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Hello friends,

April has brought some spring showers, and in my house we are loving the sunshine and warmer temperatures. Our guild activities are ramping up, so be sure to look through this newsletter and the reminder email to keep up with everything!

Our destash sale is fast approaching! Here's some important details:

- The sale is Saturday April 18 from 9-2, with setup the day before beginning at 4pm.
- There are still tables available - [sign up here](#). \$10 per table, and tables can be shared.
- If you have signed up for a table, please bring cash or a check made out to the guild to the April meeting. This fee is non-refundable, with proceeds going to pay the church and to fund ways & means.
- If you have donations for Ways & Means for the destash sale, please bring those to the April meeting. Dae will want some helpers for her Ways & Means tables, so check with her if you are interested.
- Please share this destash sale event with your crafty friends, so we can have a great sale!

Our guild has supported the Olathe Public Library's "Novel Tea" fundraising event for years by buying and setting a table according to their theme. This year, the board decided that we would buy an ad in their program instead of a table (\$50 for a half-page ad). This will reach a broader audience while still supporting the library. Thank you to Sherri Critchfield for creating the ad to publicize our guild in their program.

Our guild is quite active, and our newsletters, along with our meetings, are the primary means for sharing information with all members. If you have an urgent need to share something with the entire guild, please contact me before reaching out to Conna to have an email sent to the membership, so we can determine the best way to distribute the information. We know not everyone is on Facebook, but that is one way to reach several members and to share with people outside the guild. We're trying to avoid bombarding everyone with lots of emails. If ever you need help or have a question on sharing something with the guild, feel free to give me a call or text, or send me an email - I'm happy to help.

Jenny Boudreaux
2026 President



Olathe Quilter's Guild

Meets on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 pm

At the
Olathe Christian Church
1115 S. Ridgeview Road
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Olathequiltersguild.com

Coming Up

Ways and Means

Stop by the Ways and Means table at our next meeting and try your luck at winning one of these three prizes!

- We have a Missouri Star quilter's project case,
- A fun fabric with coordinating colors of fabric and thread,
- A set of quilt builder cards with a mini matchbox quilt.

We will also be accepting items for donation to our guild Destash event happening on April 18.



April Program



Martha Walker – Wagons West Designs

100 Years of Quilts 1840-1940

You'll see great examples of quilt styles of the various periods, as well as the fabrics used in those quilts. Next, I'll discuss restoring antique quilts, such as what to consider when considering restoring a quilt and techniques you can use to repair the quilt. I'll show the quilts that I've personally restored.

Her quilts and designs have been widely featured in domestic and international quilting magazines, and she has also designed several fabric lines for commercial fabric manufacturers. She has been awarded ribbons for her quilts at International Quilt Festival, American Quilter's Society Quilt Competition, Road to California, and more.



Special Events



Ensorfest – May 9, 2026
Noon – 5 pm

On Saturday, May 9, 12:00-5:00 PM the guild will be supporting Johnson county's Ensor Park & Museum by putting on an outdoor quilt display.

Here's how you can help. Volunteer a quilt for a fun day out in the fresh air. In honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, we'd like to hang red, white and blue quilts. They don't have to be "patriotic" but certainly could be! We anticipate hanging 20-25 quilts.



Quilt pickup dates: Tuesday, April 14 at the guild meeting and if more quilts are needed Saturday 10:00-11:30 AM, May 2 in the parking lot of the church (guild meeting site). If you bring a quilt, please ensure it has a label (sewn in or pinned on).

Quilts will be returned Tuesday, May 12 at the guild meeting or by special arrangement with the guild organizers.

Consider volunteering a few hours of your time on-site the day of the event. Setup will begin at 11:00 AM and take down/packing around 5:00 PM. You don't have to stay for the whole event, but you'd certainly be welcome to do so.



Bring a lawn chair, hat, sunglasses, sun block and some hand sewing if you like. This is a great opportunity to let the public know more about quilting and the guild.

Guild Organizers: Sherri Critchfield, Rachel Rohrer and Melissa Toburen

The event is free, has museum tours, live music, food truck and other fun activities.

For more Ensorfest details see <https://www.ensorparkandmuseum.org/ensofest26/>

Committee Updates

Upcycle Challenge

The new quilt challenge this year is to upcycle something you already have.

