



Happy Valentine's Day!



Olathe Quilter's Guild

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Dear Quilters,

When my daughters headed off to college, I wanted to send them a monthly package – but I didn't want to send food or snacks. Instead, they received a monthly pillowcase with novelty fabric. The first year the pillowcases reflected the holiday of the month. The second year, they received whatever novelty fabric I liked. The gratification that I have is that my grandchildren are now using these pillowcases.

In February, they received pillowcases with hearts on the fabric. If you have a quilt which reflects Valentines Day that you would like to share with the group, please bring it for show and tell.

We have a new feature in the newsletter – "**Member Marketplace**". Please check it out.

An item we discussed at the board meeting is **business advertising on our website** – please see additional information later in the newsletter.

Happy Quilting,

Teresa Jones

"After all, a woman didn't leave much behind in the world to show she's been there. Even the children she bore and raised got their father's name. But her quilts, now that was something she could pass on." Sandra Dallas



The Olathe Quilter's Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm.

Meetings are held at
Olathe Christian Church
1115 S. Ridgeview Road
Olathe, KS

Join in dinner and fellowship before each meeting at Panera at 20120 W 153rd St. (near Home Depot at 153rd and 7 Hwy/169 Hwy).

We meet starting at 4:30 - you can join in at any time as you get off of work or out of the house.

REMINDER: If the Olathe School District calls off school due to weather, we will not have our guild meeting.

JANUARY PRESENTATION

January's presentation was by Denise Stahl, the Curious Kansas Quilter. Denise went through her journey to becoming a quilt designer, educator, and avid quilter. You can check out her web site at www.TheCuriousKansasQuilter.blogspot.com. She works at Mea Bernina at 2120 West 25th. in Lawrence, where you can buy fabric, take classes, and get helpful expert advice. Here are some of her amazing quilts that she displayed during her presentation.



SPOTLIGHT QUILTER - GRETCHEN SCHAFFER

I grew up in a very small, rural town called Cedarville, Michigan, and lived on an island in Lake Huron. The schools in the area are all K-12 (in one building still today). Yes, I'm a "Youper". My mom taught me how to sew when I was 9, through the 4-H program. I love to sew.

I didn't get into quilting until after I was married and lived in Ohio, and then I only quilted for a few years until I moved to Kansas in 2010. The quilt shops were few and far between in Ohio back in the early 90's. I have been an avid scrapbooker and card maker for over 20 years though. So, realistically, I'm a new quilter. I haven't been quilting for very long. I also knit, crochet and cross-stitch.

I love to try all different types of techniques and have recently taken classes in Hawaiian quilting, wool applique, English paper piecing and recently, the Judy Niemeyer paper piecing technique. I have decided I really like paper piecing and enjoy the process, except tearing out the paper.

My favorite quilting tools are just the basics. Machine, mat, ruler and rotary cutter. It's what makes quilting so much faster and easier today than when I started back in the early 90's. Although, even then they had mats, rulers and rotary cutters, not everyone could afford such luxury back then, and cereal box templates were the way I started out. Now, I absolutely LOVE the new rulers for so many quilt patterns that make cutting and assembling so much easier and faster. We have become the "ruler" quilters. I bet many of us have a lot of these new rulers. I know I have a lot of them.

When we moved to Kansas my daughters were now in the "working" world and it wasn't as easy to make new friends. I found there were lots of quilt shops around here and you could even learn to long arm at a couple of them. I took a long arm class so I could learn how to finish my quilt tops up a lot faster than tying or hand quilting them. I was a fast learner and was quickly asked if I would like a job. I worked for Quilted Memories for a couple of years and saved my paychecks to buy my own long arm and now I quilt for myself and charities. Through my job, I have made many wonderful quilting friends and love all the retreats and sew days I get to spend quilting with them.

I'm currently the Chair for the Greater Kansas City Quilters Guild Quilt Show coming up in August of 2020 and am co-chair for programs with Mary Ellen in our Olathe Guild. I host a quilt bee at my house once a month with friends and quilt quilts for several charities. I'm definitely keeping busy.

