

# Quilters' Guild of the Bluegrass



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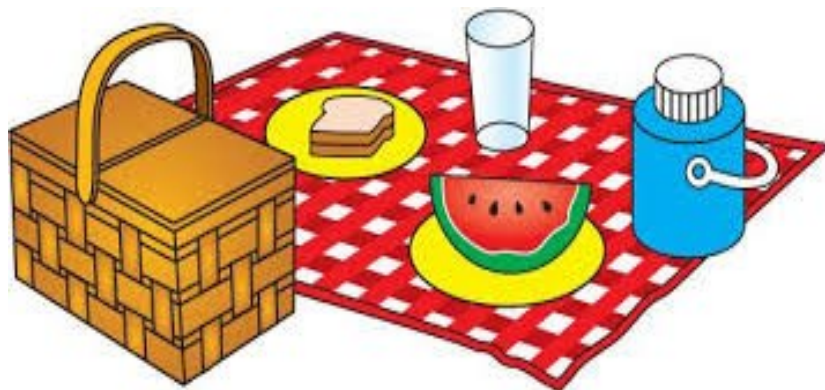
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## July 9th Guild Meeting

- 6:00 — Refreshments —Picnic Goodies!
- 6:30 — Meeting
  - Speaker—Pat Sturtzel: Joining Raw Edges: The Stories they Tell
  - Opportunity Quilt Drawing!!!
- Show & Tell

## Looking ahead...

July 9—Guild Meeting

July 12 & 13—Sit & Sew—

Christmas in July!

July 25—Board Meeting

Aug 13—Guild Meeting

Aug 16 & 17 Sit & Sew /

Quilted Jacket Workshop

Aug 29—Board Meeting

Sept 17—Guild Meeting

Sept 20 & 21 Sit & Sew



Quilting/Sewing/Creating A Modern Traditionalists-quilting-Blog/

## Joy of Giving

Through the end of the year we will be collecting small items for care packages to be sent to military serving overseas.

Please bring the following items to the July meeting: decks of cards, small game/puzzle books like word search, sudoku, crossword, etc.

## Friends of the Needle

Interested in hand-piecing? Applique' and/or hand-quilting?

Friends of the Needle will meet during our Friday Sit & Sew days with a Show & Tell at noon.

Please join us!



## Military Missions

—has asked for pillowcases this year. Any fabric colors, not just military. Liz Kingsland is cutting & organizing pillowcase kits to hand out at meetings. If you want to make a few kits, the measurements are: 9" x WOF, 27"x WOF, 2" by WOF. WOF = Width of fabric. Full directions for the "burrito method" pillowcase can be found at: <https://www.seasonedhomemaker.com/pillowcase-tutorial-burrito-style/>.

## Community Quilts

At the June meeting we received several completed quilts as well as quilt tops that now need to be quilted and bound. Thanks to all who took kits, panels, rail fence blocks in a bag, who offered to longarm a quilt set and who took a quilt that had been longarmed home to add the binding. We have two members who offered to longarm tops. It is so encouraging to see additional members approach the community quilt table and take something home to work on.

Special kudos to Shirley Caldwell, who took a quilt kit home from the meeting and returned the finished top to me two days later on a Saturday morning. She must have sewn day and night, as this was not a small top. When I met Shirley that morning, she took home two more quilt kits.

Please bring your completed rail fence blocks to the next meeting, or if you have not pick up a block bag yet, we'll have some for you.

—Fran

## Challenge Quilt

Several groups have formed to work together on these quilts—themes, colors, collaboration—excited to see the outcome!

If your group agreed to exchange blocks, be sure to bring your blocks to the July meeting!

## QDO Opportunity Quilt

If you have tickets & money to turn in please bring them to the July meeting. The drawing will be held at the July meeting. Tickets will be sold at the meeting for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Last chance!

## QGBG Dues Notice

2024/2025 Guild dues are \$32, which includes our annual Homemaker dues. You may pay by cash or check at the July or August meetings. Dues paid after 8/31/24 are subject to a \$5.00 late fee.

## September QGBG Meeting: Back to School

Put the Sept 17 meeting on your calendar! We will be updating our Directory (Yearbook) & taking photos for the new directory. Don't be shy! This helps us put a name to the face & helps to build friendships within the guild.

We will also be "rushing" for committee participation. Every member is asked to consider how they can serve a few hours to pull together the guild's meetings and event.

## Homemaker Hours

The Cooperative Extension office asks you to report volunteer hours no later than July 15th. This is one factor that is considered in determining funding for the extension. The reporting period is July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. If you have not tracked your hours, a "best guess" is perfectly acceptable. You can count attending Quilt Guild meetings, Sit & Sew events, Quilt of Valor events as well as any community service hours. The easiest way to report is online at: : <https://fayette.ca.uky.edu/homemakers> . Page down to Volunteer Service Unit Program, Individual Volunteer Service Hours Log. Thank you!

## Homemaker Kickoff & Cultural Arts Festival

This annual event will be held September 4, 2024. Watch your newsletters for details. We are ALL encouraged to submit any arts, crafts and creative projects to be displayed at the festival. Ribbons are awarded in each category. Please contact Sierra Smith for more information.







## Pat Sturtzel - psturtzel@gmail.com

My life as an artist has evolved over time. Sewing together triangles and squares of fabric to create patchwork as a teen-ager in NKY was one of my first forays into the fiber arts. I find the quilt-making process comforting and expansive in the expressions that can be made on and with cloth. Although I have engaged in other art processes, quilt-making and other fiber arts processes re-emerge in different forms frequently. During the pandemic, I found myself spending lots of time in my studio, initially making hundreds of masks. This was followed by completing unfinished projects and expanding my long-arm quilting skills. As we emerged from

the pandemic, I found my more creative responses resurface. Many of my quilts include my hand-dyed fabrics.

In addition to dyeing fabric and creating quilts, I have worked as an art therapist. For 10 years, I facilitated a variety of art processes with a variety of people of all ages and situations through the Kentucky Center's Arts Thrive program (Arts in Healing). My work included working with veterans, adults with substance abuse issues, elders and others. This work ended abruptly in March, 2020, opening up my time to focus on my quilt-making during my isolation, a way to cope with our changing world.

Lastly, I most like teaching what I have learned. In addition to the Arts in Healing work, I have taught fabric dyeing, surface design and other fiber related processes to others through the Berea Festival of Learnshops and on request to quilt guilds and others. I taught a few classes in Paducah Quilt Week in April 2022 and taught at KHQS Getaway the past 2 years. I occasionally teach to small groups of 3-6 participants in my home studio.

### Joining Raw Edges: The Stories They Tell

When I look at the images of works that I created with others, I think of the stories that go along with their creations - the men recovering from substance abuse, the veterans having difficulty re-entering into society, the elders expressing themselves as their life journey comes to an end, a group of strangers coming together virtually during the winter of COVID to share their stories and find a way towards hope. In each, the participants are taking bits of fabric, sometimes fabrics that they have dyed, printed on or stitched on and combining them as they find meaning in their journey. Each creation is a physical reminder of that period of time and can be viewed on to remember the emotions connected with its creation and hope for the future.

We are so excited to hear Pat's presentation! She was one of the fantastic instructors at the KHQS Getaway in June. Jen Kingwell was the keynote speaker and such an inspiration! Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society membership is only \$20/year and offers 2 retreats and the highlight of the year: Getaway! Check it out at [KHQS.org](http://KHQS.org).

*Sierra Smith's Navy Quilt*

