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Happy February Quilters!

My favorite thing about February is that every year, I hang up a quilt on my dining room wall that my mom made. It is an adorable red and white quilt with red cupcakes in each of the nine white squares with a red border. It's one of my all-time favorite quilts and it just makes me happy. After February, the quilt will go back into the rotation of quilts that I use to cuddle with my dogs on the couch. I am a firm believer in using my quilts and enjoying them, even the ones that were difficult and time consuming to make. I also love going to other quilter's homes and seeing their quilts on display, whether it be on the walls, on the couch, or both! I think it is a sign of how much we love and respect the outcomes of our creative efforts.

I hope everyone who wanted was able to join via zoom last month! Please let us know if there were any problems trying to access the meeting. It was a good presentation and information I didn't know I needed! That is always a nice surprise.

If you haven't already, please sign up for our retreat at the end of February! It's always a good time to chat, eat, and quilt! I enjoy the conversation and sharing at the retreats. It would be a great time to make a bag with a zipper in preparation for the April challenge!

Until we meet again, happy quilting!

Rachel



Olathe Quilter's Guild

meets on the second
Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 p.m. at:

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

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P.O. Box 2651
Olathe, KS 66063

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Coming Up

Do you have a tote full scraps?

Annarose White will guide you in what to do with those scraps as she tells us about crumb quilting. She's from Wellington, Kansas and owns the [Beehive Quilt Shop](#). She will be sharing her creations as well as selling a few products from her shop.



First 2024 Quilt Challenge

Remember our first quilt challenge for this year is to make some kind of bag, purse, tote, cosmetic bag, etc. with a **zipper**. It can be of any material / fabric and any size, but it must have a **zipper** somewhere on the project. Complicated or easy, your choice! This project challenge will be due at the April guild meeting

Round Robin

Reminder that our Round Robin Challenge will begin next month. Bring your kits ready to start their rounds to the March meeting. Everyone who has signed up should have received an email with notes about the challenge. If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Critchfield.



Committee Updates

A friendly reminder to renew your 2024 Membership

Annual membership dues of \$30 were due on Jan 31, 2024.

To renew your membership, do the following:

Complete the Membership form (See email attachments)

Submit form and \$30 to guild by:

Bringing to our next meeting

Or mailing to: OQG Membership

P.O. Box 2651

Olathe, KS 66063

A revised OQG Roster is included in email attachments

This Roster was updated on Jan 28, 2024.

Rosters are updated at beginning of each quarter & sent out.

Please contact me if there are any corrections needed to the roster.

Conna Hiltner

Membership Chair

Olathe Quilt Guild Annual retreat is coming up!

Friendly reminder that the retreat will be Friday, February 23th 5-9pm & Saturday, February 24th 9am-7pm at Cedar Lake Village. It will be \$30 to cover the cost of meals for the entire time!

Please RSVP by Feb.19th to Heather Schaller . Please bring cash, check or venmo to the February Guild meeting to reserve your spot.

Committee Updates

Hello Quilters!

Let's talk OPPORTUNITY QUILT!

First of all – thank you to all who were able to come & help cut up & kit fabrics with Melissa & I!

Secondly – we will have kits for pickup at both February & March meetings. We ask that the blocks come back to the next meeting. We will have a few finished examples at the February meeting.

Included with the newsletter email is a pdf with the quilt design (so you can see each block) & the decoder-ring with each block labeled. The third page is the sign-out sheet so you can see what is in each kit & what we guessed at the difficulty. Some are difficult just due to the quantity of blocks in the kits.



This is a choose-your-own adventure. Want easy & small? Take 1-2 single block kits! Want a challenge or love paper piecing? Take something bigger or harder!

We have 29 kits total. We hope to have some sew days at Quilters HQ if you want some guidance sewing yours together.

Ok – but what do you really want us to do?

Great Question!

