenda Guenther, present. Celia reviewed several items she had received in the mail. Those present with September birthdays answered the question "Do you own a crazy quilt or have you ever made one?" Karen Gibson won the drawing for wearing her name tag. The August meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Tammy Hostetler reported:

Beginning balance	\$4,785.16
Deposits	0
Checks written	-345.31
Ending Balance	\$4,439.85



Vice President Michele Altendorf announced that the October program will be Kay Carlson from Kingman, Kansas, and her topic will be "It's my quilt – I can do it any way I want!" The November meeting will be a pot luck dinner, and Michele asked for volunteers to help with decorations and set up. Also, the Craft Show is November 13th. Be working on whatever you want to donate for that (children's crafts and Holiday items usually sell well). You may bring donations with you to the October meeting or leave them at Chris' shop.

We will have a "theme month" in October. Please bring your favorite fall or Halloween project to share in addition to Show and Tell projects.

Mary Schleicher reported that Chris Campbell has volunteered to sponsor two drawings during our quilt show next year. One drawing for \$25.00 will be from everyone who enters a quilt in the show and the other for \$10.00 from the names of everyone who works at the show.

Brenda Weien has the 2011 Opportunity Quilt to quilt.

Melinda Clark volunteered to chair a committee to take care of mailings of the newsletter next year.

**New Business:** Garfield School personnel has asked for help with Kansas Day activities. They would like to have an interactive quilting program for K-5 graders. They are asking volunteers to work two 2-hour shifts. If you have questions, would be willing to help or have any ideas, please see Celia.

Officers met before tonight's meeting and discussed a proposed budget for next year and possible By-Law changes. We will include this information in the next newsletter.

**Old Business:** Anyone interested in serving as an officer next year, please see

Celia or any other officer. Elections will be held in November.

Kim Finney passed out information for the October block of the month: it will be an 8" block in fall colors. The drawing for the winner of the 37 10-inch blocks for September was Celia Davis.

Chris Campbell announced that the Soroptomist dinner will be held the evening of our next meeting. Advance tickets are \$6.00 and they will be \$7.00 at the door, so see Chris or any other club member to get your ticket early. Also, for those attending the dinner, there will be a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate from Country Mart.

Maple Leaf Quilters has issued an invitation to anyone to participate in the quilt show held during Maple Leaf Festival. If you are interested, contact Sharon at Quilters Paradise in Baldwin.

**Show and Tell:** Mary Redeker: purse for her 7-year-old granddaughter; Angie Walker: August and Sept. quilts for "Year in a Snap" wall hangings; Peggy Watts: a set of placemats for her daughter's birthday; Melinda Clark: quilt-as-you-go quilt, a circles variation quilt, and a smaller variation of a circles quilt; Kathleen Leary: the finished quilt for the Animal Shelter auction on October 23rd; Mary Schleicher: two train panel wall hangings for her husband; Kim Finney: Medallion quilt featuring a wheat-patterned fabric; Katie Ecroyd: one of three "I Spy" quilts she has recently made; Gwen Whitebread: a Sunflowers quilt.

The program for the evening was presented by Judy Oberkrom from Leawood, KS. It was a "Crazy Quilts Trunk Show" and she had brought many quilted items as well as jewelry to share. We all learned about "creative opportunity" spaces.

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## **Soroptomist Annual Stew Dinner - October 18th**

The annual Soroptomist dinner will be held the evening of our next meeting - why not have a delicious dinner before coming to Guild? You will enjoy beef stew, slaw, rolls, dessert & a drink for just \$6.00 in advance (\$7.00 at the door). See Chris Campbell or any other Soroptomist member to get your tickets early. Also, for those attending with advance tickets, there will be a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate from Country Mart.

Serving will be from 11 am - 2 pm & again from 5 -7 pm in Elliot Hall, 4th & Hickory, Ottawa.

## **Identity Theft Seminar**

Franklin County Crimestoppers & the Kansas Attorney General's Office are presenting a FREE seminar about "ID Theft & Scams- What You Need to Know" on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Franklin County annex, 1418 South Main, Ottawa. There will be refreshments & door prizes. Bring a friend and learn about this sensitive topic that we all need to be aware of!

For more information call **785-229-1200**

## October Birthdays

Katie Eckroyd - October 20  
Nancy Gillogly - October 23  
Shirley Hooper - October 8  
Judy Stratton - October 5  
Brenda Weien - October 15



"I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate."

**George Burns**

## Block of the Month Drawing Autumn Tints 2

This month's block celebrates fall colors - use some of those beautiful prints from your stash!

Use the following colors:

Color 1: Fall Print

Color 2: Dark or Medium

Color 3: Light

Color 4: A different dark or medium than color #2

Directions were provided at the meeting, or visit

<http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AutumnTints2Block.html>

Bring your completed blocks to the October meeting!



