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Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/OQGuildGroup

Hello friends,

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a committee or board position (or both) for 2027. Volunteers are the engine that keep our guild running smoothly, and it was great to see new members' names joining our long-term members in volunteering.

We have some key positions open on our board: **Ways and Means**, **Newsletter Editor** and **Historian**.

- **Ways and Means** runs our ticket raffles and sales at our guild meetings. As chair, you get to decide what types of items are offered, using a mix of donated items and items purchased with the allocated budget. We are fortunate to have a healthy bank balance at the moment, but it's always good to ensure we continue to generate additional funding for our programs and activities - and it's fun to have the thrill of the raffles during our meetings! Current Ways and Means chair Dae Curtiss will be happy to assist whomever takes over this position to make a smooth transition.
- **Newsletter Editor** provides a key part of your membership - our monthly newsletter. It's how you can learn about upcoming programs, special events in our guild and in the area, services or items for sale, Show and Tell photos, and more. The content is provided by board and committee chairs, so it's mostly a matter of compiling it all into Word or whatever software you choose to use. The Editor also sends emails to the membership for things like workshop sign-ups. Conna Hiltner, our current Editor, will walk you through her process and help when needed, but she's done it for more than 2 years and deserves a break! Conna also serves as **Historian**, documenting our guild activities for future reference. These roles (Historian and Newsletter Editor) can be done by the same person, or split into two separate roles.

We will also have **committee sign-ups** again at our meeting. Please consider where you can offer your time and talent to serve the guild - and remember, you can serve as a co-chair on any position to share the load. Reach out to me or Melissa, our Vice President, with any questions.

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
Olathe, KS 66062

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

Website
Olathequiltersguild.com

2027 Board Nominations

Below is the draft slate of board members for 2027. Voting will be in our October meeting.

- You can read detailed descriptions of the board positions and committees on our web site 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 & Susan Peaco
Programs-Elect	Dae Curtiss
Secretary	Libby Corrison
Treasurer	Pat Lawson
Membership	Zelma Michaels
Ways and Means	OPEN
Historian	OPEN
Newsletter Editor	OPEN
Public Relations	Sherri Critchfield & Rachel Rohrer
Advisor	Rachel Rohrer

Guild Facebook Groups and Web Site Review

Since we have many new members, it's a good time to review some key resources for everyone, as they continue to change over time.

Our web site, olathequiltersguild.com, provides information to not only members but the general public. Since it is a public web site, we do not post members' private information, including our membership roster, there. We email the roster out periodically throughout the year with the newsletter, as we did this month. You can find everyone's home address, email address, and phone numbers on the roster. The web site also has great information such as our current list of programs, resources for activities like the Block of the Month, Extension office classes, and area quilting events. Take a little time and review the web site to get familiar with its contents - you'll be glad you did.

We have two Facebook groups for the guild. One is a publicly available group to help people find out about our guild. It is not updated very often (we probably need to do better about that), but it does give people on Facebook a way to find our web site and learn more from there. We also have a private group just for members, and this is where the best stuff gets shared! It might be information on awesome sales in the area, or classes, or interesting articles - or just asking for help. If you are on Facebook, find our private group, complete the membership request form, and our web masters will get you set up.

Since not everyone is on Facebook (or even on these groups - yet!), please remember that every member will not see posts made in that group. If you have information to share that needs to go to every member, contact me to see about having an email sent to the entire membership, or perhaps inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

Jenny Boudreaux



SPECIAL EVENTS

A Sewing PopUP!

We're doing it again! **On Saturday, November 7, from 9 am until noon**, we will be making zippered bags that will be given to fourth and fifth grade girls at the ten Title I elementary schools in Olathe for distribution during the feminine hygiene/human development unit. The girls are given sample feminine hygiene products, which in the past have been distributed in ziploc plastic bags. These fabric bags provide a gift of discretion and dignity.

