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Hints from Carole Collins

How do we evolve as quilters? Speaker Carole Collins will share her story with us during the October meeting.

Carole is one of the Nebraska quilters featured in September speakers, Joyce Livingston's book, The Busy Quilters Survival Guide with over 220 Busy Quilters. (Good Life Treasures © 1995 by Joyce Livingston)

Joyce has graciously given us permission to reprint some of the hints given in her book. In future issues of Plain Print, we will be highlighting LQG members featured in this book.

Some of Carole Collins' hints include:

"I don't have any special hints to make more time for quilting, I do try to have certain days to do certain chores, but with the restoration of our home, that is not always possible. I am very lucky to have a husband who is very supportive of me and my quilting."

"For many years, all that I ever did was hand-piecing. Then about four years ago I wanted to make a quick quilt, and decided to piece it on the machine and my life was changed forever!"

"The rotary cutter and all of the rulers available now are just wonderful. I still do hand quilting, but keep learning new was to do template-free quilting."

"I have two jelly cupboards and a carpenter's chest that I keep my "whole" fabric in. I sort it by color on different shelves. I have refinished old too carriers, cutlery trays and cheese boxes that I store fabric that is cut into strips or leftover squares and triangles."

Quilter's Day Out

The Nebraska State Quilt Guild is sponsoring a "Quilter's Day Out" in York on October 19, 1996. The day is free and membership in NSQG is not required. Guests are welcome. A catered luncheon will be provided by Chances R Restaurant at a cost of \$8.00. Reservations must be made in advance. A quilt show from Region 1 guilds will be displayed in the common area and the Mary Obrist Memorial Quilt will be raffled.

Featured speakers are Elda Martens of Fairview, Oklahoma, and Judi Robb and Nancy Graves of Manhattan, Kansas.

Elda's interest in old fabrics and unfinished quilts is inspired by her Mennonite heritage as well as her birth during the Depression. Her lecture, "Quilts with a Future, Quilts with a Past," reflects her appreciation for unfinished projects and the women who came before her who worked with less and produced such beautiful quilts.

Judi and Nancy share a love for quilting, taking workshops, buying fabric, traveling to quilt shops and shows, and a desire to make dozens of quilts. Their lecture, "From the Beginning," shows quilts they made eight years ago and continue to show their growth to the present day.

Directions to York High School: Entering York, you will be on Highway 81. Turn east at 6th Street. Go approximately nine blocks to Backburn Avenue (East Hill Park corner). Turn north. Go approximately nine blocks to Duke Drive. Watch for the flags!

Reservations must be postmarked by October 9, 1996.

For more information, contact: Stella Schaffert, 906 South Ord, Aurora, NE 68818, (402) 694-3795.

See page 4 for reservation form.

letter from the President

It was great fun for me to watch all of you talking and laughing and sharing with each other at the Block Party. I wish I could have been at each table. From the notes the hostesses took it looks as if there were

some great stories! One table really took the cake for most unusual quilting materials — something about bras, girdles and g-strings? Can you imagine quilting through that?! There are definitely some stories for Teri to pursue

in future Plain Print issues. I want to thank Connie Strope and each hostess and especially want to thank Mickey Anderson for lending her organizational abilities and decorative creativity to make the party so special. And congratulations to each of the 32 block winners! The most heartwarming aspect of the evening was watching you get to know each other better. We can only begin to care about and appreciate each other if we know each other.

When I think about some of the quilters that I care about, my small

Quilting binds us

together

group, the Well-Rounded Quilters, comes to my heart and mind. This month is our tenth anniversary! That is a remarkable milestone. We've fondly, if a little sadly, watched three of our members move, and

we've welcomed Sheryl into the fold. We love going to Retreat each year and we have our own retreat at Mahoney Park at the end of the winter. We go on road trips (sometimes together, sometimes on our own) and a month never goes by without gifts of fabric for each other. We've collectively started reaching "that cer-

tain age" and are beginning to make beautiful birthday quilts. It makes me anticipate my own big year with something other than reluctance. This year we are celebrating our anniversary by making a quilt for every other Well-Rounded Quilter. Designing just the right quilt, finding just the right fabric and concocting just the right name for each quilt has consumed me for the past months. Now if I can just get all of them finished...maybe I'd better stay up late again tonight! I do want each of you WRQs to know how much I love you.

Watching new friendships form and thinking of my "old" friends, brings that long ago Girl Scout song to mind: "Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold." And in Lincoln Quilters Guild we can hum along, "Quilting binds us together."

