



# The KT Stash Society Newsletter

*for Kansas Troubles Quilters Fans  
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The hustle and bustle of market is upon us. For several weeks ahead of time, we're stitching up quilts to send to the machine quilters in record time, planning a booth theme and gathering and assembling the decor, creating a brochure to distribute to all the quilt shop owners and of course, packing, packing, packing. You'd think we were going to be gone for a month instead of a long weekend! One of the last things I worry about is what to wear. That's a whole 'nother issue. Where is market? What's the weather like this time of year? Will the convention center be hot (Houston in October is sometimes warmer than anywhere else in May) or freezing cold if we're under an A/C vent? I've decided after 30+ markets that light, spring-y layers usually works best - and always pack a pair of warm socks, just in case. One of the most important items - comfortable shoes. It's usually a dead giveaway that it's someone's first market if they're in 4" heels (unless your name is Sandy Gervais) No matter the season, it's always fun to see the fashion statements made by the other designers - Mary & Barb of Me & My Sister always have the newest Keen tennis and Debbie Outlaw of Moda has the coolest jewelry - and all the market attendees. People watching at it's best at Quilt Market. I'll post some of my favs on my blog.

*Lynne*

## THIS MONTH'S PROJECT

### *DREAMIN' OF SUMMER PILLOW SLEEVE*

In addition to living with my quilts, I enjoy decorating with my fabric to personalize my home - covering lampshades, lining shelves, hanging curtains and more. This month, we're beginning a series of pillow sleeves to warm up your home for the seasons. I use a lumbar pillow in my favorite chair for extra support when I'm stitching, so I thought several different pillow sleeves would make it easy to change things up seasonally. This would be the perfect time to play with a favorite motif of yours, too. By simply enlarging a flower or print from a fabric you love, you can enjoy it everyday. I'd love to see what you create!



## MERRY, WISH, JOY

Lois and I had so much fun with this star block. With our raw edge applique method, it starts with a simple 9-patch that is embellished with triangles, then stitched together. It looks much more complicated than it is. I love how it looks set together with the Christmas wishes ribbon fabric for sashing and the fused applique merry, wish, joy in the border. I've already started another quilt using this block for my daughter's 30th birthday. She requested 30 star blocks, so this one is it. 90 different KT fabrics will make it special for her, too.

Merry, Wish, Joy pattern booklet with lap quilt & table runner - \$10.95  
Available now!



## BERRY UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

I love fresh berries and traditional pineapple upside-down cake, so this was a no-brainer for me. Besides, eating fruit for dessert is health food, right?

½ cup chopped walnuts  
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries  
1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries, halved  
1 cup fresh strawberries  
¼ cup sugar  
1 (3oz.) package raspberry Jell-O  
1 yellow cake mix  
2 eggs  
1 ¼ cups water  
2 Tbsp. canola oil  
1 ½ cups mini marshmallows

In a well-greased 13x9 baking pan; layer the walnuts and berries; sprinkle with sugar and gelatin.

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, water and oil; beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Fold in marshmallows; pour over the top of berries in pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before inverting onto a serving platter. Refrigerate leftovers.

Serve with whipped topping, if desired.

### JOIN ME AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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

June 28-July 1 - Vermont Quilt Festival, Burlington, VT

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