Make something new out of something old or no longer usable. Some examples are:

- Jeans that have seen their better days. Cut them up into blocks and make an outdoor quilt.
- Need backing for a table topper? Maybe you have a cotton shirt that you couldn't get that stain out on the front. Use the back of the shirt for your backing.
- What about that t-shirt with the cute quilting saying that you no longer wear? Make it into a pillow or sew a carry bag with the motif on one side.
- Look around your house and see what you can find. Be creative and think outside the box.

You have until November when the challenge projects will be due.

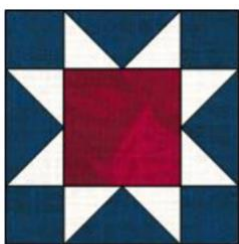
I will bring examples to the guild meetings to help stir up some ideas!

Shelia Pierce

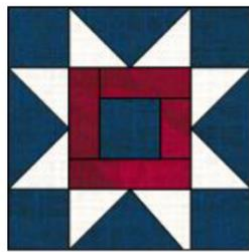
Challenge Quilt Chair

April Block of the Month

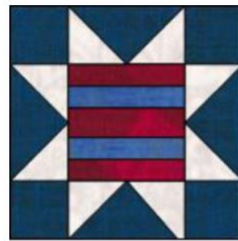
The April Block of the Month is the classic Sawtooth Star, with 3 alternate versions for the center square.



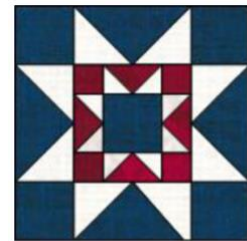
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Alternate 1



Alternate 2



Alternate 3

The foundation paper piecing pages will be in a PDF attachment included with the newsletter.

Block sizes provided are 4 inch, 6 inch and 8 inch.

Sherri Critchfield

Charity

Requests from KU/Olathe Medical Centers

Hi Sewing Groups,

Olathe Medical Center is requesting pillows for the cardiology unit

- We use positioning pillows to keep areas of a patient's body from contact with a bed, rails, tubing, etc. Elevation of an area may help the skin to stay healthy and not further degrade. This may also assist with pain in the area. Pillows must be disposed of after a patient passes away, they are not reused.
- We are again running low on pillows. We have plenty of the smaller sizes but need larger sizes. The pillow instructions are attached to this newsletter and includes measurements. Please consider our House when you next sit down to sew.

KU Medical Center is requesting door hearts for the Hospice unit

- Our Hospice House is running low on the door hearts we hang on patient doorknobs when a patient is actively passing away.
- If you would be interested in creating hearts, the instructions are attached to this newsletter as well as some photo samples, and the pattern used for the hearts. This is a fun project to work on.

Thank You,

Amy Potts

Volunteer Coordinator, Hospice Services

The University of Kansas Health System

Phone: 913-445-8369 | Fax: 913-324-8517 | apotts2@kumc.edu

20920 W. 151st Street, Suite 204, Olathe, KS 66061

Olathe Medical Pavilion D



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 Genesis 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:

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 Genesis

If anyone can help with the classes, it would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the Sign Up Genesis 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
April	4/28/2026	click here
May	5/26/2026	click here
June	6/23/2026	click here
July	7/28/2026	click here
August	8/25/2026	click here
September	9/29/2026	click here
October	10/27/2026	click here

Mary Pacey

The March 24th, 2026 Extension Class -- Gnome Mug Rug

These creative mug rugs were made by these lovely ladies.



Orphan Block Challenge Project Finished Projects



Karen Lacy



Linda Hagan



Teresa Duwe for Laurie Vanderpol



Pauline Sanders



Mary Pacey



Shelia Pierce



Lynda Ochs



Peggy Anderson



Alan Schreck



Debbie Schreck



Shelly Sullivan



Cheryl Wilcox



Rachel Rohrer for Jenny Boudreaux



Carol Crane

Opportunity Quilt

We are getting ready to start the process of building our opportunity quilt. There will be many things to accomplish over the next couple of months, so if you can't attend a sewing session below, know that there will be more opportunities later.

