



Wamego Kaw Valley Quilt Guild

Meetings Third Tuesdays of the Month at 6:30 p.m.
At Presbyterian Church, 601 Elm St., Wamego, KS 66547
On the web at <http://wamegokawvalleyquiltguild>

January 2023

Happy New Year!! A New Year means new opportunities to make goals to finish all your UFO's...or one or two, attend a class, purchase a new ruler or template, try a new quilting technique, attend a quilting retreat, volunteer on a quilt guild committee, tackle your scraps, but definitely...make time to quilt! Also, with the New Year means annual membership dues will be collected in January. Dues are \$10 and members 80 years of age or older, are no charge. Our treasurer, Janet Wohler, will have membership forms. A new membership form must be filled out each year, so we know who current members are, to continue receiving the newsletter.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 14th – Saturday Sew Day @ Presbyterian Church 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Jan 17th – Quilt Guild Meeting @ 6:30 p.m., Program UFO Roundup

Jan 21st – Snowman Bench Pillow Class @ Quilts & Crafts (Janet Wohler)

Feb. 11th – Y-Seams Class @ Quilts & Crafts (Janet Wohler)

April 15th & 16th – Tulip Festival Quilt Show

Instructor listed in parentheses...contact for information



Happy Birthday!!
Mary Bailey – January 6th
Paula Woodward – January 9th

January program will be the UFO Roundup – Bring the UFO's you finished in 2022 for a special Sew & Tell. If you kept a UFO list, bring it to share. If you have any tips or strategies for boosting your finishing energy, come prepared to share. April Darnell will lead the informal program.

Member Spotlight – Carrie Edmonds



1. How long have you been quilting? My quilting obsession began after I took my first class in 2014, however, I have been sewing for as long as I can remember. I began making garments and other miscellaneous items for projects throughout my 4-H career and then other small projects throughout my 20s & 30s.

2. How did you become interested in quilting? My fascination and appreciation for quilts and quilting began very young. As a small child, I would tag along with my Great-Grandma Riepen to "Quilting", where a group of ladies would sit around a frame and hand stitch a large quilt. My task was to cut a length of thread as long as my arm span using little gold stork scissors, then thread their needles. In my late teens, my mom encouraged me to save my meaningful t-shirts to make a quilt and inspired me to start learning so I could make that quilt myself. All of my grandmothers and great-grandmothers on both sides of my family were sewers and quilters, my sewing and quilting roots run deep.

3. Who taught you to quilt? As for quilting, I am self-taught for the most part, I do enjoy taking classes when I have a chance and love to learn new techniques and tricks. My Grandma Lucille, laid my sewing foundation while teaching me to garment sew for 4-H.

4. What was the first quilt project you made? The first quilty project I remember making was a hexagon shaped lone star table topper as a teenager, cutting a cardboard template, and tracing to cut the fabric diamonds out of scraps from several of my 4-H sewing projects.

5. What quilter inspires you? Seeing everyone's completed projects at guild meetings and online is what inspires me to keep working on my ever-growing list of unfinished projects and works in progress.

6. What is on your to make list? My quilting bucket list is a long one...a V & Co. ombre quilt, a large lone star quilt, a Lori Holt farm animals quilt, an English paper pieced grandmother's flower garden quilt, a one-block wonder quilt, several t-shirt quilts and a foundation paper pieced quilt, to name a few.

7. How many sewing machines do you have? Presently, I have 13 sewing machines in my collection: a Singer treadle, a Singer Commercial Grade, 2 sergers, a Janome 6600, a Janome single needle embroidery machine, 2 white Singer Featherweights, 4 black Singer Featherweights and a Juki Platinum straight stitch.

8. What's your favorite notion? The Creative Grids Stripology XL Ruler is my favorite notion. It makes cutting accurate strips, squares, diamonds and squaring up completed blocks quick and easy with very little waste.

9. What's your favorite Quilt Shop? My favorite out of state quilt shop is Quilts & Quilts in Branson, Missouri, with their wide selection of fabric, quilt kits and samples in their shop. Locally, Stitch On, outside of Lawrence is my other favorite shop, with their awesome customer service and great Facebook live events.

10. If you're not quilting, what other hobby do you do? When I am not quilting, I can be found working my full-time job as an Agriculture Risk Management Broker & Office Manager for Buchanan & Company in Manhattan. I also handle the buyer registration and settlement for Crossroads Real Estate & Auction. On the weekends, I also spend time helping my parents on the farm and spending time with my family (mostly my niece). In the spring and summer, I enjoy growing tomato plants in cattle mineral tubs on my patio and containers of flowers.

No guild minutes will be attached to this newsletter, since there was not a meeting in December.

**Jelly Rolls, Layer Cakes,
Crumb Quilts?
Somewhere along the way my sewing room
And my kitchen seem to have merged!**