

RIVER HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD
A Consolidated History of the First 10 Years

On March 13, 1989, a group of people interested in forming a quilt guild met in the Hirsch Room of the Cape Public Library. The meeting was chaired by Sherry Hazel. Each person told something about herself and her interest in quilting. A goal for the guild was read by Sherry. It is the same as our purpose today, as stated in the By-Laws. It was suggested at that time that the goal could be re-written to meet the needs of the members. A questionnaire was handed out and a name contest was announced for the next 2 meetings. Committees and officers were discussed and a question was raised about having a day meeting. Vikki Trantham gave a program about the AQS in Paducah, Kentucky. Door prizes were won by Nancy Ross, Marie Repert, Merle Deneke and Bob Rambo.

A steering committee consisting of Sherry Hazel, Vikki Trantham, Judy Robinson and Nancy Pleimann met March 25 to discuss upcoming meetings. After considerable discussion of the name and logo contest, it was decided to consolidate the list of names into 3 to 5 for a vote. A Nominating Committee was selected to present a slate of 4 officers. Committees needed were: Membership, Program, Special Projects, Nominating, By-Laws, Newsletter, Refreshments and Clean Up.

At the April meeting, 34 people paid dues. The dues were set at \$3.00 for April, May and June. For the first show and tell, 17 people shared 28 quilts. Bob Rambo, winner of door prize fabric in March, generated lots of interest with his pieced and quilted circle using the fabric he won.

At the May 1989 meeting, ballots were given to vote on the following 4 names for the guild: River Heritage, Happy Scraps, River City and Nimble Thimbles. Of course, the final vote was River Heritage Quilters' Guild submitted by Vikki Trantham. New officers were elected at the June meeting as follows: President - Vikki Trantham; Vice-President - Sherry Hazel; Secretary - Betty Murray; Treasurer - Nancy East; and Historian - Marj Suedekum. A donation of \$180.00 was given to the guild by anonymous donors to help establish the guild. Sincere thanks was expressed to the givers of the generous donation. The first summer challenge was presented by Jeannie Soellner. It was a charm quilt idea with members exchanging 4" fabric pieces. By June, there were 44 members in the River Heritage Quilters' Guild.

At the September 1989 meeting, 30 members joined paying \$12.00 each. By the end of the 1989-1990 year, a total of 58 members had joined. By-Laws had been drafted over the summer and were given to members to review. These were finally passed in February 1990. During September, the guild assisted the Cape

Public Library with a Basic Hands-On Quilt Block project. In October 1989, work began on quilts to be donated to the Sheriff's Department. In November, Marj Suedekum edited our first newsletter. In December, the guild held its first Christmas dinner with a silent auction. In January 1990, Judy Robinson and her committee presented Lt. Bud Proffer with 4 quilts to be carried in deputies' cars for use in emergency situations.

In March, Marj Suedekum announced that 12 books had been purchased and presented to the library with funds from the donation money. Since it was the first birthday of the guild, gifts were also exchanged by members. In April, 3 quilters from Germany attended the meeting. They were on their way to Paducah for the AQS show. On May 3, 1990, the guild held its first workshop. Pam Ryan from Ballwin, Missouri, had a 2 session workshop -- Card Tricks in the morning and Crosses and Losses in the afternoon. It was well attended.

In June 1990, new officers were installed. They were President - Judy Robinson; Vice-President - Sherry Hazel; Secretary - Glenda Nations; Treasurer - Nancy East; and Historian - Marj Suedekum. On June 9, the guild participated in Riverfest and received \$75.00 for being a working craft exhibit. At the June meeting, Friendship Album blocks were presented to Vikki Trantham who was moving from Cape. Two books, The Threads of Time, were presented to the Cape Public Library and to the Riverside Regional Library in Jackson.

At the September 1990 meeting, 31 members joined the guild, and by the end of the 1990-1991 year, 54 people had become guild members. The meeting was held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, a mistake since it was opening night of the SEMO District Fair. A discussion on meeting places followed. The guild donated \$15.00 for a Best of Show Award and a \$10.00 Best Wall Quilt Award for the SEMO District Fair. Dorothy Bowers and Vonda Slinkard volunteered to serve on a committee to amend the By-Laws. A search was also on for a guild logo. A fabric package from Yuki Moser of West Germany was received. These fabrics were divided and given as door prizes over the next several months.

