



# Be Thankful for your Blessings



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Dear Guild Members,

For the next few months, we will be meeting via **Zoom**. You can find some tips for using Zoom in this newsletter. In November, **Diane Harris** of **Stash Bandits** will be our speaker. She will speak first and then we will have our business meeting following her lecture.

In this season of the pandemic, I have tried to use up fabrics in my stash for various projects I have worked on. Even though I have used my stash for projects, the amount of fabric I have accumulated does not seem to be diminishing.

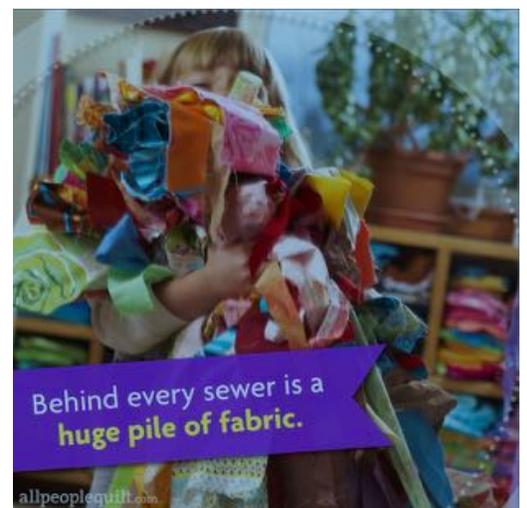
As I have looked at my stash, I often question my purchase – what made me want that fabric. Now I think – what will I do with that fabric.

Some pieces of fabric have provided memories of when I bought it – who was I with or where was I at. Other pieces of fabric were purchased for a purpose – all of my novelty fabrics for the pillowcases made as care packages for my daughters while they were in college, and then used for my ABC quilts. Looking for these novelty pieces has been a true joy, especially as I looked for fabric for those hard to find letters (N, Q, X).

What is in your stash? What memories do they generate for you?

Happy Quilting,

Teresa Jones

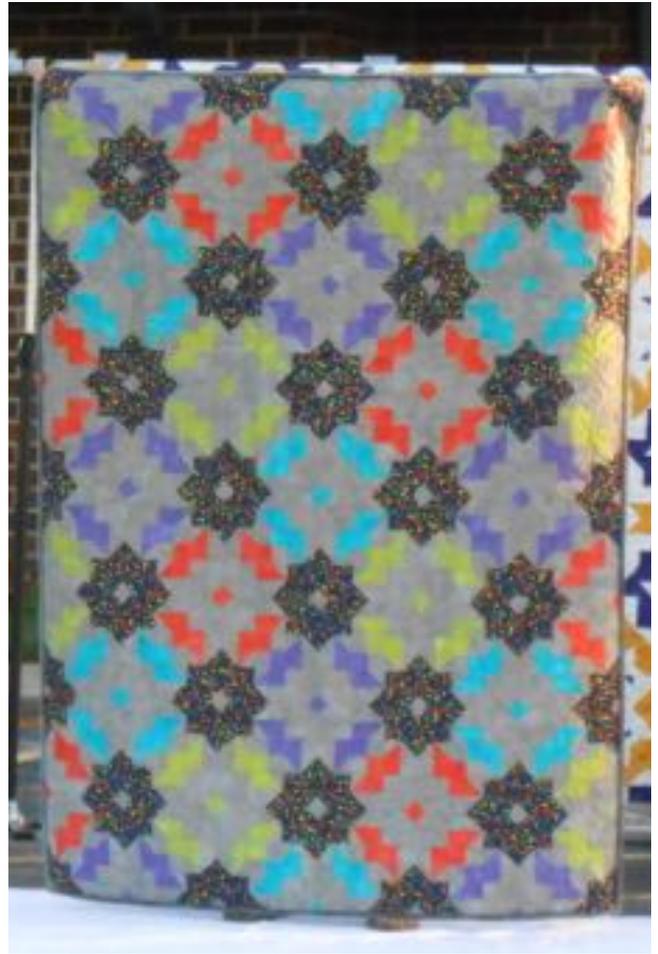


# OCTOBER OUTDOOR MEETING

**Ashley Copeland** was the presenter at the October outdoor guild meeting. She is a quilt designer and instruction writer who displayed the quilts she made using a technique of half square triangles that are sliced and rearranged. [See more about Ashley online.](#)