We're looking for 27 sewists – that's the capacity of the room we'll use at the **Mill Creek Campus** in downtown Olathe ([300 E. Loula St. Olathe](#)).

Our goal this year is to make 250 bags. Fabric will be cut out, and we'll have some with zippers already stitched in, for those only want to sew straight seams :)

PopUP sewists will need to come with a sewing machine and everything that goes with it. You might also want to bring a seat cushion, as the chairs are a bit low for the tables in the room. We'll have plenty of extension cords

If you want to join this audacious initiative, please email Judi Schwanz at her email address listed in the cover letter for this newsletter. We'll form an email chain and send a message every Thursday until the event. Please also spread the word to any other sewing friends who might want to spend a morning sewing in community.

BTW, we'd be glad to receive additional prequilted fabric and 9-inch zippers. Let us know in your email response if you – or a friend – have supplies to donate.

Thanks,
Judy Schwanz



COMING UP

Ways and Means

There will be no Ways and Means at the October meeting.

Program

October Program will be Member Stories

Several members of our guild will share stories of their quilting journey and QUILTS in a mini trunk show!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Outreach

2026 JoCo Extension Classes

Tuesday, October 27th will be the last Extension Workshop for this year.

Cindy Nice is teaching a Christmas Wallhanging that uses several sewing and quilting techniques.

The workshop will be from **1-3 pm**. Volunteers should be there at **12:30p**. The supply list, picture of the wallhanging and sign up are on the Extension website. Guild members can attend as a participant or as a helper if others need assistance.

If you want to volunteer as a helper, please email Mary Pacey. Her email address is listed in the cover letter for this newsletter.

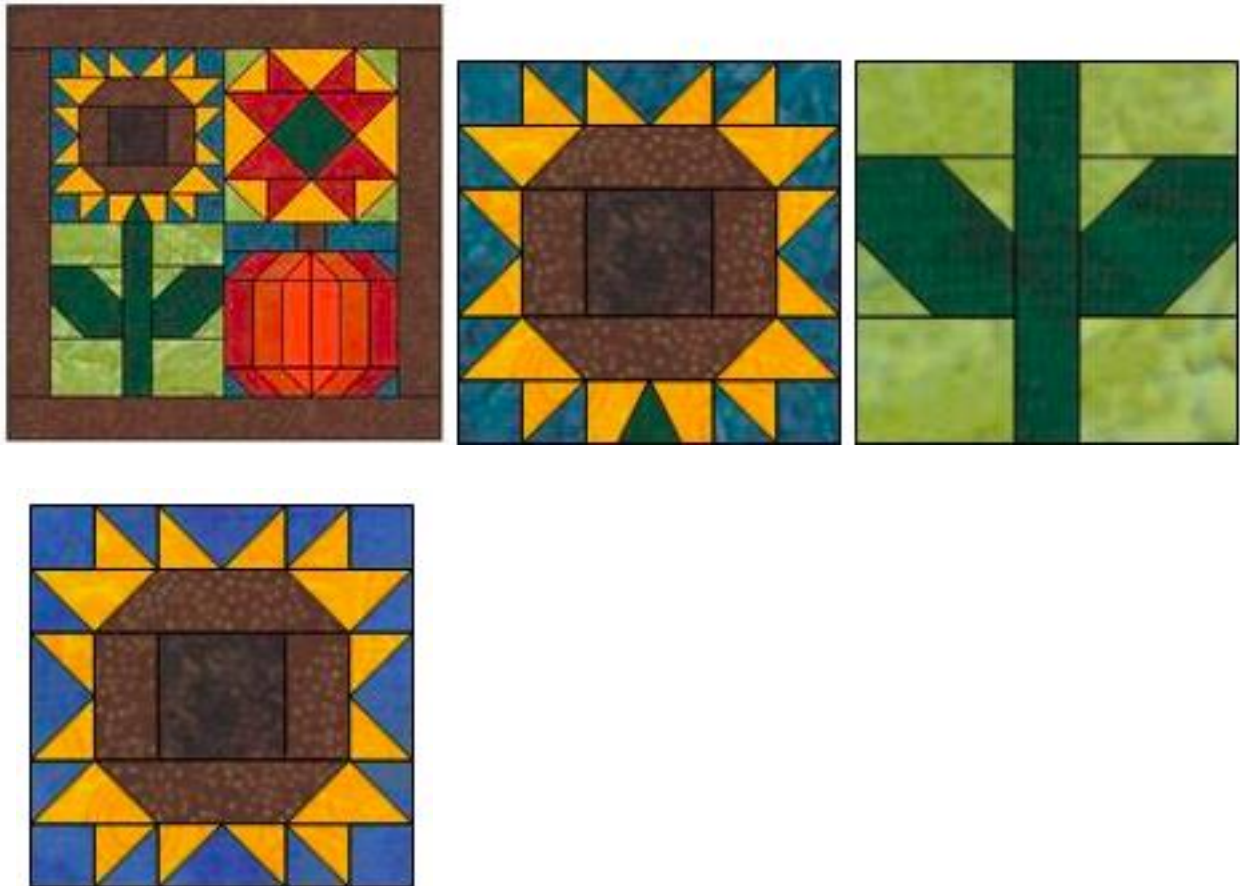
Also, we are starting to plan for workshops in 2027. If you have a project that you think would be a good addition to the list, please send a picture and a list of supplies needed to Mary Pacey. I will be taking these ideas to Joy and Amanda in November for the selection to be taught. I have already received two suggestions.