Becky Haynes

Every Woman Matters

Members of the Nebraska State Quilt Guild have created a lovely blue

and tan Scrap Basket quilt as a memorial to former LQG member Mary Obrist and other Nebraska quilt makers who have died from breast cancer, and to honor those who have survived the disease. The basket blocks

were made by quilters from across the state and it was assembled by Mona Mueller and friends from Hastings.

The quilt will be raffled to raise funds for the "Every Woman Matters" program sponsored by the YWCA. This program provides funds for diagnostic tests and cancer screenings for women who otherwise

could not afford them. The winning ticket will be drawn during the N.S.Q.G. "Quilter's Day Out" on Saturday, October 19th in York, Nebraska.

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, contact Shelly Burge at the October LQG meeting or by calling her at 489-7141.

Remembering that "Every Woman Matters", when was your last mammogram?

The Ties That Bind personal notes

Congratulations to **Ruth Albert** who celebrated her 85th birthday September 22.

Congratulations to **Becky Haynes** and **Shelly Burge**. Becky's article, "When you Wish Upon a Star", about Shelly and her work, is featured in the November issue of *Traditional Quilt Works* magazine. Shelly's workshop, "Patches of Memory", appears in the same issue.

No Lines Are Good Lines

Connie Strope, president-elect, will serve as Facilitator for our meetings this year. If you have any information to share with our members, please write it out and give it to

Connie before the meeting. This procedure will streamline the business meeting and move us right along to Show and Tell.

Friendship Block Exchange 1996-97

There never seems enough time to do quilting, so this year we tried to pick blocks that could be assembled easily for Guild meetings. Hopefully we succeeded in doing so! Blocks will be made for the months of October, January, March and May. We will exchange swaps in the months of November, February and April.

We hope you all enjoy participating in the swap and we will see you at the Friendship Block Table in October!

> Veronica Cordry Kim Bock

October	
November	6" Nine Patch in fall plaids and prints
November	9" squares of Christmas fabric
January	1
	4" paper-pieced heart (pattern will be in the January Plain Print)
February	6" squares of unwanted (ugly?) fabric
March	
	6" pieced Buttercup block (pattern will be in the March Plain Print)
April	
	pastel strips
May	4" paper-pieced basket (pattern will be in the May Plain Print)

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Please see page 4 for the Nine Block pattern.

CB

Bits & Pieces

November Ornament Exchange

Be working on your quality handcrafted ornament for our November exchange. Which ornament will go home with you?



Woman of the Year

The Arthritis Foundation is honoring a Woman of the Year in November and would be interested in receiving or buying a quilt to be presented to her. Anyone interested should see or call **Jean Davie** at 488-3226.

Basic Quilting Books Needed

Does anyone have basic quilting books that they are willing to give or sell cheaply to be sent to quilters in northern Norway? They are fluent in English so language is not a problem. See **Jean Davie** or call 488-3226.

Anniversary Year Celebration?

1997 is a special year for LQG. It's a milestone anniversary for us! Shall we have a special celebration banner? Jan Stehlik will welcome your suggestions and ideas and asks you to stay tuned for a further announcement in October!

Santa's Socks

It's year #3 for our Santa's Socks program. Be working on your Christmas stockings for this worthy event. (Yes, you may make more than one each!) In fact, it's encouraged!

Bring your money to the November meeting to vote for viewer's choice.

Money raised in the vote will be used to purchase "fillers" for the socks. We will then donate the stockings to needy families in the Lincoln area.

Deb Bauer-Knopp

Large Quilts Needed

We need large quilts to display at the eye center. If you have any, contact **Janiece Goin** at 788-2241.

White Glove Duty Thanks

A special thank you to all volunteers who spent time doing white glove duty at the 1996 State Fair. The quilts were great — 316 entries this year. Be thinking of signing up for next year.

Jean Ang

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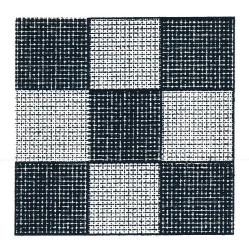
It is important to remember that committee reports and announcements is not an arena for free advertising. If you have items that you wish to offer for sale or classes you would like people to know about, please put a notice on the bulletin board.

