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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Quilters,

I am so ready for spring! Today, I have my windows wide open and the breeze is flowing through my house. Outside, my magnolia tree is in full bloom.

I love all the pops of color that are taking over the winter landscape. It provides me with a different color palette than I normally would choose.

I hope each of you are able to get some quilting done during this time of being asked to stay at home.

As a reminder, all Guild events have been cancelled for April and May.

Happy quilting,

Teresa Jones

"I don't need to get organized. I just need a bigger sewing room!"
Unknown

Guild members, as a reminder, you can find up-to-date information on our [guild web site](#), thanks to our web site editors **Sherri Critchfield** and **Heather Buchwitz**.

Our [guild Facebook group](#) is very active thanks to many members - you can share your questions, ideas, and pictures of whatever you're working on!

If Facebook isn't for you, contact [Sherri C](#) or [Heather B](#) if you have content to post on the guild web site, such as links to favorite web sites, information on your quilting-related business, or ideas for other types of information.



Our monthly meetings and all events are CANCELLED or POSTPONED for the next two months, and possibly longer, as the world deals with the COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage all guild members to engage with others in any way you can... through Facebook or other online groups, texting, video chats, even a good old telephone call. Our community will help us through this crisis and maybe even build stronger bonds once we emerge on the other side of this quarantine.

Stay safe, strong, and keep quilting (or knitting, or crafting, or whatever you need to do to cope)!

MARCH PRESENTATION

March's presentation was by Jenifer Dick on "Nine-Patch Revolution" and she shared some modern quilts from her book of the same name. The book also contains detailed quilting instructions from Angela Waters who co-authored the book. Jenifer discussed her background with the Kansas City Star publications and her inspirations for modern quilt designs, such as [Josef Albers](#). Her excellent use of color, balance, and layout made for some incredible quilts! See some of her amazing designs below.

Jenifer's web site is 42quilts.com. She also partners with Trisch Price on the web site [Everyday Stitches](#) that is dedicated to patterns for quilters of all skill levels.



MARCH PRESENTATION (continued)

More pictures of Jenifer Dick's quilts from the March meeting:



STUFF & SERVICES & UPDATES

NEW FOR 2020 - MEMBER MARKETPLACE!

Everything old is new again! Our guild is resurrecting a “member marketplace” where people can list items for sale in the newsletter. Here’s an opportunity to clear your sewing room of those gently used items that you know you won’t use, but you know that someone else would love to have them. NOTE: This service is for the convenience of our guild members only. Email your items to Jenny Boudreaux at olatheqgnews@gmail.com.

NEW FOR 2020 - BUSINESS LISTINGS!

Remember that we are now listing guild members who have quilting-related businesses here in the newsletter as well as on our guild web site. Check out the list online at <https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links>.

Cheryl Newell - **CAN Designs** - quilting & long arm services
4537 Reese Drive, Wellsville, KS 913-749-6668

2020 CHALLENGE DETAILS

A reminder that if you are participating in the 2020 challenge, this “stay at home” time is a perfect opportunity to work on whatever you want to create with the batiks you got at the last meeting! For the challenge you can add up to 2 other fabrics. They do not have to be batiks. You will have until November meeting to take your fabrics to make anything you want. Purse, bag, quilt, wall hanging. Let your imagination go where it wants to go. Questions can be sent to Cheryl Lowrance at calowr@sunflower.com or 785-550-2460

KCRQF (Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival) Update

Thanks to all who responded to the survey or otherwise gave information to Heather Buchwitz and Mary Ellen Winter about what committees we should consider for the 2021 KCQRF. We are now assigned to the merchandise booth. More information to come as details are worked out with the festival leadership.

2020 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2020 Olathe Quilters' Guild Board Members

President: Teresa Jones	Ways and Means: Carolyn Chaffin
Vice-President: Libby Corrison	Ways and Means Elect: Rhonda Weibrecht
Program: Mary Ellen Winter	Historian: Beverly Berberich
Program Elect: Cheryl Newell	Public Relations: Heather Buchwitz and Sherri Critchfield
Secretary: Carol Crane	Membership: Cheryl Wilcox
Treasurer: Mary Whitchurch	Newsletter Editor: Jenny Boudreaux

2020 Olathe Quilters' Guild Committee Members

Charity: Sherri Irving	Special Events: Kathy Koloziejczyk, Heather Schaller, Gretchen Ryan (co-chairs)
Block of the Month: Carolyn Chaffin	Outreach/Education: Mary Pacey
Welcome Table: Gretchen Ryan	Challenge Project: Cheryl Lowrance

JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Hi Ladies,

The Theme for the Johnson County Fair is "**Heroes Unite**". This sounds like a good theme for all that is taking place right now. We will have to see how far we get with the new changes to the world as to if the Fair will be going on as usual.