# OCTOBER OUTDOOR MEETING (contd.)



# SHOW AND TELL



Joyce Bardeen



Lynda Ochs



Rachel Rohrer

# SHOW AND TELL

Libby Corrison 3 quilts)



# SHOW AND TELL



Heather Buchwitz (3 quilts)

Mary Ellen Winter



# SHOW AND TELL



Janie Benander (2 quilts)



Pauline Sanders



Karen Lacy

# SHOW AND TELL

Joellyn Randall (3 quilts)



# OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes  
Olathe Quilter's Guild  
October 13, 2020

The meeting of Olathe's Quilter's Guild was begun at 6:00 pm on Tuesday October 13, 2020 by President Teresa Jones. It was held in the parking lot of Olathe Christian Church with a microphone and speaker brought by Teresa's daughter and son-in-law, Ashley & Matt Copeland. Members placed their folding chairs at a 6 foot distance from each other, and wore masks to avoid spreading the coronavirus. Teresa read the names of October birthdays, and welcomed two guests, Sue Welms and Shari Hansen.

The first order of business was a change in membership dues for 2021. The board recommended reducing the annual dues by half, to \$15. Rent payment to the church for the privilege of using their facilities was reduced from \$100 per month to \$50 per month since we are not meeting inside. As a result, cutting dues in half will still pay that rent and other guild expenses. The motion was made by Mary Ellen Winter, seconded by Karen Lacy and passed.

Mary Ellen introduced tonight's speaker, and read the biography of, Ashley Copeland. She is a quilt designer and instruction writer who displayed the quilts she made using a technique of half square triangles that are sliced and rearranged. She will be conducting a Facebook workshop called "Four, Score, and Shuffle" November 16 – 30 exclusively for OQG. Members may sign up at <https://abeandart.com>. Special codes are needed to receive guild discounts, which will be sent later.

A 20 minute break was announced, to do business at all the tables: sign up for Show and Tell, KCRQF sales, tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, pay dues at the Membership table, receive treats at the Welcome table, turn in the quilt block from last month to Mary Ellen Winter, bid at the silent auction, turn in or pick up charity quilts, and see Heather Schaller to help embroider signs.

After the break the business meeting was continued. Mary Ellen Winter made a motion to approve the minutes of the last business meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> as printed in the newsletter, and Lynda Ochs seconded. It was approved. Linda Hagen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Mary Pacey and adopted.

The next workshop sponsored by Kansas State Extension will be October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 pm via Zoom. Mary Pacey has recorded the program, 'Introduction to Wool Appliqué.' Those who register should pick up a kit of materials at the Extension office ahead of time. Mary announced that all 10 workshop slots for next year have been filled. Lynda Ochs and Libby Corrison will be offering 5 beginning quilting classes, starting with a table runner in November.

KCRQF cancelled the last meeting and will send updates in a newsletter, as reported by Heather Buchwitz.

Charity Committee: Cindy Nice announced that she has lots of quilt tops that need quilting.

2020 Challenge: Cheryl Lowrance has postponed the turn-in date till the first in-person meeting in 2021.

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## OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES (contd.)

Election of Officers: Teresa read the slate of officers to serve in 2021 as follows: President Libby Corrison, Vice President Nicolette Deplazes, Program Chair Mary Ellen Winter, Program Elect Sheri Keller, Secretary Carol Crane, Treasurer Rachel Rohrer, Ways & Means Karen Genis, Ways & Means elect currently unfilled, Historian Cheryl Wilcox, Public Relations – Facebook and website, currently unfilled, Membership Jean Heer, Newsletter Editor Jenny Boudreaux, Advisor Teresa Jones. Heather Buchwitz made a motion to accept the slate, Kenda Camp seconded, and the slate was elected. Please volunteer to fill one of the open positions by contacting Teresa or Libby Corrison of the Nominating Committee. The next board meeting will be by Zoom on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. All current and new officers are expected to attend. The meetings are open and all members are welcome and encouraged to observe and comment. Contact Teresa to receive the invitation link by email.

Volunteers are needed to be new committee chairs for KCRQF quilt registration coordinator, Block of the Month chair, and President's Quilt chair. Not only have some committee chairs stepped up to serve another year, but others have volunteered to take it on for 2021. Libby thanked those chairmen who will be continuing. All positions will be listed in the next newsletter. (Ed. note: Later Linda Hagen volunteered for BOM.)

