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# QUILT-A-GRAM

Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild

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June, 2009

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## June Programs ...

**Day Chapter— June 1st, 1:00 p.m.**

**Merikay Waldvogel  
"Kit Quilts: Their Time Has Come"**

We are honored to feature Merikay Waldvogel, noted quilt curator, author, who is this year's inductee into the Quilters Hall of Fame (July). Merikay will present a class in the morning entitled "How to Date Quilts" and invites all participants to bring quilts, tops, pattern collections, etc, for review. This class provides an opportunity for you to learn how to date your quilts and patterns plus learn interesting points about fabrics.

Merikay grew up in St. Louis and has resided in Knoxville, TN since 1977. She has led surveys and studies, authored articles and books, lectures widely and served on the Board of Directors for both the American Quilt Study Group and the Alliance for American Quilts. She is a notable addition to our Quilters Hall of Fame.

**Next Month: "Fabric Marbling" with Martha Heimbaugh!**

**Starlight Chapter— June 4th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Ellen Replogle  
"Quilts From My Book"**

Fats, Fats, and More Fats - Ever wonder what you were going to do with all those Fat Quarters you've been collecting. Our speaker for June will help you with that problem. Come hear Ellen Replogle talk about Laps from Fats, More Laps from Fats, Laps from Fats for Family and Friends and Laps from 11 Fats.

Ellen tells us she is a triplet and has a wonderful husband who lets her stay at home and enjoy her quilting pursuits. In 1997 she opened a quilt shop in Lebanon, MO called Quiltmakers. She closed that shop in 2000 and started publishing her own books.

Since Ellen is a "Show Me" state girl, we can look forward to letting her show us how to use all those fats. Plus, while she is here she will introduce her newest book: Star Savvy Laps from Fats.

**Next Month: Redwork and Embroidery by the owners of  
QUILTING BITS & PIECES QUILT SHOP!**



## From the CEO...

The board held its meeting on May 11 and there is a lot going on---plans are nearing completion for the special speaker, retreats, and chapter meetings. The annual meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup> and I hope that we have good attendance. Not only will the members present be asked to approve the budget, but several by-law changes have been suggested. The board approved by majority vote one of these changes; the other recommended changes were not submitted to the board. I hope that you will consider this carefully and join us at the annual meeting to take part in this vote.

The budget committee met May 8<sup>th</sup> and by majority vote approved a request to the membership for a raise in dues from \$30 to \$35 annually. This decision was not made lightly. At the annual meeting, members will be given a budget which includes \$4,200 in support for each chapter for their regular meetings. If the dues increase is not approved, we will have two choices: to raise money from another source, or cut the budget in programs or newsletter, our two large budget items. The budget committee voted to increase dues as the fairest way to share the costs of our guild. The board supports this decision, again by majority vote. This will allow us to continue to offer 26 programs annually to our members--and will cost each of us about 2 fat quarters!

In addition, the day chapter would like to continue to meet at the church in the morning preceding their meeting. This requires an additional \$900 in rent, which will be a separate fundraising budget item for the day chapter. This was requested by the day chapter president and approved by the budget committee. No further chapter fundraising is included in the budget, but the guild fundraising budget line item is \$1,720. The incoming board will develop a plan for the most effective way to raise this money.

Please contact me if you have any questions about these issues. I look forward to seeing you June 6<sup>th</sup>! It has been my honor to serve the guild as CEO this year, and I'm glad I've had an opportunity to get to know so many more of our members.

Thanks, *Beth*

## By-laws amendment proposals: \*

1. Amend the first sentence of Article 2, Section 2 as follows: Annual dues shall be \$35.00 which include full membership rights in all chapters.
2. Delete Art 5, Sec.4, item 3.
3. Add: under Article 7 - Finance:  
Art 7, sec 4: Chapters may hold fundraising events to supplement budget allocations. All funds raised remain with the chapter until the end of the fiscal year and may be used with the discretion of the chapter board. Chapters will not be required to hold fundraising activities.
4. Add: under Article 7 - Finance:  
Art 7, sec 5: Funds raised by any ad hoc committee for a specially designated project will revert to the general fund when the ad hoc committee completes its function. An ad hoc committee may be organized by either the Executive Board or by either Chapter board.

