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Hello friends,

Hope everyone stayed inside during the recent cold weather & got some sewing done! I am challenging myself to try new techniques this year AND to go through my UFOs and stash - and I am happy to say I've made some progress on both. Whether you are sewing on something new you just bought, something from your stash, or a combination of both, I hope you got to enjoy some time creating during January.

We have some exciting things coming up this month, including a FREE workshop hosted by our own Cindy Nice - look for details in this newsletter & sign up soon! We have an interesting speaker this month that I am really looking forward to seeing. And don't forget, it's your last month to get your project done for the Orphan Block challenge that concludes in March. I had fun creating something new out of the blocks I chose, and can't wait to see the things your creative minds have crafted out of these "orphans"! Remember, these challenges are not competition - just friendly ways to nudge you to try something new and be inspired by the challenge!

Be sure to review the HQN (Heartland Quilt Network) newsletter that was attached to our newsletter email - Mary Ellen Winter is featured with an article on her new venture as a Legit Kits national educator! Congrats Mary Ellen, this is quite an achievement!

After the bitter cold we have had recently, I am grateful we have Zoom as an option for nearly all our meetings. Although Rachel Rohrer has graciously agreed to run the Zoom during guild meetings, we do need 1 or 2 people to be her backup. Melissa & I will walk you through the equipment & steps, and we are there to support you - we just can't do the Zoom and run the meetings at the same time. So please consider helping with this technology so members at home can continue to join online.

Please remember to pay your yearly dues if you have not yet done so - that money goes towards these great programs and other activities that our guild puts on through the work of several dedicated members. Bring a check for \$30 to the February meeting along with a completed membership form, or mail to our PO Box. We're right around 100 members, and we would love to see each one of you at the next meeting!

Jenny Boudreaux



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
Olathe, KS 66062

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 2651
Olathe, KS 66063

Website
Olathequiltersguild.com

Coming Up

Ways and Means

Come visit the Ways and Means table this month to get your chance to snag one of three items available this month.

We have an Ott light with clock, a heart quilt for your Valentine, and a patriotic kit with ruler.



February Program



Denise Stahl - The Curious Kansas Quilter A Trunk Show

Are My Eyes Fooling Me? Optical Illusion Quilts

I am passionate about living the Quilt Life.
I love learning and sharing what I've learned.
I've been quilting for 25 years and teaching for 15 years.

Special Events

Improv Quilting Workshop by Cindy Nice

In this workshop you will turn some of your items (clothing, linens, orphan quilt blocks, etc.) into quilts! They do not need to all be quilting cotton. However, you need to consider how you want to use your finished piece. Do all the fabrics act the same with laundering, bleeding, shrinking, etc? If you bring a knit, bring stabilizer, too.

This technique will be yours after we discuss some of the guidelines of the Gee's Bend quilters. If you are not familiar with them, do an online search just so you know where we will start. I will show you samples and share their story in class.

Your design and piecing will be intuitive rather than measured. No rotary cutters, mats or rulers required. Having said that, you won't be shamed if you really need them.

Supplies: items to recycle, please don't bring new yardage. The plan is to have a table where we can all put some extras. You don't have to share your memory items but you may have an extra sheet or shirt to share. Usual sewing equipment including a machine, thread, scissors, pins or clips, etc.

Feel welcome to bring a snack to share also. We will have sewwww much fun!

Cindy

When: Saturday Feb. 21, 12-4

Where: Evergreen Community, 11875 S Sunset Dr, STE 100

This workshop is limited to 20 participants – [SIGN UP HERE](#)

You can join the waitlist if registration is full.



SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY APRIL 18



OLATHE QUILTERS GUILD DESTASH SALE!

Many of us have expressed a desire to sell some of our “stash” - maybe you’ve grown tired of some of your fabric, or your UFO pile is overflowing, or you have “buyer’s remorse” over online shopping purchases. Whatever the reason, we are going to help with a **guild members’ destash sale**. We have not worked out all the details, but here are important points to know:

1. The sale will be at the church where we meet on **Saturday, April 18**. The current plan is for the sale to open at 9AM and close at 1pm.
2. We can get into the church the day before (**Friday April 17**) to set up tables & merchandise beginning at 4pm.
3. Guild members who want to participate will be charged a small fee to have a table in the sale. Members can share a table with other members and only one fee will be charged.
4. There will be a limit on the number of tables available - currently planning for around 20.
5. Any members who participate in the sale will keep the money they collect. They will be responsible for how they accept and manage payments (cash, checks, Venmo, Paypal, etc.).
6. The guild plans to have one or more tables for Ways & Means to sell some items for the guild. Any proceeds from the Ways & Means tables will go into the guild budget.
7. The guild will do minimal advertising through Facebook, email, and flyers to local quilt shops, HQN, other guilds, etc. Members are asked to help promote the sale through their own network (other guilds, friends, etc.).
8. The guild will pay the church for the use of their facilities. Proposed amount is \$100 donation.
9. We may need some volunteers to help direct shoppers, help with Ways & Means tables, etc.

