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Hello friends,

By the time you read this note, our work at the Johnson County Fair will be over. It is a wonderful showcase for our craft, and a chance to enjoy quilts from people of all ages and across our area. I want to thank Shelia Pierce and Conna Hiltner for being such dedicated and industrious volunteers for our guild and for the fair! And thank you to everyone who worked at the fair. We appreciate everyone who entered items - I loved seeing so many quilts all at one time! See photos of our exhibit later in this newsletter.

We are fortunate to have so many experienced quilters and quilting/sewing instructors in our guild. Liz Granberg-Jerome has offered to teach a class on how to use your domestic sewing machine to do your own quilting. In our August meeting I'll ask for a show of hands to gauge interest in having such a class, and to consider a timeframe for it. Thank you Liz for giving of your talent - I know I am interested in that class!

We have many new members, and I try to reach out to each of you at our meetings, but please forgive me if I don't stop and introduce myself - there's a lot going on at every meeting, and we're all just trying to get things done and enjoy our community. I will be at the Panera at 20120 W 153rd St at around 4:30, if you want to come eat dinner with me & anyone else who wants to join in before our guild meeting. It's a good way to pause and relax. Please if you are a new member, find me at the meeting and introduce yourself so I can put a face to your name - and please wear a name tag so we all can learn each other's names.

Summer still has a ways to go, so be sure to enjoy it while you can - it won't be that long before we're dreaming of warm sunny days!

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

New Update to Policy & Procedure Document

In the August meeting I will be asking for a vote on another update to our policy & procedure document.

In the past we would charge a fee to advertise in our newsletter and on our web site - this was for both guild members and non-members to advertise their businesses (such as long arm quilting) or items they wished to sell.

The board voted that we remove the charge, so members can advertise for free, and non-members can advertise once per calendar year at no cost.

We want to encourage members to use the newsletter and web site, as well as our private Facebook group if they wish, to reach our members with information on quilting-related businesses or items for sale. This is a great way to let members know if you do long-arming, any kind of teaching, custom designing, or whatever quilting or sewing related activities you do, or have items to sell or trade.



Co-Chairs Needed for Two Positions

We are in need of members to volunteer to co-chair two of our groups: the Welcome Table committee and Membership board position.

The Welcome Table checks people in for meetings, collects guest fees, manages sign-ups, handouts, and introduces guests, as well as collects fees and reports attendance. As co-chair you would assist Shelly Sullivan, so you can reach out to her to learn more about what is needed for this job. This year already has lots of helpers to do the work for this committee, but we need someone to learn how it works to get ready for next year.

The Membership co-chair collect dues, provide membership materials, updates the roster, and ensures that membership information is distributed as needed to the guild. As co-chair you would assist Lou Corbin, who has held this position as well as Charity co-chair for a while now. The bulk of the work comes when it's time to renew memberships at the end & beginning of each year, so it's a good time now to learn the ropes and get ready for next year.

For any board or committee position, you can partner with another member and share the load! So please consider one of these positions to serve the guild.

Jenny Boudreaux



COMING UP

August Program - The Sewing Lab

The Sewing Labs is an inclusive and welcoming community teaching the legacy of sewing for employment, entrepreneurship, and enrichment. Located at 526 Campbell St. in Kansas City's Columbus Park neighborhood, it is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. In their own words: "Sewing is the fundamental foundation on which The Sewing Labs was built."



The Sewing Labs became a reality with its mission to teach sewing for job readiness and to create a supportive community.

The Sewing Labs stitches together everyone in our community of different life-cloth and partners with other nonprofit agencies, organizations and businesses in Kansas City, to build everyone up. NEVER underestimate the power of a sewing machine!" Learn more at www.thesewinglabs.org.



Ways and Means

Hello fellow guild members,

Ways and Means will be back in August with items for purchase and for raffle. We will accept cash, check from Guild members or we now will accept credit or debit card payment with a small additional processing fee of 3.2%.

Dae Curtis

SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Guild's Quilt Retreat

It's time to start planning our next quilt retreat!

Location:

This one will be local and hosted by Aventura Senior Living (5901 W 107th St, Overland Park, KS 66207).

Dates & Times:

Friday, October 23 through Monday, October 26

We'll begin at 9:00 AM on Friday. After that, it will be come-and-go until Monday evening around 7:00 PM, when we'll share one final meal together and clean up the space. Sleep in your own home at night.

You're welcome to work on any projects you'd like. We'll also have a group project that we'll gift to Aventura as a thank-you for hosting us.