Future meetings: November will feature speaker Diane Harris of Stash Busters on Zoom. December will also be on Zoom, with a program on no-sew Christmas ornaments. For January, Mary Ellen has scheduled a Zoom program on batting.

The quilt auctioned off by Linda Hagen for the benefit of the Charity Committee was won by Sherri Irving for \$35.

Cheryl Wilcox discussed the 2021 membership forms to fill out and that they would be included in the next newsletter. They can be mailed in to the post office box. She mentioned the two guests that attended. Gretchen Ryan of the Welcome Table reported 36 members present. Jodi Price won the door prize drawing.

The winner of the KCRQF drawing for a year's membership in the guild was Rachel Rohrer, announced by Heather Buchwitz.

Joyce Bardeen presented the President's Quilt to Teresa Jones with thanks and acknowledgement of her hard work. In 2019, the guild members used black and white fabric to make a nine patch (using a red center that was provided to them). Teresa took these blocks home and cut them up and sewed them back together. She gave the blocks back to Joyce Bardeen, who put together the quilt.

Show and Tell participants were Heather Buchwitz, Mary Ellen Winter, Janie Benander, Pauline Sanders, Karen Lacy, Joyce Bardeen, Libby Corrison, Linda Ochs, and Rachel Rohrer.

Teresa Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Carol Crane, Secretary

# 2020 & 2021 BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Thank you to all who have served on the OQG board or as a committee chair in 2020, and thanks to all who will serve in 2021!

<b>Board</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
President	Teresa Jones	Libby Corrison
Vice President	Libby Corrison	Nic Deplazes
Program	Mary Ellen Winter	Mary Ellen Winter
Program Elect	Mary Ellen Winter	Sheri Keller
Secretary	Carol Crane	Carol Crane
Treasurer	Mary Whitchurch	Rachel Rohrer
Ways and Means	Carolyn Chaffin	Karen Genis
Ways and Means Elect	Karen Genis	Carol Crane
Historian	Beverly Berberich	Cheryl Wilcox
Public Relations	Heather Buchwitz and Sherri Critchfield	Melissa Toburen
Membership	Cheryl Wilcox	Jean Heer
Newsletter Editor	Jenny Boudreaux	Jenny Boudreaux
Advisor	Mary Pacey	Teresa Jones
<b>Committee Chairs</b>		
<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	
Charity	Sherri Irving/Cindy Nice	Cindy Nice
Block of the Month	Carolyn Chaffin	Linda Hagen
Welcome Table	Gretchen Ryan	Shelia Pierce
Challenge Quilt	Cheryl Lowrance	Sherri Irving
Outreach/Education	Mary Pacey	Mary Pacey
Special Events	Kathy Kolodziejczyk, Gretchen Ryan, and Heather Schaller	Kathy Kolodziejczyk, Gretchen Ryan, and Heather Schaller
OQG Quilts for KCRQF	NA	Janice Meloan and Kathleen Manning
Opportunity Quilt	Lisa Hirsch, Heather Buchwitz, Kenda Camp, and Libby Corrison	Teresa Jones
KCRQF	Mary Ellen Winter and Heather Buchwitz	Mary Ellen Winter and Heather Buchwitz
President's Quilt	Joyce Bardeen	

# COMMITTEE UPDATES & NEEDS FOR 2021

## Nominating Committee update

We have had two individual step forward to fill guild positions for 2021. We will vote them into office in November:

**Publications** – Melissa Toburen

**Ways & Means Elect** – Carol Crane

Thanks to all who have stepped forward for 2021!

## President's Quilt Committee

We are looking for guild members to be members of the **2021 President's Quilt committee**. The committee collects and straightens/squares blocks made by the guild members which are brought to the designated meeting to give to the President at the last meeting of the year. The committee will be responsible for the assembly of quilt blocks into a quilt top for the second year President. Materials to be paid out of the treasury (the cost not to exceed \$1.00 per member each year).



Although this year may not be going the way anyone wanted, we all have something or someone to be thankful for - so remember that compared to many people in the world today, we are fortunate beyond measure. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

From Jenny Boudreaux:

You may recall Ann and Bill Say who spoke to our guild last year about the **Once We Were Refugees** non-profit group who teach refugees in the KC area to sew, thus giving them useful skills that can be used at home or to find employment.

