

Olathe Quilter's Guild



Newsletter



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From the President's Keyboard

Happy New Year to all! Hope 2018 blesses you with good health and friendship.

In the words of Oprah Winfrey ----*Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.*

It has been a New Year's tradition for me to cut out either a new garment or a new quilt project. I continue to do this year after year and find myself more excited than normal about a new project – a new start to the new year.

This year, I hope many of you will become active with one or more committees as it strengthens the work of the guild (*many hands make light work*) AND it can be the beginning of new friendships with members of the guild. It is a simple version of networking without a computer!

The Board has updated and formed a new committee as well as suggesting taking out some committees which are no longer being utilized. There will be an attachment to this newsletter for all to read the updated versions of committee descriptions and see which committees are suggested to be removed. The original descriptions are found in the Policies & Procedure document on the guild's website for comparison. Please take some time to review these changes AND please come to the January meeting prepared to sign up for some committees. These changes will be voted upon at the January meeting.

Teresa has planned a great year of programs. Please encourage quilting acquaintances, not in the guild, to come check us out by attending one of the meetings with speakers. We have plenty of room to grow!

Looking forward to seeing you in 2018

Mary

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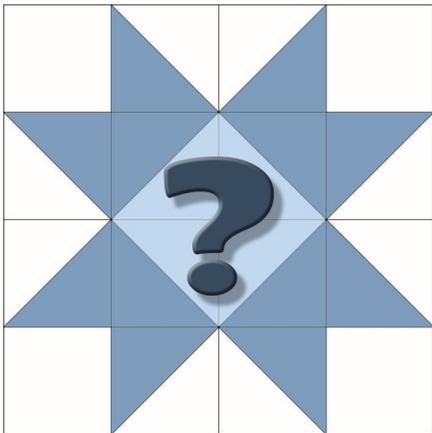


Coming Up In January



Getting to Know Each Other

During the January meeting, we'll have an activity to get to know other each other. Please bring thirty 2-1/2 inch squares for it. At the end of the activity, you will have given your squares to and will have received squares from other members. Please take the squares you have received home and sew them together into a 10-1/2 inch square, then bring it back to the February meeting to give to the charity committee to create quilts.



Calling all mystery quilts,

Quilted or not. We would like to have a special showing of as many of last years mystery quilts as possible. So please bring them to the January meeting.

A group favorite will be chosen and receive a small gift.

Can you help?

We're still needing items for baskets in January. Please contact Linda Hagan if you have items you can contribute.





Coming Up In January



Committee Sign Ups

We will be having committee sign ups at the January meeting, so many committees can start working. Participating on a committee is a great way to learn more about the guild and guild members.

2018 Membership Renewals



Members may renew their OQG membership at the January meeting, after the vote for the amount of the 2018 dues. One of the attachments with this newsletter is the Membership Form. You may print and fill out the form and bring it to the meeting. A check or cash is acceptable. Membership forms will also be available at the Membership table.

If unable to attend the meeting, dues can be mailed to: Karen Goodwin, OQG Membership, PO Box 2651, Olathe, KS 66063. Make checks payable to: Olathe Quilter's Guild or OQG.



January Votes

The guild board has been reviewing portions of the By-Laws and Policies and Procedures and have made recommendations for updates.

Some of the attachments included with the January newsletter contain these proposed revisions, including: committee descriptions, workshop guidelines, and a By-Law change. The proposed budget is also included. Please read through these attachments, as voting will take place during the business portion of our January meeting. We value everyone's input into the decision making process.



Our Guild Members



Spotlight Quilter for January—Teresa Jones

I have been quilting for about eighteen years. I started because I wanted to give each of my daughters a quilt for Christmas. At that time, one was into KU and the other into K-State, so I made them each a login cabin quilt with these themes. I am mostly a traditional quilter; I like to learn new techniques, but I don't like a lot of repetition in putting together the quilts (but most often love the end result). I machine piece and longarm my quilts. I also enjoy having a button hole handwork project to work on when traveling or watching TV.



K State

For about half of the quilts I make, I don't have a specific purpose – they are either new techniques, block of the month, mystery quilts, etc. The other half are specifically made for someone. Some of these quilts, I design myself. I like the process of figuring a design, calculating the pieces to cut and making sure it will all go together. I also enjoy making projects other than quilts – coloring portfolios, placemats, bags.

Since I started quilting, there have been so many new tools and fabric cuts that have come on the market. When I started quilting there was yardage and fat quarters available. My favorite tool is my rotary cutter that will automatically close when I put it down if I don't lock it open.

When my kids were young, I encouraged them to have a hobby. They now either knit, crochet or quilt. My legacy is that I want my grandkids to stay active in a hobby.

