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Hello friends,

Calling All Members — Our Guild Needs You!

September is here, and with it comes our proposed slate of Board Members for 2027 in preparation for the vote during the October meeting. Thank you to everyone who has served as a board officer and committee chair! Our guild runs on volunteers, and we all benefit from the effort of many. Please consider serving in one or more roles to help our guild continue our broad slate of activities that make it exciting and fulfilling to be in our group.

Our board members work together to ensure our guild is operating according to our policies, procedures and by laws, and to explore new ideas for us to consider as our guild continues to grow and evolve. Our committee chairs lead efforts to execute many of the activities we all enjoy as members, including refreshments, charity work, our opportunity quilt, outreach and education, and more. Find something that you enjoy, and I guarantee someone will help you learn the ropes for that role, and assist you as you step into the role. You can share a role with someone to lighten the load, so consider asking a fellow member to join you in a role - or recruit a friend to be a new member! Even if you cannot make it to every meeting, you can ask for help at any time and we'll find a way to make it work. Your contribution of your time and talent are needed to keep our guild going strong!

Attached to this newsletter is a brief description of our board positions and committees. Please review the list and see where you can share your talents with our guild. Reach out with any questions to me or Melissa. Below is a list of open board positions for 2027:

- Historian
- Newsletter Editor
- Treasurer-Elect
- Ways & Means

Happy sewing!

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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2027 Board and Committee Signups

Below is the draft slate of board members for 2027. Voting will be in October. You can read detailed descriptions of the board positions and committees on our web site under [Resources - Guild Resources](#) in the [By-Laws document](#). This is an excellent way to get to know other members and contribute to keeping our guild running smoothly. Please consider filling one of the open roles for next year.

2027 DRAFT BOARD OFFICERS

President	Jenny Boudreaux
Vice President	Melissa Toburen
Programs	Jodi Price and Susan Peaco
Programs-Elect	Dae Curtiss
Secretary	Libby Corriston
Treasurer	Pat Lawson
Treasurer-Elect	OPEN
Membership	OPEN
Ways and Means	OPEN
Historian	OPEN
Newsletter Editor	OPEN
Public Relations	Sherri Critchfield & Rachel Rohrer
Advisor	Rachel Rohrer

It's time to join a committee for 2027, to continue our many different activities! We need chairs for each committee to organize any volunteers, monitor any budget and expenses, and to share the load.

There will be sign-up sheets posted at our next guild meeting, or email Jenny and/or Melissa with any questions or to sign up.



COMING UP

Ways and Means

September Ways and Means is going to be big. We will have many items to take a chance on. We will have:

- Vintage quilts
- UFOs,
- Miscellaneous projects and many other items.

Bring your cash or card and take home a new project tickets or keepsake quilt. Tickets for the drawing will still be one for a dollar or six for five dollars.

Dae Curtis

Program

Mary Verstraete Honas – First Rate Designs Color & Value, Scale & Intensity

In this trunk show, we identify and explore aspects of fabric showing different results with the same quilt pattern.

Mary is CEO and founder of First Rate Designs.
She also works at Harper's Fabrics & Quilts.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Outreach

2026 JoCo Extension Classes

We are coming to the end of our workshops for this year.

On Tuesday, September 22nd, the workshop will be making Grocery Bag Holders. The workshop is from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Extension Office (near 119th & Ridgeview). Volunteers need to be there at 5:30pm.

On Tuesday, October 27th, the workshop will be a Christmas Wall Hanging. This workshop is in the afternoon, from 1-3 pm at the Extension Office. The volunteers need to be there at 12:30pm.

Volunteers are needed for these last two classes. Please contact Mary Pacey if you can help. Her contact information is listed in the cover letter for this newsletter.

Thanks to all the members who have shown up to support the workshops by being able to help the participants

Mary Pacey

Planning Ahead for Extension Workshops in 2027

It is never too early to start planning for next year. The guild has had great success in leading workshops at the Extension Office in a variety of topics. Included with this article are several lists of topics previous participants would like to learn.

