



Welcome Spring!



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From the Presidents' Keyboard

Dear Guild Members,

March has arrived! Spring is in the air, sometimes, when it's not -12°! I now find myself wanting to create quilting projects that are in the pastel color range, and imagine that all of you are getting antsy for spring as well. Every day that goes by, every week that goes by, and every month that goes by, we are closer to being able to safely gather in person again. It is hard to have our guild meetings on Zoom, not being able to give hugs and actually visit with our fellow quilters. But, lately I have been thinking that if this pandemic had occurred 20 years ago, our guild would have had to have disbanded for a year or more. So, let's revel in our being able to see each other's faces, see each other's projects, and plan for the future until we meet again. Our board members, committee chairs, and committee members have been very busy carrying on the work of the Olathe Quilters Guild. Each and every one of you is the reason our guild is still so vibrant.

A big thanks goes to **Ava Wright**, who has stepped up to be in charge of the President's Quilt! I also want to thank **Cindy Nice** and **Lisa Hirsch**, who have volunteered to fill the position of Program Elect! They will be planning our programs for 2022.

At this March meeting, it will be so much fun to see the quilts you have submitted for hanging in our booth space at the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival in June. No matter if you are a beginning quilter or have been quilting since you were a child, we relish the chance to see your work.

See you on **March 9th at 6:30** on Zoom! As usual, your Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.

Share the love of quilting!

Libby Corrison

March

Meeting Program

This month we will feature a **presentation of the quilts submitted for consideration for KCRQF** (Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival). You won't want to miss the chance to see all the great projects submitted by our members to use in our booth at the festival!

NOTE: We have also decided to include our annual "**school house**" during the March meeting. If you have a favorite quilting tool or technique that you would like to share, please do so. Each "teacher" will be the featured speaker during our meeting. Just like during our in-person meetings, please keep it to a few minutes so everyone can share.

COMING NEXT MONTH: In April we'll have **Diane Murtha** present her program on "**Challenges—Accept the Challenge and Win a Prize.**" From Diane: this is an informative and humorous perspective on my quilt challenge experiences. I'll discuss what to do, what not to do and how to find them. Most importantly, I'll discuss how challenges can expand your quilting skills and inspire all of your quilting!

See more about upcoming programs on the next page.

Coming Up

PROGRAMS UPDATE

You may be wondering what we have planned for this year since everything is still tentative due to the pandemic. Well don't worry, we have programs planned and will adjust as needed as the situation evolves in our area. We have speakers planned for April, May and June and tentative plans for July and beyond. We may go back to parking lot meetings when the weather is nice, or plan for socially distanced indoor meetings. Whatever we do, we will discuss at the guild board meetings and we welcome your input. Here is the current plan for programs for the next few months:

- April—"Challenges—Accept the Challenge and Win a Prize!" by Diane Murtha
- May—Barb Eikmeier will give a program entitled "Just Solids" - hear about her love affair with solids.
- June-Jane Bromberg will present "Finishing Up!" Everything you need to know to make the edges of your quilt your own!
- July-December—A variety of programs are in the works. We will let you know just as soon as the details are worked out!

Mary Ellen Winter, Program Chair 2020-2021

March K-State Extension Workshop Presentation

Tuesday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m.

Techniques for Using Heirloom Textiles

This class is all about techniques and will cover a wide array of heirloom & memorabilia fabrics and how to use them in quilting projects. We will cover how to stabilize fabrics, deal with damage, sample project ideas and more. Specific textiles we will be discussing are handkerchiefs, doilies, t-shirts, neckties, embroidered heirlooms (towels, pillow cases), and photos or other artwork. Bring your pencil, paper & list of your heirloom fabrics to get your questions answered.

Enroll for the workshop on the [K-State Extension Office web site](#) under [Classes and Events](#). Any handouts will be emailed to those who registers, along with the link to the Zoom presentation. On the day of the presentation, you will get a **link to the Zoom meeting** in your email which opens the meeting for you to be a participant. You do not need a camera or microphone built into your computer in order to view and hear the presentation.