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SPOTLIGHT QUILTER - GRETCHEN SCHAFFER (continued)

I have decided that this year I'm not taking on any "guild" challenges and am going to work on quilts I have wanted to make for many years. I buy a pattern and fabric and put them in a bag and the bag still sits there because there is always something else that comes up. Well, this year I'm going to try to resist the new stuff and work on my older stuff. Time will tell what wins. Lol

UFO's? Yes, I always have them. Usually between 15-25 in any given year. I do make an effort to work on them throughout the year, between other projects, and have gotten many done in just the past year. I think the reason they don't get done is the time it takes to make just one block.

Now that I'm retired, I quilt almost every day and love making quilts and trying new techniques. I'm still learning, and loving every day that I get a chance to help someone with a quilt or make a quilt for a family member or friend. I do a bit of traveling to visit family and friends and love to check out all the quilt shops in other parts of the country and see the different types of fabrics that are more prevalent in their areas.



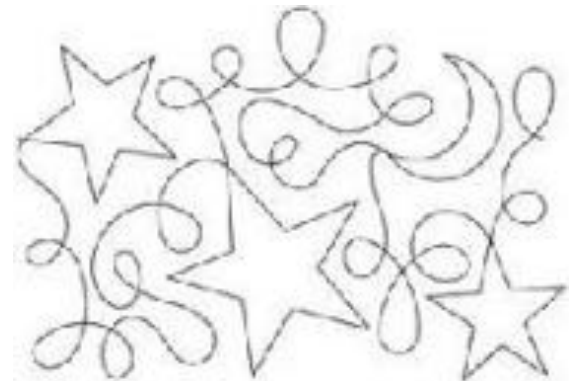
NEW FOR 2020 - MEMBER MARKETPLACE!

Everything old is new again! Our guild is resurrecting a “member marketplace” where people can list items for sale in the newsletter. Here’s an opportunity to clear your sewing room of those gently used items that you know you won’t use, but you know that someone else would love to have them. NOTE: This service is for the convenience of our guild members only.

* For Sale: Sew Steady Table for Bernina Artisa 200 sewing machine. Original cost- \$150, sale price \$75 payable to Olathe Quilters' Guild (Ways & Means). I have a question sent to Sew Steady Table company to see if it is compatible for any other brand of machine. - Mary Pacey

CALLING ALL PROFESSIONAL LONGARM QUILTERS

Sherri Critchfield is planning to create a section on our web site where guild members who do machine quilting can advertise their services for free. This section will contain your contact information for your business - so it can be a link to your web site, or Facebook page, or similar information. Contact Sherri C. if you would like to learn more or are interested in being listed. For non-guild members, the cost is \$50 per year to be listed on our guild web site. Being listed on the web site or in the guild newsletter is not considered an endorsement by the guild for anyone’s business or services.



2020 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2020 Olathe Quilters' Guild Board Members

President: Teresa Jones	Ways and Means: Carolyn Chaffin
Vice-President: Libby Corrison	Ways and Means Elect: OPEN
Program: Mary Ellen Winter	Historian: Beverly Berberich
Program Elect: Cheryl Newell	Public Relations: Heather Buchwitz and Sherri Critchfield
Secretary: Carol Crane	Membership: Cheryl Wilcox
Treasurer: Mary Whitchurch	Newsletter Editor: Jenny Boudreaux

2020 Olathe Quilters' Guild Committee Members

Charity: Sherri Irving	Special Events: Kathy Koloziejczyk, Heather Schaller, Gretchen Ryan (co-chairs)
Block of the Month: Carolyn Chaffin	Outreach/Education: Mary Pacey
Welcome Table: Gretchen Ryan	Challenge Project: Cheryl Lowrance

CHARITY COMMITTEE NEWS

February - The month often associated with Love. What better way for a quilter to share love than to donate to charity? As we give, in any way, the creation of the quilt is a labor of love. Then when that quilt finds its way to its new owner, our love is shared with someone who needs to know that they are thought of and cared for. We all need that at some point in our lives. There isn't enough thanks that can be showered on each of you for what you've accomplished over the past 2 ½ years! And yet we continue strong for 2020!

As the Committee works on an upcoming Charity Quilt Sew Day, we are looking to purchase some wide back fabric. This will help with the finishing of several tops we have ready for quilting. Details on the Charity Quilt Sew Day will be forthcoming.