In October, after several meeting locations had been investigated, Central High Cafeteria was chosen as the new meeting site for the guild at a cost of \$10.00 per hour. (The room rate at St. Andrew was more than was originally thought, being \$50.00 per night instead of \$20.00 per night). A fabric shower was given to Sherry Hazel who was moving to Collinsville, Illinois. In November, a motion was made to amend the By-Laws to allow for the appointment of a new Vice-President. That month, Nancy East volunteered her home to work on quilting projects. Also in November, 5 members helped set up and 8 members participated as quilt sitters at the Daves-Dace House on South Frederick Street in

connection with the Historical Association Home Tour. Lots of quilts were displayed and members worked on various projects.

In December, Donna Stanley was appointed as the guild's new Vice-President. The second annual Christmas buffet and silent auction was held.

In January 1991, the guild held a show at the Gallery 100. The exhibit featured 13 wallhangings, 12 quilts and several table runners. The show was well attended with 180 people the first week alone. It was suggested the guild make quilts for the Lutheran Family & Children's Services and to donate quilt blocks to Butterfield Youth Services. Plans for a workshop in April were underway. In February, Pat's Fabric Outlet donated fabric for use in making infants' and children's quilts. A thank you went to Doris Koeberl of Pat's for the donation. It was voted to buy 500 note pads with quilt related patterns and sayings to be resold as a fundraiser. In March, the guild celebrated its second birthday.

April 1991 was a busy one for the guild, as we had our second workshops. Mildred Locke of Bell Buckle, Tennessee, came to Cape for an applique and trapunto workshop. A program titled "Quilts in Women's Lives" was held at the University with Betty Buckley speaking on local guilds and Alice Fisher presenting a program on the Kansas City Star patterns. Members volunteered quilts for display and demonstration. A fabric shower was held for Yuki Moser's friend, Annette, of East Germany. Fabrics are very hard to find there and, when found, are very expensive. Lynne Taylor, Dorothy Bowers and Marj Suedekum designed a logo for the guild. It was printed on tote bags and t-shirts before the AQS show so members could proudly wear them there. The guild participated in the spring opening of the Glenn House with a quilt display set up by Sara Davis and her committee.

By May 1991, 30 blocks for the first fundraiser quilt had been collected. Mary Lou McNair, Nancy East, Conna Abernathy and Joan Meyer volunteered to put the blocks together. A total of 37 blocks were collected for Butterfield Youth Services. It was announced that the Cape Public Library was reserved from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. one Thursday per month from May to August to work on quilting projects. Sixteen quilts were presented to Molly Strickland of the Lutheran Family and Children's Services. In June, new officers were installed. They were President - Judy Robinson; Vice-President - Nancy Ross; Secretary - Barbara Campbell; Treasurer - Nancy Pleimann; and Historian - Marj Suedekum. Handmade quilt blocks depicting each office and quilted heart pins were given to each officer.

In September 1991, the guild met at the Cape Public Library with 44 members paying dues for the upcoming year. By the end of the year, we had 66 members. The yearbook for the year was

debuted. Special thanks went to Nancy Ross and Marj Suedekum for all of their hard work. It was decided to add the Cape County Health Department to the list of groups to receive community project quilts. A group of members participated in the quilting demonstration at Black Forest.

In November 1991, the guild voted to donate \$100.00 to the Library Book Mobile Service. The December meeting was held at Lynnwood Baptist Church with a salad and dessert buffet and silent auction. It was voted to donate \$100.00 to the restoration of the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts.

At the February 1992 meeting, it was decided to have a display at the Heartland Antique Emporium in connection with the Dogwood Tour in April. The fundraiser quilt will also be on display with raffle tickets available for purchase. A drawing will be held to give the quilt away on the last day of the show. At the March meeting, an item of growing concern was read about the Smithsonian Institution Museum licensing the reproduction of quilts from their collection to be made in China and sold in the United States. It was voted to have a letter of protest to the action drafted so that members could sign it and mail it to the Museum.