On Saturday April 18th at the church we will begin the process of piecing. Come for the garage sale - stay for some sewing. We will run from **9 - the end of the garage sale**

Roles

- a couple people with sewing machines
- a couple people to help with pressing
- a couple people to help with making sure we keep up our momentum :)

On Saturday May 2nd - The next sewing opportunity will be at the Lenexa library in their large meeting room on **May 2nd from 9am until 4pm**

Roles

- a couple people with sewing machines to finish up the blocks
- a couple people to start joining blocks
- a couple people to help with pressing
- a couple people to help with making sure we keep up our momentum :)



Our opportunity quilt pattern

Things to look to the future

Finishing/future jobs

- finish joining all the blocks
- add any sashing/borders if needed
- create the binding
- add the binding
- potentially piece the backing
- someone to quilt the final product
- someone to make and attach the label
- someone to make and attach the hanging sleeve

Please reach out to Heather Buchwitz or Lisa Hirsch if you have questions or want to claim a particular part of the process. Their contact info is listed in the cover letter for this newsletter.

Membership

April Birthdays



Sherri Critchfield 4-5
Laura Lafferty 4-7
Sandra Mortakis 4-7
Susan Peaco 4-13
Carol Crane 4-17
Mary Ellen Winter 4-17
Alan Coffelt 4-18
Karen Hinlke 4-21
Zelma Michels 4-22

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
April 11-12 Sat 4/11- 9a-5p Sun 4/12 - 10a-4p	Wamego Kaw Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show	Wamego, KS Wamego Senior Center 501 Ash St.
April 11-12 Sat 4/11-10a-5p Sun 4/11-10a-3p	Kaw Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show \$6 admission	Lawrence, KS Crown Toyota 3430 Iowa St.
April 24-25 Fri & Sat - 10a-4p	Starlight Quilters Guild Quilt Show \$5 admission	Lenexa, KS Lenexa Old Town Activity Center 9301 Pflumm
April 25 8a-4p	Town & Country Quilters Garage Sale & Quilt Show <i>M&M Professional Sharpening will be onsite to sharpen scissors for \$10 a pair</i>	Smithville, MO 113 W Main St
May 2 9a-3p	Sunflower Piecemakers Quilt Guild Quilt Show	Lansing, KS 108 S. 2 nd St
May 2 9a-1p	Inspired Quilters & Whiteman Area Piecemakers Quilt Guilds Quilt Show	Warrenburg, MO First United Methodist Church 141 Gay St

Ottawa, KS Sunflower Piecemakers'

40th Jubilee Quilt Show

Ruby Jubilee April 25, 2026
Goppert Center
15th & Ash; Ottawa, KS

Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Admission: \$5 per person (children under 10 free)

2026 Opportunity Quilt Raffle
WOW! Twisted Beauty

Live Discussion/Q&A
Diana Starsenick-Deans with the Franklin County Historical Society
"Piecing Franklin County Together: A Local History Told in Quilts"
1:00 p.m.

Live Auction
Portion of proceeds go to Franklin County Historical Society and Ottawa Library Building Fund
2:00 p.m.



Over 100 Quilts, wearables, home decor and vendors

visit us on Facebook @
Ottawa, KS Sunflower Piecemakers' Quilt Guild
Guild meets 7p.m. on 3rd Monday of the month except Dec. @
Westminster Presbyterian Church; Ottawa, KS
ottawaksfpiecemakers@yahoo.com

April 1 – May 31, 2026



ALL KANSAS & NEBRASKA
SHOP HOP

Kansas Quilter's Organization

Please see Spring 2026 KQO Newsletter which is attached for more details.

Kansas Quilters Organization is the state wide quilt guild that celebrated over 40 years as an organization this year. We meet twice a year at different locations around the state.

The Spring Meeting is on May 1-2 in Manhattan, KS.

Registration starts on March 13, 2026.

- Our featured national speaker and instructor is Scott Flanagan.
- Our other workshop instructor will be KQO member Debbie Coddington who will be teaching an appliqué technique using Appliquik Sticks.

Lynn Colquhoun, Program Chair

Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilters Guild Minutes - March 10, 2026

Vice President Melissa Toburen brought the guild meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In her role as Program chair, she introduced our speaker, Theresa Ward, who spoke on “Challenges, Swaps, and Exchanges.”

Extension classes, charity suggestion and library availability for small groups – Mary Pacey reported that teachers have been found for all the classes at the extension office, but we need volunteers from our guild to assist the participants. There is a sign-up genius in the March newsletter, and Mary also brought paper sign-ups to this meeting. She also mentioned that heart pillows are needed for the Cardiology patients at Olathe Medical Center. In addition, Mary had more information on the use of rooms at the Indian Creek Library: the rooms will be more available after-tax season, we can reserve for 2 hours at no cost. This opportunity would be great for small groups to work on individual or group projects.

