

Olathe Quilter's Guild

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I know that we are all awaiting the true arrival of spring and the shedding of extra layers of coats, etc. Spring also brings a “spring cleaning fever” to some---I’ve started a little and found that I have way too many UFO’s to count. I’m glad we are having great speakers because they always generate some new ideas for started or new projects. I’ve decided to try my hand at the 60 degree triangle quilts that were shown at the March meeting ONLY AFTER I finish at least 1 UFO. (Liz made it sound pretty easy to do!) I did purchase the book, One Block Wonder, but am holding off getting sucked into reading the book and planning a project.

Karen Goodwin compiled a list of the people who have signed up for committees and I’m impressed at how many of you want to help these committees succeed and provide a valuable service not only to our guild, but to the community. Pam will be organizing more “member-led” workshops for later this year—always a good way to learn tricks and new skills. They say experience is the best teacher, so those who have done the technique are well suited for sharing with others the “tricks of the trade”.

I have seen what several members are doing for the Block of the Month- all totally different and unique. I hope many are trying their hand at this. I’ve not heard anyone mention working on the challenges- either the short term or long term. I’ve started both and hope to complete each project by the deadlines.

Keep your needles warm and create items of beauty!

Mary Pacey



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Coming Up In April



April Speaker

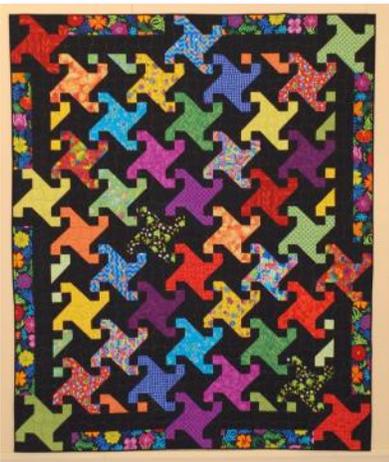
Mary Verstraete Honas

Mary Verstraete Honas has been sewing since she was a child. Her mother got her started quilting over 25 years ago, teaching Mary and her 2 sisters to make a hand pieced, hand quilted, quilt as you go, queen sized sampler.

In 2001, Mary started teaching quilting and has designed patterns, put together kits for others and made commission quilts as well.

Her favorite part of quilting is choosing the fabrics and helping others put together just the right balance of color, texture, scale and intensity.

Mary will be presenting her Intensity, Value, Contract & Scale: Getting the Most out of Fabric Design Lecture



See more about Mary on her Facebook page **First Rate Designs**

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstRateDesigns/>

Coming Up In April

WORKSHOPS

Most of our 2018 classes are expected to be held at the Johnson county extension office at 11811 S Sunset Drive in Olathe, which is just north of 119th and Ridgeview on the west side of the street. ***Their website has been revised, enrollment for all classes may now be done online.***

See www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/index.html

Youth classes are found in the **4-H/Youth Development** section, titled “**Learning to Quilt 4-H Spin Club**”. **Adult classes** are near the end of the page, in the **Family & Consumer Sciences (Home and Family)** section, titled “**Quilting Workshops**”.

Due to light enrollment for the paper piecing workshop, the extension office had to cancel the class. Pam Pearson has invited those who were enrolled to attend a make-up session at her home.

If you are planning to attend a workshop, even to observe or be a helper, please enroll so the extension office knows the number of individuals that will be present.

The remaining 2018 workshops:

- April 24 - Using Paintstiks, led by Janie Benander in room 1070/75. The attachment for this class is included again in this month's newsletter email. The supply list is also given when you enroll.
- May 22 - New York Beauty led by Pam Pearson (supply list to come) in room 1070/75
- July 24 - TBD - in room 1070/75
- August 21 - TBD - in room 1060
- October 23 - TBD - in room 1070/75

Thanks to all who responded to the interest survey. However, there is a virtual tie for the last three classes, so you will be asked again to choose between options. They are: Dresden Plate, T-shirt quilt, 3 fabric quilts, English paper piecing, hand applique, and machine applique. (Remember there is always next year!)

In addition to scheduled classes at the extension office, Arlene Banks has volunteered to have embroidery and/or twilling instruction at her home. We will discuss dates and other details at the next guild meeting.

LEARNING TO QUILT 4-H SPIN CLUB

April 6, 13 and 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Room 1070/75 at the extension office

For more information, see the flyer attachment included with this newsletter email. Please pass this flyer on to any youth, ages 10-18, you think will be interested.



