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Hello friends,

Wow! What a stormy spring we have had. It's a busy time of year with dances, weddings, graduations, baseball - the list goes on and on. Whatever your calendar is filled with, I hope you have been able to find time to spend with your sewing machine or handwork.

I have enjoyed taking a few minutes when I can to whip up a few doorknob hearts for the hospice house here in Olathe. Please consider making a few hearts or positioning pillows, or reach out to Lou to see what you can do to help our charity efforts. Lou has a big goal for us to give away a LOT of quilts this year, so I'm sure there is some way you can help that effort!

Our destash sale was very successful! Each individual with a table got rid of quite a bit of their items, and Ways & Means had quite the crowd snapping up their merchandise - and made over \$1100 for the guild! I happily took the remaining items to The Sewing Labs and Scraps KC, both of which were very grateful for the donations of quality items. We will consider doing another sale later this year if enough members express interest, so let me know if you want to have another sale and would want a table for your own destash efforts.

Laura Lafferty is once again offering t-shirts to guild members. See the article in this newsletter about how to order. She hopes to get the shirts in by the July meeting. The prices are only slightly higher, which is a big win in current times! Thank you Laura for giving us this opportunity to represent our guild.

I am grateful for the inspiration I get from all of you. Some days I just can't get going on things, but then I see something one of you made, or look through my newsletters, or check out some of our presenters' amazing quilts, and I get excited for all the things I can make! I might not ever actually make them, but I can dream. Happy sewing!

Jenny Boudreaux
2026 President



Olathe Quilter's Guild

Meets on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 pm

At the
Olathe Christian Church
1115 S. Ridgeview Road
Olathe, KS 66062

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 2651
Olathe, KS 66063

Website
Olathequiltersguild.com

Coming Up

May 12th Program

Lori Lee Triplett - Every Quilt Needs a Bird



See a showcase of contemporary quilts using a variety of techniques to create birds, and the symbolism of birds.

An award-winning visual and performing artist, featured in exhibitions and shows around the world.



Ways and Means

I want to first thank you all for the support and donations from the Guild and estates That support brought in \$1124 and our D stash sale was a great success.

This month ways and means will begin taking credit cards as well as cash. There will be an additional charge of 3.2% for any credit card transactions.

We will have items for sale as well as books and patterns. The items for raffle this month are a block of the month quilt with fabric and patterns, a tulip mini kit with a Big Mat brand mat and two Halloween kits. Come early to shop.

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Dae Curtis

2026 Guild T-Shirts

Thanks to Laura Lafferty, we have another opportunity to buy shirts with our guild logo and a logo designed and approved by members last year.



The order form is attached to the email with the newsletter.

Laura will accept orders at the May and June guild meetings, and our treasurer Pat Lawson will accept payments once you have given your order form to Laura. You can pay in cash or by check made out to the guild. Laura hopes to have the shirts in by the July meeting.

At our May meeting, Laura will have samples of the various styles of shirts that she is able to offer. You can discuss with her what color you want. Different styles have different color choices, so come prepared to choose a color!

Laura does this as a service for our guild and makes very little money doing so, so thank you Laura for giving us these choices!

Special Events

Ensorfest – This coming Saturday - May 9, 2026

Noon – 5 pm

The event is free, has museum tours, live music, food truck and other fun activities.

For more Ensorfest details see <https://www.ensorparkandmuseum.org/ensofest26/>

Our guild will be displaying quilts: Consider volunteering a few hours of your time on-site the day of the event. Setup will begin at 11:00 AM and take down/packing around 5:00 PM. You don't have to stay for the whole event, but you'd certainly be welcome to do so.

Bring a lawn chair, hat, sunglasses, sun block and some hand sewing if you like. This is a great opportunity to let the public know more about quilting and the guild.