February Minutes – Peggy Anderson moved that we approve the minutes as printed in the March newsletter. Rachel Rohrer seconded the motion, and it passed.

Treasurer's report – Karen Lacy moved that we approve the report as published in the March newsletter. Conna Hiltner seconded the motion and it passed.

April program – Melissa Toburen announced that our April program will be Martha Walker, who will speak about “100 years of Quilts, 1840 – 1940.”

Ensorfest – Melissa asked us to think about participating in Ensorfest, as we have for several years. This year it will be on Saturday, May 9, 12 – 5 p.m. Please be thinking of a quilt you would like to hang on the clotheslines.

Meeting Minutes

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Destash Sale – as explained in the newsletter, the sale will be April 18, here at the church from 9 -1. See the March newsletter for more information. If you want to donate to the Olathe Quilters Guild table, you could bring your items to the April guild meeting.

Charity – Some kits are available to take tonight, They are started, but not finished, quilts. A question was asked about size. Lap quilts and twin size would be the most appreciated. Five quilts have so far been donated this year.

Elkhart retreat – Laura Lafferty asks that those attending please meet at the back of our meeting room.

KCRQF 2027 – Karen Lacy reported that she has received her job as our OQG representative – she will be the demonstration coordinator. Karen Hill volunteered to help Karen Lacy. As was true for the last festival, we as individuals will sign up for whatever job we wish for the festival.

Challenge Quilt – Shelia Pierce asked those who participated in the challenge to come to the front to show off what they made. Fourteen members showed their projects. Cheryl Wilcox won the drawing. Sheila reported that the next challenge will be to upcycle – that is, use something in your home such as men's ties, linen napkins, men's shirts, t-shirts, old jeans or any other items, to create a pillow, a picnic blanket, or whatever you desire. In November, the projects will be due.

Block of the Month – Sherri Critchfield explained the two projects for the year, and her information was printed in the March newsletter. Round 1, March through June, is Foundation Paper Piecing and Round 2 is English Paper Piecing, for the rest of the year. Sherri offered to have workshops on both types of paper piecing. She will put the information on our website, as well as in the newsletter. She has provided video links for how to do both kinds of paper piecing.

Hand Quilters – they will meet March 19 th .

Ways and Means – Winners were Peggy Anderson, Karen Lacy, and Mary Pacey.

Welcome Table – 45 people attended this meeting, with 7 online, and 5 guests. All 5 guests indicated that they wish to join. The Door Prize was won by Jean Spohrer. The Quiltfolk magazine winner was Sheila Hubble, and the winners of the Quiltfolk calendars were: Carmen Carter and Ellen Kidd.

Board meeting – the meeting will be held on Zoom on March 17 at 6:30. Contact our president, Jenny Boudreaux, if you are not on the board and would like to attend. Her contact information is in the roster Lou Corbin sent out with the newsletter. All are welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m., followed by Show and Tell until 8:40. The Gee's Bend project participants were part of the Show and Tell.

Submitted by Libby Corriston, guild secretary

Treasurer's Report

Olathe Quilt Guild March 2026 Treasurer's Report

Central Bank Operating Account Balance (as of 03/31/2026) \$ 14,616.97
 Central Bank Money Market Account Balance (as of 03/21/2026) \$ 12,181.31

Income

Membership	\$0
Ways and Means	\$0
Welcome	\$0
Total Income	\$0

Expenses

Programs (March Program – Theresa Ward)	\$319.95
Opportunity Quilt Tickets – Libby Corrison	\$119.00
Outreach/Education – School Maker Program – Jenny Boudreaux	\$24.06
Outreach/Education – Jenny Bourdreaux	\$17.81
Refreshments	\$48.25
Total Expenses	\$529.07



Board & Committees

2026 Board Officers	
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

KCRQF Update: Linda Hagen has graciously volunteered to be back up for Karen Lacy as KCRQF Representative.

2026 Committee Chairs / Co-chairs	
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 / Linda Hagen
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



Rachel Rohrer



Heather Schaller



Carol Crane



Teresa Duwe



Teresa Duwe



Karen Hill



Laura Lafferty



Laura Lafferty



Zelma Michels



Cindy Cherry



Debbie Schreck



Erin Wasser



Erin Wasser



Linda Hagen