Cost: \$30

This will cover materials for the group project and one catered meal. Please also plan to go out for at least one meal during the retreat.

T-Shirts:

Laura will have an optional wonderful t-shirt designed for an additional \$20.

This is a new space that comfortably accommodates up to 27 people. If more people attend, we can make it work, but we may need to bring additional sturdy tables.

If you're interested in attending, please let Heather Schaller know, and you'll be added to an email list where we'll share more details. Heather's contact information is in the cover letter for this newsletter.

Heather Schaller



Needlecraft Shack Quilt Retreat



Good Morning, Quilting & Crafting Friends!

My name is **Sharon Stepter**, owner of [Needlecraft Shack Quilting Retreat](#).

[Needlecraft Shack](#) is a peaceful retreat designed for quilters, crafters, and creative friends to relax, create, make lasting memories, and build lifelong friendships.

Our retreat comfortably accommodates up to **8 guests** and features:

- Four charming vintage-themed bedrooms
- Spacious sewing and crafting areas
- Full bathrooms on each floor with large walk-in showers
- Complimentary Miltonvale coffee provided each morning
- A delicious baked treat offered for you upon arrival

Whether you're planning a quilting retreat, scrapbook weekend, knitting getaway, or simply time to reconnect with friends, Needlecraft Shack offers the perfect place to unwind and be inspired.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve your retreat, please feel free to call or email me. I would love the opportunity to visit with you.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to welcoming you to Needlecraft Shack!

Warmly,

Sharon Stepter

Needlecraft Shack Quilting Retreat

785-427-6868

skstepter@gmail.com



COMMITTEE UPDATES

JoCo Extension Classes

We are coming to the end of our workshops for this year.

On Tuesday, August 25th, Linda Hagan will be leading the workshop on Twilling. The workshop is from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Extension Office (near 119th & Ridgeview).

On Tuesday, October 27th, Cindy Nice will be leading a workshop on a Christmas Wall Hanging. Again, the workshop is from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Extension Office.

As mentioned at the July guild meeting, we are asking for suggestions for projects for the 2027 Workshops. Please contact Cindy Nice or Mary Pacey with suggestions. Their contact information is listed in the cover letter for this newsletter.

Thanks to all the members who have shown up to support the workshops by being able to help the participants

Mary Pacey

Opportunity Quilt

Please make sure you bring all your parts and pieces that you have been working on to the August meeting.

Thanks,

Lisa Hirsch
Heather Buchwitz

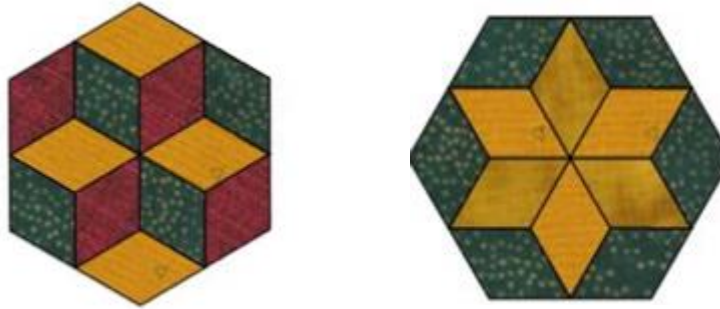
Challenge Quilt

Our quilt challenge is to upcycle an item that you no longer use or would discard. Use a part of the item to make something new. I hope you all are finding something that you can use to make your upcycle project. It will be exciting to see the creativity of our membership at the November meeting.

Shelia Pierce
Challenge Quilt Chair

August Block of the Month

For the August Block of the Month, we continue with English Paper Piecing. This block uses 12 diamond shapes. Both of the images shown are the same block, just using different color variations.



Ornament kits will be available again at the August guild meeting, with fabric included for the star version of the block. See the [Block of the Month](#) page on the guild website for more information. A PDF print sheet will be available there if you would like to print the shapes on cardstock to make more blocks.

Sherri Critchfield

Johnson County Fair News

At this submission to the newsletter, the fair is underway and going strong. There were 52 beautiful quilted projects entered.

The judges this year were Arlene Banks and Janette Sheldon. They chose Jean Spohrer's miniature quilt as Grand Champion and Mary Ellen Winter's fireman Legit Kit wall hanging as Reserve Champion. Both are stunning!

We will announce the winner of the Viewer's Choice at the guild meeting. Voting on ones favorite quilt seems to be a big hit. It encourages fair goers to look more closely at each quilt instead of just giving them a quick glance.