We are looking for another highly productive, but always fun, year. If you haven't joined a committee yet, feel free to consider helping with the Charity Committee.

No Thread Wasted,

Sherri I

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Our guild partners with the K-State Extension office in Olathe to put on **workshops** that teach different techniques or simple projects in a small, informal setting. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Registration is required for the workshops (<https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/index.html>). Please see Mary Pacey with any questions or for more information.

February 25 - Rag Quilts - Libby Corrison & Lynda Ochs

March 24 - Colored Pencil Quilts - Janie Benander

April 28 - Disappearing 9 Path Block - Carolyn Chaffin

June 23 - T-Shirt Quilts - Cindy Nice

August 25 - Drunkard's Path Block - Mary Pacey

September 22 - 3D Jelly Roll Pillow - Cindy Nice

October 27 - Painting on Quilt Blocks - Janie Benander

WAYS AND MEANS

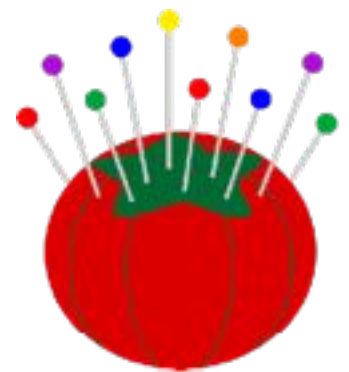
The garage sale continues! This month we'll have **pincushions** or **pin containers & bags** along with a few notions donated or left over at our last meeting. We'll be collecting **cutting tools/supplies** for our March sale and **patterns** for our April sale.

Cutting tools includes mats/rotary cutters/ blades/scissors. Patterns - a pattern you completed and want to move it on to someone else to enjoy - a pattern you loved when you saw it, but know - it's not going to happen.

May will be **kits** and **UFO's** which you may run across as you're looking through your patterns. Please be kind if you bring a UFO, be sure all the parts are there to complete, or minimal will need to be added. I'll be collecting for all 3 months at the February meeting. I'll have the schedule bookmarks at the table as well. Thanks everyone for your donations and for buying items.

Bring some extra \$\$ to spend -
Shopping begins at 6pm and closes
at the end of the meeting break.

Carolyn Chaffin



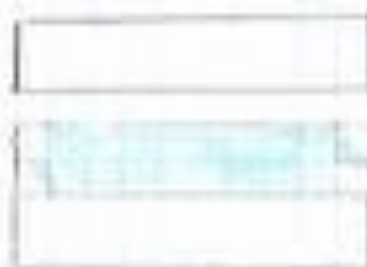
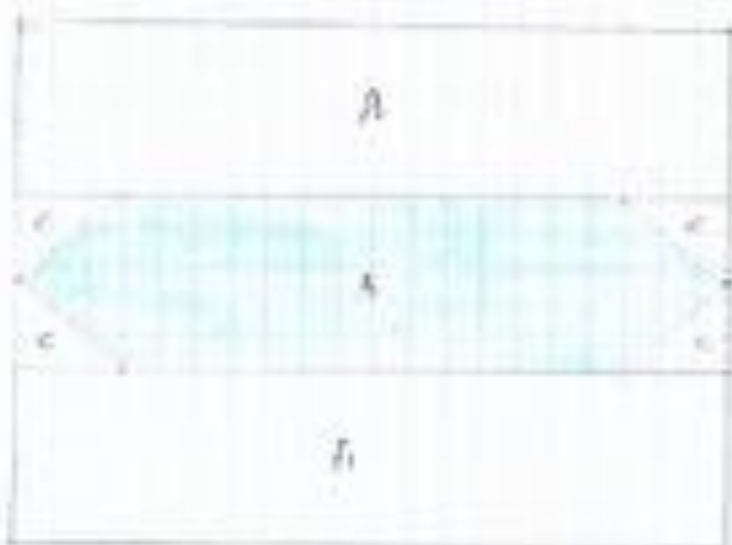
2020 BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM) - FEBRUARY

I want to thank everyone who participated in the 2019 BOM. It was fun to see everyone's creativity. I have included the 2 blocks for this month as attachments. I have decided to do the blocks with a 6" finish. A hint I learned as I was putting the Snail's Trail together - watch placement of 1/2 square triangles. One got turned 3 times before I finally got it right!!! Since the group decided 1 block is all you need, in many ways this is a block of the month you can transform into a row by row or just do a block a month and add some connector blocks for sashing. In order to scan these and have the colors preserved I need to scan as a Jpeg document. Keep that in mind as you're opening the documents. - Carolyn Chaffin