In April, the guild participated in the Dogwood Tour at the Heartland Antique Emporium. The fundraiser quilt was raffled with Nancy Pleimann the lucky winner. A profit of \$746.03 was made from the quilt. A new fundraiser quilt featuring a grape basket pattern was introduced. Two letters were drafted by Barbara Campbell to be sent to the Product Development and Licensing Office and to Robert Adams, Secretary to the Smithsonian. The letters were approved and signed by 32 members. Since the Cape Public Library had a new policy regarding meetings only being scheduled 3 months in advance, the search was on for a new meeting site.

At the June 1992 meeting, 6 quilts were presented to Nancy Stiegemeyer of the Lutheran Family & Children's Services, and 7 quilts were presented to June Wernsman of the Cape County Health Department. Corena Miller reported the guild can meet at Centenary United Methodist Church beginning in September. The charge will be \$10.00 per month. Thirty-five packets containing pre-cut fabric for the fundraiser quilt were passed out. Karen Gay, Joyce Holloway and Delma Loftis installed the new officers. They were President - Jane Stodghill; Vice-President - Barbara Campbell; Secretary - Janice Keith; Treasurer - Corena Miller; and Historian - Marj Suedekum. The new officers were given chatelaines made by the installation committee.

In September 1992, 43 members joined the guild with 59 total members by the end of the year. Nancy East reported 13 receiving

blankets were made over the summer and were donated to Birthright and to the Division of Family Services. Fabrics Unlimited donated 120 pounds of fabrics to the guild to be used for community projects. It was announced that Irma Gail Hatcher will come to Cape for a workshop on May 14 and 15, 1993. The monthly lottery block was incorporated into the meetings.

In October 1992, Lynne Taylor announced that we would order sweatshirts with the guild logo. Marj Suedekum announced that the calendars with the guild logo were printed and ready to be purchased. Members of the guild voted on a change in the By-Laws. Jane Stodghill asked that a motion be made to change the membership fees to a straight \$12.00 for the entire year. A motion was made, seconded and passed. Jane distributed information on not-for-profit incorporation to be discussed in November. It was discussed in November with a decision made to get the By-Laws in order before the guild could proceed with incorporation. Bonnie Windisch proposed the guild purchase a brick at a cost of \$40.00 to be laid on the Promenade River Side of the MAQS. It will have the guild's name on it. This was voted on in December with the motion carried. The guild purchased the Quilt Guild of America Resource Book. It was voted to also purchase the Quilter's Travel Companion for West of the Mississippi. The meeting featured the annual Christmas buffet and silent auction. Nancy East reported 4 quilts were completed and that the Division of Family Services was in need of quilts. In January 1993, the meeting was canceled due to bad weather. In February, Nancy East reported 2 quilts had been given to the Safe House, 4 quilts given to Lutheran Family & Children's Services and 3 quilts given to the Division of Family Services. By the end of the 1992-1993 year, 20 more quilts were given to Birthright, County Health and the Safehouse. In February, Marj Suedekum had a workshop on miniatures with 10 members attending.

Mary Lou McNair displayed the grape basket raffle quilt top at the March meeting. The lottery block for March was Autograph Star with members signing their names to their own block. There were enough blocks to have 2 drawings which were won by Betty Buckley and Karen Gay. National Quilt Day was celebrated on March 20 with the President of the Missouri State Guild, Emma Lou Crocket, in charge of the meeting. Demonstrations on quilting techniques and information were shared. Everyone brought lunches, and a great time was had by all.

In April, we lost a member, Verona Smith. A book was donated to the Jackson Riverside Library in her memory. Mary Lou McNair reported there were 13 entries in the Heartland Antique Emporium Quilt Show held in conjunction with the annual Dogwood Tour. During May, Irma Gail Hatcher presented a wonderful trunk show, lecture and workshop.

In June, the guild was represented in the Riverfest Parade, but did not participate in the working arts demonstration. New officers were installed by Karen Gay and Joyce Holloway. Officers were President - Corena Miller; Vice-President - Barbara Campbell; Secretary - Nyra Katt; Treasurer - Kay Kenner; and Historian - Marj Suedekum.

