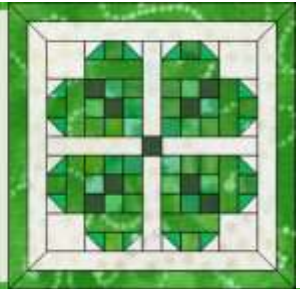




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Happy March Quilters!

Special thank you to Heather Schaller and Karen Genis for planning the retreat last weekend. It was a fun weekend of food, quilting, games and friends! I had a great time chatting with everyone (much more chatting than sewing). Our meetings often leave little time for socialization, so I greatly appreciate these times where we can connect and share!

If you would like to see some amazing quilts, I suggest looking up the Quiltcon 2024 held February 22 – 25th in Raleigh, North Carolina (#Quiltcon on Instagram). While I do not consider myself to be a modern quilter, I love modern quilts and the unlimited range of uniqueness and creativity. I like to think of it as throwing the quilting rule book out the window to make room for an artistic vision and originality. One of my favorite submissions at Quiltcon was from Nikki Woolsey, a local modern quilter who truly “thinks outside the box.” Look her up on Instagram! I aspire to reach that level of quilting.

We have just over one month before the April meeting and the zipper bag challenge! Get on it! Mine is made and done and I cannot wait to share it with everyone! Meanwhile, get outside and enjoy this amazing weather. I hope you find some inspiration with the spring blooms!

Happy Spring!

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

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 2651
Olathe, KS 66063

Website:

olathequiltersguild.com

Coming Up

Our March Presenter Rhonda Denney

Be prepared to be AMAZED as Rhonda Denney uses a combination of fabric, pigment, and thread to create her award winning quilts. She is an international speaker who now lives in Emporia KS.

Rhonda has authored several books. Check out her website at:

RhondaDenney.com



The Blue Valley Quilt Guild will be having a quilt show on Friday and Saturday, March 15 & 16. It's the "A Little Help From My Friends Exhibit" celebrating 60 years of the Beatles. For more information, see the [Activities](#) page of their website.

Committee Updates



Round Robin

Remember to bring your kits to the March meeting. We will have a table set up at meetings through September to make the exchanges.

2024 Bag with Zipper Challenge

Just a reminder that 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. Since this is a new guild challenge, please bring a project that you have made in 2024. We will try to have prizes for everyone, so if you haven't started yet, there is still time! This challenge will be due at the April guild meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS

Suggestions and donations for Ways and Means are appreciated. You can feel assured that another quilter will be thrilled to obtain something you are no longer wanting to use or keep.

Be sure to check out the options for purchase as well ticket chances on some very attractive collections at the next meeting. Please contact Lynda Ochs or Cheryl Wilcox with your questions or suggestions.

Committee Updates

Membership Update – March 2024

New Members

Please welcome two new members who joined at our February meeting. They are Jean Schlenk and Linda Jean.

2024 Dues

Thank you to all who have already paid their 2024 guild dues. If you haven't yet done this, be sure to pay before the April 1st deadline. Dues are \$30 for the year. Bring your dues and completed Membership Form (see your email for a copy of the form) to the next OQG meeting, or send it to:

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

With thanks,
Conna Hiltner
Membership Chair

Quiltfolk

Once again, because our guild is enrolled in the Quiltfolk guild program, we have received a discount code. **GUILD29** is the code to use on any orders at Quiltfolk through March 31, 2024.

Committee Updates

Quilting/Sewing Classes at Johnson County Extension Office

Please help promote the classes taught through Johnson County Extension by telling all your sewing friends about them.

We have planned 4 classes at the Extension office - here is the schedule:

Tuesday April 23 – “Burrito” Pillowcases for Beginners (Cindy Nice)

Tuesday July 23 – Rag Quilt (Jenny Boudreaux)

Tuesday August 20 – Bulls Eye Quilt Block (Mary Pacey)

Monday, September 23 – Zipper Bag for Intermediate Sewers (Cindy Nice)

We may add a class on twilling thanks to Linda Hagen – I am working with the Extension office on adding that.