Connector Block

You can use rows of these between rows of larger blocks

3 1/2" block

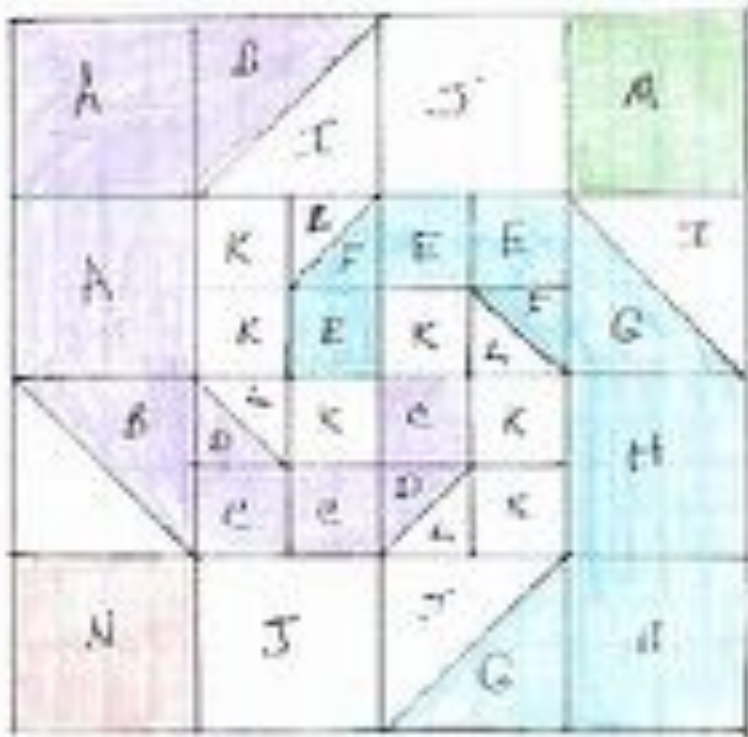



also need tip corners

For Cut	Need		
A		4	4 1/2"
B		1	4 1/2"
C		4	4"

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

Snail Trail




 • Make 1/2 square triangle
 8x2 / 14x2 / 10x2 1x6
 pin to edge
 2, 2 1/4, 3 1/2
 1 1/4, 1 3/8, 2


 • Make 4 patch

• Make blocks into rows

• Sew rows together

For	Cut	Need	6"	9"	12"
A	2	2	2 1/2	2 3/4	3 1/2
B	1	2	2 1/2	3 1/4	4"
C	3	3	1 1/4	1 3/8	2"
D	1	2	1 1/4	2 3/8	2 1/2
F	3	3	1 1/4	1 3/8	2"
F	1	2	1 1/4	2 3/8	2 1/2
G	1	2	2 1/2	3 1/4	4"

For	Cut	Need	6"	9"	12"
H	2	2	2 1/2	2 3/4	3 1/2
J	2	4	2 1/2	3 1/4	4"
J	2	2	1 1/2	2 3/8	3 1/2
K	6	6	1 1/4	1 3/8	2"
L	2	4	1 1/4	2 3/8	2 1/2
M	1	1	2 1/2	2 3/4	3 1/2
N	1	1	2 1/2	2 3/4	3 1/2

MINUTES AND REPORTS

Meeting Minutes Olathe Quilter's Guild January 14, 2020

The January Guild meeting was opened at 6:32pm by President Teresa Jones at the Olathe Christian Church. January birthday people were asked to stand and be recognized. Visitors were Pam Thomas, Kathy Parker and Sheri Keller. Sheri joined the Guild this evening.

Program Chairman Mary Ellen Winter introduced Denise Stahl, the 'Curious Kansas Quilter.' She gave a program with a slide show titled, "How I Became Quiltworx Crazy," aka a 'Judy Junkie.' Ms. Stahl is a Certified Judy Niemeyer teacher who works and holds classes at Mea Bernina and Baby Lock in Lawrence, KS.