- We have cut pieces using templates for each section of your block & laid the fabrics out on top of the papers in their proper places.... So be careful pulling your kit out of the baggie!
- Once you have your block(s) out of the baggie carefully pull the paper out from under the fabrics. For some blocks this won't matter but the more challenging/smaller piece blocks it may.
- The paper is labeled with the color in case you get confused. Start with A1. If you have multiple sections complete them all in order & then you can connect them together.
- **Trimming** – Please trim the fabrics as you piece (use your ¼" ruler) so we don't have a lot of bulk on the back side. For the finished block -if you have a one-section block – feel free to not trim. If you have a multi-section block you will need to trim. There is a dashed cut line that should be the block size. You may want to leave ¼" outside that line to make life easier for those piecing the rows together (They will trim when they do this step). **PLEASE PIN the block name to the top of the finished block.**

Thank you & feel free to reach out with any questions to either of us! Heather & Melissa

Committee Updates

Outreach Committee

"Hi all - as part of our outreach work this year, we are working on some new things and continuing some of our popular events. We are planning a set of classes at the K-State Extension office, so look for that schedule to come out in March. A special thank you to Cindy Nice and Mary Pacey for their efforts to present classes for the public!

We have been asked to get some volunteers to assist in the Extension's beginning sewing class, to be held in June (dates TBD). Over 2 sessions, we would need to assist attendees, whether it's in sewing a straight seam, winding and loading bobbins, threading machines, etc. They use Janome domestic machines, so pretty simple to support, even if you don't have one yourself. If you are interested, please let me know if you can join me in helping others learn this wonderful craft.

I mentioned it in January's meeting, and we're working to make our first quilt show in over ten years happen! We're looking into some venues and hope to lock that in soon, planning for a fall show. For now, I would like your input for items we could make and sell at the event to boost our funds (along with selling opportunity quilt chances, of course). I love the idea of mini quilts, but would love other ideas - it doesn't all have to be one thing either, we can have a variety! We could even sell quilts if you have some you aren't in love with, or can easily make for the event - while we might normally gift those quilts through our charity team, if we sell them it gives us more resources to use for all our efforts. Right now I think if we made some Chiefs throws or other items, we could name our price! Please contact me if you have ideas.

We're also planning on other types of ideas for events, partnering with local institutions like the school district or Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm, etc. Not all of it may work out this year, but we're trying to think of how to get out in the community to promote our guild and have fun sharing our love of quilting with others! If you want to join the fun for one or more of these activities, join me on this committee! "

Members—Marketplace



Happy Birthday

Kenda Camp 2-6
Jean Spohrer 2-15
Sherri Irving 2-16

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 & 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



Check out the list of members' businesses online at
[https:// www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links](https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links)

Board & Committees—2024

2024 Board Officers	
President	Rachel Rohrer
Vice President	Jenny Boudreaux
Program	Linda Hagen
Program Elect	Peggy Anderson
Secretary	Jean Heer
Treasurer	Jodi Price
Ways and Means	Cheryl Wilcox and Lynda Ochs
Ways and Means Elect	Dae Curtiss
Historian	Melissa Toburen
Public Relations	Christie Holmes
Membership	Conna Hiltner
Newsletter Editor	Sherri Critchfield
Advisor(s)	Libby Corrison Nic Deplazes

2024 Committee Chairs	
Charity	Karen Genis
KCRQF Representatives	Dae Curtiss and Mary Lou Guy
Special Events	Heather Schaller
Tech Committee	Melissa Toburen
Outreach / Education	Jenny Boudreaux
President's Quilt	Lynda Ochs and Libby Corrison
Challenge Quilt	Sherri Critchfield
Johnson County Fair	Shelia Pierce and Conna Hiltner
Opportunity Quilt	Heather Buchwitz and Melissa Toburen
Welcome Table	Libby Corrison

TREASURER'S REPORT

Olathe Quilters Guild

January 30, 2024

Operating Account Balance 12/30/2023	\$10,669.56
Money Market Account Balance 12/30/2023	<u>\$12,167.57</u>
	\$22,837.13
Receipts	
Membership Dues	
Welcome Desk	
Ways & Means	
Total Income	\$0.00
Expenses	
Speaker	\$300.00
Total Expenses	\$300.00
Operating Account Balance 1/30/2024	\$10,369.56
Money Market Account Balance 1/30/2024	<u>\$12,167.57</u>
Combined Balance 1/30/2024	<u>\$22,537.13</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