We want to thank everyone who volunteered their time and energy to help with dropping off, judging, hanging, and picking up of the quilts. Also, to those of you who monitored the building and watched over the quilts to keep them clean and safe. For every hour you volunteered, your name will be put in for prize drawings at the August guild meeting. Remember volunteers, to bring your parking passes to the meeting so we can use them next year.

Shelia Pierce
Conna Hiltner
Fair Committee Co-chairs

Fair Quilt Winners



Grand Champion
Jean Spohrer



Reserve Grand Champion
Mary Ellen Winter

Many of the Lovely Quilts Entered





Our thanks to the following stores for their support
of the quilting community by their generous gifts for the winners!



MEMBERSHIP



Dae Curtiss 8/3

Becky Stith 8/12

Robbie Herron 8/14

Jessie VandenBerg 8/20

Carol Meiners 8/23

Cindy Cherry 8/26

Peggy Bayard 8/29

Donna Roush 8/29

Cindy Nice 8/31

Laurie Vanderpol 8/31

MARKETPLACE

Member Marketplace & Business

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; 913-488-805



Erin Wasser - Just Sew Cute, LLC

You've worked so hard on your quilt tops. Let me help you finish them with beautiful computerized edge-to-edge quilting designs. I can accommodate up to King sized quilts and do binding as well. Plus I offer 10% off for current Olathe Quilt Guild members! Call or text for pricing and to arrange a drop off. 816-686-6272

If you need additional information please let me know!

Thanks,

Erin Wasser



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



AREA EVENTS

Dates 2026	Quilt Show or Event	Location
Aug 6 -8 Thur 8/6: 10a-5:30p Fri 8/7: 10a-5:30p Sat 8/8: 10a-5p	Original Sewing & Quilting Expo Workshops, Vendors, 11 Quilts Displays, Run-way Fashion Show, Demonstrations Admission: \$10 online / \$15 at Expo Website: sewingexpo.com	Overland Park, KS Overland Park Convention Center 6000 College Blvd
Sep 4-5 9/4: 9a-5p 9/5: 9a-4p	Little Balkans Quilt Show Vendors, Boutique, Raffle, Basket Walk drawing	Pittsburg, KS Memorial Auditorium 503 North Pine
Sep 11-12 9/11: 9a-5p 9/12: 9a-3p	Twilight Stitchers Quilt Show Admission: \$5, ages 12 & under free	Blue Springs, MO First United Methodist Church 301 SW Woods Chapel Rd
Sep 11-12 9/11: 10a-5p 9/12: 10a-5p	Eudora Quilt Show Extravaganza Admission: \$5, ages under 16 free Over 100 quilts on display Bake sale, vendors	Lawrence, KC Crown Toyota Building 3430 Iowa

Quilters Guild Of Greater Kansas City

Quilt Show • August 14 & 15 • 9am—4pm

First Church of the Nazarene • 11811 State Line Road • Kansas City,

- Huge Gift Boutique • Hundreds of Quilts on Display • Raffles & Door Prizes • Bake Sale
- Vendors • Julie Reed Designs • Cheryl's Handiwork • Bolin's Fabrics • The Blue Bee • U/I Red Hen Quilt Shop • Overbrook Quilt Connection • Ascend Health • Sharpen Solutions KC

Join Us At Our One Big Block Party!

Questions: Gail Shepard 816-678-8191

- Hundreds of Quilts on Display
- Vendors
- Boutique – FQs, Unique Handmade Gifts, Scrap Therapy, Patterns, Books, Quilting Supplies
- Small Quilts for Purchase
- Fabulous Raffle Baskets and Door Prizes
- Bake Sale

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Olathe Quilt Guild July 2026 Treasurer's Report

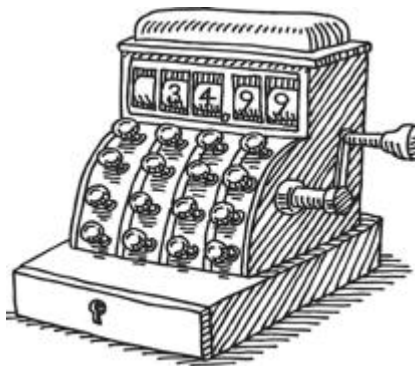
Central Bank Operating Account Balance (as of 07/28/2026)	\$ 14,443.25
Central Bank Money Market Account Balance (as of 07/28/2026)	<u>\$ 12,183.35</u>
Total	\$26,628.60

Income

Membership	\$60.00
Welcome Table	\$30.00
Total Income	\$90.00

Expenses

Olathe Christian Church (Donation -3 rd Quarter 2026)	\$300.00
Programs (Karen Hill)	\$375.00
Refreshments (Mary Pacey)	\$69.02
Total Expenses	\$744.02



MEETING MINUTES

Olathe Quilter's Guild Minutes July 14, 2026

Melissa Toburen introduced Karen Hill who spoke on the use of rulers in quilting.

