

# Keepsake Quilters Guild

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January 21, 2008 is a **sit & sew day** from 9am to 3pm. Join us this evening to make the popular **KONA BAGS**. The workshop will be taught by members. Sign up early so some special supplies may be purchased for the workshop. You must be signed up to participate. There will be a supply list at the September meeting.

## Programs coming up !!!

February 18, 2008 please joins us for **Sit and Sew** from 9am to 3pm. The evening program will be a Rummage Sale by members who wish to participate. Only quilt related items are to be for sale. Sign up now and reserve a spot for \$5.00.

February 23, 2008 (**Saturday Workshop**) is **Mini Double Wedding Ring**. Ann Renee Lighter and Lori McKinley will teach this technique using your sewing machine and quite a bit of hand sewing. Class cost is \$35.00. **We must have 15 people signed up for this class or it will be cancelled.**

March 17, 2008 **Louisa L. Smith** will teach a workshop "Strips n Curves. Create wonderful and exciting quilts with a simple procedure of strip piecing and curve piecing. Explore the many design possibilities. Her evening program "The Wonderful Art of Stripping". She will share the many design possibilities from using this technique. Class cost is \$35.00. **16 students are needed to cover workshop cost.**

April 21, 2008 Shelly Burge will teach "Pineapple Quilts". Students will learn a quick and accurate "stitch and trim" method for making beautiful Pineapple blocks. Evening program "Toy Sewing Machines". The class cost is \$35.00

There is still space available in all of the above classes and workshops and we urge ALL of our members to support our guild and these nationally known artists by taking advantage of these opportunities. These are a great way to learn new tips and techniques from the presenters and from fellow members alike.

There are registration sheets below for February and March classes. Please use this to sign up for the class.

**February 23 class Miniature Double Wedding Ring  
by Ann Renee Lighter and Lori McKinley.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment received by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**March 17 class Strips 'n Curves by Louisa Smith**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment received by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Hospitality**

*Thanks again to all the members who bring treats, make coffee and other drinks, and clean up after the meeting. This is an important part the gathering that most members look forward to.*

*If you are on the committee you need to come at 6:00pm so you can make coffee and other drinks. You need to stay and help clean up after the meeting. The cleaning up helps keep our rent low. Everyone needs to help by cleaning up after themselves.*

*Tonight thanks to Becky Swinton, Linda Vognsen, and Laura Sniffen.*

*Coyla McCann, Karen Flanscha, and Betty Bosen are the February committee.*



# Quilts to Share

Quilts To Share is on the move. Beginning in January Quilts To Share will meet at Janet O'Neil's home at 4803 Cedar Heights Drive. (just south of Greenhill Road beyond the offices on the west side of the road.) The meetings times are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 9 to 3 or what ever time you can come. Bring a sack lunch and stay all day if you can - - or come for an hour or two.

Thanks to Janet for opening up her home for this worthy project!

Quilts To Share donated 222 quilts in 2007. 173 went to veterans, 46 to Hospice and 3 bed size quilts to the Hospice Home!! Keepsake Quilters Guild can be proud!

**Keep up the good work!**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Craig White of Waterloo is very active with the veterans groups. In November the Black Hawk Hockey team had a fundraiser for veteran causes spearheaded by Craig. Because Craig heard about Keepsake Quilters making and sending quilts to wounded warriors Quilts To Share was a recipient of **\$750**. This money is to be used for shipping costs when the quilts are shipped. If you know Craig or anyone connected to the Hockey team be sure to thank them.

Quilts To Share has received several thank you letters the past two months:

## **From James Quillen VA Medical Center**

"On behalf of the hospitalized veterans at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center, Mountain Home, TN, we want to thank you for your dedication to our nation's veterans by making and donating quilts for the Quilts of Valor Program.

The quilts we receive for this program are presented to our Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraq Freedom veterans seen at our Medical Center. Enclosed are photographs of veterans receiving the quilts donated by your organization. The dedication and enthusiasm of your program are greatly appreciated by all medical center staff at the James H Quillen VA Medical Center.

Your support, contributions, and donations are priceless to our nation's veterans. Thank you again for your wonderful donation.

## **"Keepsake Quilters Guild**

***Thank you so very much for the beautiful quilt. My wife thinks it is too beautiful to use, but I love to use it. I recently attended a function at the VA in Johnson City, TN where I was given a beautiful quilt along with a slip of paper with your address. I just wanted to say heartfelt thank you.***

SFC Jonathan P Taber"

"I just wanted to take a few moments to thank you for the beautiful quilt. I attended the "Welcome Home OIF and OFF Vets" at Mountain Home veteran's administration in Johnson City TN on November 3, 2007. It was nice enough to just have the event, but when the quilt was offered, I knew there are people out there who do care. Thank you so much for taking the time to make the quilt. It will remain special for the rest of my life.