Guild Organizers: Sherri Critchfield, Rachel Rohrer and Melissa Toburen

Committee Updates

Upcycle Challenge

I hope you have been thinking of items you can upcycle for your challenge project. In last month's newsletter I listed some ideas. At the guild meeting I showed some items which I made from pieces of clothing from my elementary school. Simply look at an item before you discard it and think, "Can I use any of this to make something new?" You will be surprised at what you might come up with! I will be bringing another upcycle item to the May meeting for inspiration.

Shelia Pierce

Challenge Quilt Chai

May Block of the Month



The patterns for the 4", 6" and 8" blocks are included as an attachment with the newsletter email.

The Block of the Month patterns can also be found on the guild's website, on the Guild Activities menu.

The pattern for the final block in the Stars and Stripes set of blocks will be sent out in June.

Sherri Critchfield

KCRQF – June 2027

HONORING OUR WOMEN VETERANS AT KCRQF June 17-19, 2027

The June 2027 KCRQF will honor women veterans by presenting 100 quilts to them. Here are the details:

Information needed for nominated Veterans:

- Name of Veteran,
- Rank, Branch of Service,
- Tour of Duty,
- MOS- Military Occupational Service,
- Locations Served,
- Current Mailing Address, Phone Number, &
- Email Address.

Quilts – a total of 100 Quilts:

- 6 per Guild
- Patriotic themes, red, white, and blue.
- 60 x 80 with standard hanging sleeves
- Quilt Labels: Each quilt will need a label sewn in the lower right corner of the back.
Size – 4” x 6” – your choice of technique.

Include the following information:

- “Presented June 19, 2027 Honoring Our Women Veterans at Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival
- [Optional if known - Name of Specific Veteran]
- Made by Name of Guild
- Pieced by Name(s)
- Quilted by Name(s)

KCRQF Field Notes

Please see the latest field notes, which are attached.

Karen Lacy
KCRQF Representative



Outreach

The May 26th Workshop will be ... Using Ties in Quilt Blocks Taught by Mary Pacey

This will be a "technical" workshop-- learning how to deconstruct a tie, washing/cleaning of ties and using different stabilizers to enable ties to be used in a quilt block. Participants will be given several quilt patterns and ties to take home to use.

The Workshop will be at the Extension Office at 119th and Ridgeview.
The door will be open at 5:30 and the workshop begins at 6 pm - 8pm.

Volunteers are still needed for this May workshop.
Please use the Signup Link below to help with this class. It will be greatly appreciated.

Class	Date	Signup Link
May	5/26/2026	click here
June	6/23/2026	click here
July	7/28/2026	click here
August	8/25/2026	click here
September	9/29/2026	click here
October	10/27/2026	click here



Look at these lovely table runners made at the April 28th Class.



Membership

May Birthdays



Cindy Whitson 5-1
Shelly Sullivan 5-6
Mary Whitchurch 5-15
Jancie Raspberry 5-16
Melissa Toburen 5-20

Marketplace

Member Marketplace & Businesses

Guild members can place a free ad in the Members Marketplace for items they wish to trade, buy, or sell.

Heather Buchwitz – QuiltKC.com

Custom and e2e long arm, quilt alongs, batting, backing and other solid/print fabrics, threads and more for sale. 4520 Silverheel St, Shawnee KS; 913-488-8055

Check out the list of members' businesses online at
<https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links>

Area Events

Dates 2026	Quilt Show or Event	Location
<p>Jun 4-6 6/4 – 5-8p 6/5 – 9a-6p 6/6 – 9a-4p</p>	<p>Omaha Quilters Guild Quilt Show - Vendors – Raffle Quilt Admission: \$11 one day - \$16 multi day - \$10 senior - \$4 child</p>	<p>Omaha, Nebraska Scott Conference Center 6450 Pine Street</p>
<p>Jun 19-20 10a – 5p</p>	<p>2026 Common Threads Quilt Show Prairie Quilt Guild of Kansas 400 quilt displays Mini Quilt auction Quilt Appraiser demo & bed turning Dawn Hesse will present Fri afternoon Admission: \$15 one day - \$20 both days</p>	<p>Wichita, KS Century II Exposition Hall 225 W Douglas Ave</p>



Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilters Guild Minutes April 14, 2026

President Jenny Boudreaux brought the guild meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Program Chair Melissa Toburen introduced our speaker, Martha Walker, who spoke on “100 Years of Quilts, 1840 – 1940.”