We hope you are excited at this opportunity to clear out some of your unwanted items and make a little money as well - or if you are buying, this may be a chance to score some deals! Please mark your calendars and look for more details next month.

Committee Updates

Outreach – Extension Classes

We are getting ready to start the Outreach Extension Classes next month. It is very helpful to have volunteers who know sewing (machine skills and basic sewing skills) help with the class. It is not uncommon to have students who have never used a sewing machine, so one-on-one assistance is most beneficial. If you have 2 hours to help on any of the classes, it would be appreciated.

At this time, the schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, March 24th 6-8 pm. Cheryl Wilcox will be teaching a class on making a mug rug.
- Tuesday, April 28th 6-8 pm Lynda Ochs will be teaching a class making a table runner.
- Tuesday, May 26th 6-8 pm Mary Pacey will be teaching a class on how to use ties in quilt blocks.
- Tuesday, June 23rd 6-8 pm Cindy Nice will be teaching a class on making a grocery bag holder.

We still need volunteers to teach a class on the following dates:

July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd and October 27th.

If interested in teaching or volunteering

Please contact Mary Pacey. Her phone number is in the roster and also listed in the cover letter for this newsletter. Please contact her after 4:00 pm.

Orphan Block Challenge Project

At the December guild meeting orphan blocks were available for a fun challenge project. I hope many of you took one or more to sew a pillow, put on a bag, or add to other blocks to make a table runner or quilt. Those projects are due at the March meeting. It will be interesting to see how people brought new life to once unwanted blocks.

A new challenge will be announced at the March meeting. It will be due at the December meeting with prize drawings!

Shelia Pierce
Challenge Quilt Chair

Refreshment Committee

We now have a committee who will be in charge of bringing snacks to the guild meetings. There are nine months that we need a person to host. We have six members that signed up for the committee, but three more are needed. You would be responsible for bringing a finger food type snack for 40-50 people, setting up and cleaning up. You will be reimbursed after providing the treasurer the receipt(s).

Please let me know if you are interested. My email is listed in the cover letter for this newsletter. I will send you the Sign-Up Genius so you may choose a month. Thank you.

Shelia Pierce
Refreshment Chair

Survey Opportunity for Gift Certificates

The Y.L.I. Thread company has a 45-year history in the quilting and sewing industries, and has various resources on their web site to support quilters and guilds. You can check out their web site at <https://ylithreads.com/>.

One thing they are offering is an online survey to learn more about quilting preferences and what types of products you wish were available. If a guild has 50% or more of their members take this survey, the guild will receive \$200 in gift certificates for their products. Gift certificates will be valid for one year from the survey completion date.

Here are the questions asked in the survey - Y.L.I. says this should take no more than 5 minutes:

1. What type of quilting do you do?
2. What is your preferred thread fiber?
3. What type of threads do you wish were available for your quilting projects?
4. What quilting or sewing-related products would you like that are not available?
5. If you could make a change to the sewing or quilting industry, what would it be?
6. What is most important when ordering online?

Y.L.I. states that responses will remain confidential.

No names are required, and your email address will only be used to ensure there are no duplicate submissions. Your e-mail will never be shared or sold to others.

At our guild meeting I will ask for a show of hands to see we are interested in taking this survey. If we agree to the survey and 50% or more of our members respond, the gift certificates will be used at the board's discretion (TBD - might be raffle items, prizes for activities, etc.).

Thanks to Jean Heer for bringing this opportunity to the guild.

Jenny Boudreaux



Membership

February Birthdays



Kenda Camp 2-6
Ellen Kidd 2-9
Jean Ryszewski 2-12
Sue Medberry 2-14
Sarah Coiner 2-15
Jean Spohrer 2-15
Allen Schreck 2-20
Eloise Waller 2-21
Amber Croswhite 2-25

Membership Renewal for 2026

Thank you to all who have already paid their 2026 guild dues. If you haven't yet done this, be sure to pay before the April 1st deadline. Dues are \$30 for the year.