## News from Chris' Corner 242-1922

### Fall & Winter Classes



**NINE-PATCH CHAIN** – This charming quilt is suitable for beginners as well as the more experienced quilter, and you will have a choice of sizes as well as blocks to make! The four-week class will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm October 20 & 27, November 3 & 10 or Friday mornings at 10:00 am, October 22, 29 & November 5 & 12. Class fee is \$50.00 plus supplies. Chris Campbell is the teacher.

**RADIANT STAR CHRISTMAS TREE SKIRT** - this project could also be used as a table topper for the holidays. This daylong class will be taught by Melanie Brungardt on Saturday, October 30 beginning at 9:30 am. Class fee of \$40.00 includes lunch & pattern; other supplies are additional.

**PINE BOUGH TABLE RUNNER** - You will be surprised at this technique! Saturday, November 13th is the day Melanie will teach this class beginning at 9:30 am

with lunch and pattern provided for the \$ 40.00 class fee; additional supplies are needed.

**UGLY LOG CABIN** - After many requests, we will spend a day sharing fabric and beginning a scrappy Log Cabin quilt. This is a fun activity you will enjoy, but you have to be willing to share your fabric stash with others! Saturday, November 20, beginning at 9:30 am. Class fee is \$30.00 and includes your lunch.

**Contact Chris for additional information & class policies.  
Class size may be limited.**

Look for us on Facebook!



## Member Publishes Multiple Patterns

Our own Reeze Hanson has had work published in various quilt magazines; she's at it again & has sent us this information so we can look for her patterns:

"I have had a pattern published in 'Quilter's World Magazine', the October 2010 issue on pp. 36-39. It is called 'Spinning Sunflowers Topper.' You can also see it on their website under 'current issue' at [www.Quilters-world.com](http://www.Quilters-world.com).

I will also have patterns appearing in the February and April 2011 editions of 'Quilters World.'

One of my blocks will be appearing in Volume 2 of "Quiltmaker" magazine which will come out this November. My blog will be part of the official "Blog Tour" of designers featured in the magazine. More information on the blog schedule to come!"

Congratulations, Reeze!

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## Just for Laughs

These "suggestions" were in a newsletter from a quilt shop called Stitchin' Heaven in Texas, sent in by Liz Smith.

- At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
  - Every time someone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries with that.
  - Put a garbage can on your desk and label it "In."
  - Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addiction, switch to espresso.
  - As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
  - Order a "diet water" whenever you go out to eat, with a serious face.
  - When the money comes out of the ATM, scream "I won! I won!"
  - Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we're going to have to let one of you go."
- And above all . . . live well, laugh often, love much!

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The State Library of Kansas has a blog and a recent blog talked about quilts and Kansas. The author is Patty Butcher who quilts and is a librarian. It's an interesting blog with a good list of resources.

<http://kansas150slk.blogspot.com/2010/09/kansas-quilters-and-kansas-quilts.html>



# PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS & OPERATING POLICIES

Last month the officers met before our guild meeting to review our by-laws. They had not been revised in quite awhile and did not match what we are actually doing. Below you will find the new by-laws we are proposing. We are also adding some standing rules/operating policies for some of the things we feel it is important to have down in writing but want them easier to change than the by-laws.

Look them over, print them out, and bring them to the guild meeting so we can discuss them. Think about what you want to change or add. We will vote on new by-laws in either October or November depending on how our discussion goes. After by-laws are approved, they will be put on the web site so we can all access them.

If you have questions before the meeting, just contact me.  
Celia



## SUNFLOWER PIECEMAKERS GUILD BY-LAWS

### Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Sunflower Piecemakers.

### Article II

The purpose of this organization shall be to stimulate an interest in quilts, to promote and advance the art of quilt making to share ideas and to conduct educational programs and services in the design and techniques of quilting.

### Article III

Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in quilts. A person may attend two regular meetings of the Sunflower Piecemakers as a guest before being required to join if further attendance is desired. Members shall pay annual dues in January. Those joining after July 1 shall pay one-half dues for the remainder of the year.

### Article IV

New officers shall be elected in November and take office in January. Each officer will be elected for a two-year term. The president, vice-president, and treasurer will be limited to one consecutive term. The vice-president will automatically become president at the conclusion of the vice-presidential term. If the vice-president isn't able to serve as president, the membership shall elect a president.

The secretary, historian, and newsletter editor will have no term limits. These officers shall be the members of the board along with the chair of the quilt show committee.

