



# The KT Stash Society Newsletter

*for Kansas Troubles Quilters Fans*

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The best thing about being part of the quilting business? The quilters! I always enjoy traveling to quilt guilds, shops and special events to teach a class or share my quilts thru a trunk show, but the best part is meeting the quilters. These women have wonderful stories of how they've formed lasting friendships thru their mutual love of quilting. They enroll in classes, go on shop hops and escape for retreats with a friend or two, encouraging each other to try a new technique or work outside of their comfort zone. The camaraderie, generous sharing and heartfelt support is always so uplifting and inspiring to me. Even among those of us in the industry, there is a mutual admiration and genuine delight in seeing other designers succeed and bloom in their craft. After spending a few days quilting and brain storming with my quilting buddy and fellow designer, Pam Buda of Heart-spun Quilts, I came home refreshed, energized and inspired to put the finishing touches on a couple of projects I had been struggling to complete. Her generosity of heart and spirit fills me up both personally and professionally and I hope I do the same for her. Even though she lives 10 hours away, we make the time to talk and stay connected. We're just like all of you - quilters, friends and each other's biggest fans. Who could ask for more?

*Lynne*

## THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

### *SPRING MEADOW*

After seeing a vintage quilt with a paper-pieced star and needle-turn appliqueed flowers, I knew I had to try to make it simpler with my raw edge applique technique. By cutting a rectangle in half diagonally for the star points, a larger, rounded space is created for the flower motif in the center. So simple, so striking, so fun for spring. Try a light tan tone-on-tone background, or all the same colored flowers to coordinate with your decor. Add a basket of fresh cut flowers as a centerpiece for the perfect springtime table.



## SNEAK PEEK

Here's a first look at our new Christmas collection, Holiday Medley. A box of vintage wrapping paper from the 30's thru the 50's inspired several of the prints. Poinsettias, ribbons, stripes and merry wishes in traditional KT shades of reds, greens, golds, tans and black set a holiday mood. We have a couple of fun projects ready to show in next month's newsletter, so stay tuned!

32 prints  
Available June 2012



## LEMON POPPY SEED CAKE

Springtime and lemon desserts go hand-in-hand at our house. And if it includes lemon curd, all the better! Here's one from a Taste of Home cookbook that's a real winner.

3 eggs, separated (at room temperature  
for 30 minutes)

1 box lemon cake mix

1 cup 2% milk

1/3 cup buttermilk

1/3 cup canola oil

1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce

1/4 lemon juice

1 Tbsp. grated lemon peel

4 tsp. poppy seeds

2 cups heavy whipping cream

1/4 cup sugar

2 tsp. vanilla

1 jar (10 oz.) lemon curd

In large bowl, combine cake mix, milk, buttermilk, oil, applesauce, lemon juice, egg yolks, lemon peel and poppy seeds; beat on low for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. In another bowl beat egg whites until stiff peaks form; fold into batter.

Pour into 2 greased and floured 9" round baking pans. Bake at 350° for 22-28 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

In a large bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken. Add sugar and vanilla; beat until stiff peaks form.

Cut each cake horizontally into two layers. Place bottom layer on a serving plate; top with 1/3 lemon curd. Repeat layers twice. Top with remaining cake layer. Spread remaining lemon curd over top of cake within 1" of edges. Frost the sides and top edge with whipped cream mixture. Refrigerate until serving.

## JOIN ME AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 19 - Creston Quilt Guild, Creston, IA - program & workshop

June 13-14 - Sunset Slope Quilter's Guild, Grand Junction, CO

June 15-16 - Quilter's Corner, Grand Junction, CO

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