The September 1993 meeting reported a total of 49 members paying dues. We had 62 members as of February 1994. The raffle quilt was ready to be quilted and members were encouraged to sign up or simply show up to quilt on it. A new feature called Tip/Technique was introduced since "hands-on" has been a recurring theme every year. It was reported that 10 utility quilts were made and donated to the Red Cross for Flood Relief Day. A motion was made and seconded that we book Suzanne Marshall of Clayton for the May meeting. She will present a trunk show and lecture. The motion carried. The guild purchased muslin to be used by members for all guild related projects so the "look" and "feel" would be uniform. New incentives for show and tell were introduced. The golden scissors award will be given for a quilt with stipulations on size and maker. Gold safety pins will be given for any show and tell. At the October meeting, Bonnie Windisch and Nancy East presented the Christmas raffle quilt top to be awarded to a lucky ticket holder in December. Chances could be purchased for 50¢. A new name tag was introduced at the October meeting. They are made of muslin and silk screened with the guild logo. Finishing will be up to the individual, but her name must be on it. In compliance with the motion passed in November 1992, the By-Laws had been revised by the Board of Directors. These were discussed. With the lack of a quorum present, the discussion had to be stopped. A sewing day with Betty Buckley was announced since she is moving to Arkansas. It was held November 13 at the Sewing Basket. The quilt for the First Baby of the New Year born at Southeast Missouri Hospital is ready to be quilted.

The December 1993 meeting featured the annual buffet. This year, however, the meat was provided by the guild with members bringing a salad, vegetable or dessert. A discussion on the By-Laws was tabled until the January meeting. Corena Miller won the Christmas raffle quilt and Lu Simpson won the lottery blocks. A silent auction was also held. Nancy East is now having evening community projects meetings in addition to the day meetings.

At the January meeting, it was reported that Holly Dawn Fortenberry had received the quilt for the first baby born in 1994. Suzanne Marshall was unable to come to the May meeting, but can make the June meeting for her trunk show and lecture. Discussion of the By-Laws was postponed due to a lack of a quorum. These were completed in February and the new By-Laws were passed. They will take effect July 1, 1994.

Barbara

Campbell

It was April 1994. Community Projects had 11 quilts ready to be donated, and we were involved in the protest of Chinese reproductions of American Heritage Quilts. The quilt that was donated to The American Diabetes Foundation was acknowledged.

The raffle quilt will be displayed at the Bowers' booth at Riverfest next month. The new officers for 1994-1995 were installed. They were: President - Corena Miller; Vice-President - Betty Cord; Secretary - Nyra Campbell; Treasurer - Kay Kenner; and Historian -Marj Suedekum.

In September 1994, 59 members were present. The guild began regular visits to Black Forest in October and May. Quilting was demonstrated and tickets for the opportunity quilt were sold. A RHQG pin was introduced. Four baby quilts were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis. Bettina Havig joined us in October for a Friday night lecture and a weekend workshop. In November, 2 quilts were donated to a family that had lost their home in a fire. Pauline Trout presented a program on applique.

By December 1994, the library was in full swing. A quilt and a teddy bear were presented to another family that had experienced a fire. The silent auction made \$552.10!

The first baby of 1995 received the traditional quilt from RHQG. Judy Robinson, Betty Cord and Jane Stodghill had quilts on display in the Heartland Regional Area Quilt Show at the MAQS in Paducah. Due to the unpredictable weather in February, a sewing evening took place in lieu of a formal program. Members of Community Projects brought items to work on.

Laura Crews-Lewis visited the guild in March. She presented a wonderful program enjoyed by all. Judy Robinson's quilt, "Turkey in the Straw," was accepted into the AQS Quilt Show in Paducah. The guild participated in the Home Show at the Show-Me Center in April. A quilt was made and sold to the show to be used as a door prize. A camera was purchased by the guild to be used by the Historian. Dawn Sarrault presented the program, discussed her book, Quilting Through the Year, and autographed copies for guild members.

