



Happy Mother's Day!



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Dear Quilters,

As May arrives, I am reminded that Mother's Day is right around the corner, which makes me think of my mom, grandma and great-grandma.

My great-grandma did hand stitching into her 90's. She had a beautiful feather stitch and made the ring pillow for my wedding. It has since been used in three additional weddings.



My grandma made most of her shirts. If she liked the body of one blouse and the sleeve of another blouse, she would make her own pattern. Grandma also made Barbie doll clothes for me.

When I was young, my mom made clothes for me and my siblings. She has now been quilting for about 20 years. Last year, she cleaned out her quilt closet and gave me some of her UFO's (as if I didn't have enough of my own). I have now finished one of the UFO's and cherish it because we both worked on it.

These memories remind me of the paths that were laid before me so I could become the sewer/quilter I am today.

Happy quilting!

Teresa Jones



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)!

PLANS FOR UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

As we traverse the next few months and create a new normal for our lives – please know that the board members are looking for ways to keep Olathe Quilter’s Guild members connected. You have recently received an email from Jenny requesting that you **fill out a survey** to help guide us in the future. If you have not already, I encourage you to take the survey.

All May activities have been **cancelled** and we anticipate the June meeting to be held with an online platform.

If it is possible, stay home. Stay safe....and quilt to your hearts content.

Teresa Jones

K-STATE EXTENSION WORKSHOPS - ONLINE!

Since our workshops co-hosted through the K-State Extension office are not able to be held in person, Mary Pacey came up with an idea to try an online workshop. A small group of board members tested the use of the Zoom online meeting software, and determined it was worth trying a “virtual” workshop. Carolyn Chaffin presented on the “**Wonders of the 9 Patch**” and she did a great job in showing multiple ways to take a 9 patch in new directions! 37 people enrolled for the workshop (some from the guild, others from the public), and 29 attended it “live.”

Denise Dias of the extension office hosted the meeting online, and recorded the session for future viewing. You can view the workshop recording at the extension office web site:

<https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/home-family/clothing-and-textiles.html>

When you click the link, you will see the **password** for the recording, as well as the **3 handouts** for the session. Denise shared the link with her 4-H groups, and already 6 families have viewed the recording!

Many thanks to Mary and Carolyn for making this workshop a reality!

LEARN HOW TO USE ZOOM TO MEET ONLINE

As mentioned above, the board is considering how we might be able to have an online guild meeting in the future. **Karen Genis** is a new guild member who works for the Olathe School District, and she has graciously offered to give our guild members **Zoom training**. Zoom is an online meeting platform that you can use on your computer, smartphone or tablet/iPad. While Zoom is easy to use, it is helpful to get some tips and tricks to make setting it up and using it even easier.

Karen has created an **online sign-up sheet** for the Zoom training sessions - please visit the link in the email, or click below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48A4AA2BA2FE3-zoom>

We greatly appreciate Karen’s help for these sessions!

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

CHARITY SEW NEWS

Heather Schaller is our charity “**fabric guardian**” and has a tub outside her garage where you can pick up kits in a “contactless” way. She has bagged up bundles of 2-7 yards 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!

You can contact Heather via email to ask for any specific colors or designs of fabrics. She will shop the “stash” to try and meet your needs, and put your name on the bags in the tub. Her address is 617 N. Stevenson St. in Olathe. **Thank you Heather for helping our guild to serve others!**

Still making masks? Not sure where to drop them off? We have a tub outside the church where you can leave masks to be picked up by organizations, or contact **Mary Ellen Winter** for more information.

STUFF & SERVICES & A QUESTION!

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.

From Jessie VandenBerg:

I was wondering if anybody in the guild has a TrueSharp rotary cutter blade sharpener. Are they worth the money? I seem to go through blades really fast. Please contact Jessie if you have any info.

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 & longarm 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 UPDATE

From the Guild KCRQF Representatives:

Prior to the Coronavirus slowing the world down, the KCRQF leadership committee made great strides towards planning the 2021 festival. They have set up a new website, begun planning classrooms and secured a good number of vendors & show sponsors. Committee roles have been assigned.

The Olathe Quilters Guild has been assigned the Merchandise Booth. This is a moderate payout committee with time commitment required mostly during the show – and is partial to seated work which many of our members asked for. Mary Ellen & Heather are both happy with this committee since it has a good blend of effort & payout potential. Final payout structure hasn't been decided but it's down to 2 options – both of which pay a portion equally to all guilds & a portion based upon committee effort in slightly different ways.

In the end – payout comes down to sales – expenses... so here is hoping for good sales & expenses kept in check (at this point the leadership committee has minimizing expenses as a clear priority). No date has been set for our next KCRQF meeting due to Coronavirus.

Heather Buchwitz & Mary Ellen Winter

From the KCRQF Challenge Committee:

We are excited to announce the **2021 Showcase Challenge!**

Have you walked by the Showcase plexiglass at the previous KCRQFs and dreamed of creating a quilt to display in that plexiglass of your own? We hope you will consider it for next year's festival.

- To begin the process, please go to the Festival's website at: www.kcrqf.com and under the "About Us" tab at the top of the website, click on the "Showcase Challenge" link.
- The Showcase Challenge web page provides the Theme/Style for the challenge and Who May Enter.
- For all of the Showcase Challenge Requirements and an Entry Form, click on the link at the bottom of the page and request that they be emailed to you. That way we can keep track of who may be considering entering a Showcase Challenge quilt for further communications.

