

SNIPPETS



Newsletter of
The Kenya Quilt Guild

February 2011

Message from the Editor

Dear Members,

The year has begun with a bang for us at KQG and the trend promises to continue. Our January meeting was a great success and much appreciated by both members and visitors. Thanks to all who contributed.

I assume most of you are now busy working on the African challenge quilt. Well, do take a break and come for the February meeting on the 17th as you will be able to go home having learned a new skill.

Your committee has been working hard to plan an interesting year for you and details will be revealed as the months go by. For now, sit back relax and enjoy this issue of 'SNIPPETS'!

Warm regards,

Bibiana Pereira

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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/.

urls for blog (<http://kenyaquiltguild.wordpress.com/>)

Facebook Group (<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=134328889915923>);

Highlights: February Meeting



English paper piecing by Deanna Gauder

Deanna Gauder will present a talk about English paper piecing. She asks that all members attending bring along a needle, thread, thimble and small scissors. In fact, bring in a few extras to share with visitors or those who forget.

Also, if you have any projects that have been made by the 'English Paper Piecing' method, bring it along for 'show and tell'.

Deanna will present each attendee with a small kit, thus assuring everyone enjoys a "hands on" experience.

So come along and don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn an old tradition from a great teacher!

Annual Registration

A reminder, for those who couldn't register at the January meeting. **Annual Subs of 1200/=are due** and can be paid at the February meeting. Do take this opportunity to update your contact details, if there are any changes.

We are also asking members for their birthdates this year. Only because we'd like to wish you on your special day, we promise we aren't going to calculate your age 😊.

As much as we encourage members to opt for Snippets via email, if you do require a hard copy of Snippets, please mention it on your registration.

Mark Your Calendars



Committee Meetings

March	Monday	7 th
April	Monday	11 th
May	Monday	9 th
June	Monday	6 th
July	Monday	11 th

Monthly members' meetings

February	Thursday	17 th
March (AGM)	Thursday	17 th
April	Thursday	21 st
May	Thursday	19 th
June	Thursday	16 th

Reminder:2011 AFRICAN QUILT CHALLENGE

I apologize once again for the mistake printed in the last newsletter with regards to the size of the quilt. Below are the correct details...

Every year, members of the Kenya Quilt Guild participate in a quilt challenge event. For 2011, the challenge is to make an African Quilt. From our good friend Magie Relph comes the following challenge description:

Use the name or idea of an African myth, legend, folk tale or god as a basis for a quilt. The quilt does not necessarily have to be pictorial, showing the actual story of the legend. Think about the subject of the story and see if it can lead you to depict the idea of the theme in a different way.

Perhaps you could use certain traditional blocks to represent specific ideas? What about the use of colour to represent certain ideas? Blue- the sky, brown, red ochre- the earth, are simple colour translations. What about using symbols...

Your finished African Challenge Quilt can be any shape, but it must be **no larger than 2,304 square inches in area**. For example, you might make a square quilt measuring 48" x 48" (2,304 square inches). A quilt 32" wide may be no longer than 72". To find the correct proportions to maximize the area, simply divide 2,304 square inches by the width or height of your intended quilt. The answer will be the correct remaining dimension: $2,304 \text{ sq. in.} / 27" = 85"$ and so on. Your quilt need not be this large; smaller quilts will also be most welcome.

If you would like to participate and join in the fun, you might like to have a look at a few websites that can provide some inspiration:

- Indigenous People of Africa and America's [Overview of Kenyan Folklore](#)
- [Kikuyu Fables and Legends](#)
- Myths Encyclopedia's [African Mythology](#)
- Kiki Amedja's [African Legends](#)
- Godcheckers (what fun!) [African Gods](#)
- Exhibition photos on our blog (<http://kenyaquiltguild.wordpress.com/exhibitions/2010-exhibition/>)

For others that address notions of "what is an African quilt?" take a look at these:

- Dena Crain's [What Makes an African Quilt "African?"](#) Tutorial
- Google Images [African Quilts](#)
- Magie Relph's [The African Fabric Shop](#)
- [The St. Theresa Textile Trove](#)
- [The South African Quilters Guild](#)

Then, build up your stash of African fabrics, push your imagination to come up with new design ideas, and come join the fun! Challenge quilts must be completely finished and ready for display by **June 1, 2011**. A prize will be awarded for the best quilt. Get started NOW!

This quilt challenge is open only to members of the Kenya Quilt Guild.



Call for: Favorite recipes

At our last meeting the spread members put out was absolutely delicious. We had our visitors asking for recipes. This led to another idea...

Why not collect members' favorite recipes and post them together on the blog, for all to access!