With the pandemic, donations were temporarily suspended. Now there is a contact here in Olathe who can pick up donations for the group - anything ranging from notions or fabric to irons, sewing machines, etc.

Please contact **Theresa Gordon** at either 913-226-8068 or email at [tgordon@ucmo.edu](mailto:tgordon@ucmo.edu) to arrange a pick-up of your donations. Learn more about Once We Were Refugees at <https://www.oncewewererefugees.org/>.

# UPDATES ON UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

## 2021 EXTENSION WORKSHOPS

The Outreach/Education Committee is happy to announce the schedule of workshops for 2021 (sorry that last month's list was fuzzy). The committee has come up with both technique and project workshops. When these are once again available for in-house presentations, we will notify the guild. As of now, these are to be Zoom meetings - all take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 26 – Improvisational Quilting in the manner of Gee's Bend

Feb. 23 – Bullseye Quilt

March 24 – Techniques to use with Vintage Textile

April 27 – Decorative Machine Stitches

May 25 – Machine Stitched Applique

June 22 – Fusing Fun Art Quilt

July 27 – Christmas in July

Aug. – Twister Tool

Sept. – Modern Improv Quilt Block

Oct. – Color Pencil on Fabric

## BEGINNING QUILTING WORKSHOPS

Johnson County K-State Research and Extension is offering **Beginning Quilting Classes** taught by Olathe Quilt Guild members Libby Corrison and Lynda Ochs. Class dates are Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jan.7<sup>th</sup>, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. from 6-7pm each night. [Sign up here](#) or go to the Johnson County Extension Office web site at <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/> and click on [Classes and Events](#) on the left-side menu.

The Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> class will focus on quilting terms and tools, rotary cutting and sewing quarter-inch seams. Participants should have sewing knowledge but not quilting experience. The goal is to have participants make a small table runner as shown below.

Please let anyone who might be interested know about the classes. It is a great way to get started on a quilting journey.



## UPDATES ON 2021 PROGRAMS

No, this isn't a reminder of all the Halloween candy you gave out (or ate) - it's a teaser for our **2021 Block of the Month** program! Stay tuned for more details from Linda Hagen!



Challenge Quilt 2021

Here are **Two** Clues:

Candy Canes and a Panda Bear

What is **one** thing they have in common?

Stay tuned for more details from Sherri Irving!

# CHARITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

## CHARITY PROJECT TURN-IN

The following people have “tickets” in the popcorn tin for donating their time and talent to produce projects for the Charity Committee: Janie Benander, Kenda Camp, Carol Crane, Linda Hagen, Jean Herr, Lisa Hirsch, Ruthi Hoadley, Teresa Jones, Maribeth Kehl, Mary Pacey, Janis Raspberry, Gretchen Ryan, Pauline Sanders, Melissa Toburen and Jessie VandenBerg. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!**

I have received the papers turned in at the August, September, and October meetings. Unfortunately, I have 2 without any names and 1 with just initials (CAC). **Please check with me** if your name is not in the list above for turning in forms.

PLEASE use the form that was printed in the October newsletter and is repeated again this month (as an attachment) because it is much easier for me to tally points.

I will be getting the papers that were turned in at the November meeting from Cindy soon.

Mary Pacey

### **POINTS CHARTS FOR CHARITY WORK:**

- Isolette Cover 3 points
- Quillow 6 points
- Quick Quilt without binding 11 points
- Quick Quilt with binding 12 points

#### **Quilts as follows:**

- Completely finished quilt 14 points (all work done by you)
- Top only 4 points
- Piecing the back 2 points
- Batting supplied by you 2 points
- Making the binding for a quilt 1 point
- Applying binding 1 point
- Quilting the quilt 4 points
- Organizing help on charity supplies 1 point for every 2 hours