Cheryl Lowrance asked for a vote on the Block of the Month, whether to ask members to bring 1 yard or 1 ½ to share. One and a half yards was chosen.

There was a 20 minute break to view the speaker's products and shop at the Ways and Means Garage Sale collection of notions. Next month there will be pin cushions, fabric totes, and microwave bowls. In February please bring items for the March sale, which will focus on cutting tools, scissors, rotary cutters and cutting mats. Bookmarks are available with the monthly list.

When the business meeting resumed, Libby Corrison made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting as printed in the newsletter. It was seconded and approved. Susan Gandy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. It was seconded and adopted. The proposed budget was distributed on each table. There was one question about no budget shown for the domain name and Sherri Critchfield answered that it is a 3 year contract, already paid. Mary Ellen Winter made a motion to adopt the budget as printed. It was seconded and approved.

Sherri Irving thanked those who signed up for the Charity Committee and encouraged anyone who wanted to join us to let her know. You don't have to be a member of the committee to contribute charity quilts or work on ones already started. She then shared that we have quite a few tops ready to be made into quilts, and that we hope to have a few sew days this year with the first being a 'B & B' sew day to prepare batting and backing for quilt 'kits.' Please let Sherri know if you want one of the kits.

Teresa announced the next board meeting will be Tuesday January 21st at 6:30 in the same meeting room at Olathe Christian Church. All members are welcome to attend. There are new business cards and bookmarks. Sherri Critchfield, who had them printed, has deposited some at four quilt stores so far, Quilted Sunflower, Quilters HQ, Harpers, and Quilters Haven, and has more in mind. Heather Schaller will take some to the Johnson County Extension Office. Members are encouraged to take some and pass them out to interested parties.

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MINUTES AND REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Mary Pacey has a list of the Extension classes coming up. The January class will be string quilting, and will also teach backings. Mary Ellen listed future programs. February's speaker will be Karen Hill, "The Dresden Queen," trunk show and lecture. Lisa Hirsch needs help with quilting, binding, and organizing ticket sales for the Opportunity Quilt. Kenda Camp volunteered to do the binding, but please see Lisa if you will handle the other areas. About the Fires in Australia, Ruthie Hoadley said there are plenty of mittens, but pouches are needed for the marsupial babies, called joeys. She has addresses and instructions. Members are invited to come early to meetings, at 5:45 pm, to help set up the extra white tables needed for the meeting.

A volunteer is needed to take over the Ways & Means Elect position. Becky Tenney had to resign to take care of her husband who is suffering the effects of Agent Orange.

Block of the Month – Carolyn Chaffin announced the result of voting for the 2019 winners: Best use of stripe – Sheila Pierce; Favorite – Gretchen Ryan; Best setting – Pam Pearson. Carolyn also explained the BOM again. It is based on the Row by Row program. She will provide a block pattern each month and any number can be made into a row. The first one was a pinwheel, and there was also an extra 4 patch pattern which may be used to fill in spaces in the quilt.

The Welcome Table reported attendance of 60 with 3 visitors, one of whom joined. The winner of the drawing was Ava Wright. The Membership Committee held a drawing for one person to receive a refund on their annual dues when paid before the end of the year. Karen Lacy was the winner.

Challenge Quilt - Cheryl Lowrance asked everyone to bring 1 ½ yards of batik to the next meeting. It will be cut in ½ seven times and shared. The challenge is to make a quilt with the fabric by November. Two more fabrics may be added.

Carol Crane requested that the Show and Tell go a little slower so the quilts can be admired longer, and the backings shown. The participants in Show and Tell were Carolyn Chaffin, Sheri Keller, Mary Whitchurch, Pauline Sanders, Pam Pearson, Heather Schaller, Cindy Nice, Janie Bernander, Kenda Camp, Peggy Bayard, Linda Hagen, Jean Heer, Heather Buchwitz, Anna Mae Wagner, and Teresa Jones. Charity quilts were shown by Sherri Irving.

Pam Pearson declared 2020 the Year of the UFO (Un-Finished Object.) Her plan will appear on the Guild Facebook site. Members are invited to join her for lunch at 11:15 at Panera Bread at 20120 W 153rd St, Olathe, KS 66062. Turn west on 152nd St from 169 Hwy. Meetings will be four times this year to celebrate four categories. The first date will be March 7th to see your Project Blue Book entries – one project from a while ago (!) that you have finished or want to finish.)