Remember that these classes are open to the public and free of charge, so let family and friends know,

Future Workshops (all to be held via Zoom until further notice):

April 27 – Decorative Machine Stitches	Aug. 24 – Twister Tool
May 25 – Machine Stitched Applique	Sept. 28 – Modern Improv Quilt Block
June 22 – Fusing Fun Art Quilt	Oct. 26 – Color Pencil on Fabric
July 27 – Christmas in July	

Ways & Means and “Quarantine Quilt”

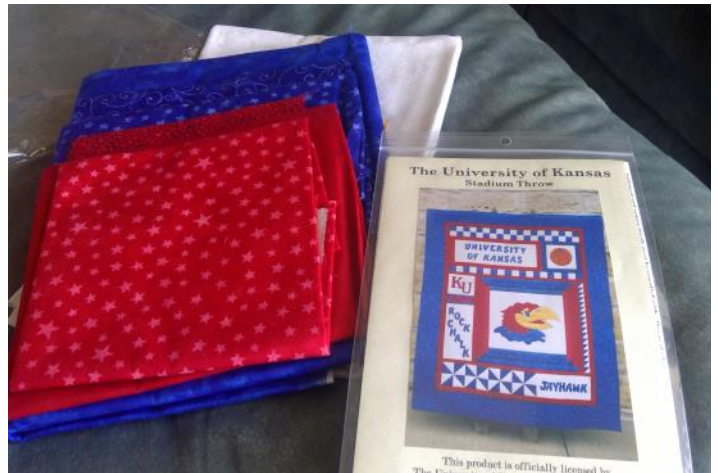
Graduations are just around the corner. Ways and means has this great KU kit available this month. A wonderful gift for the new college student. Please go to our Square site to purchase opportunities to win this kit. <https://olathe-quilters-guild.square.site/>. If you have any questions on Square or ways & means, please contact me.

Don't forget to check out our guild Square site for the option to purchase various things with your credit card:

- You can buy **Opportunity Quilt tickets** online at the same link. Teresa Jones will fill in tickets with your name, snap a picture of the tickets that she has filled in for you, and then email you the picture. This will be your proof of purchase.
- You can buy one-day or three-day passes to the quilt festival, as well as purchase a festival t-shirt, pin or bag, at <https://bit.ly/2021kcrqfGuildPreOrder>. Note that you do not need to pay right away for the KCRQF items you order, and when you do pay, you'll pay the Olathe Quilters Guild.

Thanks,

Karen Genis



This is your last opportunity to buy chances on the **2020 Olathe Quilt Guild Quarantine Quilt**. The “wheel of fortune” drawing will be held during our March meeting. Remember all of the money raised goes to the charity committee. Go to our guild Square site (<https://olathe-quilters-guild.square.site/>) to buy your chances before the meeting!

Good luck!!



Challenge & Charity Info

2021 Two Color Quilt Challenge

How are you doing with your two color quilt? Have you picked your colors? Maybe the pattern? Maybe haven't started yet? Well to get you inspired I have found a few websites that might provide that spark to get you started. Of course you can use your favorite search engine (I use www.duckduckgo.com) to search for websites. Here are few that I found:

[21 Two Color Quilts | FaveQuilts.com](http://21TwoColorQuilts.com)

[Inspirational 2 Color Quilts Blocks Patterns Free \(annaspencerphotography.com\)](http://Inspirational2ColorQuilts.com)

[Mesmerizing Two Color Quilts | Quilted Joy](http://MesmerizingTwoColorQuilts.com)