It would be very helpful if any member (s) could volunteer to lead a workshop as not everyone can lead every workshop. Even a small group of members working together on a workshop would be outstanding. If you feel that you could lead a workshop, please contact Mary Pacey as to the month that would work best for you. Mary's contact info is in the cover letter for this newsletter. Again, the workshops will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month, except no workshop in July.

The volunteers and their choice of topic will be discussed with Joy and Amanda at the Extension Office for their selection.

It would be very beneficial if we could have at least the first 3 months of 2027 decided and information sent out for participants. Please consider being a workshop leader!

Workshops Requested to be Repeated

1. Tape Measure Snap Bag
2. Market Tote
3. Double ended casserole mitt
4. Holiday napkins
5. Tea towel with hanger (velcro)
6. Twilling
7. Christmas small stockings made with strips
8. Reusable wine bottle bag

Workshops not covered in 2026, but high interest shown

1. Embroidery
2. Small Zipper bag
3. Notion Holder
4. Cup/Bottle Holder
5. Neck Tie Wall Hanging

Suggestions for Extension Workshops from previous participants

1. Applique wall hanging
2. Fleece infinity scarf
3. Felted wool mittens
4. Appliance or sewing machine covers
5. Gift card holder with snap
6. Self binding receiving blanket
7. Repurpose denim projects
8. Car compact trash bag
9. Bowl covers
10. Pillow that holds books
11. Throw pillows
12. Quilted placemat
13. Oven mitts
14. Tote bag
15. Sturdy fabric basket
16. Crochet
17. Rope bowls
18. Casserole Carrier
19. Apron
20. Wall hanging
21. Counted Cross Stitch

**Did you know the K-State Extension web site has videos from some of our previous classes?
See our guild [JoCo Workshops](#) web page for a link to those videos.**

Charity Quilts

The below note confirms how much our charity works means to the community. Thanks to Lou Corbin and Lara Stevens for being our Charity committee chairs! And thanks to everyone who has contributed in some way to our charity efforts.



Thank You Note from Prairie Elder Care

I wanted to thank you for the recent quilts that we received at Prairie Elder Care; one has sailboats and the other is brightly colored flowers. The residents' eyes lit up when they saw them. It's wonderful to see how much comfort can come from a beautiful quilt. We truly appreciate you thinking of our residents. It means a lot to us.

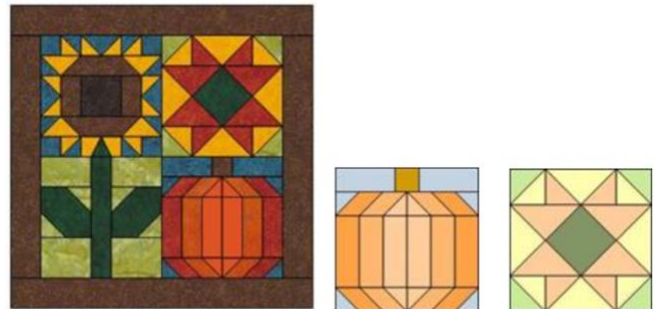


Block of the Month

There are a few changes this month for block-of-the-month.

- Instead of kits using AccuQuilt shapes, there will be PDFs to download with patterns.
- Also, instead of going through November, there will be two blocks in September and two in October. These four blocks can be used to make the shown fall wall hanging.
- September will be the pumpkin and star blocks.
- October will be the sunflower and stem blocks.

See the guild's [Block-of-the-Month](#) web page to download the PDFs for these blocks. For these four blocks, the PDFs will be available in both foundation paper piecing and English paper piecing.



Sherri Critchfield
BOM Chair

Challenge Project

Our quilt challenge is to upcycle an item that you no longer use or would discard. Use a part of the item to make something new. I hope you all are finding something that you can use to make your upcycle project.