#### A. President

- shall preside at all guild and board meetings
- shall chair the nominating committee
- shall appoint chairman for all standing committees: i.e. quilt show, librarian
- shall be a member of all committees in an advisory capacity
- shall be authorized to sign checks
- shall name the third person authorized to sign checks

#### B. Vice-President

- shall preside at guild and board meetings in the absence of the president
- shall schedule programs for monthly meetings
- shall plan workshops
- shall plan the annual challenge quilt guidelines

### **C. Secretary**

- shall keep minutes of guild meetings
- shall send cards to members due to illness or death
- shall complete guild correspondence

### **D. Treasurer**

- shall maintain written record of all income and expense
- shall sign checks
- shall issue payment for guild expenses
- shall deposit receipts for guild income
- shall collect membership dues and maintain a current membership roster
- shall keep secretary and newsletter editor informed of current mailing list

### **E. Historian**

- shall keep guild history in the form of a picture album including photos, news articles, special events, fliers

### **F. Newsletter editor**

- shall prepare and oversee the newsletter

### **Article V**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at a regular meeting. The Standing Rules/Operating Policies may be amended by a majority vote of all members present at a regular meeting.

### **STANDING RULES/OPERATING POLICIES**

1. Meetings shall be held the third Monday of each month except for December.
2. Any member who is asked to prepare and present a program for a monthly meeting will be offered a compensation of \$50.
3. The treasurer's books will be audited annually.
4. The newsletter will be offered in both print and online versions. There will be an extra charge for the print version.
5. The budget shall be prepared by the president with the help of the Board.
6. Membership dues are \$20.
7. All checks issued by the society must have two signatures.
8. The president, vice-president, and treasurer shall take office the same year. On the alternate year the secretary, newsletter editor and historian shall take office so that all officers are not replaced the same year.



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**Everyone have a safe & scary Halloween!**

## Letter from the Editor



It's really fall now - I see the leaves changing color (some have already fallen), the hummingbirds have migrated south, the woolly bear caterpillars are strolling across the yard. There are green walnuts to trip over, colorful mums to admire & the coyotes are making the most of clear evenings, howling to their many friends & relatives in the area.

Even though it means the end of the fresh produce from the garden, I love fall for all that it does bring: hedge apples, the last of the zinnias, marigolds falling over with their loads of sharp-smelling orange flowers, persimmons (if I can find them before the deer eat them all), beautiful starry nights, pumpkins, squash & no more mosquitoes!

It's the end of the year, in my mind: time to wrap up things outside & concentrate on the things that happen indoors. One of those dismal chores is cleaning - not my strong point at any time, but far less when there are things to do outside. It's time to try & organize all the stuff I've accumulated since spring - where did all those fat quarters come from? I don't remember buying those! And there seem to be more unfinished projects that I certainly don't recall even starting. Piles of unfiled bills & papers have sprouted up like mushrooms. There's a box of magazines in the living room - how did *that* get there?

Not that this year is any different; this happens every twelve months. I should be better prepared, really. But it's like Christmas: everybody seems surprised that it's only a few short weeks away, claiming it "snuck up" on them.

I'll make lots of lists, put things in boxes with explanatory labels, sort piles of fabric by color, then go back & re-sort according to some other theory, put all my undone projects in different piles (as if rearranging will somehow make them finish themselves) & in the process find all kinds of interesting fabrics, patterns, magazine articles & pieces of "stuff" I don't remember having. Which will create brand-new projects/piles.

There are some people who actually work on (& finish!) one thing before starting the next. Amazing! I'm not one of them. Most of my friends are like me in that they have more projects going than they will ever get around to, whether it's sewing, refinishing furniture, writing a book, landscaping projects, travel, charity work, writing letters to friends or cleaning out the kitchen cabinets.

I guess the only thing is to do the best I can with the time I have. "If it doesn't get done, it'll still be there." That was my grandma's mantra, usually regarding dirty dishes or laundry, but applicable to just about anything. Those piles of fabulous fabric will patiently sit there all winter, waiting their turn to get made into something I can label "done."

Of course, today is a perfect day to go pick up hedge apples, look for persimmons & admire the grasses blooming along the road. I can find where the bucks have rubbed the trees with their new antlers & see all the raccoon tracks around the pond.

The projects will just have to wait another day, I guess - but they'll still be there!

### **Sunflower Piecemakers - Ottawa, Kansas - Est. 1985**

President	Celia Davis	Treasurer	Tammy Hostetler
Vice-President	Michele Altendorf	Newsletter/Web Editor	Kathleen Leary
Secretary	Gloria Musick	Historian	Mary Redeker

Sunflower Piecemakers meet at 7 pm on the third Monday of each month (there is no December meeting). Meetings are held in Roberts Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 13th & Maple, Ottawa, KS. Memberships are \$20 & renewable every January. Guests are always welcome. For more information, write: Sunflower Piecemakers, P.O. Box 822, Ottawa, KS 66067 or e-mail [chriscorner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chriscorner@sbcglobal.net). Submit items for the newsletter to

**[learyo@netzero.net](mailto:learyo@netzero.net)** no later than the 4th of each month.