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Hello friends,

It was so great to see so many members and guests at the February meeting! I hope everyone enjoyed the optical illusions from Denise Stahl. I have been able to find time for some sewing and quilting challenges - but I'm not sure I am up to making one of those eye-popping designs yet.

March is a time of transition - the days get longer, basketball goes mad (!) and baseball gears up. We move our clocks forward (I wish we didn't but oh well) and we switch from heavier quilts and sweaters to lighter clothes and quilts. It's fun to put away the winter quilts and get out a new selection for the beds and sofas and chairs. Just like the daffodils are pushing up in my front yard, it feels like we push out of the winter greyness into the spring sunshine and rains.

A small group of us had a great time learning about improvisational quilting from Cindy Nice - see more about our workshop in this newsletter. Cindy is happy to teach it again if there is interest, and we have ideas for other workshop topics, so please reach out to me or Cindy if you are interested.

We kick off our classes at the K-State Extension Office in March. Every fourth Tuesday at 6:30, members of our guild teach a project that can either be finished in the class or won't take much time at home. We want to encourage more people to sew, and offer support for those learning or returning to sewing. Please consider volunteering to assist attendees in the classes - it's a fun way to learn a new project for yourself! See the article in this newsletter.

Thanks to those of you who responded so quickly to the YLI thread survey. We will be receiving coupons for their products, and the board will decide how to distribute those coupons.

This month we'll see the results of the orphan block challenge, and Shelia will give us a new challenge to start. Please consider joining in the fun to try upcycling something around your house into a new quilted object!

I will not be at the March meeting in person, so thanks to Melissa for taking the reins for me.

Happy spring, and happy quilting!

Jenny Boudreaux



## Olathe Quilter's Guild

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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](http://Olathequiltersguild.com)

# Coming Up

## Ways and Means

Come early and visit the Ways and Means table this month to get your chance to snag one of three items available in a drawing. We also have one dollar patterns, two dollar books, and various other items as priced.

We are **currently cash only** so bring those bills and take home something for your stash.

Items in the drawing this month are: Forest panel with coordinating fabric and thread, 15 pack of Harlequin Poppies fat quarters, and a small tote filled with crafting notions.



# March Program



## Theresa Ward – Always Quilts Challenges, Swaps and Exchanges ...OH MY!

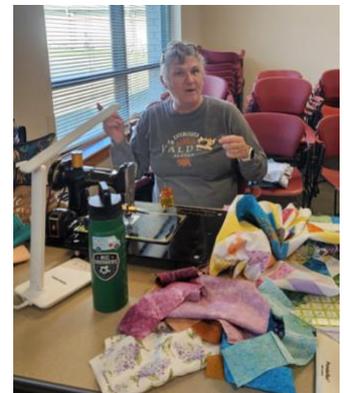
This trunk show consists of over 40 quilts and wall hangings that Theresa has made over the years. She has quilts made from charm square exchanges, ugly fabric challenges, block of the month quilts done through her guild and many more online.

Theresa loves the creativity that quilting allows her, from designing quilt patterns to machine quilting designs.

# Special Events

## Improv Quilting Workshop by Cindy Nice

A small group had a great time learning about improvisational quilting from Cindy Nice. Cindy reviewed the story of Gee's Bend, Alabama and the incredible quilters and tradition they have. We all shared fabric scraps, remnants of items like curtains or embroidered pieces, and got to work playing with layouts and sewing without a pattern or directions. Here are some photos of our process and the results!





## SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY APRIL 18 OLATHE QUILTERS GUILD DESTASH SALE!

Our sale date is approaching - **Saturday April 18** will be here soon! Here are some reminders:

1. The sale will run from 9AM and close at 1pm. We can get into the church the day before (**Friday April 17**) to set up tables & merchandise beginning at 4pm.
2. The fee to participate in the sale is \$10 a table. A table can be shared by multiple members, and only one \$10 fee will be charged. **The signups for a table will be in the April newsletter.**
3. We are using both the main area where we meet and the kitchen area. We may limit the number of tables accepted due to space.
4. Any members who participate in the sale will keep the money they collect. They will be responsible for how they accept and manage payments (cash, checks, Venmo, PayPal, etc.).
5. The guild plans to have one or more tables for Ways & Means to sell some items for the guild. We may need some volunteers to help direct shoppers, help with Ways & Means tables, etc.