My advice to quilters – measure twice (and sometimes more). Double check that you are measuring the correct width of a cut – I can't tell you how many times I have made cuts that were an inch off in either direction.

I am most thankful that God gave me a mother that taught me to sew at a young age. Without her teaching, I wouldn't be here today.

Teresa



KU

Gail McKay - Jan 10th
 Peggy Thompson - Jan 20th
 Shari Pine - Jan 26th

January Birthdays

Linda Hagen - Jan 28th
 Wendy Holland—Jan 28th



Our Guild Members



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: **VACANT**

Historian: **VACANT**



Public Relations: Karen Lacy

Membership: Karen Goodwin & Jean Spohrer

Newsletter Editor: Sherri Critchfield

Advisor: Shari Pine

Did you know?



There are still two unfilled positions on the Board. Can you help?

Ways & Means Elect: Shall

work in conjunction with the Ways and Means chairperson in developing and overseeing fundraisers for the guild. On the second year, she/he (if we ever get a 'he' to join us) shall become the Ways and Means chairperson.

Historian: Shall collect and preserve accounts of Guild activities, including appropriate memorabilia for the current year to be added to the records of past years.



2017 Board Members



2018 Board Members

The December 2017 Board meeting was a joint meeting including both the outgoing 2017 board members and the incoming 2018 board members. A big THANK YOU to all who have served and will be serving on the board.



Minutes and Reports



Meeting Minutes
Olathe Quilter's Guild
December 12, 2017

The December 2017 guild meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by president Shari Pine. Two documents were distributed to guild members for consideration prior to voting in January:

- 1) Dues change proposal by Barb Fife for reduction of the guild's annual dues from \$30 to \$20.
- 2) Proposed revisions to the By-laws and Policies and Procedures involving deletion of the specific dollar amount of dues and allowing the dues amount to be reviewed annually in conjunction with budget preparation.

At the January meeting, we will vote on the revisions of the By-laws and Policies and Procedures first, followed by the dues reduction proposal. Voting results of the dues reduction proposal will determine which budget version (based on current dues or reduced dues) is presented to the guild prior to a final budget vote.

Shari stated that the letter of intent to participate in KCRQF is due by January 1, 2018 rather than February 1. Following some discussion, a motion was made for our guild to participate in the festival and the motion passed unanimously. Cindy Nice and Janie Benander will be our guild liaisons with KCRQF.

Karen Goodwin shared a thank you email from Bernetta Martin of Johnson County Department for Children and Families (DCF) for the 19 quilts our guild has donated to Project Warm Embrace for foster children in the area this year.

Karen Lacy, Board advisor, conducted a drawing for a \$50 reduction in the registration fee for the Ricky Tims' Quilt Luminarium seminar in March 2018. Cindy Nice was the winner and Janie Benander was the alternate.

Regarding the January meeting, Teresa Jones, VP/Program chair-elect, requested that guild members bring ten to twenty 2 ½ inch squares to the meeting for the "what we don't know about you" activity. Participants in the Modern Meander BOM were encouraged to bring their quilts to the meeting for Show and Tell.

Mary Pacey, VP/Program chair, announced that the Johnson County Fair blue ribbon awarded to the guild for the 2017 OQG opportunity quilt will be given to Robyn Conners for her work on organizing and coordinating the project. The ribbon was given back to the guild by Mary Ellen Winter, the winner of the raffled quilt.

In lieu of a program, the guild members participated in social activities and fellowship. Mary Pacey led the group in an activity similar to Charades/Pictionary in which members tried to guess the

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Minutes and Reports



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names of holiday movies, songs and books based on drawings and gestures. Following the game, guild members enjoyed an array of delicious cookies and treats in addition to conversation with friends. The evening culminated with an ornament exchange in which quilters advanced from ornament to ornament based on listening for a specific word in a Christmas story read by Mary prior to claiming their final ornament.

There were 37 members in attendance tonight and one guest, Cindy Ott. Ten quilters participated in Show and Tell, some of whom shared progress on their quilting resolutions from January 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Karen Goodwin, Secretary

Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report December 2017

Balance 12/1/2017	\$8,516.57
Receipts	\$0.00
Expenses	
OCC – December room	75.00
Mary Pacey - Program	7.66
Sherri Irving	<u>87.32</u>
	\$169.98
Operating Account Balance 12/26/2017	\$8,346.59
Money Market Account Balance 12/1/2017	<u>\$12,126.78</u>
Combined Balance 11/30/2017	<u>\$20,473.37</u>

Please take a few minutes to look over the budget proposal for Olathe Quilters Guild for 2018, included as one of the newsletter attachments. Libby has included the budgeted amounts for 2017, the actual earnings and expenditures for 2017, and the budgeted amounts decided upon by the board for 2018. Two columns compare our situation with \$20 dues vs. \$30 dues for 2018. At our January meeting, we will vote on the dues amount and vote on the 2018 budget. If you can spend a few minutes now, we will be able to make informed decisions at the meeting, in a reasonable amount of time. Thanks!