June - Crop Circles - (Bring a project that you are hungry to finish or satisfied that you did finish!)

September - Men in Black - (Bring a project with SOME black in it that you started 10 minutes or ten years ago!)

December - Ancient Aliens - (Bring your oldest project, finished or not.)

It was noted that Quilted Sunflower in Bonner Springs is closing. They will have a 60% off sale on Super Bowl weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Carol Crane
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Account Balance 12/26/19	6,345.07
Money Market Account Balance 11/30/19	<u>\$12,143.76</u>
	\$18,488.83
Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 870.00
Ways and Means	\$64.00
Welcome Desk	\$5.00
Workshops	<u>\$350.00</u>
Total	\$1,289.00
Money Market interest earned in December	\$0.72
Expenses	
Sherry Crutchfield-Bookmarks & Cards	\$85.24
Olathe Christian Church - Monthly Rent	\$100.00
Denise Stahl-Workshop and Speaker Fees	\$337.50
Mary Ellen Winter -Dinner for January Speaker	\$ 11.08
Denise Stahl-Kits for Workshop	<u>\$120.00</u>
Total	\$ 653.82
Operating Account Balance 1/30/2020	\$6,980.25
Money Market Account Balance 12/31/2019	<u>\$12,144.48</u>
Combined Balance 1/30/2020	<u>\$19,124.73</u>

2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- **March 10** – Jennifer Dick – "Nine Patch Revolution" lecture
- **April 14** – Kelly Ashton – "Fussy and Fabulous: Let the Fabric Work for You" lecture
- **May 12** – Judy Vore – "Panelmania" lecture
- **June 9** – Jane Sassaman – "Under the Influence" lecture. Workshop "Simple Silhouettes" in conjunction with Quilt Guild of Greater Kansas City. Fee and number of spots TBD.
- **July 14** – Guild Picnic
- **August 11** – Dawn Heese – "The French Connection" lecture
- **September 8** – Toni Steele – "Concept to Quilt – Let the Fabric do the Work for You" lecture
- **October 13** – TBD
- **November 10** – Diane Harris "Jingle Bell" trunk show. Workshop "Old-Fashioned Pine Burr" in conjunction with Quilt Guild of Greater Kansas City. Fee and number of spots TBD.
- **December 8** – TBD

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kenda Camp	2-6
Amy Domke	2-7
Mary Rayborn	2-7
Donna DeHart	2-12
Kathy Kolodziejczyk	2-15
Jean Spohrer	2-15
Sherri Irving	2-16
Ruthi Hoadley	2-25



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sue Fox
Sherrie Locicero

Start the Quilt Show year off with a couple of upcoming shows!

The **Calico Cut-Ups** quilt show is **March 20-21** - see the flyer attached to your email for details.

The **Kaw Valley Quilters Guild** show is **April 4-5** at Crown Toyota at 3430 Iowa St. in Lawrence. Hours are 9-5 on Saturday and 10-3 on Sunday; admission is \$6 for 13 and older.

2020 SCHEDULES



Hand Quilters

The Hand Quilting Stitch Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be February 20th.

The meeting is located at Olathe Christian Church. Enter the main entrance, go down the hallway to the right to Room 2. Everyone is welcome. Bring quilting or piecing to work on.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Gandy at 913-764-1250 or at ganfam@att.net.

OQG Board Meetings

2020 Board Meetings date and time have **changed**. Board meetings in 2020 will be held on the **third Tuesday** of each month beginning at **6:30pm** in Room 3 at the church. All guild members are welcome to attend the OQG Board Meetings. The next meeting will be Tuesday February 18th.

Olathe Christian Church - entrances from main parking lot:



East entrance - use for regular guild meetings



West (main) entrance - use for hand quilting group

SHOW AND TELL



Heather Shaller



Carolyn Chaffin (2 quilts)

SHOW AND TELL

Mary Whitchurch



Janie Benander

Pauline Sanders



SHOW AND TELL



Sheri Keller



Linda Hagen



Jean Heer

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Kenda Camp



Anna Mae Wagner



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Peggy Bayard



Teresa Jones



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