In the meantime, it is a good time to think of something that will be great for displaying and maybe donating to a good cause afterwards.

The JoCo Fair is scheduled for July 27th through August 1st. Please keep the dates in mind and check your availability as we get closer to the date.

I always appreciate your help with this event.

Stay Healthy,



COMMITTEE INFORMATION

K-STATE EXTENSION OFFICE WORKSHOPS

As of this writing our workshops for April and May at the K-State Extension office in Olathe are **cancelled**. We are working with the Extension office to explore options for virtual workshops that would be presented online. Our resourceful Mary Pacey is working on a trial run with some guild board members to test how such an event would work. We will inform everyone once we have done a trial run and have more details to share. Be sure to check your email and we will also update our guild web site and Facebook page when we have definite plans.

CHARITY SEW NEWS - WANNA MAKE SOME MASKS?

Some of you have been making masks as fast as your hands and sewing machines and sergers can fly! What started with Mary Ellen Winter asking for masks to help emergency responders and health care providers has grown tremendously - all due to some very dedicated sewers! First we were asked for 105- we gave 50! Then 10 more were requested - we gave 60! Finally we were asked for 350 - and we gave 352 - in THREE DAYS! The Emergency Management Office and other recipients are extremely grateful for our efforts. Even if you did not participate, we should all be proud that our efforts can made a real difference in multiple lives.

From Mary Ellen: "I will continue to be the point person for requests coming from the county. The guild has been wonderful in this altruistic project. Thanks to everyone for their work and generosity."

It can be confusing to know what is the right thing to do with all the conflicting information we hear, but here's **two important things to remember** if you choose to make masks:

- Use **two different fabrics** - one for the front of the mask, and a different one for the inside. This helps users know which side goes towards the face quickly and easily.
- **Fabric ties are preferred over elastic**, since they are more durable and adjustable, can tolerate sanitizing and repeated washing, and some people cannot tolerate the latex or the rubbing of the elastic. You can also cut a t-shirt or jersey or knit fabric to make the ties - just slice a 1/2" strip - no hemming or pressing needed! Elastic is still an option and masks with elastic will not be turned down.

There are lots of different patterns online, so search for "easy mask pattern" or check YouTube for videos where you can follow along . You can **contact Mary Ellen at 913-558-5710** if you don't know where to drop off any masks. Attached to the newsletter email are some good mask patterns.

Heather Schaller is our charity "fabric guardian" and has a tub outside her garage where you can pick up kits. She has bagged up bundles of 2-7yds so you can make quilts or masks, whichever you choose. If you have any donations (like elastic for mask-making), just leave that in the tub and she will use that in future kits. She is also making "S" hooks to keep the elastic from rubbing ears raw for those that have to wear them their whole shift. If you know someone having issues with elastic chafing their ears, please take some S hooks with her blessing! Her address is 617 N. Stevenson St. in Olathe. **Thank you Heather and Mary Ellen for your service to us all!**

2020 BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM) - APRIL

Hard to believe this BOM year is a fourth over. This month the blocks are a couple of my favorites. The first one is the Sawtooth star. I love to fancy cut a center block or if I'm making a large block to insert a smaller block in the center. Have fun!!

The 'connector' block is Flying Geese. I kind of think this is a block you either love or hate. I kind of have a love/hate relationship, I love it as a border but hate trying to keep all my points!!

I'm adding a bonus today. It's a free pattern that was posted by Primitive Gatherings. You can embroidery/ appliqué or color!! I'm finding lots of 'free' patterns these days - Bonnie Hunter has a free Mystery Quilt going as does Edyta Sitar. You can find them on their blogs. Of course the Moda Blockheads 3 is on-going. I get my patterns for it from Bear Creek Quilting web site.

Stay safe these days and enjoy your stitching. If you're making masks, take a few minutes each day to 'play' with your fabric, go outside and enjoy spring, and enjoy our many blessings.

Carolyn Chaffin

Flying Geese

Piece	Cut	Need	4"	6"	12"
A	4□	4□	2½	3½	6½
B	1□	1□	2½	3½	6½
C	1□	1□	2½	3½	6½

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - APRIL

Sawtooth Star

• Sew B onto C

 (12" x 2 1/2"
 2" x 2 1/2"
 12" x 12")

• Make 3 sections

• Sew sections together

Piece	Cut	Need	4"	6"	12"
A	4 □	4 □	1 1/2	2	3 1/2
B	4 ▽	0 ▽	2	2 1/2	4
C	1 □	4 ▽	3 1/2	4 3/4	7 1/4
D	1 □	1 □	2 1/2	3 1/2	6 1/2

Missing the quilt shows and shop hops that normally happen throughout spring? Check out online quilt shows! [“Quilt Candy Virtual Trunk Shows”](#) is a great resource to find online trunk shows. You can watch them live or a recording - you may have to “like” the artist on Facebook to see the trunk show.