\*All references herein concern the By Laws of the Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild as found on pages 1-12 of the Membership Handbook and Directory.

\*Said proposed amendments will be presented to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting scheduled to be held on June 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m, at the Peachtree Banquet Center, 120 E. Nifong, Suite D, Columbia, MO. The business meeting and program portions of the Annual Meeting are open to all members without charge.

## **2009-2010 Officer Nominations:**

### Board of Directors

CEO: Linda Sappington  
Vice CEO: Dawn Heese  
Sec'y: Barbara Nichols  
Treas: Christy Gray

### Day Chapter:

Pres: Cindy Green  
VP: Linda Sandlin  
Sec'y: Sandy Moritz

### Evening Chapter:

Pres: Alice Leeper  
VP: Bettina Havig  
Sec'y: Marilyn Russell

Floor nominations closed at the May meetings. Election of the Board of Directors will occur at the Guild Annual Meeting. Chapter elections will occur at their respective June meetings. Newly elected officers & committee chairs will take office July 1st.



## **An editorial comment in favor of the Proposed Dues Increase. . .**

This is a note in favor of the \$5.00 increase in the Guild dues. Over the past year the Day and Starlight Piecemaker Chapters were responsible for raising \$1000 of their expense budget (\$3000, total program budget). Both Chapter's accomplished this through the generous support of our members participating in the both auctions, numerous workshops, and donations.

This year the budget reflects these extra monies, \$2500, needing to be raised as a whole guild and not solely the responsibility of the Chapters. By raising the dues \$5.00 we would be able to offset the amount to be raised by \$1000, thus spreading the responsibility to all the members, and requiring the guild to raise only \$1500 to balance the budget.

Your \$35 membership would be divided accordingly:  
\$2.92/month, of which  
\$1.50 goes for printing and mailing newsletter  
\$0.71 goes to each chapter for their rent and programs.

For those of you who shared you comments via the survey, the Chapter Programs and Newsletter were the two most important functions that "You" wanted from your Guild.

I know that several of our members are on a fixed budget and the Guild does not want to put undo stress on their budgeting. But I'm sure we could work something out if we need to so that we don't lose any member solely on the problem that she could not pay.

Remember that the retreats are self-supporting, and the Special Speaker, support of Fons & Porter, and the Heartland Quilting Group are ways we try to give a little extra back to our members and the community as a non-profit group.

I know that we have some monies left over from the quilt show last year, and half of that is being included as carry over for this year and the remainder for next year. And, the two CD's are there to assure us that we would have a least one-year budget available in case the Guild was to have a very lean year.

Please be sure to attend the Annual Meeting and let your opinions be heard through your vote.

*Linda Sappington*

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming WOW what a ride."

Robert Wickham

## **An editorial comment against the Proposed Dues Increase. . .**

Here's what I think... we don't need to increase the dues right now. We need more creative thinking about how to keep costs down. We need more participation in program planning and presentation. And, we need to be aware we may not be able to sustain membership if we increase dues too often. These are tentative times for many of our members. Do we really want to increase the dues of an organization that provides information and camaraderie? We have reserve funds. Why not use more of the reserve and hold off on the dues increase—at least for another year or two ?

I am a founding member of this guild and I can tell you that we have had smaller reserves and managed to build back financially. We can do so again. Get off the panic button and think of solutions other than a simply throwing an extra \$5 per person at the budget.

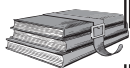
Just three years ago the board reluctantly, with membership approval, increased the dues to \$30. This current proposal would increase the dues from \$25 to \$35 in just over four years. That's a net increase of 40%. While an additional \$5 may not seem significant, in proportion it is.