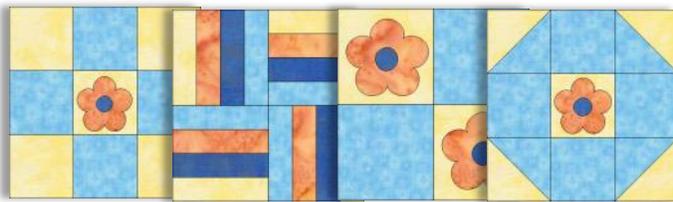
Coming Up In April



Friends of the Library 7th Annual Novel Tea “Little Travelers on the Orphan Train”

We participate! The Olathe Quilter's Guild has been fortunate enough to be selected to sponsor a table at the 7th annual Friends of the Olathe Public Library Novel Tea, happening this year on April 14th. Sponsorship means the guild pays \$10 to decorate a table for 8 at the tea with the theme in mind. This gives us a chance to promote our guild and its activities. Our guild also donated \$25 to the Friends of the Library. Proceeds from this popular event go for scholarships to Olathe youth who have volunteered at least 100 hours at the library.

Not only is there a tea, but a speaker to enjoy. This year's speaker is Shirley K. George from the National Orphan Train Complex in Concordia, KS. I suspect that most of us did not know that the Orphan Train of 1896 dropped off 14 children in Olathe. This may be a fun activity you want to help with, either to decorate the table or donate items to give away, and/or attend next year.



The April Block of the Month is Half Square Triangle. Be sure to check out the block display at the guild meeting.



The April work night for the Charity Committee will be Thursday, April 26th from 6 to 8 pm. All are welcome to join in.



Our Guild Members



Spotlight Quilter for April— Jessie Vandenberg

I took my first Quilting class in Urbandale, Iowa back around 1981. Then we moved to Olathe. Because I didn't know anyone there, I signed up for a Sampler Quilt class at a little quilt shop on the corner of Mur-Len and 151st St. (It is long gone). We used scissors and templates made from plastic lids when I made the Sampler quilt back in 1982 and it was hand sewn and hand quilted. And fabric was much less expensive then.

I store my fabric stash in plastic shoe boxes per color or homespun or batiks. Alas, the lids no longer fit on the boxes. I am a scrap alcoholic, so most of my quilts are made from my scraps and those given to me.

I piece most of my quilts on the machine, but I do some applique also. My favorite block is a log cabin. We go to Texas for four months every winter and, while there, I do quilt some of my quilts on my home machine. When I am home they are sent out to be quilted.

I have about a dozen quilts I am keeping, so most anything I make I give to charities. I would say I have given away more than 100 quilts, and some day I would like to meet someone who has received one of them.

I joined the Olathe Quilt guild shortly after it was formed but moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas. Nine years later we moved to Overland Park and I rejoined then.

I am thankful for so many things. I am thankful health and the ability to do many things. My mother was legally blind by this age. I am also thankful that, so far, I don't need to spend winters in cold country.

April Birthdays

Linda Meisel - 4/2
Carolyn Chaffin - 4/3
Sherri Critchfield - 4/5
Edith Pryor - 4/6
Mary Ellen Winter - 4/17

2018 Olathe Quilter's Board

President: Mary Pacey

Vice-President/Program: Teresa Jones

Program Elect: Pam Pearson

Secretary: Susan Gandy

Treasurer: Libby Corrison

Ways & Means: Linda Hagen &
Mary Rayborn

Ways & Means Elect: Arlene Banks

Historian: **VACANT**

Public Relations: Karen Lacy

Membership: Karen Goodwin & Jean Spohrer

Newsletter Editor: Sherri Critchfield

Advisor: Shari Pine



Committee and Program Updates



2018 Charity News - April

Work on the “Quilts in Various Stages” continues!. Several of us met in March and batting was cut so that we now have nine quilts that are ready for quilting. But that’s not all we accomplished. More fabric was donated to us and sorting began. But wait! Some of that fabric was singing ‘Use Me’, ‘Use ME’, so there were several more quilts started. It just couldn’t be helped, hee, hee. So, we will continue receiving donations, sorting, cutting, making kits, quilting, binding until we have quilts that will be donated. You are making a difference. THANK YOU.

2018 Charity Committee

Scraps, Scraps, and more Scraps Needed

The 2019 Ways and Means committee needs your scraps. The more we get, the more fun Ways and Means will be next year.