I upcycled an orphan block which I will bring to the September meeting. You still have time to make your project and bring it to the November meeting.

Shelia Pierce
Challenge Quilt Chair

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

The summer months have flown by but not without bringing us new faces!
Please welcome our amazing new members:

Gwen Chance
Hanna Day
Wendy Kite
Carolyn Mounce

Jane Cram
Rebecca Gillett
Marcia Lichtenauer
Maggie Preis

We now stand at 91 members!
New member gift bags will be at the Membership table at our September meeting.

Birthdays



Lisa Hirsch 9-9
Libby Corrison 9-10
Lynda Ochs 9-20
Jean Schlenk 9-23
Karen Genis 9-25
Jodi Price 9-26
Gerry Curry 9-28



MARKET PLACE

Member Marketplace & Businesses

Guild members can place a free monthly ad in the Members Marketplace for items they wish to trade, buy, or sell. Non-members can place an ad once per year.

Check out the list of members' businesses online at
<https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links>

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

Erin Wasser - Just Sew Cute, LLC

You've worked so hard on your quilt tops. Let me help you finish them with beautiful computerized edge-to-edge quilting designs. I can accommodate up to King sized quilts and do binding as well. Plus I offer 10% off for current Olathe Quilt Guild members! Call or text for pricing and to arrange a drop off. 816-686-6272. If you need additional information please let me know. Thanks, Erin Wasser

Craig Alexander - Professional Husqvarna Viking Designer EPIC sewing and embroidery machine.

Condition: Used-like new. This white and blue computerized machine includes a large embroidery arm, multiple carrying cases, and a rolling cart. The set comes with Premier+ 2 Embroidery System software manuals and an Ultra software box. A variety of specialized presser feet, including gimping, circular attachment, and elastic feet, are organized in a dedicated storage case. Additional accessories include multiple user guides, a large design ruler, and various sewing notions. The table is also included. \$3,850 OBO

Please contact **Craig Alexander** at craig.x.alexander@gmail.com or on [Facebook](#) to learn more or to purchase.



AREA EVENTS

Dates 2026	Quilt Show or Event	Location
Sept-4-5 9/4: 9a-5p 9/5: 9a-4p	Little Balkans Quilt Show Vendors, Boutique, Quilt Raffle, Basket walk (drawing 2p Sat)	Pittsburg KS Memorial Auditorium 503 North Pine
Sept 11-12 10a-5p	Eudora Quilt Show Admission: \$5, Kids 16 & under free Over 100 quilts, Guild Garage sale, Vendors, Vote for Viewers Choice	Lawrence, KS Crown Toyota Building 3430 Iowa St.
Sept 11-12 Fri 9/11: 9a-5p Sat 9/12: 9a-3p	Twilight Stitchers Guild Quilt Show 25th Anniversary Admission: \$5, kids 12 and under free Over 170 quilts, Quilt raffle, Boutique, Vendors, 2nd Time Around	Blue Springs, MO First United Methodist Church 301 SW Woods Chapel Rd
Sept 18-19 Fri 9/18: 9a-5p Sat 9/19: 9a-4p	Northland Needlers Quilt Show Admission: \$5, \$7 two-day pass 2 Opportunity Quilts, Vendors, Silent Auction, Floral Improv exhibit, Scissor sharpener on site-bring your scissors	Kansas City MO Hillside Christian Church 900 NE Vivian Road
Sept 18-19 11a-6p	Fine Art in the Ozarks Quilt Show Local fabric art, quilt displays, outdoor painters, classes	Eureka Springs AR Rocksprrie 84 Orchard Road
Sept 19-20 9/19: 10a-5p 9/20: noon-5p	Kansas Capital Quilters Guild Quilt Show Admission: \$7 Featuring quilter Lennis Courtney, vendors, food trucks	Topeka KS Sunrise Optimist Club 720 NW 50th St
Blue Valley Sept 25-26 9/25: 9a-4p 9/26: 9a-3p Miami County Sept 26-27 9/26: 10a-4p 9/27: 11a-3p	Blue Valley & Miami County Quilt Guilds Quilt Show Hop Admission: \$5-\$6, Kids 15 & under free Bag & quilt raffles, Bake sale, Scissor sharpening, Boutique, KC Star Re-Imagined Quilts, Attend both shows & have your passport punched to be eligible to win Brother Pacesetter PS500 (\$1279 value) or one of two baskets (each basket valued at \$300)	Blue Valley Guild Show is in Overland Park KS Village on Antioch Presbyterian Church; 14895 Antioch Rd Miami County Quilt Show is in Paola KS Holy Trinity School 509 East Chippewa St
Sept 25-27	Kansas Quilters Organization (KQO) Convention - this is a state wide quilters' guild that meets twice a year with world class lecture, workshop, open sewing	Colby KS City Limits Convention Center See attachment for more info