The increase requires an amendment to the by-laws. That must be done by majority vote of the membership at the annual meeting. Please consider the proposal carefully. Think about options that would keep our costs down and options that would bring income from other than dues sources. Then, come to the meeting, make an informed decision and cast your vote. *Bettina Havig*

**Mark Your Calendar Now for the  
BARE BONES RETREAT  
October 2-4, 2009**

**Lots of fun, good food, great rooms, beautiful location, great quilt shops on the way and you can quilt all night if you want to! Could you ask for anything more???**

## LIBRARY NEWS



The website listing of our books seems to be helping members trying to find specific types of information. If there is a topic or a particular author you don't see listed, please let us know and we'll try to add it to the collection.

Browse the site, you'll see we have some great information available.

*Willie, Judy & Carrol*

## 2010 Quilt Show Report

Things are moving slowly in the planning stages for our next quilt show. We've been in a holding pattern trying to get our committee together. There are still openings available. If you would like to be on the committee to help put a plan together but not have a specific duty, please let us know. One specific thing that everyone can begin to do is finish the items you started in workshops or in classes. There will be a special section labeled (perhaps) "BTQG Educational Opportunities" that will showcase things you have learned by being a member of this quilt. It's good for our current members to see what is available to them, and even more important for prospective members to see the quality of the teaching programs we are able to offer. I know from experience that the Louisa Smith workshop group probably has some more work to do to get ready to display your quilts - so get started so you won't be stressed out at the last minute and can concentrate on putting another item in the show.

Contact either of us with any creative thought(s) you may have. We'd love to hear from you.

*Dawn Heese and Carrol Lewis*

## DAY CHAPTER HOSPITALITY

A delicious thank you to each of the members who contributed to our treat table at the May meeting. How wonderful to spend a morning sewing, visiting and being fortified by treats! In June we will again have the beverage ledge and treat table, accompanying what promises to be a very interesting workshop and following lecture by Merikay Waldvogel. See you there.

*Carol and Margaret*

## *BTQG Handbook Update*

Pat Fielding (new member)  
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Anne Lewis (new e-mail address)  
sew2much@centurytel.net

Karen Steinbeck (e-mail change)  
karensue1979@hotmail.com

Mary Petersen (new address only)  
213 Wild Ginger Ct.  
Columbia, Mo 65203

**Just a reminder -- Blocks for both chapter president's quilts and for the CEO may be turned in anytime before or at the Annual Meeting. The president's blocks go to Bettina Havig. Blocks for the CEO go to Ann Rennie. Thanks.**

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## Membership Form for 2009-2010

Because the membership will be voting on the proposed dues increase at the annual meeting, no membership form was included in this newsletter. After the annual meeting, the form will be posted online and it will be included in the newsletter for July. Dues for 2009-2010 are due July 1, 2009.

## Buzz From a Quilting Bee

By Bee Kuckelman

This is a follow-up to the column I wrote about a sewing project begun earlier by our dear friend Mary Louise, who died a few years ago.

She had sewn seventy-some Grandmother's Flower Garden pieces intended for a quilt for her daughter. She got side-tracked when she spilled tea on a section and she set the whole thing aside, never to get back to it. After she died, several of us took on the task of completing it.

We began in the spring. We even took it along on our family ranch vacation in Idaho and worked on it on our porches with the mountains for scenery. By early fall, we had the top completed. Tammy Bush did a beautiful job of machine quilting it for us.

We let Kay, the new owner, keep the unbound quilt over Christmas. By April of this year, the scalloped-edge binding was finally in place, thanks to my daughter Jane. I added one of Libby Luetjen's beautiful labels to the back, and we presented it to Kay for keeps.

We worked more than a year on the quilt, grumbling a lot because most of us did not enjoy working with such tiny pieces. The 81" by 88" finished quilt is truly gorgeous, all 180 flowers, no two alike. We've almost forgotten all the work. Almost.

## Our Day Chapter Friendship Block Winner for May is Donna Baker.

Donna has been a member of the BTQG since 1996, when she and her husband moved to Fayette. Donna really enjoys the friendships she has made and all the groups she has been involved with. She became interested in quilting by taking an Adult Ed. class in 1976 and she has been hooked ever since.

