

# SNIPPETS



Newsletter of  
The Kenya Quilt Guild

APRIL 2010

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Welcome to all the members and to a new committee.

We look forward to another eventful year of workshops, classes and of course the Kenya Quilt Guild Exhibition.

A BIG thank you to the outgoing committee, Artemis Naughten, Karen Crumpacker, Kayuri Patel and Margaret Odera, for their continued efforts both within their duties and beyond.

A special thank you to Diane Bannister for her dedication and hard work as chairperson. The guild has made tremendous progress under her guidance

and we hope to use all our experiences with her to carry on in the same fashion.

I look forward to taking on my responsibilities and look to you all for your guidance and support in helping me overcome the slight jitters that I experience when I think of the task ahead.

I feel assured that with the new committee and the members by my side we can make this a productive and exciting year!

**Jasvinder Phull**

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### KENYA QUILT GUILD COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2010

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Member	: Gill Rebelo	Member	: Farhat Khan



Kenya Quilt Guild Meetings are held in the East Africa Women's League Headquarters in Nairobi.

Meetings are held, with few exceptions, on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

The Meeting commences at 10 a.m. Members and visitors are asked to gather at 9:30 a.m. to check in, browse the library, and chat.

No meetings are held in the months of August and December.

Annual membership fee of Ksh. 1200 is due in January. Members must present their membership cards at the door. Individuals may come to KQG meetings as a guest no more than twice per year. Guests must be accompanied and signed in by a member. The guest fee is 100/.

## A VISIT TO THE DREAM PROJECT



For several years the KQG have been generously supporting this worthy cause. At our last meeting members approved a donation of Ksh. 70,000/=. Dream Project received the monies and used it to purchase a water tank.

Rachel and Stephen Gichia and the children are so very grateful to us. I would like you to see for yourself what a difference we have made to make their Dream come true!

There will be a visit to Dream Project on THURSDAY 22ND APRIL departing from NAKUMATT JUNCTION at 10.00 am.

We will car pool and proceed to Dream Project. On returning to Junction those who wish can have lunch together at JAVA. Please be prompt!

Those who wish to go on their own can get directions from me. I will have a map prepared.

Come and be proud of what the KQG (and that means YOU) can do!!!!

Gretchen

**Charities Committee**

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## RAINBOW RAFFLE QUILT

*"If you can laugh together, you can work together"*

**Robert Orben**

To complete the RAINBOW QUILT we will require approximately 90 blocks (15" x 6"). So far we have received about 30.

Members are requested to bring in 3"x6" pieces of fabric (of any color) to the next meeting.

Charu will hold an open workshop on 20th April from 09.30-4.30 to work on sorting the fabrics and sewing them together to make up the remaining 60 strips we need.

We know that "*many hands make light work*", so please make the time to come to the workshop, even if it's only for an hour or two! The guild sewing machines will be available, but if you prefer to work on your own machine, please do bring it along!

More workshops will be planned as may be necessary to complete the quilt.

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## NEWS FROM CANADA



We have some very exciting news from Dena who is currently teaching classes in Canada.

She started off teaching at Cotton-by-Post for Suzanne and Garnet, who hosted our 2008 exhibition in Ailsa Craig and who have now relocated to London, Ontario.

They have asked if we would like to take

another exhibition in August 2013, to be held in a wonderful new convention centre in London.

We will have to wait for Dena to return next month for more information but in the meantime let's all start quilting in preparation.

## **BEV'S QUILTING CLASSES – MAY 2010**

These will be full day classes at 1000/- per class except for Hand Quilting which will be a half day class at 500/-. They will probably be held at the Shalom Centre, near the Junction, but if the groups are small we will hold them at my house in Loresho.

All payments to be made in advance to reserve places, either at the April meeting, or by leaving money at The Woman Shop, and sending me an sms on 0722613105 to inform me. Detailed supply list will be sent when you have booked.

Thanks, *Gill*

### **\*Short cuts\***

Card trick, 6 point star, Delectable Mountains, Drunkard's Path and others.

We will make samples of a few of these, some demonstration only. Mostly machine work; suitable for all levels.

Requirements: 3 or 4 fabrics, some contrasting, some matching, but different values. Machine etc

1 day – Tues 18th May

### **\*Quilt as you go\***

A quick method to make a quilt; and putting blocks together to get a ready to bind quilt.