Minutes and Reports



2018 Charity News

Let's take a quick look back to 2017. After kicking it into high gear later in the year, our Guild was able to donate nineteen (19) quilts to Project Warm Embrace. You all stepped up and are still kicking it as we continue to receive quilt tops, while some are at the quilters, and while we continue to receive fabric. Thank you.

So let's keep it going. We have heard several members say they would like to continue supporting Project Warm Embrace through 2018. It is a great charity, but there are other charities that some of you might like to donate to. That's okay too. We don't have to decide right away. The 2017 and 2018 Boards discussed the 'formalization' of the Charity Committee. Soon you will have the opportunity to vote on amended Policies and Procedures that will detail what the Charity Committee will be responsible for. Whether or not this passes, we will continue in helping others. A formal Charity Committee will only help provide guidance. So the big question is.....Are you willing to join the committee? We would love to have your help.

As a reminder, Karen Goodwin found out that if anyone has a completed quilt that they would like to donate to Project Warm Embrace, they will be accepted. She learned that quilts are given out throughout the year to children entering the foster care system. Call Karen and she will coordinate the drop-off.

The Charity Committee continues to work to get the remaining quilts completed. For those of you who are interested in supporting Project Warm Embrace, as a reminder, quilts for Project Warm Embrace need to be 45" x 60" or larger.

As we look forward, plans are to transition to an even better functioning committee. We believe it should be next year's committee to suggest groups to support and allow the Guild to select the charities it wishes to donate to and the way we wish to support those charities. Until such time as that happens, it is our intent to continue to support Project Warm Embrace. If any member believes this isn't appropriate, or if you think this plan is ok, please visit with Sherri Irving, Karen Goodwin, Shari Pine or Mary Pacey. We want your input and suggestions.

Remember that no matter what charity or charities we choose, we have gotten off to a great start and we will keep moving forward. While we will have funds to purchase batting and fabric (it has been suggested to purchase backing material), if you would like to donate fabric or scraps, your Charity Committee will gladly accept your donation. If you want to donate your time, we hope to have more sewing sessions (outside of a meeting) in 2018. We will work to have 'kits' available that can be taken home to sew. Also, remember, there will be no waste of fabric! From squares, to strips, to too-small-to use pieces that go towards doggie beds, everything is utilized. Good for the environment too!

Thank you for however you share, whether it is your talent, time, efforts or fabric! What you give is warmth and comfort. You all are special and we want to know how you would like to help in 2018, especially if it is participating on the 2018 Charity Committee.

2017/2018 Charity Committee



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.





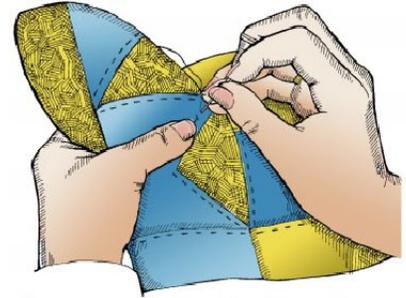
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Hand Quilters

The **Hand Quilting Stitch Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **January 18, 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 **January 17, 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



Mary Ellen
Winter



Pauline Sanders





Show and Tell



Lynda Ochs



Teresa Jones





Jenny Bordreaux



Libby Corrison



Jean Schlenk



Show and Tell



Kenda Camp



Lisa Hirsch



Pam Pearson



Upcoming Area Quilting Events



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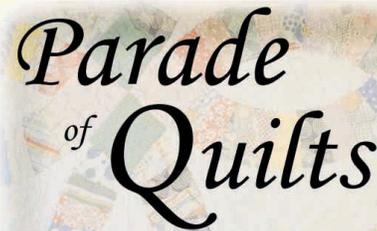
by Ricky Tims
in Overland Park

March 9-10, 2018

Annually throughout the month of March—in Yoder, KS

During the entire month of March, participating businesses will feature dozens of quilts in every pattern, color and price range. All the quilts are pieced and hand quilted by Ladies from the Yoder community and Amish and Mennonite communities across the United States.

Pick up your Parade Route brochure at participating merchants for a listing of every quilt pattern, size and price, then enjoy the day among the quilts on this self guided tour.



Common Threads REGIONAL QUILT SHOW

June 21-23, 2018 ~ Century II Expo Hall ~ Wichita, Kansas
Wichitaquiltshow.com ~ www.facebook.com/wichitaquiltshow

2019

The Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival—June 13-15, 2019

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