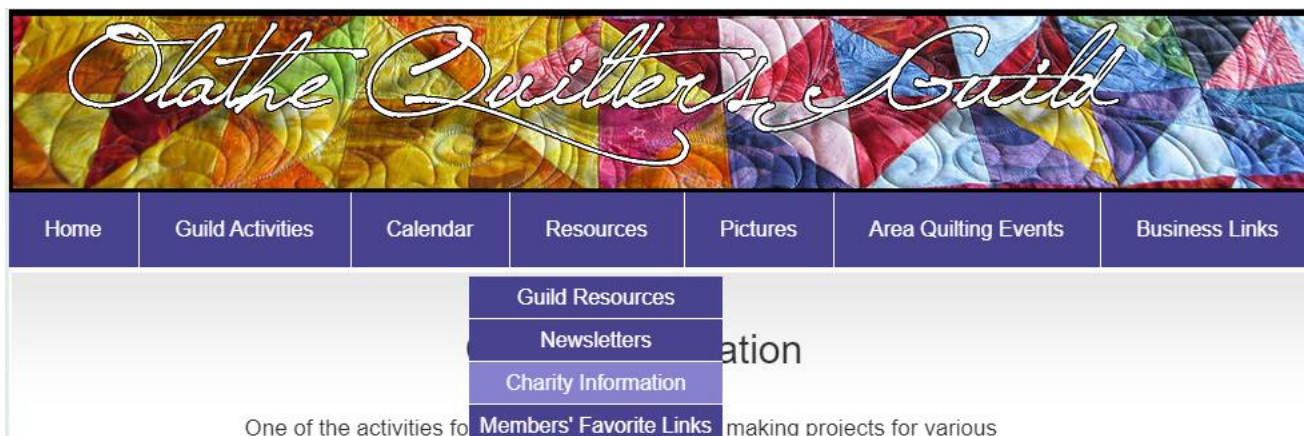
[530 Two-Color Quilts ideas | two color quilts, quilts, quilt patterns \(pinterest.com\)](http://530TwoColorQuilts.com)

To help us stay on track (I know I will need that help), how about letting me know what colors you have selected for your quilt? **Please send me an email sharing your colors BEFORE our March meeting** and you will be entered into our prize giveaway for March. My email is sirvingquilts@gmail.com.

Let's help each other with the encouragement that we might need as we make our way through the continuing tough times that we are experiencing. Moving forward we will have periodic giveaways throughout the year to help keep us on track with our 2021 Two Color Quilt Challenge. Happy Quilting!

Sherri Irving

Not sure about the proper sizes for charity projects? Wondering how many "points" you will earn for making a charity project? Check out our guild web site (<https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/>) and look under the **Resources** tab for help on charity projects, including quilt sizes, patterns, and the "receipt" to use when reporting charity projects. Contact Mary Pacey for questions on the charity points.



Block of the Month

Hope you are enjoying making your stars. Here is how to cut your fabrics for this month's block:

- A. Cut 2 squares $2 \frac{7}{8}$ of background print.
- B. Cut 2 squares $2 \frac{7}{8}$ of a dark print
- C. Cut 8 squares $1 \frac{1}{2}$ of another print
- D. Cut 5 squares $2 \frac{1}{2}$ of background print.

Here are the instructions:

1. Draw a diagonal line through the A background squares. Pair them with the B squares of dark print. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on each side of the line, cut and press—this makes 4 half-square triangles.



2. Draw a diagonal line through 4 C squares, place them on the half square triangle you just made. Sew on the line, cut and press.



3. Use the last 4 C squares to go around one D background square.



4. Arrange blocks with the remaining 4 D background squares to form two stars in one.

See how I used two different fabrics for the background with the same value.

Linda Hagen



KCRQF Update

KCRQF – Guild Booth

Guild members,

I have taken the responsibility of coordinating the Guild booth at KCRQF and am working with Heather and Mary Ellen to encourage volunteer signups for both booths. Please consider what role you can play in helping with our booths. You will find links in this newsletter to sign up for these opportunities. For the Guild Booth, we are looking for two volunteers for each time slot.

Thank you for all you do for the Guild.

Teresa Jones

KCRQF – Save the Dates!