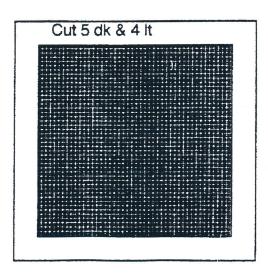
You may also consider purchasing advertising space in the Plain Print. Contact **Teri Wenz** at 488-7410. Thank you.

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October's Nine Patch Pattern

October is a great month for all quilters to participate in the friendship block exchange! We chose the Nine Patch block because of its simplicity. Use fall plaids with fall solids and/or prints as the alternate to create this traditional block. Below are the templates with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance already added. The finished block size is 6", so your block should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". You can also use a strip piecing method instead of the templates by using $2\frac{1}{2}$ " strips.





Last Chance

Discounts are available on *Quilting Today, Traditional Quiltworks*, and *Minitaure Quilts*. We need a minimum of 6 (six) subscriptions to qualify for this discount. Lynn DeShon will collect your checks for your subscriptions.

Order forms are available at the October meeting or by calling Lynn at (402) 785-5225. Mail completed order forms to Lynn DeShone: Rt. 2, Box 46a, Ceresco, NE 68017.

Plain Print Deadlines

November issue	Oct. 16		
January issue	Nov. 13		
February issue	Jan. 15		
March issue	Febr. 12		
April issue	March 12		
May issue	Apr. 16		

Please give newsletter information to **Becky Haynes** or **Teri Wenz**.

Absolute deadline for newsletter information is 10:00 p.m. of the Wednesday following the guild meeting. Information must be in Teri's hands by then or it's too late!

Reservation Form: Nebraska State Quilt Guild's "Quilter's Day Out"	
Yes, I plan to attend. Please make reservations for the Quilters Luncheon at \$8.00 per person.	
Name Phone () Address	
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Stella Schaffert • 906 South Ord • Aurora, NE 68818 • (402) 694-3795	
Reservations must be postmarked by October 9, 1996 . Ticket(s) may be picked up at the registration table the day of the event.	

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How can you tell a beginning quilter?

She's the one with the training wheels on her rotary cutter.



Want to know how a "real" quilt-related trip should go? Ask Sandy Anderson, Kathi Kinnaman, Pat King, and Connie Strope about their trip to the NQA show last summer. (Ask especially about their night in the car!) September 9, 1996 • 7:00 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Church • 49th & Prescott

Becky Haynes, president, welcomed everyone to "Quilter's Block Party". Each person was seated at the table with the block name they drew at the door. A table hostess served refreshments and encouraged anyone to share about their unusual experiences as a quilter.

Later in the evening, a name was drawn at each table to receive the block at that table Other drawings were made for two winners of bundles of blocks and one winner of several blocks set in a top. All winners were encouraged to create an item to be shown at the May meeting.

Kate Laucomer introduced the program, "Jackets and Embellishments". Joyce Livingston from Council Grove, Kansas had models show 65 jackets she has created and embellished.

Business Meeting:

There were no additions or corrections to minutes as printed in Plain Print.

Mary Brooks gave the treasurer's report.

Kate Laucomer reviewed the programs, classes and workshops for the coming year.

The membership books are ready to pick up tonight thanks to Marilyn Lammers.

The Fair winners are:

Best of County: Donna Svoboda; Founder's Award: Virginia Welty; Non functional: Lynn Grier of Edgar, NE, First Quilt: Caley Peters (10 years old).

Kathy Kinnamon has prepared a contract for using the wonder Y quilt frames. They also need some repair.

The deadline for Plain Print news is Wednesday, September 11th at 10:00 p.m. No exceptions!

Connie Strope read the announcements from committee chairpersons.

Nebraska State Quilt Guild's "Quilter's Day Out" is Saturday, October 19, 1996 at York.

Martha Lane reported that the bus trip will be in the spring.

Elaine Nielsen reported that as a result of the donation of angel quilts to Scotland, a second school house quilt has been requested. Elaine, Lucille Lenz, and Millie Fauquet will coordinate.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell.

Doris Gutzmer, Secretary

Upcoming Meeting



October 14, 1996 • 7:00 p.m.

"The Evolution of a Quilter" by Carole Collins

Seventh Day Adventist Church 48th & Prescott, Lower Level

- ◆ Refreshments & 'Round the Room activities ◆ 6:30 p.m.
 - Show & Tell •

Remember to pick up your Membership Guide at the October meeting.

Upcoming Events



October 4-6 Fall Retreat

October 15 Carole Collins class, "Doll Quilts"

see registration form at left

November 11 Boutique, Santas Socks,

Ornament Exchange



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