Opportunity Quilt – Heather Buchwitz spoke on behalf of Lisa Hirsch and herself, as co-chairs of our 2027 Opportunity Quilt. On Saturday, April 18, while the Destash Sale is going on, they are holding day 1 of preparation for the quilt, to include cutting, ironing, and sewing, at the church. See the information in the April newsletter. They also have planned day 2 of Opportunity Quilt preparation for May 2 at the Lenexa Library.

March Minutes – Rachel Rohrer moved that we approve the minutes as printed in the April newsletter. Melissa Toburen seconded the motion, and it passed.

Treasurer’s report – Rachel Rohrer moved that we approve the report as published in the April newsletter. Shelia Pierce seconded the motion, and it passed.

Birthdays – Jenny wished happy birthday to all those with April birthdays. The printed list is in the newsletter.

Programs – Melissa Toburen announced that our May program will be Lori Lee Triplett, who will speak about “Every Quilt Needs a Bird.” In June, we will have our schoolhouse meeting, and it will be held here at the church.

Destash Sale – The sale will be Saturday, April 18th , 9 am – 2 pm, with set-up beginning at 4 pm the previous day. Our Ways and Means will have several tables.

Charity – A quilt kit night is planned. Thanks to those who have created hanging hearts and pillows for KU. Keep them coming. Debbie and Allen Schrek have made 17 pillows.

Membership – Fifty-one members attended in person, with six online. We had two visitors, one of whom joined tonight – Hannah Day. Welcome, Hannah!

Meeting Minutes

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KCRQF 2027 – Karen Lacy and Linda Hagen reported on KCRQF.

Seasons of Discovery for young quilters. Our guild will be responsible for creating six red, white, and blue quilts that will be given to women veterans on Saturday afternoon of the festival. Each winning vet will be allowed one person to attend with them for free, with any others being charged \$10 to attend. Our guild is responsible for finding six women vets. Each quilt should be 60x80. The fabric for tops and backs, plus batting, are being donated, and will arrive August or September of this year. Donna Pitman from KMBC will be the Emcee. One hundred quilts will be created and given away.

Ticket prices will be the same as last year.

Money distribution to the guilds will again be based on a 40/60 split. The 40 means each of the 17 guilds will receive 1/17th of 40% of the proceeds. The 60 is distributed according to the number of hours donated by each guild during the festival, including credit given for our two guild reps, Karen and Linda. For every hour that our guild members volunteer, the guild receives roughly \$20.

President's Quilt – Cindy Nice was at the meeting with kits for those who have not picked one up, and she is collecting finished blocks.

Challenge Quilt – Shelia Pierce brought some examples of upcycling, which is the theme for the Challenge Quilt. In November, the projects will be shown to the guild.

Block of the Month (Paper piecing) – Sherri Critchfield has published information and the April patterns in the April newsletter. May patterns will be published in the May newsletter, and June's will be published in June. Then, in July we can show off our blocks/projects.

Hand Quilters – They will meet March 16th , at 2:00 pm.

Ensorfest – Melissa Toburen collected red, white and blue quilts for hanging at Ensorfest on Saturday, May 9, 12 – 5 p.m.

Ways and Means – Winners were Conna Hiltner, Karen Lacy, and Debbie Schrek.

Welcome Table –The Door Prize was won by Pauline Sanders.

Board meeting – the meeting will be held on Zoom on April 21 at 6:30. Contact our president, Jenny Boudreaux, if you are not on the board and would like to attend. All are welcome.