When: Thursday—Saturday, June 17-19, 2021

Where: Overland Park Convention Center
6000 College Boulevard
Overland Park, Kansas 66211

Want to know about the **COVID-19 protocols** for this event?
Check the KCRQF web site at: <https://kcrqf.com/covid-19-info/>

KCRQF CLASS SIGN-UP NOW AVAILABLE!

Want to learn new techniques or how to use new tools that you can use in your BOM or other projects?
Check out the variety of classes on the **KCRQF** (Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival) **June 17-19, 2021**.

Class signups are OPEN! Go to <https://kcrqf.com/festival-classes/>
to sign up asap!



Learn from instructors including Barb Eikmeier, Jacquie Gehring, Julia Quiltoff, and more. There are classes on longarm quilting, English paper piecing, One Block Wonder, applique, panels...you name it, there might be a class (or two!) on a topic.

Classes will continue to be added to the web site so check back periodically—many will fill up quickly.

Also be sure to **read and understand the cancellation policy!**

KCRQF Update (contd.)

KCRQF MERCHANDISE DETAILS

It's time to start ordering merchandise for the 2021 Festival! Contact Heather Buchwitz for any questions.

Q – How do I order?

A – Use this link - <https://bit.ly/2021kcrqfGuildPreOrder>

Q – Is Olathe Quilt Guild subsidizing our tickets again?

A – YES. In past years Olathe Guild has provided \$5 towards your single or 3day ticket purchase. You can purchase tickets for friends – but you only get a single \$5 discount. You only get this if you order through the above link.

Q – Should I order via the www.kcrqf.com website?

A – Preferably not. The orders through the KCRQF website for merchandise will not be deliverable prior to the show, tickets purchased through the website will not qualify for the \$5 guild subsidy. That said – you totally CAN. If you are signing up for a class & want to order your Tshirt & pin there feel free. You will have to pick it up at the festival.

Q – What if I change my mind?

A – If you order through the PreOrder link above you have until the end of March to let Heather or Mary Ellen know that you changed your mind. If you order through kcrqf.com the order is not refundable or editable.

Q – How do I pay?

A – Rachel Rohrer will receive a list of Olathe Guild member orders & send you an invoice. She will be using Square to make the invoices and you will see it come in your email. It won't be same-day – we (KCRQF) are not sending out daily updates to guilds of orders at this point. You may not see your invoice for a few weeks.

Q – Ok I'm getting an invoice – but how do I pay?

A – The Olathe Guild board has agree that we will use Square – but we WILL lose part of your payment if you pay by credit card. The board would LOVE if you mail a check to the P.O. Box. The address will be on your invoice. If you mail in cash or check the guild keeps all of the money to pay KCRQF for your order. We understand that doesn't work for everybody and near the end of March you will likely not have time to send in a check in time.

Q – When is payment due to Olathe Quilters Guild?

A – As soon as possible when you receive the invoice. Any orders not paid by 3/31/2021 will not be guaranteed. The festival will order some extra merchandise but it will be sold first-come first-serve. Olathe will not include your order in the guaranteed merchandise order we submit on 3/31/2021 if we do not have your payment to send along to the festival.

Q – Where & when will I pick up my merchandise?

A – Tentatively Mary Ellen & Heather (on behalf of the festival) are planning to distribute merchandise to all of the guilds in May. After that point all of the guilds will have to figure out their own distribution process. We are planning (for Olathe Guild specifically) to distribute at our May or June meeting which will hopefully be in person! If we don't have an in person meeting (at least in the parking lot) we will set up a date & time to meet at the church & let you come pick up. If you don't pick it up then we will have it at the merchandise booth for pickup during the festival.

Q – Can I buy a ticket at the festival?

A – Yes – but nobody wins except the OPCC in that scenario so PLEASE plan ahead! We will continue to take ticket orders up until the end through the pre-order link & the KCRQF website.