Donna also likes to garden, play tennis and sew for her grandchildren in CA. She and her husband Bob just celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Their two children and their families came from CA and gave them a great party.

She hasn't decided on a block yet, but she says it won't be a complicated one.

Donna thanks everyone for doing a block for her.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Day Chapter Guild Meeting	June 1 1:00 pm	Fairview United Methodist Church Dawn Heese
Doors open 9 am		
Starlight Piecemakers Meeting	June 4 7:00 pm	Fairview United Methodist Church Linda Sappington
Guild Annual Meeting	June 6 9:00 am	Peachtree Banquet Center 120 E Nifong #D
Executive Board Meeting	June 8 6:30 pm	Contact: Beth Dessem
Day Chapter Board Meeting	June 9 9:30 am	Library Dawn Heese
Deadline for Newsletter items	June 10 5:00 pm	E-mail to: Jan Oehrle joehrle@centurytel.net
Sassy Stitchers Day Appliqué	June 11 9:30 am	Library Donna Burris
Quilt History Interest Group	June 11 1:30 pm	Library Bettina Havig
Starlight Piecemakers Bd Mtg	June 11 6:30 pm	Contact: Linda Sappington
Handmade Quilt Interest Group	June 15 12:30 pm	Contact: Linda Sandlin
Charm Group	June 16 9:30 am	Library Kay Shoner
30's Group	June 17 7:00 pm	Contact: Jane Lee
Adventurers Group	June 18 6:30 pm	Contact: Angie Weithman
Night Appliqué	June 22 6:30 pm	Library Joan Westcott
Art Group	June 25 6:30 pm	Appletree Quilting Ctr Jackie Berry
Redwork Group	June 30 9:00 am	Contact: Myrna Powers

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# WINTER RETREAT WRAP UP

## 2009

		Debit	Credit
	Registration Cost per member (54 participants)	\$140	\$7,560.00
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rate</b>	
<b>LODGING</b>			
50	Center Lodging - 25 double rooms - Fri & Sat	\$55.00	\$2,750.00
(4) 8	Third person in a 4 double room - add	\$12.00	\$96.00
<b>MEALS</b>			
108	Country breakfast for 54 Saturday & Sunday	\$8.00	\$864.00
108	Light Lunch for 54 Saturday & Sunday**	\$8.00	\$864.00
108	Hearty Lunch (as supper) 54 for Friday & Saturday**	\$9.00	\$972.00
	20 lbs ice	\$9.00	\$9.00
<b>MEETING</b>			
162	Facilities use per person for 54 Fri-Sat-Sun -Assembly Hall	\$3.50	\$567.00
1	Room 215 minimum with meals on Sat.	\$80.00	\$80.00
2	Room 111 & 104 at minimum on Sat	\$46.00	\$92.00
<b>MISC</b>			
	postcard mailing		\$42.66
	retreat folders - Cindy Green		\$5.60
	copies - Linda		\$31.36
	Maureen Coyne - retreat supplies		\$125.78
	supplies - Linda		\$5.56
	favours - Linda		\$69.83
	favours - Susan		\$57.26
	teacher appreciation gift card - Linda		\$20.00
			\$6,652.05
	Less deposit		\$2,000.00
	Amount due		<b>\$4,652.05</b>
			\$2,907.95
	<i>Less deposit for 2010 retreat (yet to be paid)</i>		\$1,506.00
	Net amount left		<b>\$1,401.95</b>

**Mark Your Calendars Now for the 2010 Retreat: February 26, 27 & 28, 2010!**

## QUILT-A-GRAM

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Regular meetings of the Guild are held on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm and the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Fairview United Methodist Church, 3200 Chapel Hill Rd., Columbia, Missouri. Annual dues are \$30 for the fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Dues are payable on July 1st. Newsletter deadline is the Wednesday after the Executive Board Meeting at 5:00 pm, of each month. Email items to Jan Oehrle at joehrle@centurytel.net.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING...