Ian Randolph  
USN/USMC"

"Dear Friends,

On behalf of the veterans hospitalized at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Tomah WI, it is a sincere pleasure to thank you for the donation of quilt. They are so beautiful and carefully sewn. I could see there was a lot of time put into each one. Some were used at our welcome home celebration in October. The rest will be given to veterans returning from the present war. These quilts will brighten their rooms and hopefully their spirits.

It is donations such as your that help make our veterans hospital stay more comfortable and pleasant.

Again, thank you. Your thoughtfulness in remembering the veterans hospitalized at the Tomah Veterans Affairs Medical Center helps them to know they have not been forgotten.

Sincerely, Laura Bishop, Voluntary Services Coordinator"

"To my friends at Cedar Valley Hospice,

I like the quilt very much you gave me. I use it to keep warm when I'm sitting in my chair in the living room. My favorite fabric is the one with the daisies.

Peggy J."

## **DO YOU WANT TO HELP A KID?**

Quilts To Share has been contacted by the Foster Parent Liaison person of Black Hawk County in regards to making quilts for kids being placed in Foster Homes. A quilt is something they can take with them from home to home. I may be one of the few things they can call their own. If interested, you may get fabric from QTS (or use your own) to make a napsize quilt. The ages range from 0 to 18 years of age. Bring the quilts to the meetings and QTS will see they get to the Foster Parent Program.

Diane Donna Janet Linda P Linda V Sandie

# **Attention!**

Iowa Quilters Guild is going to hold Quilt 2009 (July 17-18) at the Grout Museum in Waterloo. They are hoping that Keepsake Quilters will be a partner (no monetary obligation) in providing hospitality and a richer experience for participants and presenters.

After the first of the year they will be visiting the Grout Museum and would like to meet with representatives from Keepsake Quilters to begin planning for Quilt 2009.

If interested, please contact Kathy Busch by e-mail at [dbusch@fbx.com](mailto:dbusch@fbx.com)

# KEEPSAKE QUILTERS GUILD LIBRARY POLICIES

## *NANCY HAYES MEMORIAL LIBRARY*

### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the library is to educate members of the Keepsake Quilters Guild by providing shared materials which promote and preserve the art of quilting.

### **Accepting Materials**

1. The Library Committee will have full discretion in accepting materials for the collection based on criteria such as age, condition, expected popularity, etc.
2. All donated items become the property of the Keepsake Quilters Guild.
3. Materials will be housed at Crazy to Quilt in Cedar Falls, Iowa.
4. Materials duplicating those sold in the shop where the library is housed will not be accepted. The library's collection will not compete with the quilt shop's retail items.
5. Periodicals and patterns will not be accepted.
6. Items to be accepted:
  - a. Quilting books
  - b. Novels with a quilt theme
  - c. Software

### **Procedure for Donating Items**

1. Preferred method:  
Items may be taken to the basement at Crazy to Quilt.
2. Secondary method:  
Items may be brought to the monthly KQ meeting.

### **Checking Out Items**

1. Only Keepsake Quilters Guild members may check out materials.
2. Check out period is limited to one month.
3. A maximum of five items per member may be checked out at any one time.
4. Checkouts will be on the honor system.
5. A clipboard will be provided to record:
  - a. Date of checkout
  - b. Book title
  - c. Author
  - d. Keepsake Quilters Guild member name
  - e. Telephone number

### **Weeding the Collection**

The Library Committee will be responsible for weeding the collection periodically, based on the condition, age, and circulation history of items. Withdrawn items will be discarded or sold at KQ meetings.

# Inspiration

Dear Guild Members:

I want to share my story with the guild members who might occasionally wonder if the quilt they give as a gift will be as appreciated as we hope it might be.

In October, 2005, I shared with the guild a quilt I had made for my soon-to-be born grandson. I had appliquéd two cats to represent the parents pets and also a Doberman they had. I added a chicken and pig for my parent's farm animals. About a week later my daughter Nikki, gave birth to our first grandson who was named Jady. n.

Nikki had him sleep and nap with that quilt every day. As he grew older getting his binkie and blankie became part of his bedtime routine. He'd rub the corner as a way to relax and during the last several months liked to share a corner or tease you by handing you a corner and then pulling it away.

