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**KCHEA appoints New Board Member, Elects Officers for 2021**

The Kentucky Craft History and Education Association is pleased to announce the recent addition of a new member, Karen Riggins, Versailles, Kentucky, to its board of directors. Karen has agreed to serve a one-year term offered to new board members in consideration of a full three-year term.

Karen is a quilter who loves all styles of quilts, from traditional to machine made, using a variety of fibers and techniques that can be expressed as wall art, quilts or clothing. She has been making quilts and teaching quilt-making for over forty years. While quilts are the focus of her artwork, she also loves fiber arts such as knitting, embroidery, felting, crochet and dyeing fabric. She lives on a farm in Woodford County, with her husband of 50 years, where she indulges her other passions of cooking and gardening.

“As a fiber artist focused on the art of quilting and its history, I feel it is important that the stories of quilts and their creators, being primarily women, be recorded and taught. As a board member of KCHEA, I can better work to preserve the history and promote the art of quilts as a part of Kentucky’s craft traditions,” says Karen.

KCHEA elected officers for 2021 during its recent annual meeting: Philis Alvic, Lexington, President; Larry Isenhour, Lexington, Treasurer; and Fran Redmon, Frankfort, Secretary. Other board members include Judy Kushner, Georgetown; Peggy McAllister, Lexington; Karen McIntyre, Lexington; Mary Reed, Irvine; and Abby Vaughn, Lexington.



Karen Riggins, Versailles, Kentucky

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