Needed: Cotton 2 1/2 inches by 15 inches or larger reading solid in red, white, blue, black, yellow, green, orange and purple.

Needed: Batik scraps about 6 inches or larger.

Scraps will be collected at each 2018 Guild meeting.

How are you doing with your challenges?

The **Small and Scrappy** challenge is due in May. All participants will be entered in a drawing for a prize! The rules are:

- You can make anything! Table runner, wall hanging, pillow, etc.
- The sides of your **finished** project must be **no more than 82” added together**. For example, if you were doing a square project, it must be smaller than 20.5” by 20.5”.
- You **MUST** use what is in your stash...no purchasing new fabric. You may purchase a new pillow form or something of the like, but your fabric should only come from your stash!

The big challenge for the year is **We want to see your curves!**, which must be completed by November to be eligible for prizes.

The only rule for this Challenge is that your project must have curves, or the illusion of curves. Here is your chance to try a new technique or pattern!





Committee and Program Updates

Update from the KCQRF March 17 Meeting

The 18 guilds voted for the 50/50 option for the distribution of funds for 2019 by a very large margin. Only two guilds voted for the 80/20 option. Here is the explanation of how the funds will be distributed for 2019:

50% of the proceeds (after subtracting money to seed the 2021 Festival) will be divided equally among the guilds, regardless of size; and the other 50% will be divided based on job performance (committee assignments and level or participation/size of job).

KCQRF will have two co-chairs for the committees – Susie Saunders will be our co-chair from the Executive Board. Duties listed below are the minimum we are to accomplish. We will share them equally with the other guilds and make them our own to ensure a successful show. We have introduced ourselves to the other guild representatives and began brainstorming on how to divide and conquer so we don't get in each other's way but support each other and learn new committees. We will be contacting the other guilds shortly.

Teacher Ambassadors – Guilds - Twilight Stitchers and Olathe

- Develop teacher welcome bags
- Check in and welcome teachers
- Be aware of all room schedules to allow for smooth transition of employing a room and preparing for the next class
- Make sure proper teaching aids requested by the individual teachers are in place
- Take tickets and greet students
- Aid teachers if needed
- All aspects for classes are coordinated with teachers and co-chairs

Registration Desk- Olathe and Raymore

- Organize packet pickup for on-line purchases
- Man desk throughout festival
- Answer questions
- Check in station for white glove volunteers (all guilds support White Gloving)
- Help with merchandise sales at Festival

Both committees will be fun and will give us an opportunity to showcase the great skills our members can bring to the show. Both the Raymore and Twilight Stitchers guilds are about the same size as our guild.

There is a new small quilt auction committee that all guilds are asked to support. More details will be shared as this committee defines their process, size of quilts etc. The small quilt auction will be a silent auction and the auction money will go to the 501(c)(7) or non-profits that we as a group choose with the recommendation of the board. If you know of a sewing related non-profit group that is doing a good work and could use a hand-up, please let the board know so they can be vetted.

If anyone has questions please feel free to contact Cindy or Janie.

Minutes and Reports

Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report March 2018

Checking Balance 3/1/2018	\$9,677.69
Money Market Balance 2/28/2018	<u>\$12,128.87</u>
	\$21,806.56
Receipts	
Membership	\$150.00
Welcome Table Speaker Money	\$10.00
Karen Lacey fee to attend Library Tea	\$20.00
Mary Pacey fee to attend Library Tea	\$20.00
Ways and Means	<u>\$589.00</u>
	\$789.00
Expenses	
Olathe Christian Church – March rooms (increase from \$75)	\$100.00
Linda Hagen – Ways and Means	\$36.93
Liz Granberg – speaker fee and travel	\$227.25
Kerri Robinson – Opportunity Quilt top fabric, backing, batting	\$201.86
Pam Pearson – speaker meal	\$16.22
Jean Spohrer – Membership receipt book and candy	\$20.43
Mary Pacey – Block of the Month display	\$5.46
Mary Pacey – Library Tea	\$5.19
Mary Pacey – Library Tea ad	\$25.00
Mary Pacey – Library Tea table setting fee and 2 tickets to raffle	\$50.00
Sherri Irving – tubs for Charity Quilts	\$47.62
Arlene Banks – UPS for sending fabric to California - disaster	\$87.69
Susan Gandy – greeting cards	<u>\$7.99</u>
	\$831.64
Operating Account Balance 3/24/18	\$9,635.05
Money Market Account Balance 3/24/18	<u>\$12,128.87</u>
Combined Balance 3/24/18	<u>\$21,763.92</u>



Minutes and Reports

General Meeting Minutes
Olathe Quilters Guild
March 13, 2018

The March, 2018 Guild Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Mary Pacey. She welcomed everyone and noted that Heather Buchwitz was this month's featured quilter. She announced those members with March birthdays and invited them to each accept a small gift from the Guild. We then moved to the month's speaker.