In May, RHQG became incorporated. The vision for a quilt show began to take shape. A quilt was donated to Juvenile Diabetes for an auction. Betty O'Dell presented a fashion show for the last program of the year. The installation of officers was the highlight of the evening.

Madeline

Gieselman

In September 1995, the meeting was held at the Centenary United Methodist Church with 65 members present. We reached 100 members the following April. New officers were President - Bonnie Windisch; Vice-President - Corena Miller; Secretary - Pat Robert; Treasurer - Kay Kenner; and Historian - Marj Suedekum. Money was raised for the library and general fund at the silent auction which followed the Christmas potluck meal. The fall project was a four-step mystery quilt. The spring project was called "Build a Quilt."

The 1995 nine patch raffle quilt was won by Maureen Floyd from Cape Girardeau. The log cabin quilt that will be raffled in 1996 will be taken home by members this year to hand quilt. Guild members were asked to make a 6 1/2" unfinished quilt block of their choice to be included in the 1997 raffle quilt. Lynne Taylor won a miniature quilt at the November meeting. In December, Joan Meyer won the placemats, table runner and matching napkins.

Five year membership pins were presented to Mary Belle Dohogne, Lois Emerine, Corena Miller, Joyce Holloway, Delma Loftis, Florence McKinney, Niva Spivey, Jane Stodghill and Evelyn Zimmerman. Karen Gay, Rita Whaley and Nancy Ross tied for the Viewer's Choice awards for the Round Robin quilts completed over the summer. Rita Whaley, Nancy Ross and April Darnell won ribbons at the SEMO District Fair. JoAnn Otto and Madeline Gieselman won awards at the Cairo Riverboat Days.

Phyllis Miller of Murray, Kentucky, presented a workshop on "Sets and Sashing" on October 6 and 7. Guild members participated at Black Forest in October and April. They had a booth at the Celebration in the Park festivities when the Olympic torch came through Cape Girardeau and at Riverfest.

This year, quilts were donated to the Safe House, Lutheran Family & Children's Services, Birthright, the Cape Girardeau Police, Dr. Ritter in the Barbuda Islands, the Diabetes Foundation and the Division of Family Services. Latricia Betts and baby daughter, Kala Renise Betts, of Charleston, Missouri, received the "First Baby of the New Year" quilt.

Much work was done by the committee headed by Jane Stodghill in preparation for the first guild quilt show to be held September 28 and 29 in the Family Life Center of Centenary United Methodist Church. The show will be judged, not juried. We will have

vendors. Thelma Stone will conduct quilt appraisals, and Bonnie Browning will judge the show. Laura Crews-Lewis will be the featured quilter. Quilt show hostesses will wear aprons for identification purposes. A catalog will be provided for the viewers. There will be 6 categories for quilts: pieced, applique, group, miniature, wallhanging and challenge/theme wallhanging. Prize money will be awarded as follows: Best of Show - \$100.00; First Place for each category - \$50.00; Second Place for each category - \$25.00; and Third Place for each category - \$15.00. Ribbons will also be awarded. A Viewer's Choice Award will be a basket of goodies donated by vendors. The entrance fee will be \$3.00.

The guild joined NQA in April 1996. Membership pins were presented to President, Bonnie Windisch, and to past Presidents, Judy Robinson, Jane Stodghill and Corena Miller.

Our programs included explanations of the Round Robin quilts and an ugly fabric exchange. Mary Hackett of Carterville, Illinois, gave a slide show titled "Quilting by the Seat of Your Pants." Betty Buckley of Arkansas, a former guild member, talked about "Oriental Art in Your Quilts." Bonnie Browning, who represented AQS of Paducah, Kentucky, discussed entering quilts in quilt shows, tips on preparing your quilt for a show and the different types of judging of quilts. Linda Stovall presented a program on "Incorporating Patchwork Quilting and Applique into Your Clothing." JoAnna Johnson of Carbondale, Illinois, presented slides about dyeing fabric. Bonnie Windisch and Linda Klein showed us their photo art projects and answered questions about fabric photography. Our final program was a trunk show of beautiful antique fabrics, antique lace and indigo fabrics from the Kirk Collection of Omaha, Nebraska.

Mary K.

