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Happy November, Quilters!

At our October meeting, we officially welcomed the new slate of board officers for 2026. I am thrilled for those stepping into new roles and grateful for those continuing their service. Serving on the board these past few years has been a truly rewarding experience. I've said it before—and I'll say it again—we have a special guild. That sense of community and positivity is modeled so well by our board members, each of whom has been a joy to work with and consistently professional.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped us stay on track with our new meeting timeline in October—it made a real difference!

As we welcome many new members, here are a few friendly reminders to keep things running smoothly:

- 📖 **Member Contact Info:** We do not include personal contact details in our newsletters, as they are posted publicly on our website. To protect privacy, we distribute a quarterly roster to members only. If you need to reach someone, please refer to that roster. Conna also includes contact info in the email when she sends out the newsletter—thank you, Conna!
- 😊 **Meeting Etiquette:** Please avoid personal conversations during meetings. It can be distracting to both our speakers and fellow members. If you need to chat, feel free to step outside.
- 🎄 **Holiday Party Preview:** Peggy will share more details about our December celebration later in the newsletter—be sure to check it out. It promises to be a festive and fun evening for all!

As we stitch our way into the season of gratitude, I'm thankful for each of you who makes our guild such a vibrant and welcoming place.

Happy Quilting!
Rachel



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

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

Coming Up

December Plans—Let's Celebrate

We will not have a speaker at our December meeting so we can celebrate all the great things we have accomplished this year with a catered dinner and a few fun activities.

With that in mind we need you to do a little prep for the evening.

- Bring a Show and Tell you haven't shared yet.
- Try to come a little early to join our social activity by picking up a charm square at the Welcome table when you sign in.
- Join the Cookie Exchange: bring cookies / take home other's cookies. More details in the December Newsletter.
- Bring an 'Orphan Block' and trade it for another so you can be part of the first Challenge for 2026. Think of that block that didn't come out 'just right' or has one part in the wrong spot, convinced you that you are "not doing that again"

More details in December newsletter.

Ways and Means

There will be three big basket drawings for your purchased chances this month. So BIG they won't fit in the usual baskets! Come see the wonderful quilts offered from the fourth Friday downtown sales. There may be just the one for you or to gift someone.



Welcome Table Sign-Up

At our November or December meetings,
please take a moment to sign up to work the Welcome Table for one of the months in 2026.

This is a fun way to get to know more of your fellow quilters! We try to have two people share the responsibility each month, so sign up together if you want.



Thanks,
Libby Corrison



November Program

Gadgets from the Hardware Store A presentation by Laura Piland of Slice of Pi Quilts



I work from home and homeschool our three young boys. Quilting is to me what fishing is to my husband. It keeps me sane. I also love creating a tangible thing that will provide joy and warmth to others. Most work as a mother and teacher is intangible, so I like that quilting results in something to show for the work put in.

I love trying new things and rarely make the same quilt twice. My style is eclectic. I make modern quilts, traditional quilts, and quilts in-between. I make large quilts, mini quilts, and all sizes in-between. I occasionally sew other items, but you'll mostly see me working on a quilt. And I make a lot of quilts! Usually over 50 each year!

I started Slice of Pi Quilts in 2016 after many requests for patterns for the quilts I was creating. You can find all of my patterns in both digital and professionally printed booklets in my [Etsy shop](#). In 2019, I started the [Quilting & Sewing Deals Facebook group](#) where I post sales, discounts, and coupon codes to quilt shops all around the web! I also travel to quilt shops and quilts to teach and present trunk shows of my quilts!

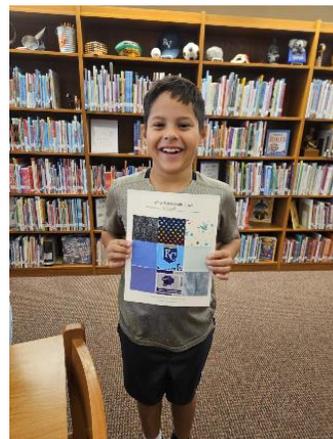


Outreach Update

Olathe Schools' "Be a Maker" Program – We need volunteers!