**Apr 12 -Sept 13-** Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts and Beyond, Missouri History Museum, Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park. Info: mohistory.org or 314-746-4599.

**May 13-16-** Machine Quilters Showcase -Fire & Ice Quilt Show, presented by IMQA, Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, KS. Info: www.IMQA.org

**June 1-6**—Prairie Pine Quilt Show, St. John's Lutheran Church, Mexico, MO. Info: Louise Conway 573-581-9316.

**June 5-6**—Needles & Friends QG Show, *An Affair of the Heart*. Seward County Activity Center, Liberal, KS.

**June 26-27**— Quilt Fan-Attics Heritage Quilt Show, Boonville Christian Church, 4th & Morgan, Boonville, 10 a.m.– 4p.m., \$1.00 admission.

**Aug. 30-31**—BTQG Fall Workshop with Carrie Nelson.

**Sept 26-27**—Country Patchwork Quilt Show, "Oh, The Places You'll Go." Info: www.counrypatchworkquilters.com

**Oct 2-4**—Bare Bones Retreat.

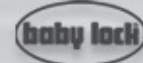
**Oct 3-30**— The Quintessential Quilt 2009 exhibit, sponsored by the Historical Society of University City, University City Public Library. Info: qq quilt2009@gmail.com

**Oct 23-24**— Cottonwood Quilt Show, Threads Through Time, Elkhorn, Nebraska.

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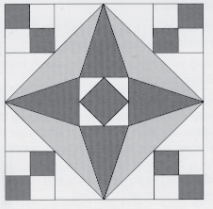
Checking:	10,521.93
IMMA:	1032.37
CD's:	10,497.35

Members:	Total Members as of April 30, 2009	241
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### Appletree Quilting & Viking Center Guild Appreciation Discount For BTQG Members

*On the day of each of the two Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild monthly meetings, Appletree Quilting & Viking Center will offer guild members a 20% discount on non-sale fabric (1/2 yard minimum). Please present your BTQG membership card to take advantage of this offer.*




**Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild**  
**P.O. Box 542**  
**Columbia, MO 65205-0542**

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 \* Our Annual Meeting is June \*  
 \* 6th. Come and Vote on im- \*  
 \* portant issues! \*  
 \* Breakfast [for those who paid] \*  
 \* is at 9:00 a.m. Everyone wel- \*  
 \* come without charge at the \*  
 \* business meeting and pro- \*  
 \* gram which follows! \*  
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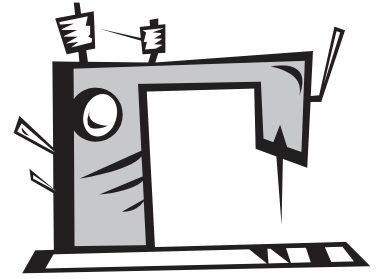
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<p><b><u>Starlight Piecemakers</u></b>  <b><u>Chapter Meeting</u></b>  <b>June 4th—7:00 p.m.</b>  <i>"Quilts From My Book"</i>  <b>Ellen Replogle</b></p>
<p><b><u>OUR MEETING PLACE:</u></b>        Fairview United Methodist Church        3200 Chapel Hill Rd., Columbia, MO 65203</p>

<b>June Birthdays</b>	
V. Louise Bequette	Jun 02
Alice Hinson	Jun 06
Pam Rodgers	Jun 08
Sharon Lawler	Jun 09
Susan Scott	Jun 09
Anne Lewis	Jun 10
Rebecca Douglas	Jun 15
Linda Karns	Jun 15
Barbara Bauman	Jun 21
Ethel Bassett	Jun 23
Dorothy Stout	Jun 25
Stephanie Henderson	Jun 26
Pat Wills	Jun 26
Carrie Henke	Jun 29
Barbara Lee	Jun 29
Marilynn Lee	Jun 29
Susan Henry-Schwendinger	Jun 30





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**August 31, 2009**

**9:00am - 4:00pm**

**Fairview United  
Methodist Church**

Mark your calendars! Carrie Nelson will be arriving Sunday, August 30th for a special evening lecture to our guild @ 7:00 pm Fairview Methodist Church. August 31st will be a limited space 6-hour workshop using Carrie's own Schnibble pattern called "Short Story." This project will be a chance to use the popular pre-cut layer cakes or charm squares. Of course, you are free to use your own cut pieces, too.

