

From Our President

Happy Spring, Quilters! Is it Spring?
Does anyone even know what
season it is? Anyone?



Well, the quilt show is over and I have to say that it was a great success based on the crowds and the beautiful quilts displayed. Which brings me to my next point. You quilters do not make it easy for a President. I had to choose one, just ONE, quilt for President's choice. It was a long process and a difficult decision to make. Definitely not for the faint of heart. But I did finally make my decision and congratulations to Shirley Liles. I wish I had more ribbons to give out, like 100, but Michelle only gave me one. But keep up the awesome work, all of you.

So now on to life after Quilt Show. I already have about 5 quilts in mind and slowly getting them down on paper to make for the next one, if we decide to do another one. I hope we do but that will come later. Big round of applause to Michelle and all of the Quilt Show Committee for a job very well done and to all who volunteered to help out. If you did not volunteer or come to the show you missed out on a great time. Hard work is always less strenuous when good friends come together. The judges were a lot of fun. The quilts went up and came down in a timely manner thanks to Jon's floor plan and almost endless energy, as well as LaDonna's great organizational skills. All baskets were delivered, fat quarters raffled, Dresden Rose has a new home with a loving family, and the raffle quilt is currently being adored by a lovely lady that just couldn't believe her good fortune. I am hoping that we might even get some new members from the show. Keep a look out at the next meeting and make them feel at home.

So I am going to close this out here and I am hoping to see all of your smiling faces at the next meeting.

Until then, keep quilting.

Cris

WMQG Officers 2016-2017

President- Cris Ross

Vice President- Diane Fizzell

Secretary—Jeremy Dickerson

Treasurer- Sherel Boydston

Programs- Donna Klein

Community Service- Sue Kolker

TLC- Beverly Martine

Hospitality- Vicki Nightingale

Membership- Jon Fizzell

Historian- Vacant

Ways & Means- Erica Jones

Newsletter/Web- Jon Fizzell

Publicity- Paula Chambers

Quilt Show- Michelle Tompkins

Please use your roster for contact information

**Executive Board meeting at 6 pm
right before the regular meeting**



Next Meeting: March 14, 2017

First Baptist West

7202 NW Cache Rd, Lawton, OK

Doors open @ 6:00



ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2017-2018

Wichita Mountain's Quilt Guild

In accordance with the WMQG bylaws, elections section, the following candidates are nominated to serve on the elected board. General election shall occur during the April meeting.

For President: Donna Klein
 For Vice President: Jean Petersen
 For Secretary: Jeremy Dickerson
 For Treasurer: LaDonna Meyer
 For Programs: Virginia Williams
 with Judy Haley

Additional candidates may be nominated up to the close of nominations during the April general membership meeting.

Wichita Mountain's Quilt Guild
 Treasurer's Report February 2017

Beginning Balance	1,485.77
Income:	
Interest income checking	.08
Total	\$1,485.85
Expenses:	
Program Carol Capshaw	\$50.00
Church donation	\$500.00
Ending Balance	\$935.85
Savings	\$1,225.74
Total Balance	\$2,161.59

WMQG Minutes February 13, 2017

Call to order, Cris Ross, 7:00p.m.
 Motion to approve January minutes, Barbara Johnson. Vickie Nightingale 2nd.
 Motion to approve Treasurer's Report, Jon Fizzell. Donna Klein 2nd.
 Membership - 51 paid members.
 TLC - card to Paula Chambers. Donna asked that we reach out to Irene Meeks as she isn't doing well.
 Sew Days - 2/24/17, 1st Baptist East, 6:30 p.m.
 Hospitality - February moved to March.
 Programs, Donna Klein - none for February. Quilt labels in March. None in April due to elections.
 Quilt Show - February 17th and 18th.
 Drag and Brag
 Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Meeting was brief due to last minute preparation for the quilt show.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service news: It's a new year but we'll continue to sew at Crossroads Baptist Church on Wednesdays from 10-2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Fabric, rulers, cutting mats, etc. are provided. Just bring your sewing machine and scissors and thread.

Please contact Sue Kolker for information, directions or questions at [580-215-9527](tel:580-215-9527) or catherinekolker@yahoo.com.

Hospitality

For March, Lenor Davis, Paula Chambers, Jean Petersen, Mary ?, Thelma Smith and Donna Klein, Will provide something scrumptious for us to snack on during the meeting. If you cannot do let me know. Vicki 580-471-4980

Vicki Nightingale

vnightingale14@gmail.com

Happenings in SWOK and NCTX Quilt Guilds

Edmond Quilt Guild. March 21st Nova Montgomery *Workshop - "Traditional Cathedral Windows"

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY – MARCH 18, 2017 Celebrate! the 26th Annual National Quilting Day

Red River Quilt Guild Mini Bow Tucks Purse taught by Diane Walker. February 25, 2017

OQSO Spring Retreat 2017 featuring Deb Tucker, March 24 -26, Sequoyah Lodge Wagoner, OK

Muskogee Area Quilt Guild "QUILTING UNDER THE STARS" QUILT SHOW – APRIL 7 & 8, 2017

Pioneer Area Quilters' A Bird's-Eye View of Quilts April 22-23, 2017 Show will be held in five Ponca City, OK homes

Cleveland County OHCE Quilt Show May 5-6 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Norman OK

Dewey Quiltfest - June 23 & 24, 2017, Washington County Fair Bldg., 1109 N. Delaware, Dewey, OK

ROAD TO OKLAHOMA SHOP HOP – JUNE 1 – JUNE 30, 2017 Visit all 20 participating shops across the state to be eligible for over \$3,000 in prizes, including a Pfaff Passport sewing machine. This year's theme is snowmen.