Start reviewing your stash and see if you have stuff to sell! Or plan to come buy new stuff to build your stash...or do both selling and buying! Please mark your calendars and look for more details next month. We will want help promoting this sale to your friends, other guilds, and in quilt shops, so we'll have a handout available in April to distribute.

Jenny Boudreaux

# Committee Updates

## Welcome Table



Eloise Waller has agreed to be co-chair of the Welcome Table with Shelly Sullivan  
A big thank you to the both of you!

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## Outreach – Extension Classes

I'm happy to announce that all 7 Extension Classes are scheduled with a variety of topics. Our guild is filled with many talented teachers. The teachers would appreciate member's help with the students as some of the students are not familiar with sewing machines. A [Sign Up Gensis](#) is posted below for members to volunteer to help with the classes. The classes are from 6 pm-8pm on the last Tuesday of the month.

### **The schedule is as follows:**

March 24th - Mug Rug taught by Cheryl Wilcox

April 28th - Table Runner taught by Lynda Ochs

May 26th - Using ties in quilt blocks taught by Mary Pacey

June 23rd - Grocery Bag Holder taught by Cindy Nice

August 25th - Quilling taught by Linda Hagan

September 22nd - Quillow taught by Mary Pacey

October 27th - Christmas project taught by Cindy Nice



### **Sign-Up Gensis**

If anyone can help with the classes, it would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the Sign Up Gensis below as soon as it is announced to the guild. The signup genius will send an email reminder to anyone who has signed up 2 days prior to the class.

Class	Date	Signup Link
March	3/24/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>
April	4/28/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>
May	5/26/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>
June	6/23/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>
July	7/28/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>
August	8/25/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>
September	9/29/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>
October	10/27/2026	<a href="#">click here</a>

Mary Pacey

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## Orphan Block Challenge Project

Remember way back at the December guild meeting? You may have picked up an orphan block or two. Well, it's time to show what you have done with them.

**Please bring your project to the March meeting for a fun reveal.** It will be interesting to see how people brought new life to once unwanted blocks. One lucky person will get a prize!

A new challenge will be explained that will be due at the December meeting.

Shelia Pierce  
Challenge Quilt Chai

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## Charity Quilts

**OQG has been amazing in giving back to our community!**

Approved at the last meeting, we support three organizations in Olathe: KVC (Foster Kids Program) and Olathe schools, Senior Nursing Homes, and the Olathe Police Department-Mental Health Unit.

**So, we have set a lofty goal of 200 quilts for 2026.**

Keep an eye open for a Quilt Kit Night in April or May!

Lou Corbi n

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## Block of the Month

**The plans for 2026 Block of the Month are paper piecing** - first foundation paper piecing, then English paper piecing.

**Round 1:** In celebration of our country's 250th birthday in July, we will have Stars and Stripes themed blocks

- The blocks will run March through June. **See the 2 newsletter attachments** for pattern pages and more information. The attachments are:
  - BOM 2026-March and Stripe blocks
  - BOM 2026 – Stars and Stripe ideas
- If you're not familiar with foundation paper piecing, we'll have a table set up at the March meeting before the meeting and during the break to demonstrate. (If a couple of people would like to help demonstrate, that would be great). If there is interest, we could put together a workshop.
- Also, the attachment with the patterns contains links to two videos demonstrating foundation paper piecing.
- This image is the March block.



**Round 2:** In the second half of the year, we will work with English paper piecing – more on that in a few months.

Sherri Critchfield

# Quiltfolk Guild Program

We are lucky to be included in the Quiltfolk guild program, and because of that, each quarter we receive their newest magazine for free. In January or February, we receive a couple of their calendars. At our next meeting in March, we will have our usual free drawing for the newest edition, as well as two calendars, at the Welcome Table.