Heartland Quilt Network (HQN) Access

The Heartland Quilt Network (HQN) was established in 1999 with the purpose to share information about programs, organizational issues, workshops, shows, and events to promote cooperation and to educate members and the community about the popular and enduring art of quilt making.

HQN began as a Midwest organization, stretching across Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma, but through our growth has expanded across the country.

Check out the "Events" page for the activity of our members: Guild Meetings; Lectures/Workshops; Quilt Community Events; Quilt Shows; and Supporting Sponsor Events

See attachment for the OQG's user name and password to access HQN.

Black Cauldron Collective Art Quilt Retreat

Dear Quilting Friends,

Are you ready for Fall? Cheryl Sleboda-Whited and Cindy Lohbeck personally invite your guild members to the **Black Cauldron Collective**! Join us for a witchy, coven-themed art quilt retreat in beautiful **Paducah, KY**

What's Brewing:

- **"Cackle While You Crackle" & "Bubble, Bubble, Toil & Trouble"** – Learn fabulous new fabric dyeing techniques with Cindy.
- **"Goth Moth" & "Furry Familiar"** – Bring the POP to your projects with Cheryl's unique designs.
- **Quilty Excursions** – Dye, sew, create, and trick-or-treat at Paducah's finest quilting establishments.

The Details:

- **Location:** Paducah, Kentucky
- **Accommodations:** Luxury, affordable lodging at [The 1857 Hotel](#)
- **Perks:** Fully catered meal plan and pure pampering

You bring the **Creativity and Camaraderie**—and don't forget your **witch hat**! Spaces are limited for this magical experience. Gather your coven and secure your spots today!

[Register at DYE HARD's Studio today!](#)

Creatively yours,
Cheryl Sleboda-Whited & Cindy Lohbeck
The Black Cauldron Collective



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting - August 11, 2026

President Jenny Boudreaux welcomed everyone at 6:30 p.m.

- Heather Schaller spoke about the retreat on October 24 – 27 at Aventura. August is the last month that openings will be available to only our guild. After that, Heather will open up availability to people not in our guild, and there is a waiting list. Cost is \$30. Let Heather know if you are interested and/or if you are definitely coming.
- Maribeth Kehl announced that she and others have formed a new quilt guild as of February 2026, Linn County Quilt Guild. The guild currently has 19 members and it will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. They sometimes refer to themselves as the Material Girls. The guild has an Opportunity Quilt at our meeting tonight and they would be grateful if our members would visit them at break to buy a ticket.
- Sherri Critchfield has new free kits for English Paper Piecing, our Block of the Month. She showed where the information and videos are, on our OQG website.
- If you have President Quilt blocks completed, please turn them in to Gretchen Ryan.
- If you have Opportunity Quilt blocks completed, please turn them in to Lisa Hirsch.
- Jenny introduced our speakers from The Sewing Labs, a Kansas City nonprofit. This year is their 10th anniversary.