Block of the Month

For October, we have the remaining two blocks, the sunflower and the stem, that can be used in the fall wall hanging. In addition, I've created an alternate sunflower without the stem at the base, in case you would like to use a sunflower block in a project without the stem block.

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

Bring your Block of the Month projects in December to show us what you've made.



Challenge Project

The showdown is getting closer! You have another month to sew your upcycle project. I have given you ideas each month that you could use or come up with a concept of your own. Since I am expecting a large turnout of upcycle projects at the November meeting (I hope!), I will bring my project this month. You still have time to make your project! Oh, and did I mention prize drawings??

Shelia Pierce
Challenge Quilt Chair



KCRQF

Please see the 2027 Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival's October Field Notes.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal for 2027

It's that time of year again, Membership renewal is taking place now for 2027.

- Annual membership dues of \$30 are due by Jan 31, 2027
- All memberships paid by Dec 31st will be entered in a drawing for a free membership. This drawing will take place at the January 2027 zoom meeting.
- To renew your membership:
 1. Complete the Membership form (attached)
 2. Submit form and \$30 to guild by:
 - Bringing to our next meeting
 - Or mailing to: OQG Membership
P.O. Box 2651
Olathe, KS 66063

Lou Corbin
Membership Chair

New Members

Fall is here and has brought us these wonderful new members. Please welcome:

● Cordelia Nice

● Katie Kehl

October Birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

Heather Schaller 10-4

Carolyn Routh 10-8

Les Jerome 10-23

Julie Coons 10-24

Chelly King 10-28



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

My Sister's Sewing Sanctuary

Hi! I wanted to introduce **My Sister's Sewing Sanctuary** in Parkville, Missouri. We're a private creative retreat designed for quilting, sewing, embroidery, and other creative groups.

The Sanctuary sleeps up to 12 and includes **12 individual workstations, 12 single beds, a full kitchen, and exclusive use of the property for your group.**