All classes will be held at the Johnson County Extension Office, 11811 S Sunset Dr, Olathe from 6-8pm. Registration will be posted soon for the first class - check the extension web site at <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/>.

Joy Miller, the Family and Community Wellness Agent at the Extension office, is looking for a **volunteer to teach a summer sewing camp** this June, since her regular instructor is not available. The dates are still being finalized, but will be split over two sessions on June 12th & 13th. We also **would like more volunteers** to assist the attendees in this camp, with simple tasks like threading a sewing machine, winding a bobbin, and so on. The attendees will be making easy projects like a pillowcase and tote bag. To volunteer, please reach out to me or email Joy directly at Joy.Miller@jocogov.org.

Jenny Boudreaux

2024 Outreach Chair

Committee Updates

EnsorFest – Quilt Display and Outreach

We have been invited back to the Ensor Park & Museum opening festival!

Saturday May 11 – festival open 11am-7pm; our times TBD

The Ensor Park & Museum, at 18995 W. 183rd St, is an historic site with an authentic 1890s farm house, pioneer cabin, dairy farm, and amateur radio station. As part of their season-opening festivities, we have been invited to have an outdoor display of quilts, where we can talk to attendees about our guild and sell tickets for our Opportunity Quilt. Last year we sold over \$50 of tickets and had a good time doing handwork, or just spending time talking to visitors about our quilts and guild. You can tour the house, get good eats from food trucks, hear bluegrass music, see antique and classic cars, and more.

If you are interested in displaying one or more quilts, or volunteering for a shift, please contact Melissa Toburen.

Jenny Boudreaux

2024 Outreach Chair

Olathe Quilt Guild Retreat

Thank you all for attending the Olathe Quilt Guild Retreat! I had a blast quilting with every one of you. We'll be sending out a Survey Monkey soon with a couple of potential dates for another retreat later in the year.

~Heather Schaller & Karen Genis



Members—Marketplace

Happy Birthday

Nancy Price 3-3

Cliff Goerke 3-10

Peggy Anderson 3-11

Karen Lacy 3-17



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

February 29, 2024

Operating Account Balance 01/30/2024	\$10,369.56
Money Market Account Balance 01/30/2024	<u>\$12,167.57</u>
	\$22,537.13
Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$335.00
Welcome Desk	
Ways & Means	\$71.00
	\$406.00
Total Income	
Expenses	
Speaker (Fee + Mileage)	\$316.15
Opportunity Quilt 2025 Materials	\$208.78
Membership (Drawing)	\$30.00
Total Expenses	\$554.93
Operating Account Balance 02/29/2024	\$10,220.63
Money Market Account Balance 02/29/2024	<u>\$12,169.09*</u>
Combined Balance 02/29/2024	<u>\$22,389.72</u>

*includes interest for Dec 2023, Jan 2024 and Feb 2024

Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilt Guild Minutes

February 13, 2024

6:30 Rachel Rohrer, President, called the meeting to order. Thirty-nine members were present in person and ten joined via Zoom. There were two visitors and two new members.

Linda Hagen, Program Chair introduced Annarose White's program about crumb quilting. She owns the Beehive Quilt Shop in Wellington, Kansas.

Before the break we watched the video Heather Buckwitz made showing how to paper piece the blocks for the Opportunity Quilt. Mary Ellen showed how some of the blocks are made. The few remaining blocks will be spoken for tonight. Blocks are due back next month or, no later than, April.

Secretary's Minutes – Shelia Pierce made a motion to accept the minutes from January meeting as printed in the newsletter. Pauline Sanders seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Peggy Anderson moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Lynda Ochs seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Rachel announced our February birthdays. Thank you cards from donated quilts were passed around.

Programs Linda Hagen – Next month Rhonda Denney presents Pigment Patchwork in fiber art.