This workshop will be a guarantee of fun and a promise of learning something new! Join us for this all day adventure with Carrie Nelson and your guild friends!

Questions: Dawn Heese @ [dawne86@hotmail.com](mailto:dawne86@hotmail.com)

Mail this registration form with payment and a postmark no earlier of July 1, 2009 to:

Dawn Heese  
501 Brewer Drive  
Columbia, MO 65203

Make all checks payable to: BTQG in the amount \$45.00

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Insert #1

June 2009

## Tips, Tricks, Tools & Tidbits

By Janice Haralson

**Our new product this month** is Texture Magic from Superior Threads. You have to see this to believe what it does. It is a steam-activated fabric that shrinks 30% in all directions. Simply sew Texture Magic to your fabric, stitch a design, steam it (don't iron it), and watch what happens. It is great for quilting, art quilts, and wearable art. The package comes in a 47" X 18" size, complete with instructions. To see what fun you can have with this product, go to [www.superiorthreads.com/newsletters](http://www.superiorthreads.com/newsletters).

**Tip:** Consider using Titanium-coated needles for the regular sewing machine. The industrial and commercial companies have been using these for several years. The titanium-coated needles have an ultra thin coat of titanium nitride layered on the surface to extend their productive life by five to eight times that of conventional needles. Most professionals recommend changing the needle every project, or if you count, every 8 hours. Imagine having a needle that will last 40 to 60 hours. This is equivalent to saving 80% on the cost of needles.

In the world of needles, titanium-coated needles are much more wear resistant than conventional chromium plated needles. Titanium-coated needles provide perfect reliability and durability in prolonged stitching operations. Non-titanium needle companies spread rumors that titanium-coated needles are too hard and therefore will damage your machine if they break. Research and testing do not support that claim. If that rumor were true, industrial companies would have rejected these needles many years ago.

The majority of professionals and educators work with using the Topstitch needle for nearly all their sewing. It is simply the best needle style for quilting, embroidery, and most sewing applications. You really need only three needles:

Topstitch #80/12 for piecing and sewing with fine threads

Topstitch #90/14 for the majority of threads

Topstitch #100/16 for heavier threads

How about for metallic threads? Use Topstitch #90/14. Under a microscope, other brands of metallic needles are almost identical to Topstitch. There is no need for both styles.

On the average, a single needle costs \$1.20 or about \$5.99 for a pack of five needles. For an additional 20 cents per needle, you can have the highest quality, the longest lasting (titanium coated), and the best designed needle. A pack of five needles sells for \$6.99.

More information about all of this news can be found at the [www.superior.com/newsletter](http://www.superior.com/newsletter) web site.

### **ODDS & ENDS. . .\***

- 1. Walking 20 minutes a day can add to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in a nursing home at \$7,000 per month.*
- 2. Long walks are especially nice when taken by people who annoy you.*
- 3. If you are going to walk, do it early in the morning before your brain figures out what you are doing.*
- 4. We all get heavier as we get older because there is a lot more information in our heads.*

*\*From Country Threads Goat Gazette, Garner, Iowa.*

### **COFFEE FILTERS. . .\***

- 1. They are lint free—use them to clean windows and mirrors.**
- 2. Use one to line a plant pot to prevent soil from going through the drainage holes.**
- 3. Place a coffee filter in a cast iron skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.**
- 4. If you break a cork when opening a bottle of wine, filter the wine through a coffee filter to remove cork pieces.**