Many of our local quilt shops need your help to stay open, so go online and see what wonderful treasures you can find to have shipped right to your door. OR maybe buy a gift card to treat yourself later when you can venture to the actual physical locations.





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Think
Spring!



Leave your troubles behind.

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MINUTES AND REPORTS

General Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilters Guild

March 10, 2020

President Teresa Jones opened the February meeting at 6:25 p.m. She welcomed guests Helen Klein, and Lori Dutcher as well as new members Kathy Parker, Karen Hill, Sheri Keller and Karen Genis. Teresa recognized each member with a birthday this month.

Program Chair Mary Ellen Winter introduced the speaker, Jennifer Dick of Everyday Stitches, who gave an extensive trunk show of 9-patch block variations called "Nine Patch Revolution." She lives in Kansas City, and collaborates with Angela Walters.

Teresa Jones then announced a 20-minute break by encouraging members to shop at the Ways & Means Garage Sale as well as viewing the opportunity quilt from Twilight Stitches and merchandise offered by our speaker. Heather Buchwitz asked members to fill out the questionnaire available on the OQG Facebook page and by email, and she had paper copies. A table was set up for a block of the month progress display by Carolyn Chaffin.

The business meeting commenced after the break.

Teresa asked for approval of the February minutes as printed in the newsletter. Linda Ochs made the motion, it was seconded and approved. Janie Benander made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded and adopted.

Jenny Boudreaux reported that the distribution problems of the newsletter have been corrected. The newsletter is also available on the website at www.olathequiltersguild.com under the newsletter tab.

Janie Bernander passed embellished samples of the Colored Pencil Quilt that will be the subject of the next class at the Johnson County Extension office, 11811 S Sunset Dr., Olathe KS 66061. The class will be March 24, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. More details can be found in the newsletter. The supplies list is available at <https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/> including textile medium and a paintbrush; a printed block will be provided.

Finances were explained by Libby Corrison, past treasurer and Mary Whitchurch, current treasurer using six Power Point slides. They emphasized that the guild has three sources of income, but expenses have exceeded the income for the past three years. The overage has been paid by banked funds. Then Lisa Hirsch, Heather Buchwitz and Janie Benander talked about the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival plans, and the importance of choosing a committee for our guild to support.

Lisa Hirsch displayed the completed opportunity quilt. Libby will organize ticket sales and showings at other guilds this year, and Teresa Jones will take over next year.

The Library Tea is under the direction of Cheryl Wilcox and Mary Pacey will help with the table decorations. It will be Saturday March 28th at 10:00 am. This effort is part of the guild's Outreach program and proceeds support scholarships for the young library volunteers. The speaker is the

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author of Dying For Chocolate, and the talk will be on Chocolate and Laughter. See Cheryl for tickets.

Heather Schaller of the Charity Committee invited members to a “Kittin’ Day” at her home March 19, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Members will prepare kits for making charity quilts from the large collection of fabric that has been donated. Details are in the last newsletter.

The April program will be Kelly Ashton – “Let the Fabric Work for you,” as announced by Mary Ellen Winter.

Teresa Jones asked that members who are concerned about the spread of the Coronavirus and those not feeling well please stay home.

New member Karen Genis has volunteered to be Ways and Means Elect, along with Rhonda Weibrecht.

The Membership Committee reported 57 members present. Sharon Hall won the drawing. Carolyn Chaffin announced Carol Crane as the winner of the Block of the Month drawing. There will be a silent auction at the May meeting of the antique quilts recently donated to the guild.

Those interested in the Challenge Quilt are invited to join Cheryl Lowrance after the meeting to trade pieces of batik fabric. This will be repeated at the April meeting for those who forgot to bring their 1 ½ yards of fabric.

The Guild’s next Board meeting is Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 at the church. All members are welcome to attend.

Pam Pearson reported that 25 people attended her informal UFO group. The next meeting will be June 3rd at the Olathe Panera. See her or the Guild Facebook page for more information. She will be giving a trunk show of her New York Beauty quilts at the next Miami County Quilt Guild meeting.

Kaw Valley Guild will have a quilt show April 4th at the Toyota dealership in Lawrence KS. A highlight will be a quilted car cover.

Show and Tell participants were: Pam Pearson, Mary Ellen Winter, Sheila Pierce, Gretchen Schafer, Libby Corrison, Pauline Sanders, Kathy Parker, Heather Buchwitz, Lisa Hirsch, Sheryl Newell, Jean Schlenk, Sheri Keller, Jodi Price, Carol Crane, Janice Meloan, and Heather Schaller showed the charity quilts.