Outreach and Education Jenny Boudreaux – Classes are set with Johnson County Extension. They are asking for volunteers to help with a beginning sewing class. Jenny is exploring ways to partner with Mahaffie House and some Olathe elementary schools. We have been invited to participate in Ensorfest at Ensor Park and Museum. Jenny is requesting volunteers to form a committee to further explore a possible quilt show. It doesn't seem feasible to have it organized for 2024.

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Meeting Minutes

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KCRQF Dae Curtiss – Dates are June 12-14, 2025. Three new guilds joined the festival. Dae has details about the show challenge quilt.

Challenge Quilt Sherri Critchfield, Mary Pacey, and Shelia Pierce – The challenge of a zipper project is due at the April Meeting. The Round Robin will begin in March.

Retreat Heather Schaller – February 23rd and 24th. Sign-ups are going well. Sherri Critchfield won a prize from a drawing of those who have paid their registration.

Hand Quilters Meeting is Thursday the 22nd at 6:30.

Board Meeting will be on the 20th via Zoom.

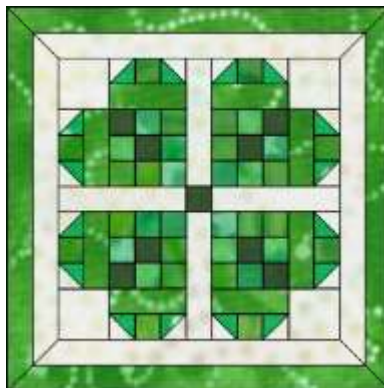
Ways and Means Cheryl Wilcox and Lynda Ochs – Jean Schlenk and Kenda Camp won the drawings.

Welcome Table Libby Corrison – Mary Ellen Winter won the door prize.

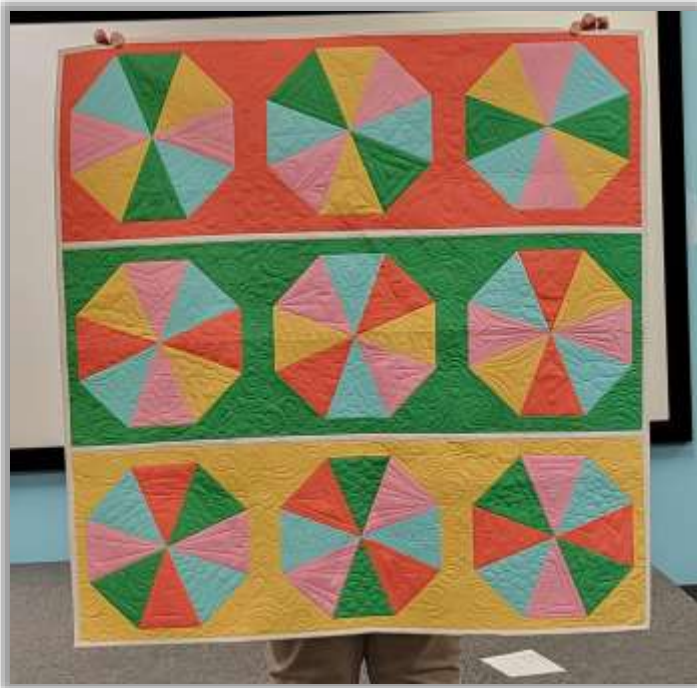
Show and Tell - Jenny Boudreaux, Shelia Pierce, Sandra Mortakis, Mary Lou Guy, Jean Spohrer, Heather Schaller, and Melissa Toburen.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Jean Heer, Secretary



Show and Tell



Melissa Toburen—quilting practice panel



Heather Schaller—Cube Quilt



Jean Spohrer
2 mini quilts and a
charity quilt



Show and Tell



Mary Lou Guy - Snap bag



Shelia Pierce - Bargello



Jenny Boudreaux - bags and a Sun quilt top

Show and Tell



Sandra Mortakis - Winter Flannel,
Pastel quilt and matching bolster