Quiltfolk also offers us a 15% discount on their site through March 31st. Just go to the Quiltfolk website to order and use the discount code GUILD37.

Libby Corrison

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## Love Quilts USA

**Please see the attached flyer for more information about this**

Hi, my name is Leigh Grugett. I'm with a group called Love Quilts USA. We are a group of cross stitchers and quilters across the U.S. that makes quilts for children with life-threatening illnesses. We cross stitch quilt squares and then assemble them to make a quilt for the children.

Stitchers make one square each for the quilt (so there are usually 12-20 different people stitching squares for one entire quilt). Then all of those squares are sent to one quilter who makes the quilt. It's a great way for those of us who aren't quilters (like me) to be able to be a part of the process and contribute!

We have hundreds of cross stitchers across the country that are a part of our group, but only a few quilters, so we are currently limited on the number of quilts we can provide. We are actively searching for quilters to join our group to be able to provide more quilts to more children!

There is a flyer attached that gives a simple overview of who we are and contact information.

We'd love volunteers who can cross stitch, quilt or both!

Thank you,  
Leigh Grugett



# Membership

## March Birthdays



Nancy Price 3-3  
Diana Peoples 3-7  
Cliff Goerke 3-10  
Peggy Anderson 3-11  
Karen Lacy 3-17

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February was a great start to the year! We had 76 members attending our first 2026 meeting and two new members joined our quilty family.

Please welcome our new members: Jessica Dudley, Ellen McCall-Kidd, Linda Terry

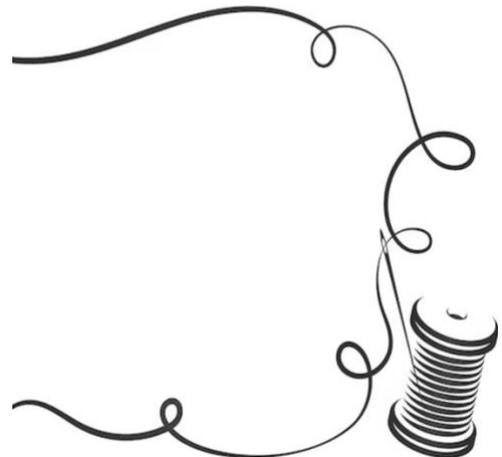
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## Membership Renewal for 2026

Thank you to all who have already paid their 2026 guild dues. If you haven't yet done this, be sure to pay before the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Dues are \$30 for the year.

### To renew your membership:

1. Complete the Membership Form (**attached**)
2. Submit form and \$30 to the guild by:
  - Bringing it to our February meeting
  - Or mailing it to: OQG Membership  
P.O. Box 2651  
Olathe, KS 66063



Lou Corbin

# 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  
<https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links>

# Area Events

Dates 2026	Quilt Show or Event	Location
<b>April 12-13</b> Sat-10a-5p Sun-10a-3p	<b>Kaw Valley Quilter's Guild</b> Quilt Show \$6 admission	<b>Lawrence, KS</b> Crown Toyota 3430 Iowa St.
<b>April 24-25</b> Sat- 10a-4p Sun- 10a-4p	<b>Starlight Quilters Guild</b> Quilt Show \$5 admission	<b>Lenexa, KS</b> Lenexa Old Town Activity Center 9301 Pflumm Rd.
<b>April 25</b> 10a-4p	<b>Sunflower Piecemakers</b> <b>Quilt Show - 40<sup>th</sup> Ruby Anniversary</b>  Opportunity Quilt – Mini Quilt Auction Vendors - Boutique	<b>Ottawa, KS</b> Goppert Center 705 W. 15 <sup>th</sup> Street



# Ad Astra Quilt Shop Hop

MARCH 26TH-APRIL 4TH, 2026

10 Shops ★ 10 Days

all shops open their normal hours



*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.*

Ad Astra is a twice-annual quilt shop hop featuring 10 local quilt shops:

Harper's Fabric

KC Maker Studio

Li'l Red Hen

Plain Jane's and Co

Prairie Point Quilt & Fabric Shop

Overbrook Quilt Connection

Quilters' Paradise

Quilters Bliss

Quilters HQ

Sarah's Fabrics



# Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilt Guild Minutes  
February 10, 2026

President Jenny Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:30. Sixty-one people attended in person with eleven attending online. Of those who attended in person, five were guests and two of them joined that night. Melissa Toburen introduced our speaker, Denise Stahl, the Curious Kansas Quilter, who spoke on, “Are My Eyes Deceiving Me? Optical Illusions and 3D Effects in Quilts.”