The evening's program was introduced by Teresa Jones. *Adventures with 60° Triangle Quilts* was given by Liz Granberg-Jerome of Baldwin, Kansas. Her husband accompanied her and is also a quilter. She showed several of his quilts, as well. She spent some time explaining her use of "Stack & Whack" and "One Block Wonder" techniques. At the end of the presentation, Mary Pacey announced a 20 minute break.

The meeting then resumed with the business portion.

(Note: Business meetings notes were taken by previous Secretary Karen Goodwin, as Susan became ill and had to leave.)

Gretchen Ryan moved that the February meeting minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Shelia Pierce. The motion passed. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Janie Benander and seconded by Kenda Camp. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Programs Teresa Jones announced that the April speaker will be Mary Honas, discussing *Intensity, Value, Contrast & Scale*. The May program will be *How Do I Quilt That?* by Angela Walters. Mary Pacey stated that the Programs committee could still use more members, however, Teresa said that she was now getting more help.

Workshops - Pam Pearson will be teaching a *Paper Piecing* class (to make a small flag) this month. In April, Janie Benander will conduct a *Paintstiks* workshop. Details of both are in our newsletter and on the Extension Service website.

In addition, there was some interest in a *Twilling* workshop which Arlene Banks may hold in her home. She may also teach embroidery. Our group was polled to determine interest in *Seminole quilting*. 8 persons responded.

Youth Workshops – Cindy Nice will be teaching a *Learn to Quilt* class through the Extension Service 4-H Spin Club for 10-18 year olds. It will consist of 3 classes (April 6, 13, 20) for \$10. Projects will be a zipper pouch and a 3 yard quilt top. She asked for volunteers to contact her.

Ways & Means Linda Hagen announced that she was still taking payments for the Mystery Quilt purchases. Mary Rayborn stated that their committee could still use a few more members.

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Block of the Month During Show & Tell, Pam Pearson showed examples of other variations you can do with basic BOMs (such as disappearing 9 patch and pinwheels.)

Opportunity Quilt Jean Schlenk announced that the blocks will be paper pieced. Heather Buchwitz is developing the pattern. There will be Sew Days to complete the quilt and they are looking for volunteers.

Other Business:

* Library Tea – Cheryl Wilcox is in charge of this committee. This year's theme is "Orphan Train". She suggested using orphan blocks and runners for table décor. She needs volunteers for the morning of the Tea, April 14, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mary Pacey stated the need to borrow plates and cups and that the favors will be the sewing mats. We were given the opportunity to purchase two tickets in advance of the Tea. A drawing was held and the winners were Karen Lacey & Linda Bentz.

* Information Request – Teresa Jones asked for recommendations & experiences of members on how to repair, fix or clean quilts with problems.

There were 47 members present and 2 guests (Rhonda Weibrecht & Noelle ?).

Both Raffle Baskets were won by Mary Ellen Winter.

The Door Prize winner was Pat Itterly.

There were 15 Show & Tell participant: Ruthi Hoadley, Cindy Nice, Janie Benander, Cindy Ott, Jenny Boudreaux, Gretchen Ryan, Kerri Robinson, Mary Ellen Winter, Felise Freeley-O'Brien, Carolyn Chaffin, Gretchen Schafer, Shari Pine, Lisa Hirsch, Kenda Camp and Pam Pearson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gandy, Secretary



The deadline for submissions for the May newsletter will be Wednesday, April 25th.

Please send items to OQGNews18@outlook.com.