Our "Be a Maker" programs are going great again this school year. We need **volunteers** to assist the students in making their quilts. The students need a little guidance on using the glue stick properly, making sure they pat their squares down flat, etc. - and it's only an hour. Here is the current schedule, so please sign up if you are available to help.

Countryside	Nov 6,7, & 10 from 9:00 to 10:00	Sign up here
Havencroft	Nov. 13 & 14 from 9:00 to 10:00	Sign up here
Washington	Nov. 17, 18, 19 from 10:55-11:55	Sign up here
Indian Creek	Dec 2, 3, 4 from 11:05-12:05	Sign up here
Fairview	Dec. 10 from 12:15-1:15	Sign up here
Central	Dec 10 & 15 from 10:15 to 11:15	Sign up here

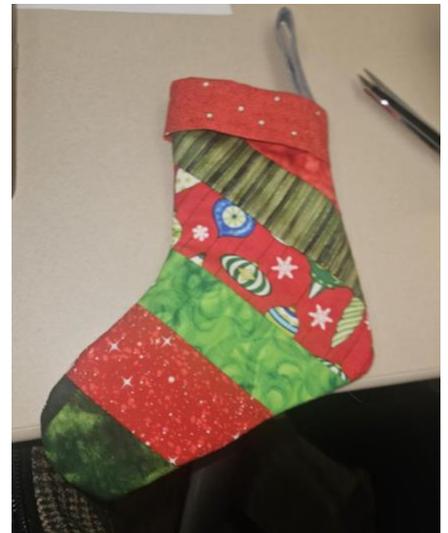


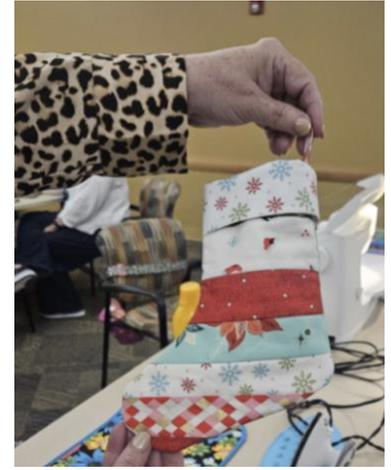
Extension Classes Recap

We had a really good turnout for our extension classes this year – people seemed very happy with the projects and many people came to multiple classes. We had mothers with their adult children, ranging in age from teenagers to more mature students.

The Extension office will send out a survey to see what classes participants would like to have in 2026.

A HUGE thank you to our instructors and volunteers!!





KSU Historic Garment & Textile Museum Day Trip

We had such a wonderful time with Dr. Marla Day and her assistant Hannah at the K-State museum! We saw some amazing quilts, all over 125 years old, and still in quite good condition. Then Dr. Day showed us their clothing archival closets, with a pinafore from 1830 with 550 tiny prairie points on the neckline & wrists! We also saw garments from the end of the 19th century; Dr. Day explained how they were made to accommodate the customs of the day, such as bustles in the back, and sleeves made for ladies to keep their hands in their laps. Finally, we ended in the lab where they have their machines and 3 racks of clothing from the Nelly Don company, which operated in Kansas City, MO's garment district downtown from the 1920s until finally closing in the 1970s. They explained how they search online to find garments, research them, and then finally restore them to as close to original condition as they can. Thanks to our carpool drivers and everyone who braved the fog to enjoy a memorable visit! We can plan another trip in 2026 if people are interested.



Flower basket quilt, Love Apple variation, hand applique and hand quilted, 1850



“Tulips” by Mary Ann Cones Martin, spring of 1854.
 Appliques are red tulips with green stems,
 red flowers border the entire quilt.
 Mary Ann was the donors great-great grandmother



All Flags Flying quilt. Applique cotton quilt with 4 flags and
 4 eagles, 1847-1852. Measures 104" x 105".