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Denise Stahl’s give-away** – Carol Crane won a pattern.

**Secretary’s Minutes** – Cliff Goerke moved that the January minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. Rachel Rohrer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Rachel Rohrer moved that the treasurer’s report as published in the newsletter be approved. Karen Lacy seconded the motion and it passed.

**Birthdays** – Jenny announced the February birthdays and wished all a happy birthday.

**Outreach/Education** – Mary Pacey announced that we have a teacher for all of our classes at the K-State Johnson County Extension office this year. The classes are held from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on the last Tuesdays of each month April through October. Helpers will be needed for each class.

**Improv Quilting Workshop for OQG members** – Cindy Nice has volunteered to hold this class for up to 20 of our members. Cindy described this “Improv Quilt Like Gee’s Bend” class in the newsletter, and sign-up information is in the newsletter as well. Everyone should bring their orphan blocks and scraps, no yardage. Cindy will have scraps to share. The class is Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 – 4 pm at Evergreen. Sign up with the link provided.

**Programs** – Melissa Toburen announced that next month’s program will be Theresa Ward of “Always Quilts.” The title of her talk is “Challenges, Swaps and Exchanges...OH MY!” Theresa presented “New Looks for String Quilts” for our guild in April 2024.

Melissa explained the two members-delivered events in 2026 – one will be in June and one in October. June is our schoolhouse. If you have ideas or would like to be a presenter at the schoolhouse, please let Melissa know.

In October we are trying something new: 3 OQG members will each present a 10-piece mini trunk show and answer questions about their quilts. If you would like to volunteer, let Melissa know.

# Meeting Minutes

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**Charity** – Lou Corbin reported that over 36 quilts have been given to KVC Foster Program, various senior living centers and Olathe Police Mental Health. The membership voted to again support these three programs with quilts in 2026.

Laura Lafferty shared that our guild sent 24 quilts to Dodge City after their fire.

Lou asked if anyone would be interested in and available to have a Quilt Kit Night to prepare quilt kits for our members. Ten people responded positively.

**Quilt Retreat** - Laura Lafferty announced that Laura from Sew Loved Quilt Shop in Elkhart, KS has offered our guild a 5-day retreat at their center, April 30 – May 5. There will be room for 12 – 14 people and 8 people have signed up so far. The cost is \$40, \$15 of which is for a t-shirt. Laura described the facilities. If you are interested, please contact Laura. She would like all who reserve a spot to have paid by our OQG March meeting.

**KCRQF** – Karen Lacy is our Olathe Quilters Guild representative for the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival, June 17 – 19, 2027, with some classes being held on June 16, 2027, at the Overland Park Convention Center. We still need someone to serve as the backup rep. Please let Jenny know if you can volunteer. Karen informed us of many specifics. Watch for the flyer that will be sent out with our next newsletter. The flyer will explain many details, such as the Showcase Challenge, Spotlight Quilters, and honoring women in the military.

**Hand Quilters** – The group will meet on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 at the church.

**Challenge Quilts** – Shelia Pierce explained that those who picked up an orphan block last December, and have now created a quilt or project with it, should bring their finished project to show off at the March meeting. A new Challenge will be announced in March.

**Refreshments** – Sheila said that we still need volunteers to handle three of the months in 2026. Three people volunteered to fill those spots.

**John Wornall House** – Jenny announced that on February 21, we have the opportunity to “explore quilts as both art and artifact at the 1858 John Wornall house Museum,” on Wornall Road.

