

Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass

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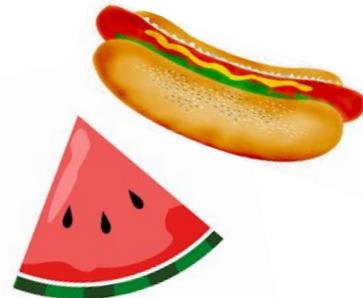
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July 11th Meeting

- 6:00 — Refreshments — Coney dogs & chips!
- 6:30 — Meeting
- Installation of Officers
- Speaker: Courtney Luecking, PhD—Bag Research Project
- Planning for Next Year's programs—BRING IDEAS—what do you want to learn, interests, speakers? Etc.
- Quilters of the Month: Karen Graham & Diane Fearn-Desrosiers
- Show & Tell! Show off your latest projects

Looking ahead... Sew Many Opportunities! Details inside

July 8—Quilt of Valor Block Party

July 11—Guild Meeting

July 14 & 15 — SIT & SEW

July 21 & 22 —Charity Sew Days

Aug 2-3 —Quilt National Trip





Quilt of Valor Block Party—Sat, July 8th, 9:30-2:30

Join this fun group as we make comforting & healing quilts for veterans impacted by war. We will work in groups of 4 to finish a quilt top in one day. Thank you in advance for participating! Bring a friend!

- Fabric & pattern kits will be provided.
- Bring your sewing machine, tools & neutral thread (gray, sage, light blue, cream/tan), straight pins & snipping scissors.
- It will be helpful for some of the kits if you can bring a 4.5", 8.5" and/or 12.5" square up rulers & a rotary cutter with a sharp blade.
- Brown bag your lunch or we can place an order for Jimmy Johns.

Quilt National Trip — August 2-3rd

Quilt National is a juried exhibit of contemporary quilts that is held every other year in the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, OH. Rita Hardman & Faith Fiene are planning a two day trip to attend the show, spend the night and shop at local quilt stores. Athens is a four hour drive from Lexington. If you would like to join them please call Rita Hardman, 859-433-1899 or Faith Fiene, 859-312-7581. They are in the process of planning the itinerary, securing hotel rooms, etc.

Charity Sew Days: July 21 & 22 9:30-2:30 INVITE A FRIEND!

Bring your sewing machine & supplies to our quarterly Charity Sew Days. Lunch will be provided! We have cut 2.5" strips & blocks to make simple, colorful quilts for local hospitals and charities. Fabric & patterns are provided. You might start a quilt & take it home to finish in time for the next sew day.

Are you Blue-Ribbon Bound?

Kentucky State Fair is August 18-28. Entries must be entered in state website by July 11th, Late Entry deadline is July 18th. Go to www.kystatefair.org for details.



Donating scraps for dog beds? Remember to put your name on the bags!



Salute to Old Glory

Wear your red, white
& blue best to the
meeting on July 11th.
A fabulous prize
awarded to the best dressed!

Institute 193 Quilt Exhibition

Institute 193 is an arts organization and gallery here in Lexington. The upcoming exhibition features a fantastic Southern artist, Coulter Fussell, whose work includes traditional quilting techniques to create artistic works that are both interesting and evocative. You can view her website at www.coulterfussell.com. The event runs July 21-Aug 26.

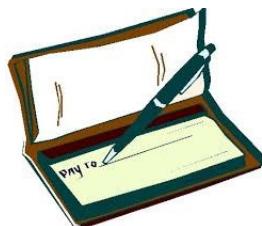


Ideas for the Guild Meetings

The Guild Board would like your ideas & suggestions for upcoming meetings. Where are you in your quilting journey? Are you full of inspiration but need skill-building? Interested in how experienced quilters make time for quilting and organize their stash? Do you know activities of other guilds that you find interesting? Know someone that would make an interesting presentation at our meeting? Brainstorm with a friend and bring those ideas to the meeting on the 11th! Thanks!

Quilt Guild Dues

Quilt Guild dues for 2023-2024 are to be paid by the end of August. Last year our guild dues were \$30 and the Homemaker dues to the Cooperative Extension were \$10. There is a slim chance that the Guild Board will vote to raise the dues but at the time of this newsletter that decision is not known. We should have the accurate dues amount available at the July meeting, should you want to bring a check. You can make one check out for both the Guild & Homemaker dues.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE REPORT

Homemaker members need to send in volunteer hour forms for January 2022– June 30, 2023 (this time frame is to get us back on the State schedule for hours reporting) by July 14, 2023. Hours can now be entered on-line. Visit our website: <https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/homemakers> scroll down to VSU Report and click on "Submit Your Homemaker Volunteer Hours." Funding for the cooperative extension is partly based on the volunteer hours reported. You can report hours for Homemakers groups, community (church/school/clubs) & even for personal hours (helping family members, etc).

Brenda Richard's Potluck Hot Brown

6 slices of bread, toasted
1/2 pound sliced turkey
1/2 pound sliced ham
6 pieces of bacon, cooked
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

WHITE SAUCE

1 tbsp butter
1 tbsp all purpose flour
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp white pepper
1 1/2 cups of milk

Yummy!

To make 1 1/2 cup thin sauce melt butter in saucepan over low heat. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Increase heat to medium. Add milk all at once. Stir constantly till mixture bubbles and thickens.

Cut bread, turkey and ham in serving size pieces. Put bread on bottom of 9 X 13 pan then add ham and turkey. Pour sauce over and spread evenly. Crumble bacon into bite size pieces and lay on top of sauce. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 for about 20 minutes till bubbly around the edges.

This can be modified to suit you. And it freezes well.



From our June meeting....



Terri Krause was inspired by a beautiful painted papyrus seen on a recent trip to Egypt. Her husband was captivated by it but too thrifty to purchase it. Terri recreated the piece using her fantastic applique skills and gave the small wall hanging to her hubby. It is now a treasured item in their home!



Faith Fiene encouraged us to practice our machine-quilting skills on "cheater" fabric. She must have seen my struggle!