White cotton empire style
 dress with drawstring waist,
 low round neckline,
 embroidered on skirt, prairie
 style points edging at neck
 and sleeve edges. From 1810.



Dr. Marla Day showing Nelly Don dresses
 in their sewing lab



Thanks,
 Jenny Boudreaux

Special Events

October Guild Retreat

Thank you to all who attended the retreat! I had a blast and so did Camden. We all made so much progress, and I can't wait to see the final piece of art!



Playing a game of
“Left – Right- Center”
for a stash of fat quarters!!

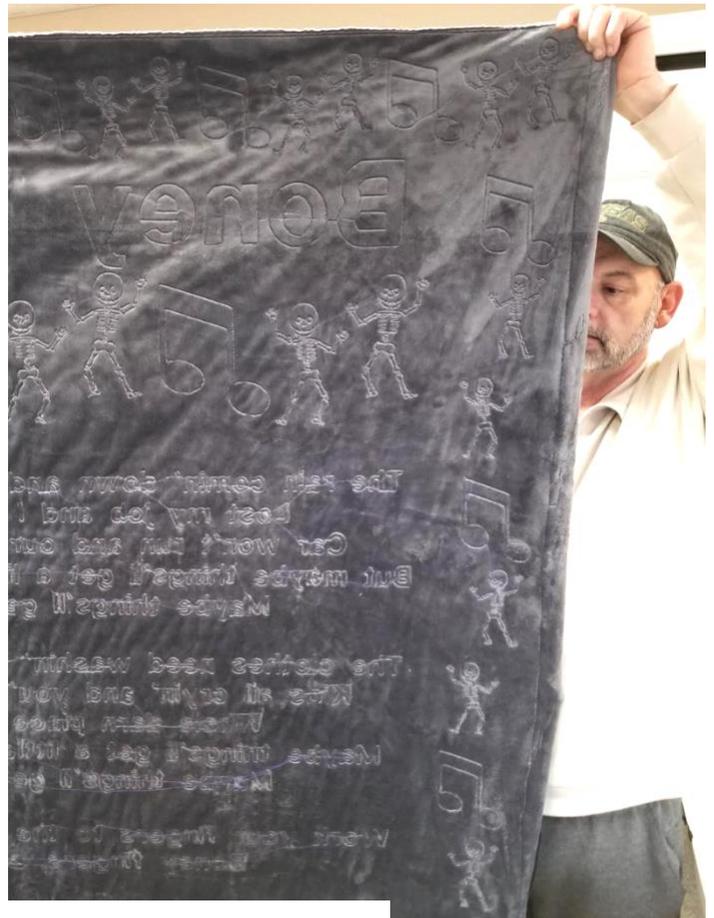


And the winner was
Sherri Critchfield!