To renew your membership:

1. Complete the Membership Form (attached)
2. Submit form and \$30 to the guild by:
 - Bringing it to our February meeting
 - Or mailing it to: OQG Membership
P.O. Box 2651
Olathe, KS 66063



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

2 Openings for Retreat on Feb 26 – Mar 1

We have 2 openings in our Retreat in Brunswick, MO at the Sew Sweet Retreat Center? It is Feb. 26-Mar.1

The Blue Valley Quilters Guild is hosting another 4 day - 3 night retreat at the NEW Barn Retreat Center in Brunswick, MO? We welcome quilters, knitters, and all crafters. Bring a family member or neighbor! The little town of Brunswick is so delightful. Shopping, eateries and a fabulous full line quilt shop 70 steps across the street. If you haven't been to Sew Sweet Quilt Shop, you are in for an adventure. We have 2 rooms available. So much fun is planned!

- Rooms - all bedrooms have 2 full beds with private bath and TV, linens, WiFi
- Thursday, February 26 - Sunday, March 1, 2026
- Arrive at 10:00 on Thursday and Check out by Noon on Sunday
- 1 single room - \$475 Double Room - \$325

Please sign up and indicate if you are a private room or will have a roommate. 2 hearty dinners, 1 scrumptious farm brunch, make & take project, games with prizes, Cornhole Tournament, walking tour of Brunswick!

Lynn Droege - President BVQQG

(Please direct questions to Lynn Droege at her contact info listed in the cover letter for this newsletter.)

27th Annual Parade of Quilts – Yoder KS

Plan a day to come and enjoy our horse-drawn community together!
Yoder, KS is a hub of Amish communities near Hutchinson around 3 hours away from Olathe.

Parade of Quilts!
March 1 - 31 (closed Sundays)
Yoder, KS

You're Invited! Call your quilting friends and plan a day to enjoy our 27th Annual Parade of Quilts event and the town of Yoder! Delight in scores of hand quilted quilts in many patterns, colors & sizes. Start your self-guided tour by picking up your Parade Route from a participating merchant for a listing of the quilt patterns, sizes & quilter information. No entry fee.

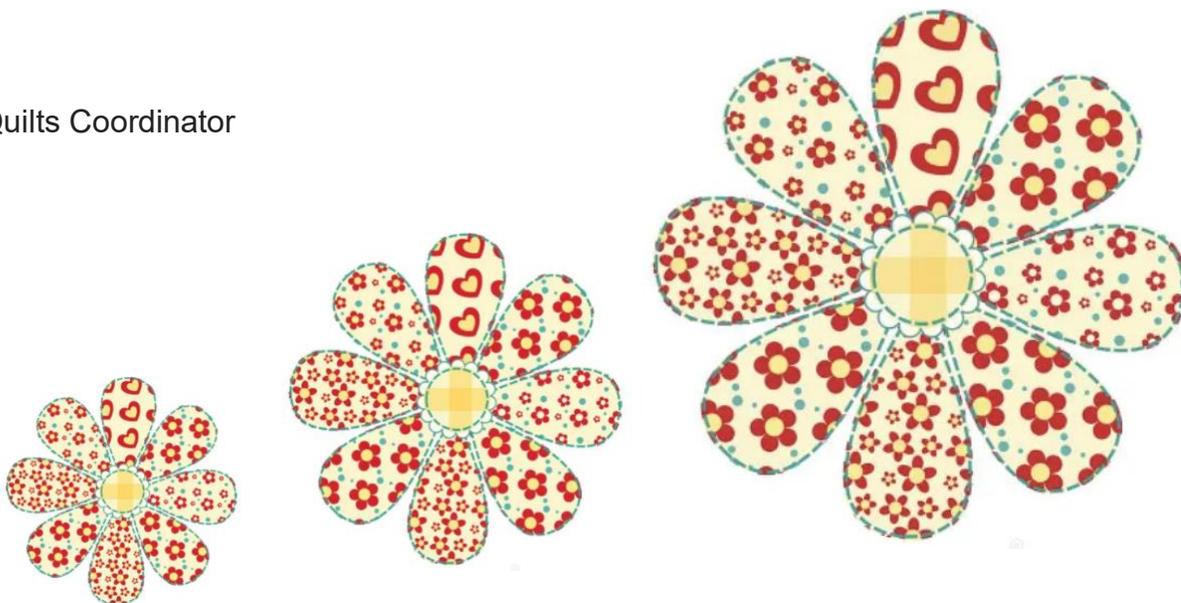
More information at yoderkansas.com/parade-of-quilts or yoderfurnitureco.com/parade-of-quilts.

Participating Merchants:

Carriage Crossing Restaurant
R & E Country Store
Yoder Discount Grocery
Yoder Furniture Co
Yoder Meats/Kansas Station
Yoder Thrift Shop

If you have questions, please see contact information listed in the cover letter for this newsletter.

Thank you!
Linda Miller
Parade of Quilts Coordinator



Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilt Guild Minutes January 13, 2026

President Jenny Boudreaux called the Zoom meeting to order. Forty-nine members attended, as well as three visitors. Melissa Toburen introduced our speaker, Tara Miller, who spoke to us from Atlanta, on “Quilting with the Fire of My Foremothers.”