**Ways and Means** – Winners were Anna Mae Wagner, twice, and Cheryl Wilcox.

**Destash Sale** – Jenny explained that we will hold a Destash Sale on Saturday, April 18, at the church, with prep time the day before. See the newsletter for more information. Let Jenny know if you would like to have a table yourself or if you would like to share a table.

**Welcome Table** – Mary Ellen Winter won the drawing. Shelly Sullivan, Welcome Table Chair, would like to have a co-chair. Eloise Waller volunteered.

# Meeting Minutes

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**Membership** – Lou Corbin announced that we had 5 visitors at the meeting and that two of them joined.

**Running the Zoom at meetings** – If anyone wants to learn how to run the Zoom during our monthly guild meetings, it would be greatly appreciated. Rachel Rohrer is handling the job, but other volunteers are needed as well.

**Show and Tell** – We all enjoyed the creative works by everyone who shared their quilts.

**Board Meeting** - The Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, on Zoom, and board members will receive the Zoom link from Jenny prior to the meeting. All are welcome to attend and you should contact Jenny for the link if you are not on the board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Libby Corrison.

# Treasurer's Report

## Monthly Report – 2/21/2026

Central Bank Operating Account Balance (as of 02/21/2026) \$ 15,379.14  
Central Bank Money Market Account Balance (as of 2/21/2026) \$ 12,180.84

### Income

Membership	\$390
Ways and Means	\$104
Welcome	\$18
Total Income	\$512

### Expenses

Programs (February Program – Denise J. Poston)	\$371.20
Refreshments	\$64.03
Ways and Means	32.50
Total Expenses	467.73

# Board & Committees

<b>2026 Board Officers</b>	
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

<b>2026 Committee Chairs / Co-chairs</b>	
Block of the Month	Sherri Critchfield
Challenge Quilt	Mary Pacey / Shelia Pierce
Charity	Lara Stevens / Lou Corbin
Johnson Country Fair	Shelia Pierce / Conna Hiltner
KCRQF Representative	Karen Lacy
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