- We're currently booking private retreats for fall, winter and 2027, and I thought your guild might like to know about another retreat option near Kansas City. You can see photos, rates, amenities, and availability at www.MSSSanctuary.com.
- **And if any of your members are looking for a getaway this fall, we'd love to have them join us!** We still have space in three upcoming retreats:
- **Create Your Way: Fall Retreat | October 19–21 | \$250/person**
Bring whatever you're working on and enjoy dedicated creative time. Meals and lodging included.
- **Create Your Way: Halloween Retreat | October 22–25 | \$350/person**
Four days of creative time with a little Halloween fun. Meals and lodging included.
- **Women's Wellness Weekend | November 5–8 | \$470/person**
Creative time plus special wellness experiences from Lynn Soulier of Gardens of Delight. Meals, lodging, and wellness experiences included.
- Members are welcome to come on their own or bring a friend. Details and registration for all three are available at www.MSSSanctuary.com.
- If your guild is ever looking for a private retreat location—or if you'd be willing to share our upcoming retreats with your members—we'd greatly appreciate it!
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Thanks! **Larissa Lindow**

Co-Owner | My Sister's Sewing Sanctuary

Larissa@MSSSanctuary.com & www.MSSSanctuary.com

Parkville, Missouri



AREA EVENTS

Dates 2026	Quilt Show or Event	Location
Oct 16-17 10/16: 1-7p 10/17: 9a-noon	Silver Needles Quilt Guild Quilt Show and Silent Auction \$5 admission	Salina, KS Redeemer Lutheran Church 743 Magnolia Road
Oct 10-11 10/10: 9a-5p 10/11: 9a-4p	Material Girls of Linn County Mound City Quilt Show Community quilts, Heirloom Pieces, Craft Vendors and Quilt Raffle	Mound City, KS Mound City Historical Park 702 Main Street
Oct 17-18 10/17: 9a-6p 10/18: 10a-5p	Maple Leaf Festival Quilt Show Quilts for sale, Vendors, Opportunity Quilt drawing, Maple Leaf Quilt Block kits <i>Free parking in front of school</i>	Baldwin City, KS Intermediate Center 100 Bullpup Drive
Oct 23-24 10/23: 9a-5p 10/24: 9a-4p	Booneslick Trail Quilters Quilt Show \$5 admission	Columbia, MO Community United Methodist Church 3301 W Broadway
Nov 6-7 9a-4p daily	Lee's Summit Quilters' Guild Quilt Show Over 150 quilts displayed, Silent Auction, Opportunity Prizes, Boutique, Vendors \$10 admission	Lee's Summit MO Unity Villate Ballroom (building 500) 200 Unity Circle North



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting - September 8, 2026

President Jenny Boudreaux welcomed everyone at 6:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to sign up for board and committee openings for 2027. The table with all the information is at the back of the room.

Program Chair Melissa Toburen introduced our speaker, Mary Verstraete Honas, who spoke on Color and Value, Scale and Intensity.

BUSINESS MEETING

We began our business meeting at 7:45.

Secretary's Minutes – Linda Terry moved and Amber Crosswhite seconded that we accept the minutes of the August meeting as printed in the September newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Peggy Anderson moved and Dae Curtiss seconded that we accept the treasurer's report as printed in the September newsletter. The motion passed.

Ways and Means drawings – Many items were available to buy chances on. Winners were: Linda Hagen, Anna Mae Wagner, Erin Wasser, Hanna Day, Laurie Vanderpol, Cindy Cherry, Zoey Wasser, Shelia Pierce, Kenda Camp, Margaret Preis, and Mary Beth Kehl.

Attendance on Zoom – Seven people attended on Zoom.

Outreach – Mary Pacey spoke about the current classes our guild is offering at the Extension Office and she talked about the plans for next year. In addition to our once-a-month classes held on the last Tuesdays of most months, we may be able to hold a couple of 2-week classes next year. This October will be a Christmas wall hanging with Cindy Nice teaching. We were encouraged to look at the K-State Extension Office class offerings online. Helpers are still needed from our guild to assist during classes.

Liz Granberg-Jerome is offering a free class to those in our guild, to learn about quilting on our domestic machines. The class will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at the Olathe Downtown Library. Limit is 10 people.

Programs – Melissa announced that our October program will be stories from some of our members on their quilting journeys. November is our holiday meal and December is Kelly Ashton.