Central OK Quilt Guild. Celebration of Quilts 2017 "FLYING HIGH" July 14 – 15, 2017. Oklahoma State Fairgrounds

"LAKE LIFE IS GRAND" QUILT SHOW – JULY 21 & 22, 2017 Sponsored by [Grand Lake O' The Cherokees Quilt Guild](#). Grove Civic Center, 1702 Main St., Grove, OK

Sew Social:

March 17, 2017

Lucky 52 Pickup!

Time: 6:30-9:30 pm

**Place: First Baptist
East, 3302 SE LEE BLVD,
LAWTON, OK 73501**

One of my favorite things to do was to test my luck at card houses. The challenge was to see if you could use all 52 cards without making the house fall. The other day I was cutting my quilt pieces and I did not have a very stable stack of triangles and squares. I knew this but I went off to switch my laundry and while I was gone somehow my stack was knocked all over the floor.

Laying on my studio table was a fluffy black menace named Sinister. He was blissfully cleaning himself and I had a 52-pickup mess of my fabric. I guess I am just lucky like that! I immediately had an idea for this month's adventure.

Program:

March 13: I know the quilt show is over, but I thought it might be nice to go over labels. I want to challenge you in making labels for your quilts, even if they are simple. I will share many different ways to label your quilts. My program will be **Label it done!**

April 10: Elections will be this night. If you are interested in serving this way, please contact someone on the nominating committee, or a board member now.

May 8: I am so excited about this program on dying fabrics. I thought I would have no interest whatsoever in dying fabrics when it was mentioned to me years ago. Beverly had the Killer Bees try some dying and it was GREAT! The Debbie's will be doing a trunk show, and showing different ways to used dyed fabrics. You won't want to miss this. They are so much fun and have such talent and use many different methods of dying.

Supplies for latest Sew Social adventure:

Bring your favorite sewing tools and sewing machine plus these cuts of fabric.

Cut the following

From white on white fabric for the background

- Cut 2 squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"; sub cut diagonally to make a total of 4 half-square triangles
- Cut 1 square 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"; sub cut diagonally to make 4 quarter-square triangles

Cut the following:

From FOUR different colors of fabric: Green for Luck, Yellow for Spring, and two others colors of your choice

- 1 square 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"; sub cut diagonally to make 2 half-square triangles
- 1 square 5 1/4" x 5 1/4"; sub cut diagonally twice to make 4 quarter-square triangles

Note: 2 triangles will be left over from each colored fabric

As always you can do my adventure or work on one of your own projects...

I would just love to see you and hang out.

Since this St Paddy day, channel your luck and wear something GREEN!

I send a sincere thank you to everyone who donated their time, money and other resources to make the 2017 "Quilting Then and Now Quilt Show" a huge success. We had 109 quilts in the show and 57 more on display around the building. Our little show brought in 166 quilts! Although there are too many folks to thank personally in this letter, a few stand out.

- Michelle Tompkins for stepping in and leading the team. We all know you actually enjoyed the stress and pressure in spite of threatening to quit several times.
- LaDonna Meyer for a superb job organizing all the quilt entries and ensuring we had a foolproof method to prevent mishaps.
- Virginia Williams for wrangling people. That may be the hardest job. Getting volunteers to sign up, show up and work.
- Jon Fizzell; the choreographer. For maintaining our equipment and actually putting up the show. Plus everything else he did. He made a chaotic event seem easy as pie.
- Pauletta Tompkins; our treasurer. What a gem we have in her. She even kept track of the random dollars left on the table from a small sale to a vendor.
- Lenor Davis for the amazing raffle quilt. For your vision and leadership getting us all to make quilt blocks without knowing how many or what the design was to be.
- Cris Ross. Thank you for leading. Between Cris and Michelle, the show came together in spite of the hundreds of obstacles.

A special thank you goes out to all the folks that came in early on Thursday and stayed late on Saturday to set up and take down. We really didn't know how many would be there but God provided just enough, as He always does.

To all the members who gave selflessly hundreds of hours and significant money to ensure their piece of the show was perfect; THANK YOU!

There were many others that came each day and worked in the show. From coordinating the raffles and manning the booths to just roaming the show all day talking to people. Everyone was a productive piece in their own way. Some members have been absent from our meetings for a long time but still showed up to work when needed. It was good to see many familiar faces of former members also attending the show.

If you didn't get out to see the show, you missed a wonderful opportunity. We all had a good time and saw a bunch of beautiful works from around the country. Here's one person looking forward to our next show in 2019!

From a life member of the WMQG
(If we had lifetime memberships)