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary's Minutes – Rachel Rohrer made a motion to approve the June minutes as printed in the newsletter. Eloise Waller seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jean Heer moved that we approve the June treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Donna Roush seconded the motion and it passed.

Birthdays – Our president Jenny Boudreaux wished a happy birthday to all those with June birthdays.

Our program for JCPRD kids – We will present a summer camp at 1:00 this Friday, July 17th . Jenny asked for volunteers to present with her. Libby Corriston, Carolyn Routh, Laurie Vanderpol, and Cindy Nice volunteered.

On Zoom tonight – Three people joined us on Zoom.

Ways and Means – Though Ways and Means is not at this meeting, it will be back in August.

Our Extension Office Classes – Mary Pacey reported that Linda Hagen will present on Twilling in August. Cindy Nice will hold the next two classes after that. Mary suggested that perhaps we should broaden our offerings, by adding topics that are not necessarily quilting, such as creating kitchen items, seasonal decorations, or drawstring bags.

Program – Melissa reported that Sewing Labs will present in August and Mary Honus will speak in September.

Charity – Lou Corbin and Lara Stevens reported that they will have quilt kits next month and will report on quilts distributed then.

Membership – We would like to have a second volunteer to work with Lou on Membership. Four people joined the guild tonight: Hanna Day, Wendy Kite, Rebecca Gillett, and Zoey Wasser.

MEETING MINUTES

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Block-of-the-Month – Sherri Critchfield asked those who participated in the Foundation Paper Piecing Block-of-the-Month to come to the front to show their creations. Shelia Pierce and Libby Corrison showed their projects. Prizes were awarded. English Paper Piecing is the new Block-of-the-Month topic. Sherri has kits to hand out. She made the pieces really accurately by using her Accuquilt. We were encouraged to see the video link that Sherri put on our Olathe Quilters Guild website, under Guild Activities. She will present a new project with kits each month and will put them on our website.

KCRQF – In August, we should receive our batting for the women veterans quilts that we are making.

Challenge – Shelia showed Upcycling projects that she made out of ties.

Johnson County Fair – There are still nine slots open for volunteers. Conna Hiltner and Shelia have extra prizes for Grand Champions. Shelia is distributing parking hangtags tonight, to those who have volunteered to work the quilting Open Class section at the fair. Quilt drop off is Monday, July 27th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 28th, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Thank you to Shelia and Conna for all their hard work.

Hand Quilters – The group will meet this Thursday, July 16th, at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome Table – Shelly Sullivan needs a co-chair, so please consider stepping up. There were 56 members in attendance and 14 guests. Four of those guests became members. Amber Croswhite won the Welcome Table drawing. An additional drawing was held for a free year of Quiltacy. Erin Wasser won.

Board Meeting - The Board meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, July 21st, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Let Jenny know if you are not a board member or committee chair and would like to attend.

The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell. Show and Tell ended at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by Libby Corrison, OQG Secretary



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

2026 Committee Chairs / Co-chairs	
Block of the Month	Sherri Critchfield
Challenge Quilt	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