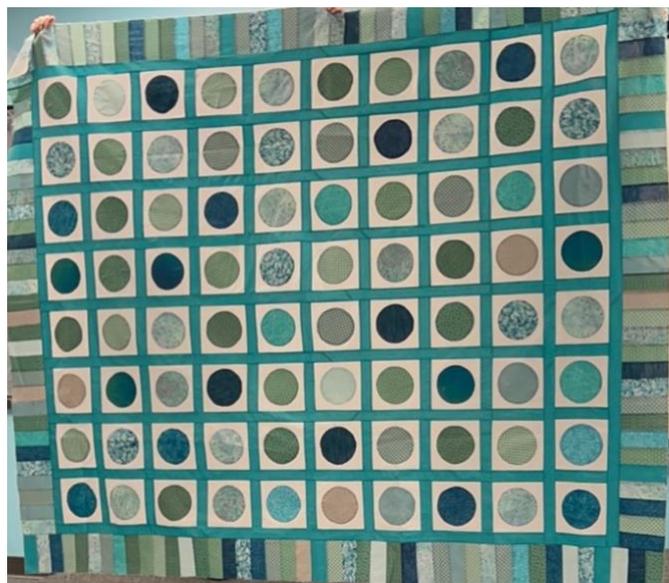
# Show and Tell



Carol Crane



Sue Medberry



Maribeth Kehl



Karen Hill



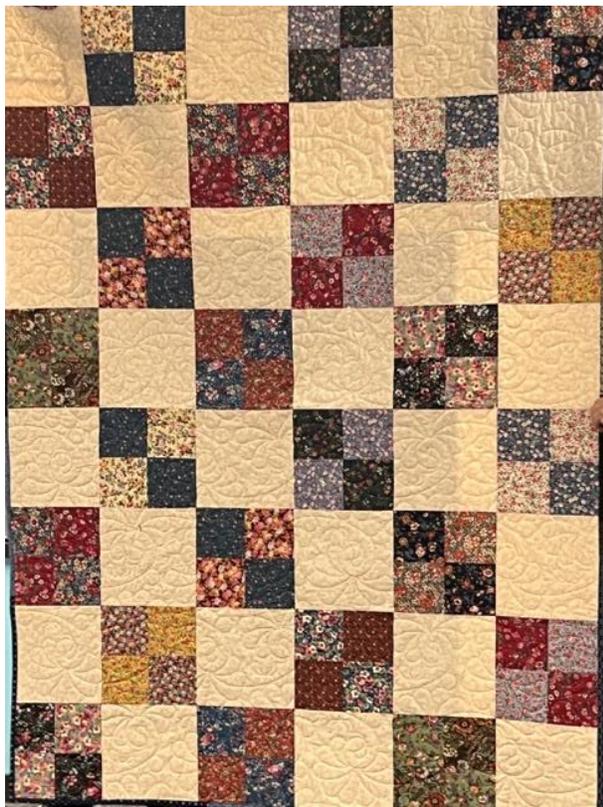
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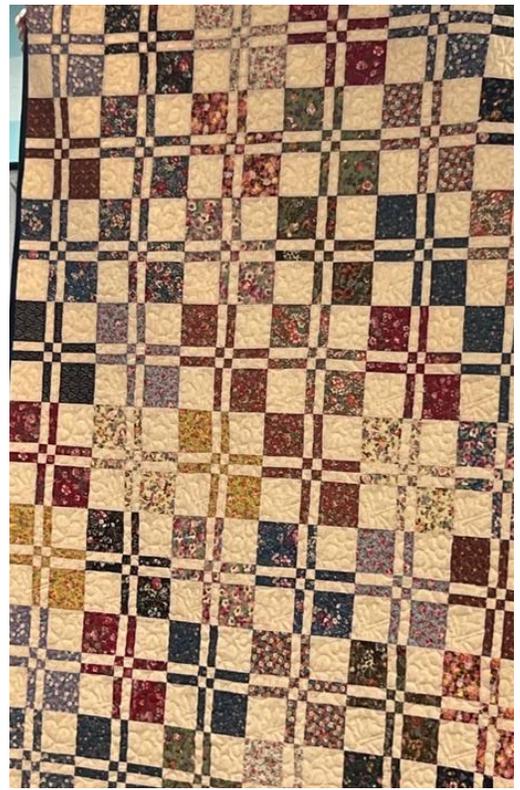
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Laura Lafferty



Debbie Schreck



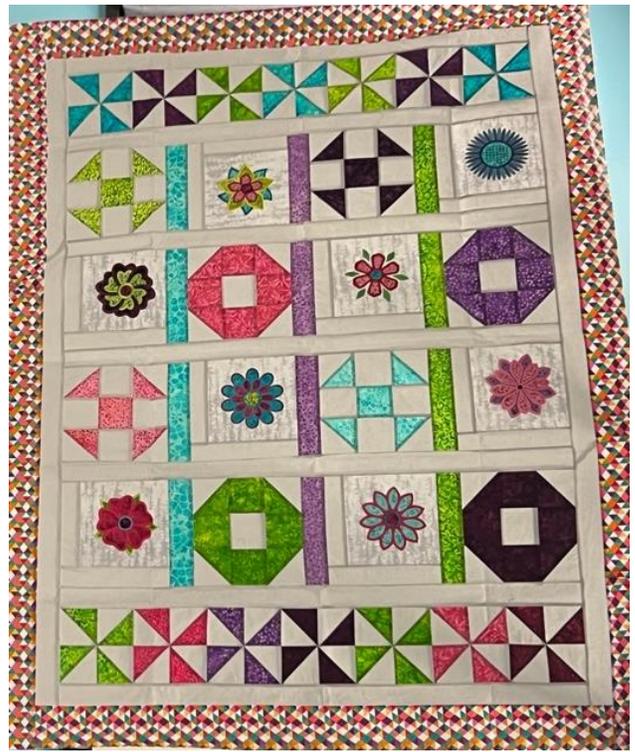
Allen Schreck



Jean Spohrer



Erin Wasser



Linda Hagen



Laurie Vanderpol



Heather Schaller



David Duwe



Becky Stith