Jodi Price



Laura and Bob Lafferty

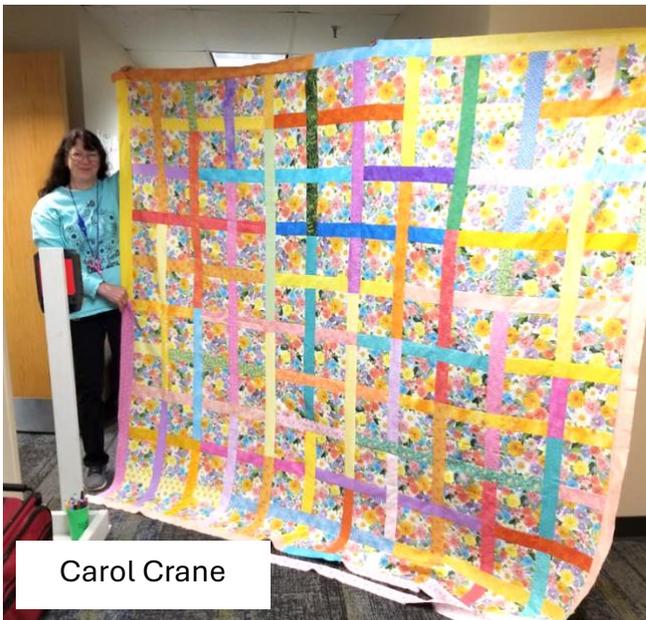




Erin Wasser



Conna Hiltner



Carol Crane



Jean Spohrer



Eloise Waller



Carolyn Routh



Susan Peaco



Melody Lemken



Sherrie Critchfield



Karen Genis and
baby Camden Schaller



Sue Medberry



Sandra Mortakis



Membership

Happy Birthdays



Linda Jean 11-11
Maribeth Rasdall 11-13
Maribeth Kehl 11-16
Shelia Pierce 11-24
Mary Helen Ralston 11-27
Anita Oxley 11-28
Debbie Schreck 11-30

We continue to grow!

Let's welcome Diana Peoples

who joined the guild at the close of our September meeting.

The best reasons for joining this year have been how encouraging our members are and our awesome speakers.

Membership Renewal for 2026

It's that time of year again, Membership renewal is taking place now for 2026.

- Annual membership dues of \$30 are due by Jan 31, 2025
- All memberships paid by Dec 31st will be entered in a drawing for a free membership. This drawing will take place at the January 2025 zoom meeting.
- To renew your membership:
 1. Complete the Membership form (attached)
 2. Submit form and \$30 to guild by:
 - Bringing to our next meeting
 - Or mailing to: OQG Membership
P.O. Box 2651
Olathe, KS 66063

Lou Corbin
Membership Chair

Marketplace

Member Marketplace & Businesses

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

Cheryl Newell – CAN Designs:

Quilting and longarm services. 4537 Reese Drive, Wellsville KS; 913-749-6668

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*

Area Events Area

No listing for November



Board & Committees

2025 Board Officers	
President	Rachel Rohrer
Vice President	Jenny Boudreaux
Program	Peggy Anderson
Program Elect	Melissa Toburen
Secretary	Jean Heer
Treasurer	Jodi Price
Ways and Means	Cheryl Wilcox & Mary Pacey
Ways and Means Elect	Dae Curtiss
Historian	Conna Hiltner
Public Relations	Melissa Toburen
Membership	Lou Corbin
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2025 Committee Chairs / Co-chairs	
Challenge Quilt	Rachel Rohrer & Jodi Price & Mary Pacey
Charity	Lou Corbin & Lara Stevens
Johnson Country Fair	Shelia Pierce & Conna Hiltner
KCRQF Representative	Dae Curtiss & Mary Lou Guy
KCRQF Olathe Guild Managers	Shelia Pierce & Conna Hiltner
Opportunity Quilt	Jean Schlenk & Rachel Rohrer
Outreach & Education	Jenny Boudreaux
President's Quilt	Lynda Ochs & Libby Corrison
Special Events	Heather Schaller
Technology	Melissa Toburen
Welcome Table	Libby Corrison

Treasurer's Report

Operating Account Balance 9/27/2025	\$15,425.03
Money Market Account Balance 9/27/2025	<u>\$12,178.28</u>
	\$27,603.31

Receipts

Membership	\$10.00
Ways & Means	\$100.00
Welcome Table	\$6.50
Public Relations & Advertising - Refund	\$50.00
Retreat	\$400.00
Total Income	\$566.50

Expenses

Speaker/Program	\$537.00
Zoom Renewal	\$174.49
Charity	\$199.00
Public Relations & Advertising - Outreach	\$35.03
Public Relations & Advertising - Bookmarks	\$71.94
Other – K-State Donation for Visit	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$1,117.46

Operating Account Balance 10/31/2025	\$14,874.07
Money Market Account Balance 10/31/2025	<u>\$12,178.28</u>
Combined Balance 10/31/2025	<u>\$27,052.35</u>

Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilt Guild Minutes October 14, 2025

President Rachel Rohrer called the meeting to order. Fifty-two members were present plus five on Zoom. We had one visitor. Peggy Anderson introduced Dawn Heese and her presentation on Working with Wool.