Fast and furious! We will do a Drunkard's Path design but this can be used with any other block. This is mostly by machine, a tiny bit by hand; suitable for all levels. Quick, simple and versatile and good for beginner's as it grows very quickly.

Requirements: Backing, batting and strips of scrap fabric, machine and basic sewing equipment.

1 day - Wed 19th May

### **\*Appliqué\***

Similar to last time. Mostly hand work. Basic and 3-D

Requirements: 16" Background fabric, scraps, thread, freezer paper etc

1 day - Sat 22nd May

### **\*Lone Star\***

Machine construction, using strip piecing.

Requirements: 3 contrasting fabrics (about 1 meter each), background fabric, machine etc.

1 day - Mon 24th May

### **\*Celtic work\***

Using simple curves and symmetry, designing ones' own blocks - when you know how it really is easy!

Then using bias maker or other methods, the construction of the block, this is hand work.

Requirements: Drawing equipment, 16" square plain paper; Sewing equipment, 16" square background and 2 fat quarters contrasting fabric.

1 day - Wed 26th May

### **\*Hand quilting\***

Using the teaspoon method

Requirements: either a quilt top basted and ready to quilt, or a 20" top/batting/backing square, quilting hoop, quilting needles, teaspoon etc

1/2 day – Thurs 27th May



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL MEETING



All you ladies who don't have a project you can carry along with you when you travel, this one's for you. Gill Rebelo will demonstrate how to make Suffolk puffs or yo-yo's and also prairie points. So circles and triangles it's gonna be.

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## BITS AND PIECES

**Website of the month**  
[www.fatcatpatterns.com](http://www.fatcatpatterns.com)

Wonderful for appliqué, check it out... we'll bring you a new one every month. Thanks to Gill!

Lyn Edwards would like to come back to Nairobi.

May or Oct 2010

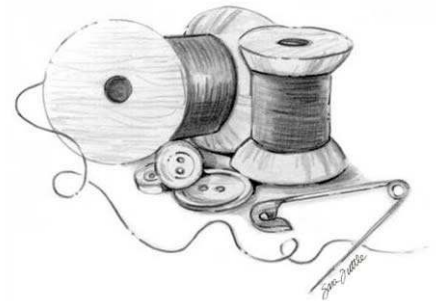
Coming up soon.....  
Paper piecing with Deanna. Watch out for more details.

## **FABRIC AND NOTIONS SHOPS IN NAIROBI, KENYA**

Thanks to Dena Crain we have a list of shops. For further details visit her website [http://www.denacrain.com/blog/?page\\_id=657](http://www.denacrain.com/blog/?page_id=657).

Dena has also requested members to contribute to this list by telling her about their favorite fabric, notions, crafts or other textile related shops. She would like to build the list up and would appreciate any help the Guild members can provide. This would include photographs too. It is intended to help all of us as well as any visitors to the country who would like to know where to shop.

- **Amarson's Collections Ltd.**, Ngara Road
- **Atul's General Merchants**, Biashara Street
- **Buttons & Bows Ltd.**, Yaya Centre Second Floor
- **Coblantra Retail Ltd.**, Raja Building, Biashara Street
- **Combined Supplier Ltd.**, Butt Building, Biashara Street, downtown Nairobi
- **Fashion Point Ltd.**, Shan House, Ngara Road
- **Indigo Boo Ltd.**
- **Kisura Ltd.**, Biashara Street,
- **Mansi's Collections**, Ngara Road
- **Memsaab Ltd.**, Corner Plaza, Ground Floor, Parklands Road,
- **Palak Fabrics Ltd.**, Bhatt Building Ground Floor, Biashara St.
- **Poojah Textiles Ltd.**, Ngara Road.
- **Rainbow Fashions Ltd.**, Ngara Road.
- **Saree Palace Ltd.**, Corner Plaza, Ground Floor, Parklands Road
- **Scooper Ltd.**, Biashara Street.
- **Spinner's Web**, Getathuru Gardens off Peponi Road below Sarit Centre



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## **QUILTING QUOTES!**

*Blankets wrap you in warmth, quilts wrap you in love.*

*Blessed are the children of the piecemakers for they shall inherit the quilts!*

*Our lives are like quilts - bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.*



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