BUSINESS MEETING

Secretary’s Minutes – Since we did not have a business meeting in December, there were no minutes to vote on.

Treasurer’s Report – Lara Stevens moved that the treasurer’s report as printed in the newsletter be approved. Conna Hiltner seconded, and the motion passed.

Jenny announced the January birthdays, as printed in the newsletter.

2026 Budget – The only question asked about the proposed budget, as printed in the newsletter, was how much we spend on speakers each month, which is currently \$300 - \$500 each month. More expensive speakers can be shared with other guilds. Libby Corrison moved that we accept the budget. Jodi Price seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

KCRQF – Karen Lacy is our Olathe Quilters Guild representative, and as soon as possible, we need someone to serve as the backup rep. Please let Jenny know if you can volunteer.

Welcome Table – No drawing occurred this month, but a request was made for someone to step up to be the Welcome Table Chair for 2026. Please let Jenny or Libby know if you can chair this committee.

Membership – Lou Corbin ran a randomizer program to handle the drawing for the one free membership offered to those who have already paid their membership. Peggy Bayard was the winner. In attendance at this January meeting was 49 members and 3 visitors.

Outreach/Education – Mary Pacey explained our guild work with the Kansas State Extension Office, and would like volunteers to teach classes in 2026. There will be no cost to teachers. Joy’s assistant, Amanda, will handle the classes. The classes will start in April and run once a month through October, on a Tuesday night (not a guild night), from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Mary mentioned 10 topics that attendees have asked for, and also said that some would like to have daytime classes. Daytime classes could be held at the Extension Office for up to ten people and perhaps at the library. If you would like to teach a class, please let Mary Pacey know, and give her a list of supplies that the attendees need.

Meeting Minutes

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Cindy Nice has volunteered to do a 3 – 4 hour presentation on improvisational quilting to our guild members, though there is a limit on the size of the class. Look for a survey in an upcoming newsletter.

Programs – Melissa Toburen announced that next month’s program will be Denise Stahl, on “Are My Eyes Fooling Me.” Denise will also have a store.

Charity – Lara Stevens delivered about twenty quilts to the police department. We received a thank you note from the Foster Center for the two dozen quilts we gave them. During next month’s guild meeting, we will look at agencies to donate to in 2026, and take a vote.

Hand Quilters – The group will meet on Thursday at 2:00 at the church.

Challenge Quilts – Peggy Anderson is organizing this. Your orphan blocks are due in March. Running the Zoom at meetings – If anyone wants to learn how to run the Zoom during our monthly guild meetings, it would be greatly appreciated. Rachel Rohrer volunteered to help, but other volunteers are needed.

Quilt Retreat - Laura Lafferty announced that the 24 quilts our guild donated to Dodge City were greatly appreciated.

The Elkhart Center has offered another retreat to us, April 30 – May 5, for 12 – 14 people. Eight people have already signed up. The cost will be minimal - \$25 or so, plus pitching in for gas. Contact Laura if you are interested. There are already 8 people signed up, as of our guild meeting.

Board Meeting - The Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, on Zoom, and board members will receive the Zoom link. If any others would like to attend, contact Jenny. The meeting adjourned at 8: 25 pm.

Submitted by Libby Corrison.



Board & Committees

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve on our committees
and our board for 2026.

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	Mary Pacey / Shelia Pierce
Charity	Lara Stevens / Lou Corbin
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

Treasurer's Report

Monthly Report – 01/23/2026

Central Bank Operating Account Balance (as of 01/23/2026)	\$15,357.56
Central Bank Money Market Account Balance (as of 01/23/2026)	<u>\$12,180.32</u>
	\$27,406.18

Income

None	\$0
Total Income	\$0

Expenses

Programs (January Program – Tara Miller)	\$250
Outreach/Education (2025 expense)	\$68.89
Total Expenses	\$318.89

Operating Account Balance (Based on Paid Expenses) \$15,038.67



I would like to express my thanks to Jodi Price as the outgoing treasurer and for all her support in helping me transition into the role.

Going forward I ask for the Guild Committees and Board members support by providing copies of expense receipts/invoices prior to the upcoming meeting. This way, your reimbursement check will be ready without taking time away from the monthly presentations, business meetings, or breaktime networking. It will also help me maintain a timely and accurate record of income/expenses.

These documents can be phone pictures or scans sent via e-mail or text. For budget purposes it would be helpful if you noted on your receipt how your expenses will be applied (i.e. Membership, refreshments, ways/means, etc.) Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your commitment to our Guild and I look forward to working together.

Pat Lawson

Show and Tell

There is no “Show and Tell” from January as it was a zoom meeting.