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary's Minutes – Peggy Anderson moved and Rachel Rohrer seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Jean Heer moved and Mary Pacey seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Policies and Procedures change proposal – Jenny explained the proposed change: Members of our guild can put a business card size ad in our newsletter to advertise their services, offer an item to sell, etc., for free. Non-members may do so once a year. The proposal for this change to the Policies and Procedures passed by a vote of those present at the meeting.

Birthdays – Jenny wished a happy birthday to all those with August birthdays.

On Zoom tonight – Two people joined us on Zoom for tonight's meeting.

Our Extension Office Classes – Mary Pacey announced that she and Cindy Nice are starting to plan for next year's offerings. If anyone has ideas, please reach out to Mary or Cindy, preferably with a picture that they can show to Joy at the Extension Office. If you are interested in teaching, let them know that as well. They have decided to offer classes on more than just quilting. Our 4th Tuesday timeslot is reserved. Classes are 6:00 – 8:00 pm, with teachers and helpers arriving by 5:30. Projects that can be completed in two hours are the goal.

MEETING MINUTES

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Program – Jenny reported for program chair Melissa Toburen that our September speaker will be Mary Honas, from Harpers, who will speak on “ Color & Value, Scale & Intensity.”

Liz Granberg-Jerome offering a free class – Our member, Liz, is offering a free class to our guild members: quilting on your domestic machine. It would be a 4-hour class on a weekend. Jenny asked for a show of hands of those that are interested, and she will look for a venue.

Charity – Lou Corbin and Lara Stevens report that every finished quilt has been donated - 124. Next month they will have kits available. They are in need of long arming for the tops they have collected from us.

Membership – 62 people attended the meeting tonight, with 2 more online. We have 5 new members, who came as visitors this evening: Gwen Chance, Jane Cram, Marcia Lichtenauer, Carolyn Mounce, and Margaret Preis. Jane volunteered to serve as co-chair with Lou on Membership.

KCRQF – In September, we should receive our batting for the women veterans quilts we are making. Karen Lacy went over some details such as the Showcase Challenge, the cost of entry, and the fact that our guild members need to volunteer for a total of 150 hours. In March of 2027, a preview of jobs will be available, with sign-ups beginning online in April. In October, we need to give the name of our guild member(s) who will handle our OQG guild quilts at the festival. The dates of the festival are June 17, 18, and 19, 2027, with classes beginning on the 16th.

Challenge – Shelia Pierce encouraged all to continue with the upcycling challenge.

Johnson County Fair wrap up – Guild member Jean Spohrer won Grand Champion quilt at the fair, and member Mary Ellen Winter won Reserve Champion. Congratulations!

Viewers' Choice was new this year. The opportunity to vote on a favorite quilt encouraged fair visitors to take a really good look at the quilts. There were 1,052 votes. Mary Ellen Winter's fireman quilt was the clear winner, receiving 117 votes. She received a Quilters HQ gift card from our fair chairs. 2nd place was Stefanie Graham with her New York Beauty quilt, and 3rd was Libby Corrison's One Block Wonder cardinal quilt.

Shelia and Conna drew for prizes to be awarded to our guild members who volunteered their time at the fair. Names were included once for every hour the member worked at the fair. Karen Lacy won a \$30 gift card to Quilter's Bliss, Janis Raspberry won a \$25 gift card to KC Maker, and Rachel Rohrer won a \$20 gift card to Quilter's HQ.

Thank you to Shelia Pierce and Conna Hiltner for all your work as chairs of the fair committee!

MEETING MINUTES

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Ways and Means – Dae Curtiss announced the winners of the drawings: Peggy Anderson (twice), and Karen Lacy. Next month will be whole quilts.

Welcome Table – Shelly Sullivan once again asked if anyone could serve as a co-chair with her for the Welcome Table. She explained what the job would entail. Cindy Nice won the Welcome Table drawing.

Hand Quilters – The group will meet on the 30th, at 2:00 p.m.