BUSINESS MEETING

2026 Bookmarks are available. Sherrie Critchfield did the artwork, had them printed, and divided them into bundles for easy distribution to quilt shops.

2026 Committees – Signups are in the back.

Refreshments – Thank you to Dae Curtiss and Pat Lawson.

Secretary's Minutes – Peggy Anderson moved to approve the September minutes, as printed in the newsletter. Mary Pacey seconded the motion which passed.

Treasurer's Report – Peggy Anderson moved that the September report, as printed in the newsletter, be approved. The motion was seconded by Shelia Pierce.

Olathe Quilt Guild 2026 Board Slate – Rachel recognized and thanked the 2025 officers before reading the 2026 slate. The motion to approve was made by Karen Hill and seconded by Laura Lafferty before passing without objection.

Donation Quilts – Lou Corbin said there are kits ready for quilting. Several dozen quilts have been distributed. She is thinking we should have a challenge to make 100 quilts in 2026.

Special Donation Collection – Laura Lafferty is collecting quilts for the Ms. Kitty Quilt Guild in Dodge City. A fire destroyed quilts they were making for a children's home near them. Laura's husband will free motion quilt tops for this project.

Outreach/Education – Jenny Boudreaux told us that ten participants in the last extension class of the year made Christmas stockings. Lynda Ochs was the presenter. Ideas for 2026 have been submitted for review. Jenny and Cindy Nice have scheduled programs at the Title I schools in Olathe. They read a quilt themed book, motivate the kids that they can be makers, and have the kids make Nine Patch blocks with paper, fabric squares and glue. They are requesting helpers and 2.5" fabric squares. The trip to the Textile Museum at KSU in Manhattan is this Saturday.

Meeting Minutes

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Programs – Peggy Anderson told us the November program is Quilting Hacks from the Hardware Store by Laura Piland.

Holiday Party – Peggy Anderson and Heather Schaller filled us in on the plans for our evening December 9th. If possible, plan to arrive at 6 to take part in a Social Mixer. Bring an orphan block for an exchange. We are challenged to make something with the block. Bring projects to the March meeting. The budgeted amount for the evening is \$600. With the increase in membership, they are requesting \$1000 for the meal, tablecloths, and centerpieces. Karen Lacy moved that the budget be increased to \$1000. Laura Lafferty seconded, and it passed unanimously. The menu is BBQ. There will be an extended show and tell where you are not limited to two selections. There will be a cookie exchange where you take however many you bring.

Retreat – Heather Schaller There are still 1.5 spaces available for the fall retreat Friday October 24th through Monday October 27th. Details have been sent to those who are attending.

Hand Quilters - will meet on Thursday the 16th. Winter hours will start at 5:00 pm at the church.

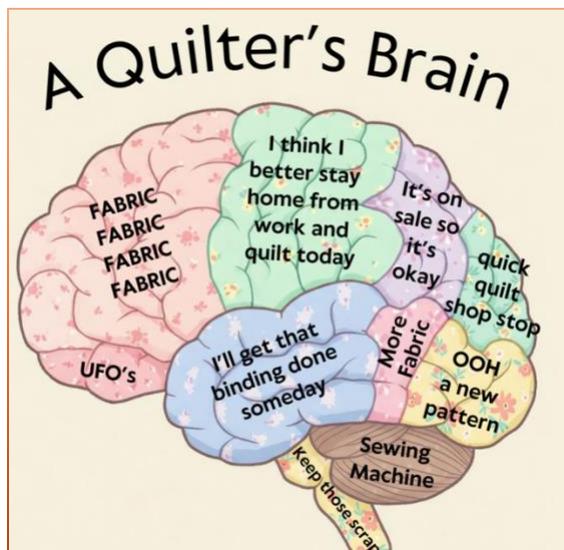
Ways and Means winners were Peggy Anderson, Karen Lacy, and Dae Curtiss.