Reed

The 1996-1997 year for the RHQG was a busy one with many projects undertaken and completed during the year. Membership grew from 106 to 113 members. The guild continued to hold its meetings at Centenary United Methodist Church.

Committee Chairmen for the year were: Yearbook/Newsletter - Susie McRoy; Community Projects - Nancy East and Bonnie Windisch; Library - Phyllis Herbst; Membership - Lu Simpson; Special Events - Mary Lou McNair; Pattern of the Month - Linda Klein; Hospitality - Cheral Benthall; Special Projects - Cookie Little; Tips/Techniques - Doris Koeberl.

The September meeting was presided over by President Madeline Gieselman. Seventy-four members were present with 4 new members

and 8 visitors. The year's budget for \$2,365.00 was presented and approved by the membership. Bonnie Windisch presented the new service pin awards procedure. Service pins will be presented after a member accumulates 100 service points.

The Special Events Committee announced that the guild would participate in "A Walk Through History" on Saturday, September 21, at Old St. Vincent's Seminary, sponsored by Southeast Missouri Hospital Hospice. Linda Klein of the Pattern of the Month Committee announced the block of the month project was an Amish Wallhanging. Doris Koeberl's Tip/Technique was on quilt sleeves and labels. Jane Stodghill announced that 92 quilts had been entered in the 1996 Quilt Show.

On October 14, the guild met with 58 members attending, 4 new members and 13 guests. The President read a note from Jane Stodghill thanking all who had helped with the quilt show. The program was presented by guild members who displayed Christmas projects. Bonnie Windisch reported that quilts were recently donated to the American Red Cross, Birthright and Lutheran Family & Children's Services.

At the November meeting, it was announced that Judy Robinson had received Honorable Mention in the Benartex Challenge. Jane Stodghill announced that the 1996 Quilt Show cleared \$157.00. The Quilt Show Committee has recommended that the 1998 show be held at the Centenary Family Life Center on September 26 and 27. President Gieselman announced that Jane Stodghill would be the 1998 show chairman. Drawing for the opportunity quilt was held, and Sharon Smith of Fredericktown was the winner. Cookie Little announced that a total of \$1,733.00 had been raised in ticket sales. A program on quilt restoration was presented by Bonnie Windisch and Madeline Gieselman.

The traditional Christmas potluck dinner was held at the December 9 meeting. Members were asked to share recipes for later publication into a cookbook. During the business meeting, guild members voted to mail out a newsletter every other month and to donate \$200.00 to Centenary United Methodist Church. The guild also decided to donate 1 quilt to the American Red Cross and 4 or 5 trauma quilts to Sister Rita, a missionary working in the Ozarks.

It was announced at the January 13 meeting that the donation to Centenary would be used for the children's department. A "Mystery Quilt" workshop will be held on March 15, National Quilting Day. Judy Robinson and Mary Kay Reed demonstrated fabric dyeing for the program that evening.

The guild met February 13 with 58 members present. Thank you notes from quilt recipients were read. Cheryl Reinagel proposed a

trip to the 1997 Houston International Quilt Festival on October 21-25. Members were encouraged to sign up for the trip. Community Projects will donate items for the AQS Auction in April to benefit the museum. Nancy Ross and Nancy Pleimann are to conduct the "Mystery Quilt" workshop for National Quilting Day. Several applique methods were demonstrated by Doris Koeberl, Jane Stodghill, Mary Kay Reed and Madeline Gieselman. Phyllis Herbst announced that the guild library has grown to the extent that she is looking into the purchase of a cabinet to store the books.

Fifty-three were present at the March 10 meeting. Phyllis Herbst announced that a compilation of minutes of meetings would be available in the library. Mary Belle Dohogne reported that several quilts had been donated to the Safe House, Birthright and to Sister Rita. The Round Robin Challenge for 1997-1998 will be "It's in the Stars." Lise Thomsen demonstrated and displayed Bobbin Lace.