Schedules

2018 Guild Meeting Schedule

- **January 9** – Guild Social – Getting to know each other
- **February 13** – Jane Bromberg – Finishing up!
- **March 13** – Liz Granberg – Adventures with 60° Triangle Quilts
- **April 10** – Mary Honas – Intensity, Value, Contrast & Scale
- **May 8** – Angela Walters – How Do I Quilt It?
- **June 12** – Guild Summer Social
- **July 10** – Raija Salomaa – Journey as a Pattern Designer
- **August 14** – Lori Triplett – Pieces of the Prairie
- **September 11** – Gail McKay – How Fabric is Made and the Life of a Fabric Representative
- **October 9** – Guild Charity Night
- **November 13** – Guild Fall Dinner
- **December 11** – Guild Holiday Social

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

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



Please join us for dinner prior to guild meeting at Panera on 20120 West 153rd St. in Olathe. (Near Home Depot at 153rd and 7 Highway/169 Highway) We meet at 4:30, but member's trickle in as they get off work. Join us for some quilting fellowship before the meeting.

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



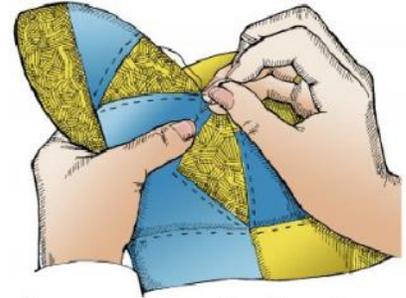
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Hand Quilters

The **Hand Quilting Stitch Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **April 19, 2018.**

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

All guild members are welcome to attend the OQG Board Meetings.

Beginning January, 2018, Board Meetings are at 6:00 pm on the Wednesday of the week following the regular guild meeting. They are held at Olathe Christian Church in Room 2.

The next Board meeting will be on **April 18, 2018.**

Olathe Christian Church—Entrances from main parking lot



East entrance—best for regular guild meetings



West (main) entrance—best for Hand Quilters and Board Meetings

Want another way to stay in touch between meetings? Sign-up to our OQG Facebook group.

The address is [facebook.com/groups/OQGuildGroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/OQGuildGroup)

Show and Tell



Ruthi Hoadley's gray and gold quilt and Wichita State quilt



Gretchen Ryan's Button quilt, bright purple quilt, and deep purple quilt.



Show and Tell



Cindy Nice's colorful quilt



Janie Benander's colorful quilt with rickrack.



Jenny Boudreaux's photo quilt.



Carolyn Chaffin's squares quilt.

Show and Tell



Cindy Ott's Around the World quilt and baby animals quilt.



Kerri Robinson with her black bumble bee, sewing machine quilt and gray quilt



Show and Tell



Mary Ellen Winter's mystery quilt and panel one block wonder quilt



Gretchen Schafer with bright hot flashes quilt, small blue quilt, and monster bag.

Show and Tell



Felise Freeley-O'Brien's cards quilt and trees quilt



Shari Pine with hand applique quilt, Halloween quilt, and chenille quilt.



Show and Tell



Kenda Camp with basket source quilt



Block of the Month example

Pam Pearson with one of four small blocks demonstrating 'disappearing' options for Block of the Month blocks



Lisa Hirsch with yellow baby quilt, ice-dyed fabric quilt, ice-dyed bigger quilt and disappearing four patch quilt

Upcoming Area Quilting Events

2018

Dates and City	Name of Event and Group	For more information
April 3 - 7 Olathe, KS Parkville, MO	Heartland Hop Spring to Two Shops at Quilters' Haven in Olathe and Peddler's Wagon in Parkville	www.heartlandquiltshophop.com
April 4 - 7 Multi city	Ad Astra Quilt Shop Hop in: Leavenworth, Paola, Overbrook, Shawnee, Baldwin, Eudora, Holton, Lawrence and Spring Hill	www.facebook.com/adastraquiltshophop/
April 7 - 8 Lawrence, KS	Kaw Valley Quilters Guild Show: Quilting is My Super Power!	www.kawvalleyquiltersguild.org/quilt-show-2015/
June 7 - 9 Overland Park, KS	MOKA Quilt Study Group—Chintz & Signature Quilts of the Early 19th Century	See attachments emailed with March newsletter for more information
June 21 - 23 Wichita, KS	Common Threads Regional Quilt Show—by Prairie Quilt Guild of Wichita	Wichitaquiltshow.com
Sept 27 - 29 Springfield, MO	Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild Celebrate Quilting Show	opggshow.com

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June 13 - 15	Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival	kcrqf.com
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Thank you to Quilters' Haven and The Quilted Sunflower for offering a 10% discount on fabric purchased for the Opportunity Quilt.

Know of an event coming up? Send the info to OQGNews@outlook.com and we can include it in the newsletter.