*\* Also from Country Threads Goat Gazette, Garner, Iowa.*

## BTQG ANNUAL MEETING

The 2009 BTQG Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Peachtree Banquet Center. A breakfast buffet will be followed at 9:45 a.m. by a brief business meeting to vote on the proposed budget and Board of Directors for 2009-2010 as well as proposed by-law changes. Following the business meeting, Susan Martin will present a program on Doll and Miniature quilts. Reservations may be made for the breakfast until May 23rd however any member may attend the business meeting and program portions of the meeting without charge. **Please use the absentee ballot below ONLY if you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person.**

This form may be used as an absentee ballot by marking an "X" beside the name of your choice of candidates, amendments and proposed budget. You may use the designated space for your write in candidate(s). Proposed budgets are on the reverse side of this form for your review. **Please sign and date your ballot in the space provided below. No ballot will be counted without a signature and date.**

### Proposed Slate of Executive Officers for 2009-2010

<u>Executive Board</u>	<u>Write In</u>
CEO/Chairman: Linda Sappington _____	_____
Vice CEO: Dawn Heese _____	_____
Secretary: Barbara Nichols _____	_____
Treasurer: Christy Gray _____	_____

### Proposed By-Law Amendments

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

Amend the first sentence of Article 2, Section 2 as follows: Annual dues shall be \$35.00 which include full membership rights in all chapters.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

Delete Art 5, Sec.4, item 3. Add: under Article 7 - Finance:  
Art 7, sec 4: Chapters may hold fundraising events to supplement budget allocations. All funds raised remain with the chapter until the end of the fiscal year and may be used with the discretion of the chapter board. Chapters will not be required to hold fundraising activities.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

Add: under Article 7 - Finance:  
Art 7, sec 5: Funds raised by any ad hoc committee for a specially designated project will revert to the general fund when the ad hoc committee completes its function. An ad hoc committee may be organized by either the Executive Board or by either Chapter board.

### Proposed Budgets ( see reverse side of this form) (vote for one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I approve the 2009-2010 Budget reflecting **no** increase in dues.

\_\_\_\_\_ I approve the 2009-2010 Budget reflecting **an increase in dues to \$35.**

**Mail to: Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild, P.O. Box 542, Columbia, MO 65202-0542, postmarked no later than June 1, 2009.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



2009-2010 BTQG Proposed Budget w/ <u>Dues @ \$30</u>		
ACCOUNT	Income	Expense
<b><u>Operations:</u></b>		
Funds Transf. From fy 2008-2009	\$3,800.00	
Membership (225 @ \$30 = \$6,750; 22 @ \$15 = \$330)	\$7,080.00	\$650.00
Library		\$250.00
Newsletter		\$3,500.00
Administrative Board		\$250.00
Historian		\$100.00
Sponsor/Outreach/Education		\$630.00
Service Projects		\$50.00
Annual Meeting	\$1,150.00	\$1,450.00
Contingency		\$250.00
General Fundraising	\$2,900.00	
Quilt Show	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b><u>Day Chapter:</u></b>		
Rent & Set Up Programs	\$900.00	\$2,100.00
		\$3,000.00
<b><u>Starlight Chapter:</u></b>		
Rent & Set Up Programs		\$1,200.00
		\$3,000.00
<b><u>Special Events:</u></b>		
Bare Bones Retreat	\$3,350.00	\$3,350.00
Special Speaker & Workshop	\$800.00	\$1,200.00
Winter Retreat	\$7,530.00	\$7,530.00
	\$29,510.00	\$29,510.00

2009-2010 BTQG Proposed Budget w/ <u>Dues Increase to \$35</u>		
ACCOUNT	Income	Expense
<b><u>Operations:</u></b>		
Funds transf. From fy 2008-2009	\$3,800	
Membership (225@\$35 = \$7,875; 22 @ \$17.50 = \$385)	\$8,260.00	\$650.00
Library		\$250.00
Newsletter		\$3,500.00
Administrative Board		\$250.00
Historian		\$100.00
Sponsor/Outreach/Education		\$630.00
Service Projects		\$50.00
Annual Meeting	\$1,150.00	\$1,450.00
Contingency		\$250.00
General Fundraising	\$1,720.00	
Quilt Show	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
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