2024 Olathe Quilter's Guild Budget
revised 1/2024

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Remaining Budget	2024 Budget
<u>INCOME</u>				
Membership	1,950.00	1,910.00	(40.00)	1,900.00
Ways and Means	400.00	1,319.95	919.95	500.00
KCROF Share of Revenues	7,000.00	7,500.00	500.00	-
Welcome Desk	20.00	31.00	11.00	20.00
Opportunity Quilt	750.00	935.50	185.50	-
Charity Quilt	-	-	-	-
Other Income - Donations	-	-	-	-
Total Income	10,120.00	11,696.45	1,576.45	2,420.00
Retreat Income / (Loss)		299.03		
	10,120.00	11,995.48	1,576.45	
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Block of the Month & Challenge Quilt 2024	100.00	79.00	21.00	150.00
Challenge Quilt 2023	100.00	-	100.00	-
Membership	100.00	16.36	83.64	75.00
Charity Quilts	700.00	-	700.00	400.00
Church Rental	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
Johnson County Fair	150.00	20.00	-	150.00
KCROF Gifts	-	146.52	(146.52)	-
Opportunity Quilt	500.00	267.13	232.87	500.00
Opportunity Quilt - Square Fees	-	-	-	-
President's Quilt	100.00	50.81	49.19	100.00
Programs	5,000.00	3,576.10	1,423.90	6,000.00
Public Relations & Advertising	300.00	70.96	229.04	200.00
Miscellaneous & Other Expenses	300.00	268.15	31.85	300.00
P O Box	200.00	176.00	24.00	200.00
Quilt Show	-	-	-	3,000.00
Special Events (banquet dinner, etc)	600.00	508.21	91.79	600.00
Ways and Means	150.00	34.83	115.17	150.00
Website and Domain Name and Zoom	500.00	438.29	61.71	250.00
Total Expenses	10,000.00	6,852.36	3,017.64	13,275.00
Projected Income (Loss)	120.00	4,844.09	(1,441.19)	(10,855.00)

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Olathe Quilter's Guild Meeting on Zoom

- 6:30 pm Rachel Rohrer, President, called the meeting to order.
- Linda Hagen, Program Chair, introduced Christine with Simply Classic. At the February guild meeting, there will be brochures to share with everyone.
- Thank you to Melissa Toburen for running Zoom for the guild.
- Secretary's Minutes – Libby Corrison made a motion to accept the guild meeting minutes from the December meeting as listed in the newsletter. Karen Lacy seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's report – Conna Hiltner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report listed in the newsletter. Linda Hagen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
- 2024 Budget – Jenny Boudreaux wanted to add a line item for a guild quilt show of \$5000. There was a discussion regarding the pipe and drape that will be needed. Mary Ellen Winter made a motion to add a \$3000 line item for a Guild Quilt show. Heather Schaller seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Please send any feedback to Jenny Boudreaux about a quilt show. Rachel Rohrer will send out a new budget to the guild.
- Rachel Rohrer announced the January birthdays.
- There are 36 people on Zoom.
- The guild received a thank you letter from KC Hospice for the quilts.
- Programs – Linda Hagen – The February meeting will be Annarose Wright, Crumb Quilting.
- Charity – Karen Genis – no update
- Extension Classes – Jenny Boudreaux – The guild will reach out in February to Joy. More information will be coming.

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Meeting Minutes

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- Opportunity Quilt – The committee is meeting on the 13th. Kits will be made and ready to take home in February.
- KCRQF – Dae Curtiss – no updates until March
- Challenge Quilt – Sherri Critchfield – In February there will be challenge of some sort of a bag with a zipper to share at the April meeting. More information will be shared at the February meeting. Round Robin – this was the biggest preference in the guild. This will start in March and finish in November. If anyone wants to sign up, please contact Sherri Critchfield. There are currently 9 people signed up.
- Quilt Retreat – Heather Schaller – Feb 23-24 at Cedar Lake Village. \$30 covers all the food for the weekend. Friday 5-9 pm and Saturday 9-7 pm. Please RSVP to Heather Schaller.
- Membership – Conna Hiltner – Kathleen Fife, visitor tonight. 2023 the guild had 75 members. 2024 there are currently 44 members paid by December 3, 2023. Dues for 2024 are due by January 31. Libby Corrison is the winner of the free membership.
- Karen Lacy recognized Mary Ellen Winter for all of her work for the Opportunity Quilt.
- Welcome Table – Libby Corrison – Jenny Boudreaux is the winner for the January drawing. There are still a few holes in the Welcome Table sign up to help.
- Board meeting will be January 16 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.
- Show and Tell – Janis Raspberry and Jenny Boudreaux
- 8:25 pm Meeting Adjourned



Show and Tell



Janis Raspberry



Jenny Boudreaux