The 1997-1998 slate of officers was announced at the April 14 meeting. Nominees were: President - Madeline Gieselman; Vice-President - Bonnie Windisch; Secretary - Jeanette Masten; Treasurer - Michelle Tufts; and Historian - Lynne Taylor. Merle Deneke will have a challenge quilt on display at the AQS Show for the Saturday night autograph party. Cookie Little reported that the opportunity quilt is about two-thirds completed. Carol Carney, owner of Cobblestone Cupboard, presented the program on watercolor quilts.

Officers presented at the April meeting were elected at the May 12th meeting. Cookie Little presented the completed opportunity quilt and urged members to start selling tickets. Susie McRoy and Linda Klein showed the completed Block of the Month project. Summer challenge blocks are to be exchanged at the June meeting and displayed in October. The program consisted of book reviews by Nancy Ross, Doris Koeberl, Madeline Gieselman, Bonnie Windisch and Jane Stodghill.

The last meeting of the 1996-1997 year was held on June 9. A cookbook project was discussed. Linda Inabnet of the Rend Lake Piecemakers Quilt Guild announced a Quilt Show on October 18-19 in Benton, Illinois. She asked RHQG members to enter and attend. Nancy East reported that Community Projects had donated 47 quilts. Five year pins were presented to Judy Kucera, Bambi Robinson, Kay Kenner, Doris Koeberl, Leota Lorenz and Bonnie Windisch. Linda Klein won an award for most show and tells, and Monica Lewis won an award for most quilting points. The program was presented by Evelyn Zolataroff of Wickliffe, Kentucky, who displayed quilts and demonstrated rug hooking.

McNair

Mary Lou

During the 1997-1998 year, the RHQG met at Centenary United Methodist Church. At the September meeting, the following officers were installed: President - Madeline Gieselman; Vice-President - Bonnie Windisch; Secretary - Jeanette Mastin; Treasurer - Michelle Tufts; and Historian - Lynne Taylor. It was decided to continue awarding a gold safety pin for each show and tell item. Nancy East announced that the Community Projects Committee will continue to have monthly sew days at her home. There were 56 members present at the first meeting this year. Glenda Nations announced that a cookbook was going to be compiled with members' recipes and sold as a money making project. Nancy Pleimann, Madeline Gieselman and Kay Kenner served as judges at the SEMO District Fair.

At the October meeting, 28 people had signed up to go to the Houston Quilt Show. The guild participated in the Octoberfest activities at Black Forest by demonstrating quilting. Secret sewing sisters were formed this year, and the assignments were made by Nancy Ross. The program was presented by Mary Kay Reed. It consisted of a showing of the Round Robin quilt wallhangings made over the summer. The Viewer's Choice Award winners were Rita Whaley - First Place; Joyce Kester - Second Place; and Harriet Stewart - Third Place.

The winner of the 1997 raffle quilt was drawn at our November meeting. It was RHQG member, Julie Zinner. The program on creating quilt labels was presented by Mary Lou Amantea of the Kotton Patch in St. Louis.

In December, it was voted to purchase a storage cabinet for guild materials and library books. The guild also voted to purchase 100 Breast Cancer Awareness Pins to be sold at the quilt show in September. The pins are from Bernina, and Bernina will match the money raised. Proposed standards for the quilt show were on display, and it was voted to purchase supplies for 80 standards at a cost of \$1,550.00. The annual Christmas potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. It was followed by the silent auction, our library fundraiser.

A slide show/talk on red and white quilts was the program presented by Ann Watkins at our January meeting. During this month, the guild had quilts on display at Gallery 100.

During the February meeting, it was decided to include the minutes in the newsletter each month. Jim Biundo from Southeast Missouri State University asked the guild to create a quilt to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the University. The quilt will be displayed April 5-10 during the anniversary celebration and then will be permanently displayed at the University. It was decided to make the University quilt instead of a raffle quilt for

1999.

A retreat was held at Kentucky Lake in March. Twenty-eight members participated in the mystery quilt workshop which was held on Saturday. The Community Projects Committee continued to make quilts to donate to charity fundraisers, the Police and Fire Departments and children in need. The program in March consisted of games and cake to celebrate the RHQG's birthday.

In April, a program on shibori, a resist surface design technique, was presented by Sara King from King's Quilting Studio in Paducah, Kentucky. The slate of officers for 1998-1999 was presented.