When Jady. n suddenly became ill on November 26, 2007, and was airlifted from Covenant to University of Iowa Hospitals the quilt had to come along and after emergency surgery for a brain tumor, covered him on his bed the whole time. As the family gathered around him and held his little hand and prayed we all took a turn with a corner to rub it for him. Jady. n left us on November 29 at two years of age.

He was laid in a tiny casket and we had the funeral director have him hold a corner of that quilt in his tiny hand for the visitation. Now he is at rest, but our family still gets comfort from hugging that quilt and rubbing a corner for him.

Had I had any idea how much meaning would go along with that quilt when I made it, I would never have question the time and effort that was put into it. It was worth every second. Keep on quilting.

Sincerely,

*Donna Erickson*

The members of Keepsake Quilters would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Donna Erickson and family.

# Coming Attractions

**1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month – Quilt to Share – Janet O’Neil’s home** at 4803 Cedar Heights Dr., Cedar Falls from 9- ?. Bring a sack lunch and join us! We always have something to do and have a good time doing it!

**KQ Guild Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 29 2008, 3pm** at Crazy to Quilt

**Cabin Fever Quilting Get-Away, February 1 & 2**, Grout Museum of History & Science, 503 South St.

Snowden House, 306 Washington St. Time: Friday, February 1: 9:00am - 8:00pm / Saturday, February 2: 9:00am - 5:00pm Cost: Varies Registration: Thursday, November 1, 2007 - Friday, January 25, 2008. For more information go to [www.groutmuseumdistrict.org](http://www.groutmuseumdistrict.org).

**Mothers Day Sew Fun Cruise – May 10 – 18, 2008.** For more info go to [www.roundbobbins.com](http://www.roundbobbins.com) for more info.



**Keepsake Quilters Guild Board Meeting**  
P.O. Box 1043, Cedar Falls, IA 50613-0048 USA  
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**January 8, 2008 3:00 p.m.**  
**Crazy to Quilt, Cedar Falls, Iowa**

**Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cathy Busch, Becky Swinton, Janet O’Neil, Marcene Tack, Carol Lindquist, Becky Winther, Diane Olson

**Absent:** Dr. Judy Beckman, Lucille Keeling, Linda Card, Dorothy Goodenbour

**Secretary’s Report:** Previous minutes reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Current report and quarterly report reviewed.

**Membership:** No report.

**Program Committee:** 23 people are signed up for March class. The instructor is willing to go over 25 participants. April class has 3 enrolled so far. More participants needed. February meeting will be rummage sale. So far one member has reserved space by paying the \$5 fee.

**Publicity:** No report

**Old Business:**

The library policy as submitted by the library committee was reviewed. It will be presented to the guild at the January meeting to be accepted as proposed and to be reviewed after a one-year trial.

The snow policy (no school-no meeting) was discussed.

## **New Business:**

The Iowa Quilters' Guild is offering quilting groups throughout the state a \$20 annual group membership. They are trying to document all existing quilting groups in Iowa. They meet four times a year in various places in Iowa. We would be able to link our events to their website. Diane Olson moved and Carol Lindquist seconded that we join. Motion passed.

The Iowa Quilters' Guild will be hosting a quilt show at the Grout Museum July 17-19, 2009. They have requested the partnership of Keepsake Quilters (with no monetary obligation) in providing hospitality for participants and presenters of the show.

A letter from Donna Erickson, a previous member of the guild, was read. Her 2 year-old grandson died suddenly and unexpectedly recently and she related the touching role a quilt she had made him played in his illness and in the subsequent grieving of his family. Her plea to the guild: Keep on quilting.

It was discussed that planning for the annual meeting need to start soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 3:00 p.m., Crazy to Quilt.**

*Below is a condensed copy of a letter we received from Kimm Jones for The Creative Iron. We have submitted a response and accepted the offer of "goodie bags" for our members.*

Keepsake Quilters,

We have started a new program for working with Quilt Guilds like yours. Our objective is to get new product into the hands of serious quilters who will then request that their local quilt shop carry the products, or if there is no local quilt shop, they can order directly from us on line. We want guilds to support their local quilt shops as much as possible!

We are currently making up "goodie bags" of cutaways from our laser cutting process for fusible appliqués along with an instruction sheet. We thought that these would be perfect to send to quilt guild members (at no cost to you) so they could "play" and learn more about how our fusible appliqués work.

The Creative Iron, making pre-cut fusible appliqués  
info@creativeiron.com, www.stensource.com or 800-642-9293.  
The Creative Iron is a division of StenSource Int'l, Inc., which manufactures all kinds of stencils.

Best Regards,

Kim Jones

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