**\*\* See the attachment in the email with the newsletter for a receipt  
you can fill out and return to Mary! \*\***

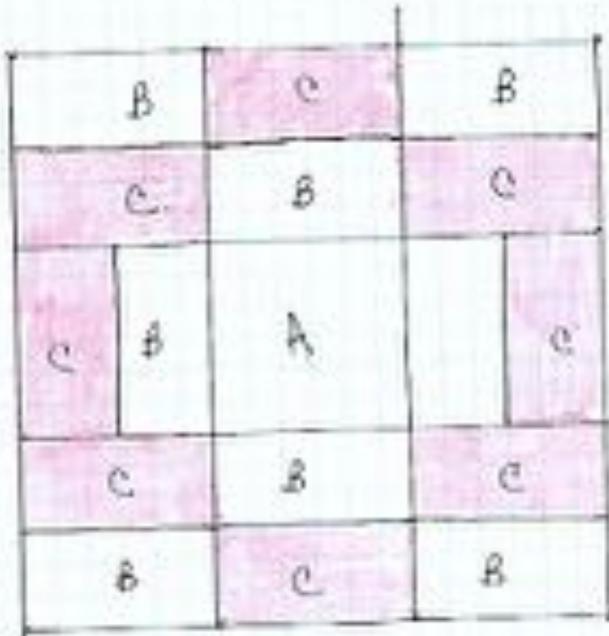
# BLOCK OF THE MONTH UPDATE

This of course is our 12th set of blocks, we've come to the end of our project. I hope you've enjoyed this journey. I chose a **Tree** - it's a pine tree, but if you have a favorite spring tree, include your favorite instead. The final block is one I hope everyone will include in their quilt. I was doing a sampler quilt and one of the blocks was an **autograph block**; I'm happy it's in the quilt. Please sign and date. Enjoy!! More to come on 'prizes'!!

I did not receive emails from anyone participating in this year's BOM letting me know if we could try doing our reveal virtually. Therefore we'll plan to do our reveal at our first in-person guild meeting in 2021.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. Carolyn

## Signature Block



+ Nice way to get your name on your quilts, especially if you're not good at labels, like me!!

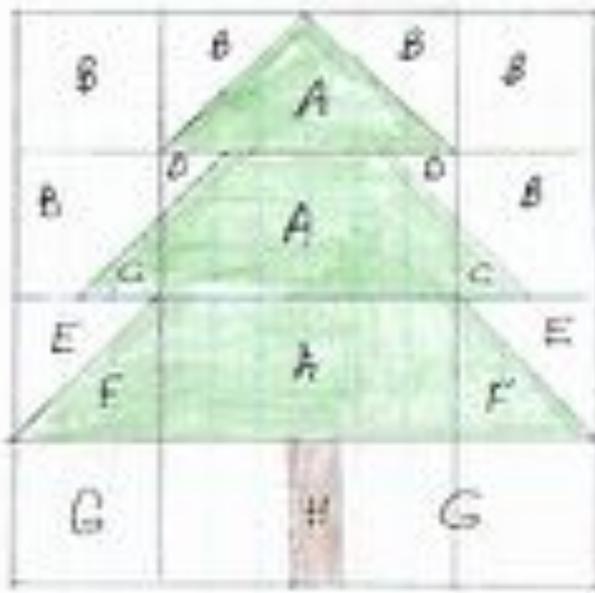
Piece	Needed	6"	9"	12"
A	1	2 1/2" square	3 1/2" square	4 1/2" square
B	8	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"	2" x 3 1/2"	2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
C	8	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"	2" x 3 1/2"	2 1/2" x 4 1/2"
D	1	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"	2" x 3 1/2"	2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

OF CUT strips and subcut

to make a square  
 6" - 2 1/2"  
 9" - 3 1/2"  
 12" - 4 1/2"

# BLOCK OF THE MONTH UPDATE (contd.)

## Tree



- Sew and flip  
 $A + 2B =$
- $A + 2D =$
- 2 B's 2 c's
- watch to be sure direction when put together

- Make 2 -  $4\frac{1}{2}$  square triangles  
 trim so same size as "B"

- Join part to make 4 rows

- Join rows

Part	Needed	6"	9"	12"
A	3 -	$2 \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$	$2 \times 11\frac{1}{2}"$	$3 \times 14\frac{1}{2}"$
B	6 -	$2 \times 8"$	$2 \times 11"$	$3 \times 14"$
C	2 -	$1 \times 8\frac{1}{2}"$	$1 \times 11\frac{1}{2}"$	$2 \times 14\frac{1}{2}"$
D	2 -	$1 \times 8"$	$1 \times 11"$	$2 \times 14"$
E	2 -	$2 \times 8"$	$3 \times 11"$	$4 \times 14"$
F	1 -	$2 \times 8"$	$3 \times 11"$	$4 \times 14"$
G	2 -	$10\frac{1}{2}" \times 2"$	$2\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$	$2\frac{1}{2}" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$
H	1 -	$1\frac{1}{2}" \times 2"$	$1\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$	$2" \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