In May, it was announced that the Missouri State Quilters Guild had published one of our publicity articles in the state newsletter. The officers were voted in by acclamation. Eighteen members attended a lecture presented by Cathy Grafton on Prairie Quilts and several more attended the applique workshop on "Wildflowers and More." The guild participated in Western Days on May 16 at Black Forest. The program was presented by Melody Anderson from Melody's Fashions and Gifts. Her subject was photo transfers.

Jane Stodghill gave a report at the June meeting about the progress of the next RHQG Quilt Show in September 1998. Corena Miller announced that the Breast Cancer Awareness Pins were in and would cost \$5.50. She also asked members to make miniature quilts to be auctioned at the quilt show with proceeds being donated to a local cancer support group. Membership reached 100 this year. Cheryl Reinagel announced that the cookbooks would be delivered in July and will sell for \$8.50 each. Bonnie Fiser of Paducah, Kentucky, presented a program on her family's miniature quilt business.

The pattern of the month for this past year was paper piecing, and members received several different patterns each month. A quilt block exchange was also held for several months with members making and exchanging blocks.

Nancy

Wilson

Seventy members, 6 new members and 4 guests attended the September 14, 1998, guild meeting. New officers were introduced as follows: President - Merle Deneke; Vice-President - Tenna Henning; Secretary - Susie McRoy; Treasurer - Caroline Tilghman; and Historian - Joycelyn Kasten. The budget for 1998-1999 was proposed, reviewed and then approved. Tenna Henning reported on the progress of the University Quilt. Julie Zinner and Cookie Little presented the finished raffle quilt. The guild library now

contained 161 books. Five year service pins were presented to Nola Koch, Nyra Connant, Cookie Little, Betty Cord, Madeline Gieselman, Nancy Wilson, Lu Simpson, Cheryl Benthall, Helen Bannister, Agatha Hawn, Thelma Stone and Dickie Sneed. Jane Stodghill presented an update on the quilt show. A total of 96 quilts have been entered (24 pieced, 5 applique, 25 wallhangings, 8 miniature, 11 theme, 19 group and 5 other). We have new standards and t-shirts. Fourteen vendors will be on site at the show. A total of \$1,360.00 has been raised for prize money.

The October 12 meeting featured a mixer -- each member introduced herself and gave a brief history of her quilting background. It was announced that the silent auction for breast cancer held at the quilt show raised \$1,053.00. Cookbooks were still available for sale. Guild members were asked to sell tickets for Mall Days and to work in the concession stand at the soccer tournaments as guild fundraisers. Nancy East reported that 7 to 8 baby quilts had been given out that week. Sign-ups were requested for the display at Gallery 100 in January. Snack sacks were exchanged. Guild officers presented the "Best Dressed Fashion Show."

In November, Madeline Gieselman, out-going President, was presented with a sampler quilt by the 1997 Block of the Month Committee. Jane Stodghill was recognized for her work as the quilt show chairman for the 1996 and 1998 guild quilt shows. A book, The Perfect Stitch, was donated to the guild library in Jane's honor. It was announced that the quilt show chairman for 2000 will be Madeline Gieselman. The 1998 quilt show showed a profit of \$590.00. Community Projects donated a quilt for David Murphy's fundraiser. A baby quilt was also donated to the Crisis Center. The program that evening featured a demonstration and video on the the Flynn Quilting Frame.

Seventy-one members, 2 new members and 6 guests attended the December meeting. It was announced that the proposed amendments to the guild's By-Laws were to be voted on in January. Cheryl Reinagel has organized a "Quilter's Night Out" to be held at 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month beginning in January. She has reserved the Johnson Center on the University Campus. The University quilt is now at the Sewing Basket and ready to be quilted. Only 30 of the 800 cookbooks remained to be sold. Janet Thomilson will present a lecture/workshop in April on the importance of needles and threads in hand and machine quilting. She will also teach Roxanne McElroy's method of hand quilting. Tickets for the Star Supporters Quilt were being sold for \$1.00 each. Plans were also being made for a quilt retreat weekend in March. Several guild members are also participating in a Crayola Challenge.

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