Heather & Mary Ellen

Birthdays & Other Updates

Membership Update

Three new quilters have joined us this month. We welcome **Julie Coons, Adrienne Clevenger, and Karen Hinkle**. Karen comes to us through the beginning quilting class that Libby Corriston and Linda Ochs taught for Kansas State University Johnson County Extension. 2021 dues are \$15 and were due January 31st. It is not too late to keep current. The form is on our website under resources: <https://olathequiltersguild/guildresources>. We now have sixty five members.

Jean Heer
Membership Chair

March Member Birthdays!



Peggy Anderson.....	3-11	Susan Gandy....	3-27
Teresa Jones.....	3-16	Sally Kennedy ..	3-29
Karen Lacy	3-17		

Johnson County Parks & Recreation Exhibit

Starting Feb. 6th - April 20th there will be a [traveling exhibit at the Johnson County Museum](#) showing 41 examples of garments and other household items fashioned year ago using feed sacks. This is a traveling exhibit which explores the reuse of feed sacks to make clothing and other household objects and illuminates how the “upcycling” of these bags mutually benefitted twentieth-century consumers and businesses. “**Thrift Style**” serves as an example of past ingenuity that can inform today’s efforts towards sustainability. This exhibition offers a snapshot of domestic life during a time when recycling was as critical as it is today.



For more information or to register by phone, call 913-831-3359 or visit jcprd.com.

2021 Board Members & Committee Chairs

2021 Olathe Quilters Guild Board	
President	Libby Corrison
Vice President	Nic Deplazes
Program	Mary Ellen Winter
Program Elect	Cindy Nice & Lisa Hirsch
Secretary	Carol Crane
Treasurer	Rachel Rohrer
Ways and Means	Karen Genis
Ways and Means Elect	Carol Crane
Historian	Cheryl Wilcox
Public Relations	Melissa Toburen
Membership	Jean Heer
Newsletter Editor	Jenny Boudreaux
Advisor	Teresa Jones
2021 Committee Chairs	
Charity	Cindy Nice
Block of the Month	Linda Hagen
Welcome Table	Shelia Pierce
Challenge Quilt	Sherri Irving
Outreach/Education	Mary Pacey
Special Events	Kathy Kolodziejczyk, Gretchen Ryan, and Heather Schaller
OQG Quilts for KCRQF	Janice Meloan and Kathleen Manning
Opportunity Quilt	Teresa Jones
KCRQF	Mary Ellen Winter and Heather Buchwitz
President's Quilt	Ava Wright

OQG Board Meetings

The next board meeting will be **Tuesday, March 16th beginning at 6:30pm via Zoom**. Board meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month unless re-scheduled for some reason. Any guild member is welcome to attend board meetings; please contact Libby Corrison at libbycorrison@gmail.com if you wish to attend the meeting, so she can send you the link to join via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report

Olathe Quilters Guild

Treasurer's Report

February 25, 2021

Operating Account Balance 1/26/21	\$6,338.83
Money Market Account Balance 12/30/20	<u>\$12,152.31</u>
	\$18,491.14
Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$135.00
Ways and Means	\$16.00
KCRQF Merchandise Sales	\$254.00
Quarantine Quilt	\$6.00
Opportunity Quilt	\$5.00
Other Income	\$0.00
Total Income	\$416.00
Money Market interest earned in January	\$0.52
Expenses	
Quarantine Quilt - Square Fees	\$0.45
KCRQF Discount	\$30.00
KCRQF Square Fees	\$3.52
Opportunity Quilt - Square Fees	\$0.37
Programs - January	\$350.00
Ways & Means - Square Fees	\$0.13
Total Expenses	\$384.47
Operating Account Balance 2/25/2021	\$6,370.36
Money Market Account Balance 1/31/2021	<u>\$12,152.83</u>
Combined Balance 2/25/2021	<u>\$18,523.19</u>

Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilter's Guild Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

The Zoom meeting was available at 6:15 pm with host Karen Genis for questions and conversation. The general meeting of the membership of Olathe Quilter's Guild was opened at 6:30 pm by President Libby Corrison. 48 people were present on Zoom. Libby welcomed two new members, Bev Cunningham and Adrienne Clevenger, and visitor Julie Coons.