Board Meeting - The Board will meet next Tuesday at 6:30 on Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell, which wrapped up at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by Libby Corrison, OQG Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT

August 2026 Treasurer's Report

Central Bank Operating Account Balance (as of 08/25/2026)	\$ 14,155.98
Central Bank Money Market Account Balance (as of 08/25/2026)	<u>\$ 12,183.87</u>
Total	\$26,339.85

Income

Membership	\$75.00
Ways and Means	\$120.90
Welcome Table	\$15.00
Total Income	\$210.90

Expenses

Block of the Month (Sherri Critchfield)	\$40.00
Charity (Lou Corbin)	\$109.71
Programs (August Program – The Sewing Lab)	\$250.00
Fair Photo's (Sheila Pierce)	\$11.95
Presidents Quilt (Gretchen Ryan)	\$18.88
Tee Shirt Reimbursement (Lara Lafferty)	\$227.00
Total Expenses	\$657.54

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

2026 Committee Chairs / Co-chairs	
Block of the Month	Sherri Critchfield
Challenge Quilt	Shelia Pierce
Charity	Lara Stevens / Lou Corbin / Eloise Waller
Johnson Country Fair	Shelia Pierce / Conna Hiltner
KCRQF Representative	Karen Lacy
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



Jenny Boudreaux



Kenda Camp



Kenda Camp



Cindy Cherry



Diana Peoples





Peggy Anderson



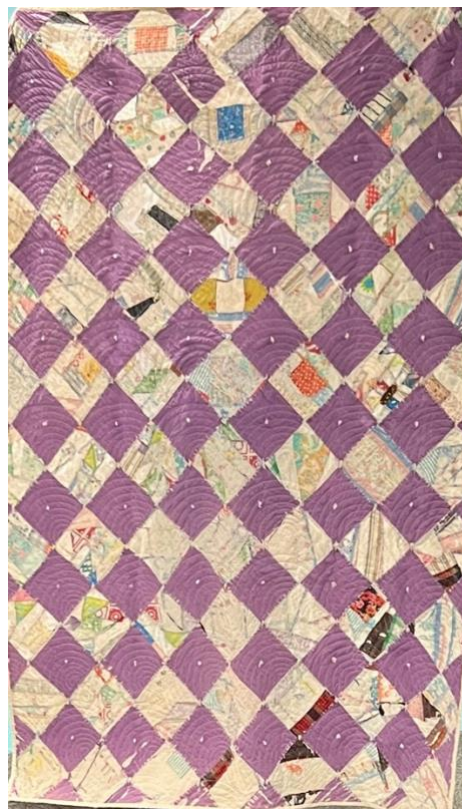
Gretchen Ryan



Debbie Schreck



Allan Schreck

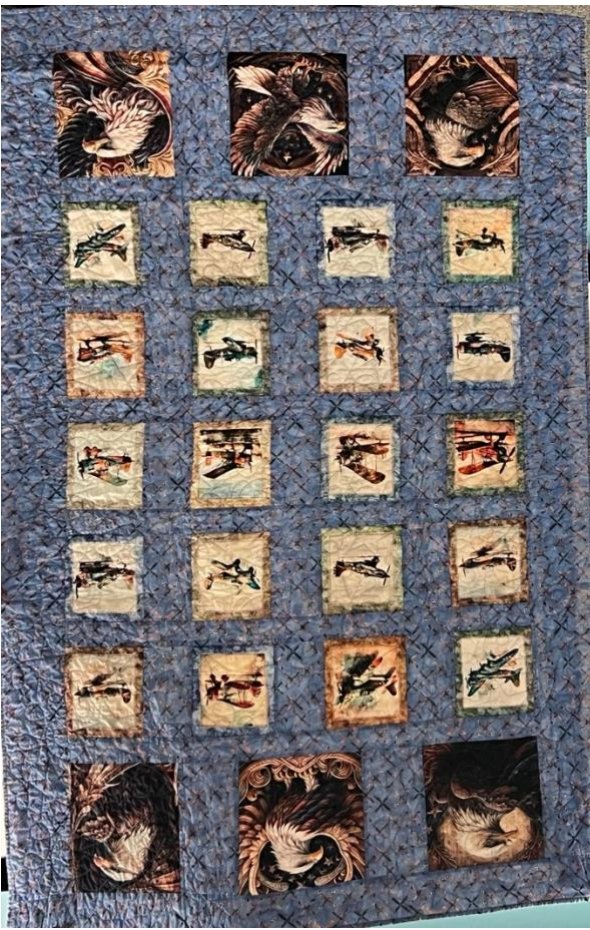


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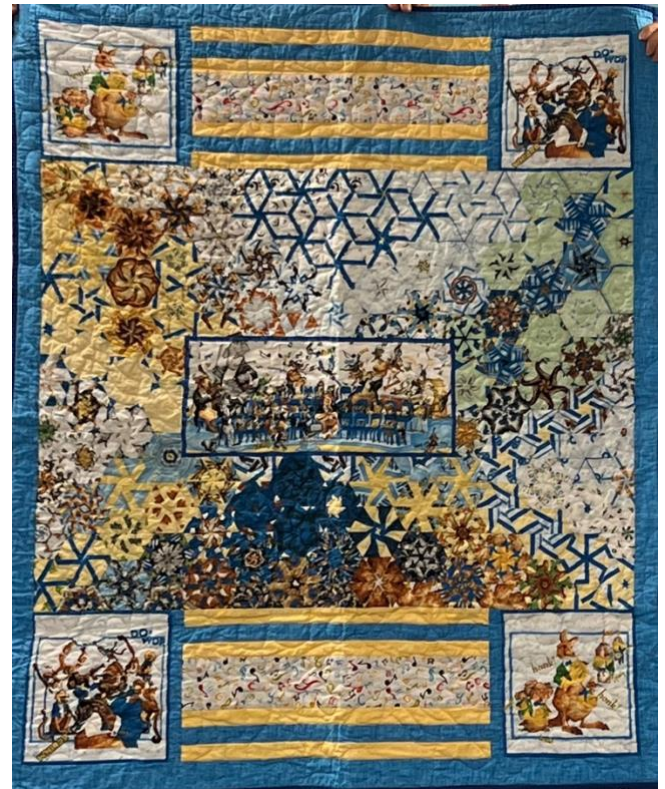


Laura Lafferty





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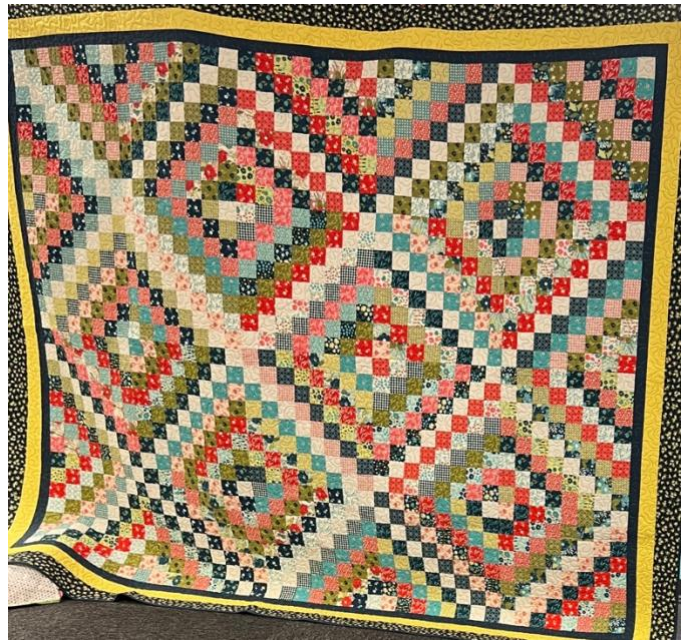
Sherri Critchfield



Sherri Critchfield



David Duwe



Conna Hiltner