

# SNIPPETS



Newsletter of  
The Kenya Quilt Guild

March 2011

## Message from the Editor

Dear Members,

I have had a wonderful year with KQG as the editor of 'Snippets'. I would like to thank all of you, who've made my job a happy one through your positive feedback and encouragement. Very special thanks also go to Gill Rebello, who had the foresight to see that I could handle this job, and whose faith and encouragement has motivated me throughout.

I have learned a lot from this experience and I have especially enjoyed interacting with the Executive Committee and contributing towards our plans for the year.

I take this opportunity to wish the new committee a wonderful year ahead.

*Bibiana.*

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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>);

## **Chairperson's Report 2010-2011**

Dear Members,

As we come to the end of our Annual Year 2010, it is a good time to pause and take a look at our achievements and successes during the year.

2010 has been an eventful year, and has seen the Guild move to the next generation, embracing and making full use of the new technologies available today. With the opening of our blog page thanks to Dean Crain and moving a lot of our correspondence to email, making us more efficient thus adding to our successes in the year.

Moving on to other key events during the year; we held our Exhibition in October 2010 which showcased some of our members' best works. Deanna Gaudaur was the proud winner of our first prize, a Bernina Sewing machine, kindly sponsored by Bernina in conjunction with The Woman Shop. The Exhibition Raffle collections were donated to Charity.

In addition to this we have had visits from teachers like Bev Rebelo, Sarah Brewin and finally our celebrity duo Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims who joined us for tea at our January meeting. All leaving a mark on our lives and quilting experience that will remain with us for our lifetime.

I would like to thank Gill Rebelo, Raji Syan and Deanna Gaudaur for the demonstrations at our Monthly meetings. These have been very informative and enlightening.

During the year, our Challenge Quilt went very well and we look forward to our members taking up the next African Quilt Challenge, hosted by Maggie Relph. Good Luck!

As December came about so did our Christmas Party that was extremely fun and enjoyable. It was generously hosted by Bibiana Pereira at her lovely home, she did a brilliant job of making it a success with the help and support of the Members.

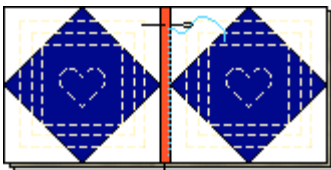
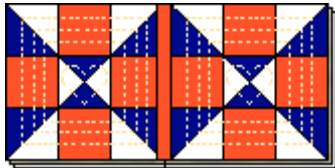
Finally I would to thank the Committee this year who have been very supportive and the driving force to making 2010 the success it was.

I would also like to wish the new Executive Committee that comes into office today, Good Luck and I am sure all Members will support them in assisting to take the Guild from Strength to Strength.

All the Best and God Bless.

Jasvinder Phull  
Outgoing Chairperson

## March Meeting: Quilt-As-You-Go



Demonstration on 'Quilt-As-You-Go'  
by **Martine and Jasvinder** - 24th March 2011

**Quilt-As-You-Go** is a wildly popular quilting technique these days. As you might suspect from the title, it allows you to quilt as you piece, rather than piecing the entire quilt and then quilting it. Not only is it a time saver, it is also an easier method of putting blocks together to get a quilt ready to bind. Fast and furious! This is mostly by machine, and a tiny bit by hand. Quick, simple and versatile, it is very good for beginners as the quilt grows very quickly.

If you have any work using this method, please bring it along to the meeting.

## Mark Your Calendars



### Committee Meetings

April	Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>
May	Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>
June	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>
July	Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>

### Monthly members' meetings

March (AGM)	Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>
April	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>
May	Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>
June	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>

**Reminder: 2011 AFRICAN QUILT CHALLENGE**  
**Due by: June 1, 2011**

## Quilting Classes

In **April** we will have **Parmjeet Bawa** from Kuwait come to teach her class called

### CHEATS AND TREATS

If you haven't already signed up, you can at the AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

#### 2nd April - Thread Sketching (Not thread Painting) Half day class

Black thread- fine cotton which does not run.  
Sewing machine for free motion  
Off white /white fabric to work on .  
You will sketch a small part of the blue mosque.



#### 4th & 5th April - Three Ladies / Sunflower quilt (2 days) - An introduction to the techniques of invisible machine appliqué and how to build a small art quilt using only four fabrics.