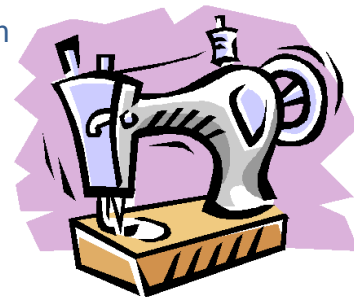
Be sure to tell us something about the history of the recipe. Did you learn it from your mother, pick it up from a friend or out of a magazine or cookbook, or is it original?

Call for Book Reviews: Martine our librarian is offering a free check-out from the library in exchange for a written book review of that book. This review will be published in 'Snippets' and, with the authors permission, on our blog too. This is a great opportunity for members to share their writing skills with the group and also help us advertise the wonderful books we have in our library. If you have any further questions, get in touch with Martine.

Quilting Classes

In **April** we will have Parmjeet Bava from Kuwait come to teach a course on Art Quilts. This will cover various techniques like free motion quilting, free motion embroidery, machine stitches, reverse machine appliqué, needle sketching and thread painting. More details to follow.

In **May** we have Dena Crain teach a class on 'Binding Techniques'. This will be a three hour class and will be held after our monthly meeting on the 19th. The committee is working on finalizing a place. More details to follow.



AGM NOTICE

TO,

**THE MEMBERS,
KENYA QUILT GUILD,
NAIROBI.**

15TH FEBRUARY 2011.

This is to inform you that Kenya Quilt Guild annual general meeting will take place on 17th March 2011 at EAWL head quarters at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA:

- 1) Confirmation of minutes of last annual general meeting.**
- 2) Matters arising thereafter if any.**
- 3) Chairperson's report and address.**
- 4) General Secretary's report.**
- 5) Treasure's and auditor's report as of year ended 31st Dec.2010.**
- 6) Appointment of auditor.**
- 7) Election of office bearers.**
- 8) Copy of draft constitution to be voted on.**
- 9) Any other business.**

Secretary
Kenya Quilt Guild.

Call for volunteers for officers 2011-2012

To run a good programme for our members, we require the time and dedication of a group of dedicated officers. At the AGM we will be electing new officers for the coming year. Please consider volunteering your time. Below is a brief description of each position.

- **Chairman** presides over general and Executive Council meetings
- **Vice-Chairman** fills in for Chairman as needed and helps with education (teachers, library, guest speakers and special programs)
- **Secretary** manages all correspondence, records and meeting notices
- **Treasurer** manages monies and all financial records
- **Membership** keeps records of members and works to expand membership numbers
- **Librarian** manages library resources, acquisitions and records
- **Newsletter Editor** writes and publishes Snippets 10 times a year
- **Public Relations** promotes the KQG in the local and international communities, writes and publishes the KQG WordPress blog, assists with special events
- **Charities** identifies and manages disbursement of funds and resources to non-profit organizations in need of assistance from the KQG
- **2 Members-at-Large** attend Executive Council meetings as general representatives of the membership to advise and monitor Officer activities within the Guild

INVITATION TO KQG MEMBERS

THE WOMAN SHOP takes this opportunity to invite the Kenya Quilt Guild members to join in celebrating

3 YEARS OF BERNINA IN KENYA

on 9th April 2011

The Vice President of Bernina will also be present.

Entry will be strictly by invitation, so all KQG members please R.S.V.P latest by 4th. March 2011. Details of venue and time to follow shortly.

PLEASE REPLY by email to, "kcpattni@thewomanshop.net" or call Kundan on +254 722 671 550.

Best regards.

Kundan.C. Pattni
THE WOMAN SHOP

BITS AND PIECES

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL

The [Good Hope Quilters' Guild](#), under the auspices of the [South African National Quilters' Guild](#) will be holding the 16th South African National Quilt Festival in Stellenbosch, outside of Cape Town, South Africa, from July 1-7, 2011. Find out more information from the [Festival's website](#).

Two of our members, Gill Rebelo and Dena Crain, will be attending the Festival and serving as apprentice judges for the exhibition under the [SAQG Quilt Judging Certification Course](#). They would love to see and receive support from familiar faces from home.

Download the [schedule of events](#) and make your plans early! Spaces fill quickly, so get your reservations in as soon as you can.

CHECK OUT OUR BLOG FOR:

(<http://kenyaquiltguild.wordpress.com/>)

- Lynne Edwards' article
- Classified ads
- Dena Crain's article on Crystal Quilts in American Quilter magazine (available online at http://www.americanquilter.com/publications/digital_issues.php)

Follow KQG on facebook

(<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=134328889915923>)

WOMEN'S SHOP UPDATE

New fabrics have arrived in gorgeous African, animal and other prints.

SEE YOU FOR OUR MEETING ON 17th FEB 2011

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