October Retreat – Heather Schaller said that there are still three openings for the October 23rd – 26th retreat. The limit is 27 people and the cost is \$30.

MEETING MINUTES

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KQO – Karen Hill spoke about the Kansas Quilters Organization, which meets twice a year. This year there is a September 25th – 27th retreat in Colby, KS. Marci Baker will hold a class. There is not always a class at the meetings/retreats. Karen encouraged us all to check out the website and to sign up to be part of this group.

Upcoming Quilt Shows – In addition to all the quilt shows listed in the September newsletter, Maribeth Kehl announced that the Material Girls, of the Linn County Quilt Guild, will hold a free quilt show October 10th – 11th.

Charity – Lou Corbin gave a big thank you to all who have contributed to our charity quilts this year. So far, 133 quilts have been created and delivered. Kits will be available at our October guild meeting.

Block of the Month – Sherri Critchfield showed the September and October blocks that she has available to make with English Paper Piecing. She reminded everyone that all the information is on our guild website: www.olathequiltersguild.com. Finished projects should be ready to show at the December meeting.

KCRQF – Linda Hagen reported that two of our OQG required red-white-blue quilt tops have been turned in so far. They will have to be quilted and bound, along with the other four that are in progress. They need to be completed before June of 2027.

Challenge – Shelia Pierce announced that your projects should be ready to show at the November meeting.

Hand Quilters – The group will meet as usual on the 3rd Thursday at 2 pm.

Opportunity Quilt – Rachel Rohrer will collect any blocks still outstanding tonight.

Welcome Table – There were two drawings tonight:

- The usual Welcome Table drawing was won by Allen Schreck.
- Our speaker Mary Honas offered a free pattern, which was won by Les Jerome.

There were 55 people present in person at the meeting, which included 9 guests.

Membership – Lou Corbin announced that we have 2 new members:
Cordelia Nice and Katie Kehl.

Refreshments – Laura Lafferty is giving away popcorn that is left from the Refreshment Table. The popcorn was donated by AMC.

Board Meeting – will be held next Tuesday, September 16th, on Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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2027 Board Positions – We will vote on the slate of officers at the October meeting. Five positions still need to be filled for next year's board: Treasurer Elect, Membership, Ways and Means, Historian, and Newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell, which wrapped up at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by Libby Corrison, OQG Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT

9/30/2026 Treasurer's Report

Central Bank Operating Account Balance (as of 09/30/2026)	\$ 13,293.84
Central Bank Money Market Account Balance (as of 09/30/2026)	<u>\$ 12,184.39</u>
Total	\$25,478.23

Income

Membership (\$25 cash/\$45 Check)	\$70.00
Ways and Means (\$165 Cash/\$9.76 Sq)	\$174.76
Welcome Table	\$40.00
Total Income	\$284.76

Expenses

Advertisement (Banner Buzz Bookmarks – Dae Curtiss)	\$69.75
Guild Supplies (Miscellaneous – Jenny Boudreaux)	\$7.92
Programs (September Program – First Rate Designs – Mary Honas)	\$300.00
Programs (Postage-Susan Peaco)	\$19.40
Refreshments (Laura Lafferty)	\$66.55
Webcam/tripod/lights (Technology – Melissa)	\$152.56
Zoom Renewal 2026-2028 - Melissa	\$169.90
Total Expenses	\$786.08