Looking forward to receiving your **2021 Showcase Challenge entries!**

[Kathy Limpic, 2021 KCRQF Co-Chair, 816.377.9699](#)

[Arlene Banks, 2021 KCRQF Co-Chair, 913.828.0157](#)

2020 BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM) - MAY

This month I am sharing a pattern for a pieced **Butterfly**. Please make an applique or paper pieced version if you prefer. Hopefully we won't get the frost they are predicting, I know my flowers won't be make the butterflies happy !!

The second block I'm sharing is a **Rail Fence**. It's a easy pattern , I like to use them in a small inner border , modifying the length of the rails so the block finishes at 2". Enjoy these blocks .

Stay safe and well. Carolyn

Butterfly

I am sharing a pattern for a pieced butterfly - feel free to use an applique pattern if you'd like

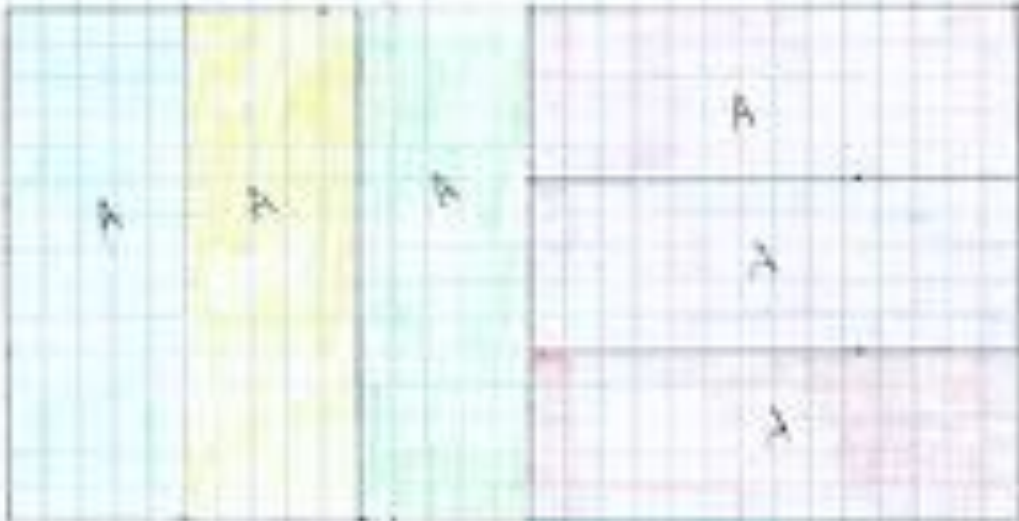
Piece	Cut	Need 3 1/2"	6"	12"
A	1 □	20 1/2"	24"	5"
B	1 □	10 1/2"	14"	2 1/2"
C	1 □	10 1/2"	14"	2 1/2"
D	1 □	12"	24"	5"
E	2 □	20"	17"	2"
F	2 □	6"	10 1/2"	2 1/2"
G	1 □	20"	17"	2 1/2"
H	1 □	12"	8"	6"

- Sew and slip E on B
- Sew and slip F on C
- Sew and slip G on D
- Sew and slip H on A
- Sew and slip I on J
- Sew and slip K on L
- Sew and slip M on N
- Sew and slip O on P
- Sew and slip Q on R
- Sew and slip S on T
- Sew and slip U on V
- Sew and slip W on X
- Sew and slip Y on Z

BLOCK OF THE MONTH - MAY

Rail Fence

This is a suitable block to use a little of
 lot - enjoy



Piece	Cut	Block	3"	6"	12"
b	3 □	3 □	16 3/4	27 1/2	47 1/2
			6 1/2	12 1/2	

• Join 3 strips
 to form blocks

Die used as a small ruler with 2 strips
 instead of 3

TREASURER'S REPORT

Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report April 30, 2020

Operating Account Balance 3/31/20	6,374.79
Money Market Account Balance 2/28/20	<u>\$12,145.87</u>
	\$18,520.66
Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$ 90.00
Donation for Masks	\$ 20.00
Voided check for Cancelled Library Tea	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total	\$160.00
Money Market interest earned in March	\$0.72
Expenses	
Olathe Christian Church - Monthly Rent April, May	\$100.00
Total	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Operating Account Balance 4/30/2020	\$6,434.79
Money Market Account Balance 3/31/2020	<u>\$12,146.59</u>
Combined Balance 4/30/2020	<u>\$18,591.38</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

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Kerri Robinson	5-15
Mary Whitchurch	5-15
Janis Raspberry	5-16
Melissa Toburen	5-20
Dawn Green	5-31
Sherrie Locicero	5-31



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.

Due to concerns about online security and malicious web sites, we are not sending emails with links to web sites, such as online quilt shows. We will list certain links in the newsletters and on the guild web site (such as the Zoom training listed above).

You can share links in in Facebook on the guild group page if you wish.

SHOW AND TELL



Teresa Jones (2 bags)



Gretchen Ryan (2 quilts)

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Shelia Pierce (2 wall hangings)



Jessie
VandenBerg
(1 quilt)

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Jean Spohrer (2 quilts)



Pauline
Sanders
(1 quilt)

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Janis Raspberry
(1 quilt -
find the Santa!)

Melinda
McAfee
(1 quilt)