**Sewing machine** in good working condition should be able to drop feed dogs and use the free motion foot

**-Sharp needles, Pins** about a dozen and very important

**-Fabrics-** 1/2 meter /1 meter- off white

fat quarters-red, yellow, blue for the Saree (if you want you can change these colors but they should be strong colors to go with the dark skins, darkest brown(chocolate)and charcoal grey(for the skin, black (Printed is good, for hair) Muddy browns-2 shades (for background)

**Small scraps;** red, green, yellow etc. (for the flower pot, flowers and the leaves, lips)

**Threads;** colors matching with all the above mentioned fabric and one black spool. Matching bobbins is always a plus.

**A piece of batting,** the size of the white fabric and a backing fabric

For **sunflowers** you will have to bring an assortment of yellow orange,and blue greens

You will need to bring **color printouts** (of either one of the quilts),one normal printout and one mirror image printout A4 size

**SCISSORS-very important** should be top quality slightly upturned or the bird beak one.

#### 6th April – Golden Feathers (Half day) (burning with soldering iron )

A ready block of A4 size quilt block or a small quilt top with batting and backing for us to work this technique.

Gold (or any metallic fabric (should be 100%nylon) - Will be provided

Soldering iron, A few sheets of A4 printer paper, Pencils and erasers

Thread matching the ready block and or the metallic fabric

A4 size piece of batting

Sewing machine with free motion foot



## 7th April - Thread painting (1day)

Free motion embroidery / Thread Painting - beginner friendly. You will learn how to take your machine beyond the wildest limits of your imagination! You will paint with threads and will turn your ideas into artful quilts! This class will stretch your existing skills and open a whole new world of quilting possibilities!"

Sewing machine for free motion, A selection of threads - Rayon is fine  
A 10 inch embroidery hoop, Masking tape  
Large piece of pale fabric, Solvy (water soluble interfacing -optional)  
Net-black, Sharpie marking pens or chalk soap



## Upcoming Classes by Dena Crain

The first workshop, **Beautiful Bindings**, is a must for every quilter, an introduction to finishing quilts with top quality bindings. This workshop will be offered immediately following the **19th May** Guild meeting. Bring your Student Supplies and a packed lunch to the meeting in the morning. You will set up and begin working immediately after the meeting finishes so everyone can receive 3 full expect to leave before rush hour traffic becomes too heavy.



Dena has taught **Darned Quilts** all over the world. Now we're to have her teach this exciting workshop in Kenya! Working with gradation fabric bundles, now available at The Woman Shop, students will learn how to construct a freehand cut and pieced background, stabilize the background with fusible interfacing and embellish it with all kinds of decorative trims and stitches. From that amazing initial construction, you will cut and swap identical shapes to play contrasts in value and color to the max! What fun, and what a fresh approach to patchwork! Bring your Student Supplies, and a packed lunch and snacks for the day, or join us for pizza ordered in from L'Arena next door.

**Dates: 20 -21 May 2011 at Shalom Centre off Ngong Road**

## **BITS AND PIECES**

### **3 years of Bernina in Kenya**

For the Woman Shop & Bernina event on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2011, Martine requests those of you who have African Quilts or Quilts made on Bernina Machines to bring in your quilts to our meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. These will be put on display for the event.

### **Comfort Quilts for Japan**

A call has gone out for comfort quilts for Japan, where so many people are having a hard time coping with recent disasters. If you have a quilt to donate, or are willing to make one or more quickly, you can find out more about it at <http://tntl1998.blogspot.com/2011/03/patchwork-quilt-tsushin.html>. You will also want to see Patchwork Tsushin in English at <http://www.viq.com/english/indexe.html>.

If you live in Kenya, and you want to contribute a quilt or quilts, bring along your donations to, or state your intentions at, the meeting on Thursday, March 24. We can then discuss how best to send our quilts off to Japan.

### **The Woman Shop: Sale of Hobb's cotton batting**

81" x 96" for 3000/=

90"x 108" for 3600/=

### **Sewing Machine for sale: ELNA 6005**

Audrey, an ex KQG member is leaving the country and has the above sewing machine for sale. The machine has about 9 different feet, is electric and computerized. For details go to, [http://www.elna.com/en-th/model\\_sewing\\_elna-6005-heirloom-edition.php](http://www.elna.com/en-th/model_sewing_elna-6005-heirloom-edition.php)

She is asking for 30,000/= KES. If interested call her on 0728178004.

**SEE YOU FOR OUR AGM ON 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

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