Show and Tell – Show and Tell followed the meeting, and we adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Submitted by Libby Corrison, guild secretary

Treasurer's Report

Olathe Quilt Guild April 2026 Treasurer's Report

Central Bank Operating Account Balance (as of 04/28/2026) \$ 15,151.83
 Central Bank Money Market Account Balance (as of 04/28/2026) \$ 12,181.83

Income

Membership	\$330.00
Special Events (Destash Event Tables)	\$110.00
Ways and Means (March & April)	\$113.00
Ways and Means (Destash Sale)	\$1,124.00
Welcome Table	\$31.00
Total Income	\$1,708.00

Expenses

Church Donation (April-June)	\$300.00
Church Donation (De-stash event)	\$100.00
Membership (Drawing winner – Peggy Bayard)	\$30.00
Programs (April Program – Martha Walker)	\$542.80
Refreshments (Linda Hagen)	\$70.70
Total Expenses	\$1,043.50



Board & Committees

2026 Board Officers	
President	Jenny Boudreaux
Vice President	Melissa Toburen
Programs	Melissa Toburen
Programs Elect	Jodi Price / Susan Peaco
Secretary	Libby Corrison
Treasurer	Pat Lawson
Ways and Means	Dae Curtiss
Ways and Means Elect	TBD
Historian	Conna Hiltner
Public Relations	Sherri Critchfield / Rachel Rohrer
Membership	Lou Corbin
Newsletter Editor	Conna Hiltner
Advisor(s)	Rachel Rohrer

**Charity Update: Eloise Waller has joined the Charity Committee.
Thank you Eloise.**

2026 Committee Chairs / Co-chairs	
Block of the Month	Sherri Critchfield
Challenge Quilt	Mary Pacey / Shelia Pierce
Charity	Lara Stevens / Lou Corbin / Eloise Waller
Johnson Country Fair	Shelia Pierce / Conna Hiltner
KCRQF Representative	Karen Lacy / Linda Hagen
KCRQF Olathe Guild Managers	TBD
Opportunity Quilt	Heather Buchwitz / Lisa Hirsch Rachel Rohrer
Outreach & Education	Cindy Nice
President's Quilt	Cindy Nice / Gretchen Ryan
Refreshments	Shelia Pierce
Special Events	Chelly King / Ellen Kidd
Technology	Rachel Rohrer
Welcome Table	Shelly Sullivan / Eloise Waller

Show and Tell



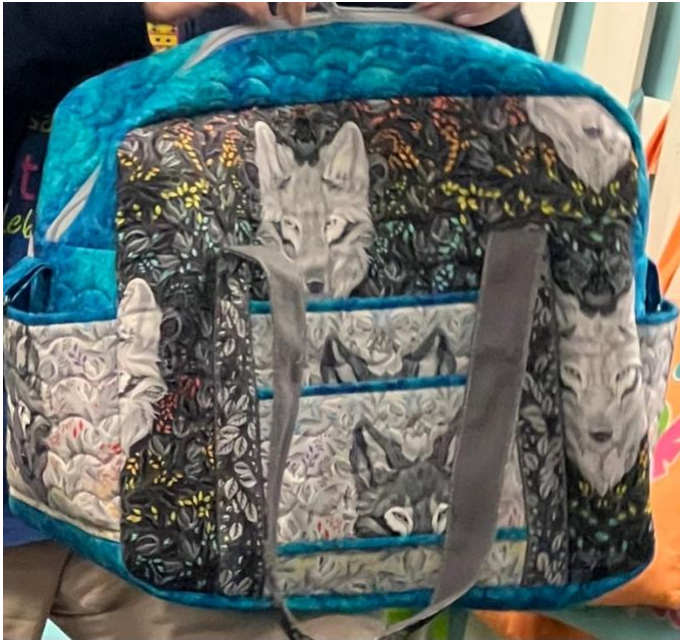
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Melissa Toburen



Libby Corrison



Linda Hagen



Laurie Vanderpol



Jean Spohrer



Erin Wasser



Sandra Mortakis



Allen Schreck