We want to provide a few reminders when on a Zoom meeting with the guild:

- Please keep your microphone on mute
- If you keep your camera on, remember we can see everything you do and everything happening behind you.
- In the bottom center of the screen is a “**Chat**” feature. You can send messages to the whole group or private messages to individuals.
- If you have a question for the speaker, please put it in the “**Chat**”.
- Please make sure you **sign in with your first and last name** to identify yourself.
- If you invite a guest, **please let Karen Genis know**, so she can let the guest into our Zoom call. [Karen.genis@yahoo.com](mailto:Karen.genis@yahoo.com)



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our **next virtual guild meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. The program will be **Stash Busters** presented by **Diane Harris**. See her web site to learn more about her:

<https://stashbandit.net/>

## UPCOMING ONLINE MEETINGS & SHOW AND TELL NOTICE

Our November meeting will be virtual using Zoom. To make Show and Tell go easier for everyone, if you have something to show, please **email Jenny Boudreaux your pictures along with a brief description of each item**. Jenny will put all the pictures into a PowerPoint presentation which will be displayed by Karen Genis, our Zoom “hostess.” We aren't sure yet if we'll take turns speaking or just have Teresa or someone read the descriptions, so stay tuned.

**Visitors** can attend the guild Zoom meetings by emailing their names and email addresses to Teresa Jones at [westplacequilting@gmail.com](mailto:westplacequilting@gmail.com), who can include them in the email with the link. Names must also be sent to Karen Genis at [Karen.genis@yahoo.com](mailto:Karen.genis@yahoo.com), so she knows to allow them into the meeting. Cheryl Wilcox will follow up with any visitors to see if they are interested in joining the guild.

Obviously no one knows for sure when we will feel safe having a meeting inside the church, so for now the board has decided to determine what will be done for each meeting on a month-by-month basis. December's meeting will be virtual using Zoom - exact details of the content of the meeting are TBD.

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, November 17th from 6:30-7:30pm** (may be shorter depending on the agenda) via Zoom. Any guild member is welcome to attend board meetings; please **contact Teresa Jones** at [westplacequilting@gmail.com](mailto:westplacequilting@gmail.com) if you wish to attend the meeting, so she can send you the link to join via Zoom.

The board is open to suggestions for what content to provide via Zoom meetings or feedback on the November meeting, so please feel free to contact any board member with your feedback.

# NOTES FROM MEMBERS

## GUILD MEMBERS' BUSINESS LISTINGS

Below are guild members who have quilting-related businesses. Check out the list online at <https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links>.

Cheryl Newell - **CAN Designs** - quilting & longarm services  
4537 Reese Drive, Wellsville, KS 913-749-6668

Heather Buchwitz - **QuiltKC** - 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

From **Susan Gandy**: I have been working with a curator at the **Johnson County History Museum**. The Museum is at 87th & Metcalf. There are two events you might want to check out:

1. Nov. 7 - Jan. 23: **Common Threads: Exhibit of quilts owned by the Museum**. This will include one that was made specifically for the museum and donated by our Guild in 1998. [See more details here.](#)

2. Thursday, November 12, 2020 - **History on Tap – Quilts on the Kansas Frontier**. Barbara Brackman is a well-known quilter, quilt historian, and author. Join her for a discussion (online) of the history and culture of quilting in Kansas. Corresponds to museum's quilt exhibit. [Register here](#). \$6 per person. Museum members receive a 20% discount, call (913) 831-3359 to claim discount.



Interested in meeting with other guild members in person? Sheri Keller is a new member to our guild, and she is willing to host a few people in her home for sewing and fellowship. Shari is new to Olathe and is seeking new quilting friends! To meet social distancing her studio can easily handle 3 other sewers if you will bring your machine. She have 3 locations to iron all in the same room. If you are only doing hand sewing she can handle a few more for sitting only. Contact Shari at [KSKeller320@gmail.com](mailto:KSKeller320@gmail.com) if you are interested, or check our Facebook group.

# MEMBERSHIP INFO

## Membership news for 2021

A reminder that the guild has **reduced dues fee of \$15 for 2021**. If you have not yet submitted your 2021 dues, you can send them to the guild post office box. See Cheryl Wilcox at the next in-person meeting in 2021 to fill out a membership form for our records.