Program: Mary Ellen Winter introduced Kelly Ashton who gave a program called, "Fussy and Fabulous – Let the Fabric Work for You," with emphasis on placing parts of a print in the shapes to be pieced.

Business Meeting:

A motion to approve the secretary's minutes of the January meeting was made by Cheryl Wilcox, seconded by Shelia Pierce and approved.

The Money Market account ending date within the treasurer's report was amended to the date December 31st, 2020. Melissa Toburen made a motion to accept the report as amended. It was seconded by Lisa Hirsch and passed.

Those with February birthdays were recognized.

Orders for KCRQF tickets and merchandise: If placed through the link provided by Heather Buchwitz, the orders have had invoices issued by the treasurer, Rachel Rohrer. These may be paid on the Square app by credit card, or by sending a check to the guild post office box. If paid by check the fee charged by Square is avoided, but either method is acceptable. Festival tickets may be ordered through the June guild meeting.

Officer position: A volunteer is needed for the Program Elect position; please contact Libby Corrison.

K-State Extension: Fourteen people completed the Beginning Quilting series by Lynda Ochs.

Mary Pacey will demonstrate Bullseye Quilts on February 23rd.

Challenge Quilt 2021: Sherri Irving explained the plan to make a quilt using only two colors, but tints and shades are acceptable. The quilt may be any pattern or size, and finished by the end of the year. There will be prizes!

Block of the Month 2021: Linda Hagen directed attention to the star block pattern sent in the newsletter. The blocks will be 6 ½ inches, intended to be a stash buster, to be set as you please. She suggested that the colors be of similar value against a contrasting background. Prizes will be awarded.

Membership: Jean Heer reported 59 members have paid dues. She drew a name from those who paid by the end of January, and Karen Genis was the winner of a refund of her 2021 dues. The newest update of the membership roster was included with the newsletter email.

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Meeting Minutes (contd.)

KCRQF: Heather Buchwitz encouraged members to sign up for classes now, and Mary Ellen Winter pointed out they are filling up fast. Changes to selections may be made through the end of March. Volunteers are needed for the guild booth and opportunity quilt, merchandise sales, and quilt hanging. Susan Gandy will demonstrate hand quilting. Heather answered questions: all classes are now listed, and the festival will be held unless the city shuts it down.

Kathleen Manning referred to the application form for showing a quilt which was sent in the February newsletter and is on the website. The form and photos should be sent to her by the end of February.

A volunteer is needed to organize the volunteers for the festival opportunity quilt booth. Please let Teresa Jones know. Libby has instructions from last year.

Charity Committee: Cindy Nice showed a lap size fidget quilt that would be appropriate for seniors. She has 24 kits to distribute to make tea towels for Habitat for Humanity. Next month she will have kits for pillowcases.

Website: Melissa Toburen will welcome suggestions and comments.

The address is <https://www.olathequiltersguild.com>

Program for March will be the selection of quilts to be shown at the festival. Kathleen Manning has a spinner to choose them at random. The number to be shown will depend on the sizes. Enough quilts are needed to fill up the space allotted – they don't have to meet expectations of perfection! Mary Ellen Winter will also hold the drawing for the Covid Geometry Quilt. Tickets are available on the Square site.

At the April meeting, Diane Murtha will present a Virtual Lecture called "Challenges." Accept the challenge and win a prize.

Welcome Table: Shelia Pierce drew the name of Ava Wright to win a fat quarter.

Ways & Means: Four people bought chances on the drawing, which was won by Teresa Jones. \$16 will benefit the committee.

Announcements: Heather Buchwitz informed the group of the Modern Quilt Con next week. A show pass can be purchased for \$10 on line.

Show and Tell: Participants were Cheryl Wilcox, Mary Pacey, Linda Hagen, Susan Gandy, Joellyn Randall, and Jenny Boudreaux.