Teresa Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Carol Crane, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2020

Operating Account Balance 2/22/20	6,630.09
Money Market Account Balance 1/31/20	<u>\$12,145.20</u>
	\$18,775.29
Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 150.00
Ways and Means	\$94.00
Welcome Desk	<u> \$10.00</u>
Total	\$ 254.00
Money Market interest earned in February	\$0.67
Expenses	
Olathe Christian Church - Monthly Rent	\$100.00
Jenifer Dick March Speaker	\$400.00
Mary Ellen Winter -Dinner for March Speaker	<u> \$ 9.30</u>
Total	\$ 509.30
Operating Account Balance 3/31/2020	\$6,374.79
Money Market Account Balance 2/28/2020	<u>\$12,145.87</u>
Combined Balance 3/31/2020	<u>\$18,520.66</u>

2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE - MEMBERSHIP INFO

April, May, and June sessions are cancelled. All other sessions are TBD at this time.

- **July 14** - Guild Picnic - details to come.
- **August 11** - Dawn Heese - "The French Connection" lecture
- **September 8** - Toni Steele - "Concept to Quilt - Let the Fabric do the Work for You" lecture
- **October 13** - TBD
- **November 10** - Diane Harris "Jingle Bell" trunk show. Workshop "Old-Fashioned Pine Burr" in conjunction with Quilt Guild of Greater Kansas City. Fee and number of spots TBD.
- **December 8** - TBD

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Linda Meisel	4-2
Carolyn Chaffin	4-3
Sherri Critchfield	4-5
Edith Pryor	4-6
Carol Crane	4-17
Marv Ellen Winter	4-17



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Parker
Karen Hill

EDITOR'S NOTE:

As I sit at my computer pulling together this issue, I am listening to the great Linda Ronstadt singing "Silver thread and golden needles cannot mend this heart of mine." With respect to the songwriter, I disagree...I think the act of creating, and the community we have in our shared love of creating, can mend hearts and souls and minds. We are all affected by this pandemic, but how we respond is up to each of us. I admit to having some depression for many reasons - worry about my loved ones, concern for our country, and anxiety over the future. But then I remember - the sun still comes up every day, and if we are lucky it graces us with its bright and comforting presence. My daffodils and hyacinths don't know there is a crisis - they just share their beauty with the world. Just by living in this part of the world, most of us are blessed beyond measure - but sometimes we have to remind ourselves how blessed we are. If you need help, please seek it out - whether through your faith community, your family, health professionals, or even our guild. We will come out the other side of this crisis - and maybe with a lot of beautiful creations to show for this strange time in our lives! Keep creating!

- Jennv Boudreaux

SHOW AND TELL



Mary Ellen Winter



Shelia Pierce



Pam Pearson



Libby Corrison

SHOW AND TELL



Heather Buchwitz



Pauline Sanders



Jean Schenck

SHOW AND TELL



Heather Schaller



Kathy Parker



Carol Crane



A little humor from Lisa Hirsch!

SHOW AND TELL



Sheri Keller (3 quilts)

SHOW AND TELL



Janice Melon (2 quilts)



Funny picture from Maribeth Kieh!
(not her quilt)

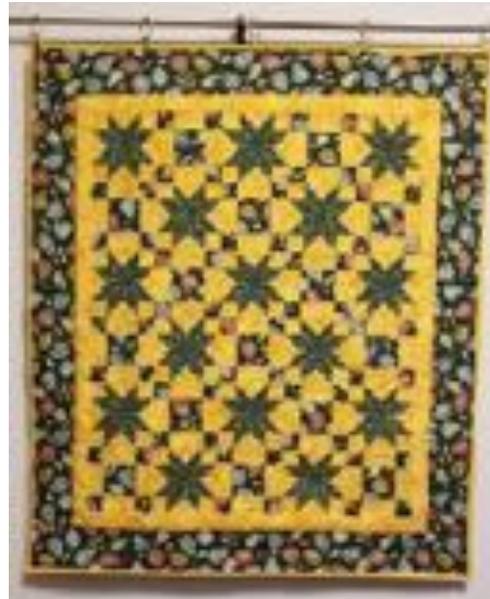
CHARITY QUILTS



"STAY AT HOME" SHOW AND TELL

Just because we're all at home doesn't mean we can't share our projects or inspirations!

Please email them to me at OlatheQGNews@gmail.com. - Jenny Boudreaux



Carol Crane (2 quilts)



Gretchen Ryan (2 quilts)

"STAY AT HOME" SHOW AND TELL (continued)



Libby Corrison (1 quilt & 2 Hawaiian applique)