**Olathe Quilter's Guild  
PO Box 2651  
Olathe, KS 66063**

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Lowrance 11-2  
Maribeth Kehl 11-16  
Becky Tenney 11-18



Joellyn Randall 11-21  
Sheila Pierce 11-24  
Arlene Banks 11-30

### Viewing Guild News Online

Our monthly newsletters are [posted to the guild web site](https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/) within a few days of them being sent out via email - the web address is <https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/>. Click on the **Resources** tab, then **Newsletters** to see the archive. We will also begin to post them to our Facebook group starting in November.

### THANK YOU for your CHARITY DONATIONS!!

Linda Hagen reported at the most recent board meeting that the Charity Committee will not do any more silent auctions for the vintage quilts that we have received, but instead she will sell opportunity tickets in order to earn more money for the Charity Committee.

Linda also reported she delivered 17 quilts to the VA, which makes 25 for the year. We know the veterans appreciate the quilts and we thank them for their service to our country!

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report October 31, 2020

<b>Operating Account Balance 9/30/20</b>	6,180.57
<b>Money Market Account Balance 8/31/20</b>	<u>\$12,150.15</u>
	\$18,330.72
<b>Receipts</b>	
Workshops	\$75.00
Charity Quilt Raffle	\$40.00
Opportunity Quilt Raffle	\$80.00
Ways & Means	\$284.00
Membership	<u>\$395.00</u>
Total	\$874.00
Money Market interest earned in September	\$0.64
<b>Expenses</b>	
Olathe Christian Church	\$50.00
Cindy Nice-Charity Quilt batting, backing, postage	\$384.80
Ashley Copeland-October Speaker	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total	\$684.80
<b>Operating Account Balance 10/31/2020</b>	\$6,369.77
<b>Money Market Account Balance 9/30/2020</b>	<u>\$12,150.79</u>
<b>Combined Balance 10/31/2020</b>	<u>\$18,520.56</u>

# SPOTLIGHT QUILTER -MELISSA TOBUREN

We are so happy this month to feature Melissa Toburen as our Spotlight Quilter. Melissa joined our guild in 2019; you may have seen some her great creations in Show and Tell. Here's a little bit more about her:

1. When did you start quilting? I started quilting around 1996. My introduction to quilting was in the 1970s as both of my grandmothers quilted.
2. Who taught you quilting or sewing? Though both my grandmothers did quilt, I didn't learn until later. I learned to sew in Home Economics in high school. I would say I'm primarily self-taught as a quilter, but have taken classes (live and internet) and gone to many a quilt show. The latest way I'm being taught is by joining a guild!
3. What is your favorite tool or technique? Gosh! A favorite tool - at the moment it is probably my Handi Quilter Sweet 16 sit down machine. Also, I'm happy every time I use them for the rotary cutting tool, mat and rulers. My first quilt was made using cardboard templates and scissors - probably why it took so long.
4. Why did you join our guild? Do you belong to other guilds? My friend Rachel Rohrer (also a member) and I decided it was past time to be part of a guild. I attended an Olathe guild meeting and was hooked as everybody was so welcoming. I am also a member of the Kansas City Modern quilt guild. These two guilds are a wonderful complement to my quilting interests.
5. Do you have any recent projects you'd like to let the guild know about? Like a lot of people, I made a lot of masks this spring and summer - for friends, family and local hospitals. I've quilted several quilts for our guild charity projects. My mom - who is also a quilter and member of the guild - has been keeping me busy since I quilt her quilts. It is so wonderful to share this hobby with my mom! Most recently, I've taken a collage class which is leading me - slowly - I think to an art piece I have in mind. More on that in 2021. I may also have committed to making an "art deco" style quilt for a family member. Anyone with resources to suggest on art deco style quilting -- please contact me!
6. Do you have any "quilting" goals for this year? I generally try to learn or try something new with each project so I'd like to continue that. As winter sets in, having handwork to do is also appealing.
7. What advice would you give to other quilters, especially people new to quilting? Advice is often as welcome as 2-day old fish, but I'd "suggest" - Have fun, don't be afraid to ask questions and to try things you think are beyond your skill set. You may be surprised and find a new passion!

Below is Melissa's first quilt which she quilted by hand!



# SPOTLIGHT QUILTER - MELISSA TOBUREN



202 Drunkard's Path challenge quilt

2019 quilt for great nephew

One of Melissa's favorite quilts - machine quilted