Eloise Waller



Libby Corrison



Shelia Pierce

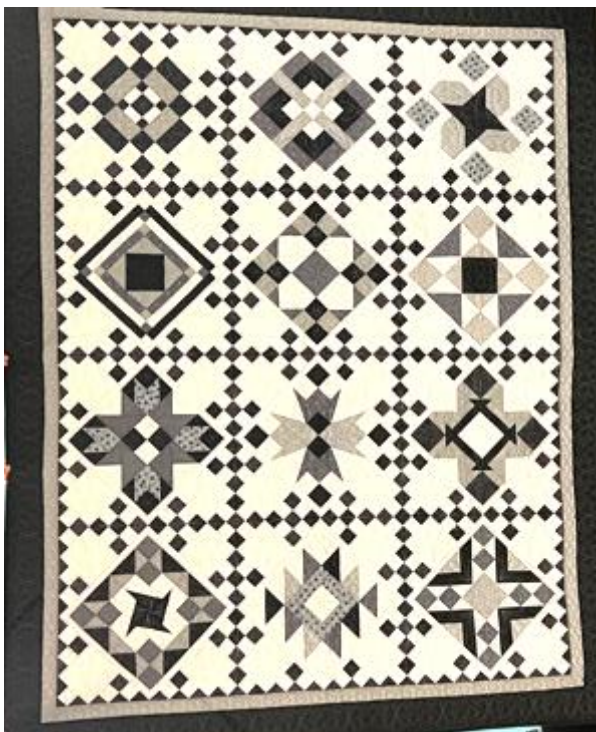




Shelly Sullivan



Jenny Boudreaux



Donna Roush



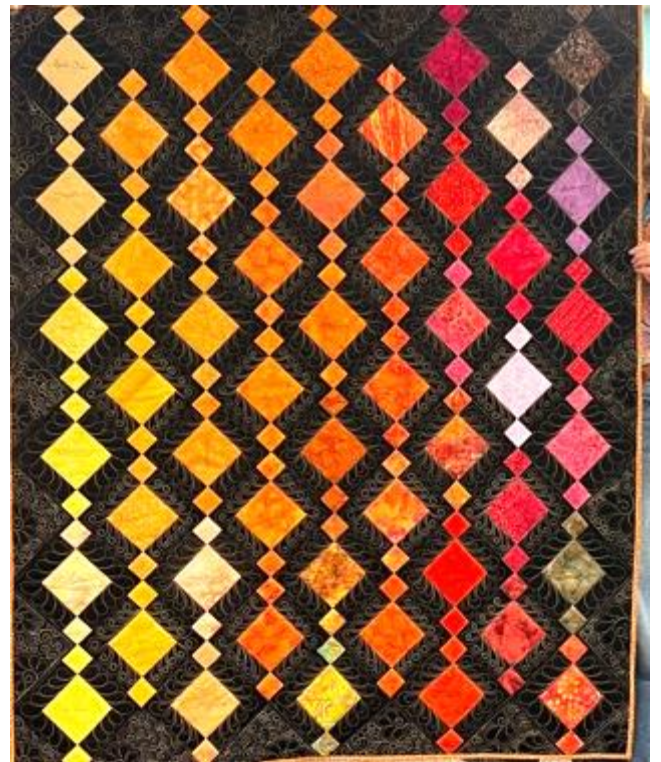
Janis Raspberry



Erin Wasser



Zoe Wasser



Rachel Rohrer



Lynda Ochs



David Duwe



David Duwe





Cliff Goerke QOV quilt
made by David & Thersa Duwe



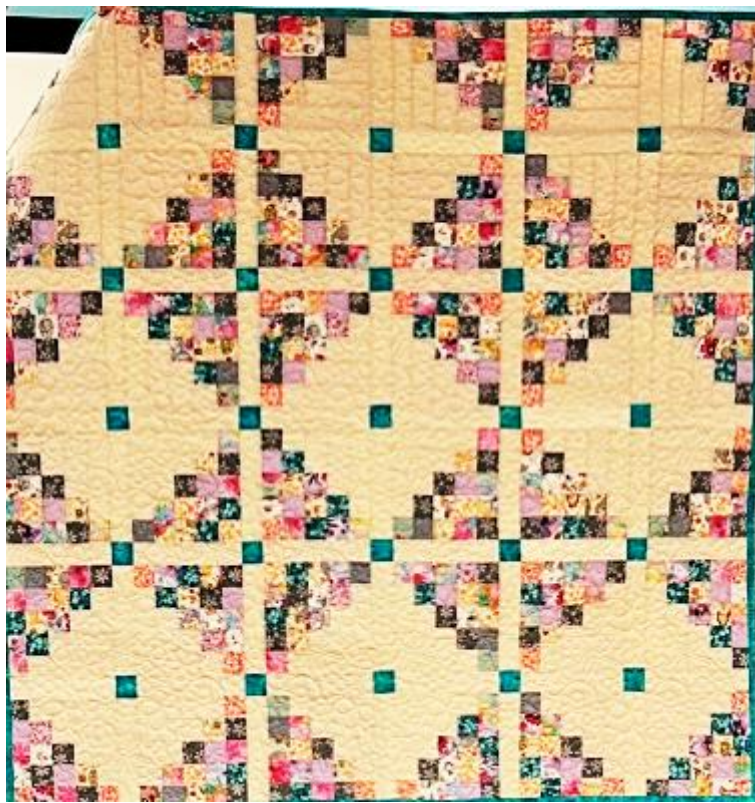
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Debbie Schreck



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Peggy Bayard



Laurie Vanderpol



Katie Kehl



Maribeth Kehl



Julie Coons