Welcome Table – Cindy Whitson and Donna Roush were the Welcome Table winners.

The board meeting is October 21st via Zoom.

The meeting ended with **Show and Tell**.

Submitted by Jean Heer



Show and Tell



Karen Lacy



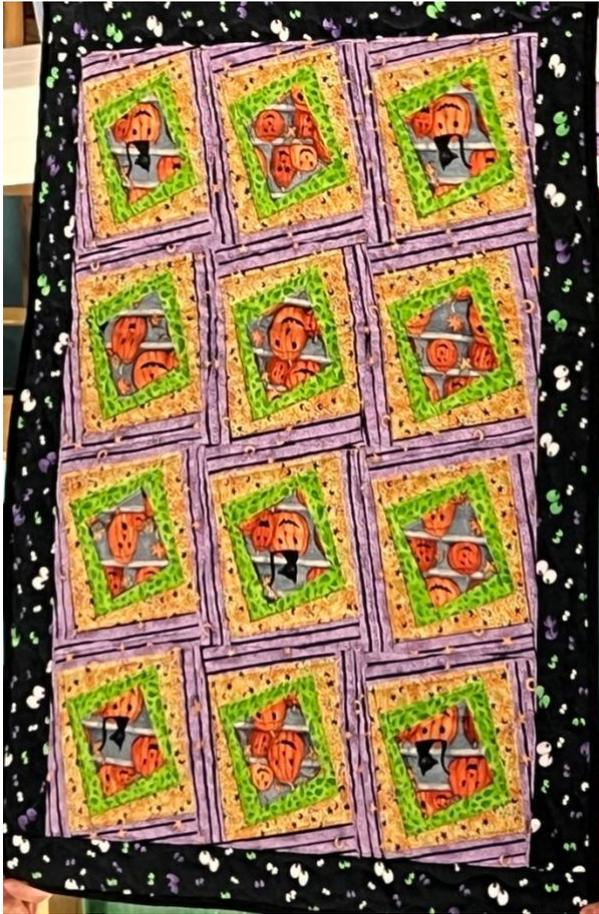
Karen Lacy



Jean Schlenk



Carol Crane



Shelia Pierce



Maribeth Kehl



Cindy Cherry & Julie Coons



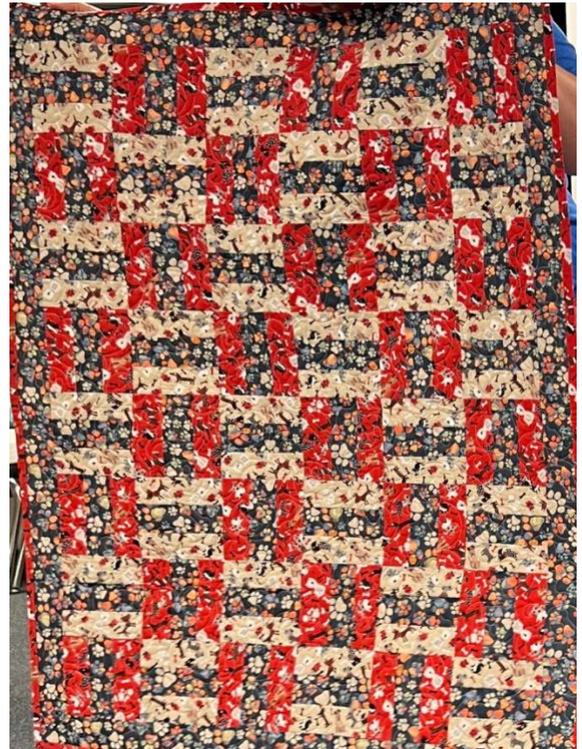
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Debbie Schreck



Allen Schreck



Karen Hill



Jenny Boudreaux



Peggy Anderson



Laurie Vanderpol



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Erin Wasser



Rachel Rohrer