Libby Corrison adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Carol Crane
Secretary

Zoom Tips

Our March guild meeting will be held on Tuesday March 9 via Zoom. Karen Genis has provided the following tips for how to use Zoom effectively:

Tips for joining Zoom:

Downloading the Zoom client

You can download the Zoom Desktop Client for Mac, Windows, ChromeOS and Linux, as well as the Zoom Mobile App for iOS and Android from our Downloads page.



Joining another user's meeting

There are many ways to join a meeting, but the easiest way is to click the join link that the meeting host provided. You can also click **Join** in your Zoom client and enter the meeting ID.



Join

As a guild member, you will receive an email with the Zoom link to join our monthly meeting. At the time of the meeting, you will click on the link to enter a Zoom meeting room. You click the “Join” button pictured above. Please make sure your name is entered into your profile. Then meeting host will admit you to the meeting.

The guild asks that everyone keep their microphone on **Mute** so we can hear the presenters and speakers.

Here are a few more tips to remember:

- If you keep your camera on, remember we can see everything you do and everything happening behind you.
- In the bottom center of the screen is a “Chat” feature. You can send messages to the whole group or private messages to individuals.
- If you have a question for the speaker, please put it in the “Chat”.
- If you invite a guest, please let Karen Genis know, so she can let the guest into our Zoom meeting (since she is the host, she can admit people to our Zoom meeting even if they are not a guild member).

Please reach out to Karen Genis, karen.genis@yahoo.com with any questions.

General Info & Member Marketplace

GUILD HISTORIAN HELP

As your quilt guild historian, I haven't had quilts to photograph since we have not been meeting in person. It has occurred to me that some members might need some help in photographing their quilts for Show and Tell or for other purposes. Let me know if I can be of assistance, even if it is holding up your quilt for you.

Cheryl Wilcox

Guild News & Business Online

Our monthly newsletters are posted to the guild web site within a few days of them being sent out via email - the web address is <https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/>. Click on the **Resources** tab, then **Newsletters** to see the archive. We also post them to our **Facebook** group—if you do not belong to the Facebook group, search for **Olathe Quilters Guild** group, then click the **Join Group** button. One of our group admins will grant you access.

MEMBER MARKETPLACE & BUSINESSES

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

Heather Buchwitz - QuiltKC - 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

Nicolette Deplazes - Edge-to-edge long arm quilting services. 1223 E Frontier Lane, Olathe KS 816-307-2266

Check out the list of members' businesses online at [https:// www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links](https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links).

AD ASTRA SHOP HOP COMING SOON!

Our local quilt shops need your support if they are to stay in business. Eight stores near us are participating in the **Ad Astra Shop Hop on April 7-10**. Please consider shopping online if you aren't comfortable going to physical stores yet. The shops are: **First City Quilts** in Leavenworth, **Li'l Red Hen Quilt Shop** in Paola, **Overbrook Quilt Connection** in Overbrook, **Prairie Point Quilt & Fabric Shop** in Lenexa, **Quilters' Paradise** in Baldwin City, **Quilting Bits & Pieces** in Eudora, **Stitch On Needlework Shop** in Lawrence, and **The Quilted Sunflower** in Spring Hill. Check them out on Facebook!

Show and Tell

During our Zoom guild meeting we will do a show and tell portion using pictures and descriptions that you send in advance to Jenny Boudreaux (jenboud@gmail.com) - **get them to her by Sunday March 7**. Please put "show and tell" in the subject line of the email to make it easier to find those emails!

Mary Pacey — This is a quilt I made for the Lawrence Warm Kids program as I am also a member of the Kaw Valley Guild. The pattern is Teen Spirit and I used my bigger scraps of greens and browns for the blocks. It reminds me of an overblown military camouflage fabric.



Show and Tell

Heather Schaller — Here is my latest quilt. Labyrinth Walk. It's a wedding quilt for my friend who lives in Arizona.