BOARD & COMMITTEES

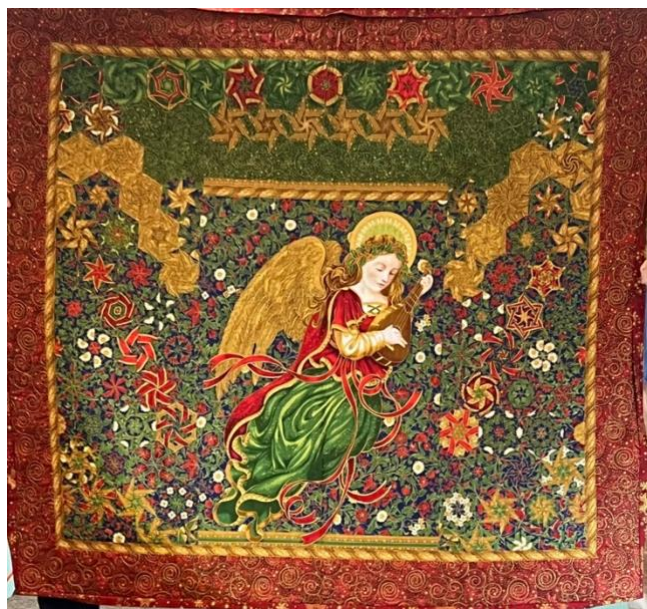
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President	Jenny Boudreaux
Vice President	Melissa Toburen
Programs	Melissa Toburen
Programs Elect	Jodi Price / Susan Peaco
Secretary	Libby Corrison
Treasurer	Pat Lawson
Ways and Means	Dae Curtiss
Ways and Means Elect	TBD
Historian	Conna Hiltner
Public 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	Libby Corrison
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 / Lara Stevens

SHOW AND TELL



Liz Grandberg-Jerome



Les Jerome



Susan Peaco



Susan Peaco



Réne Skelton



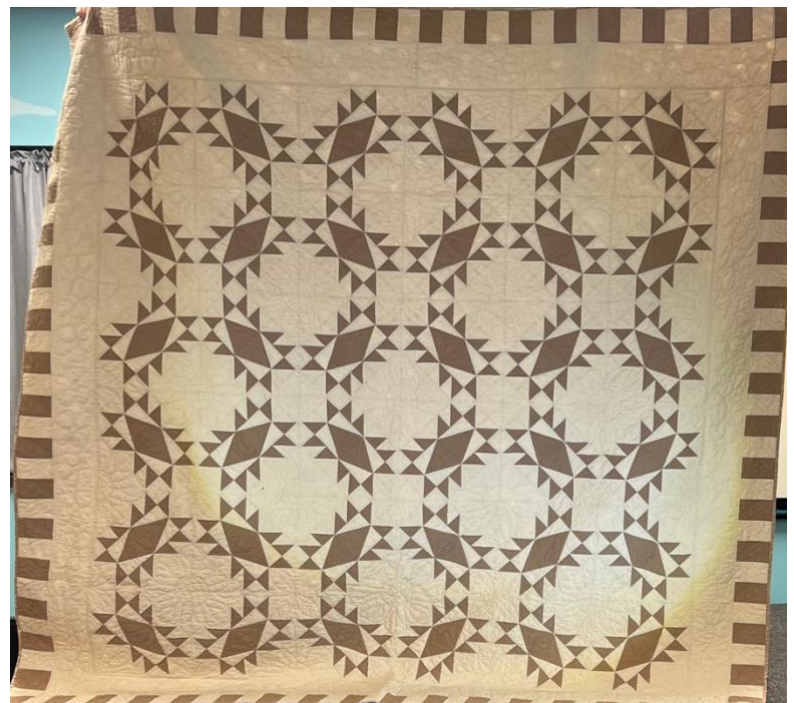
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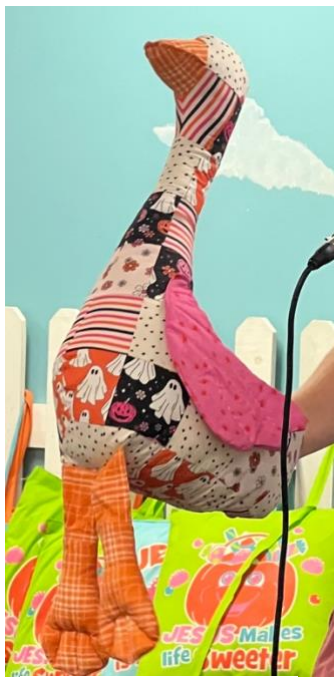
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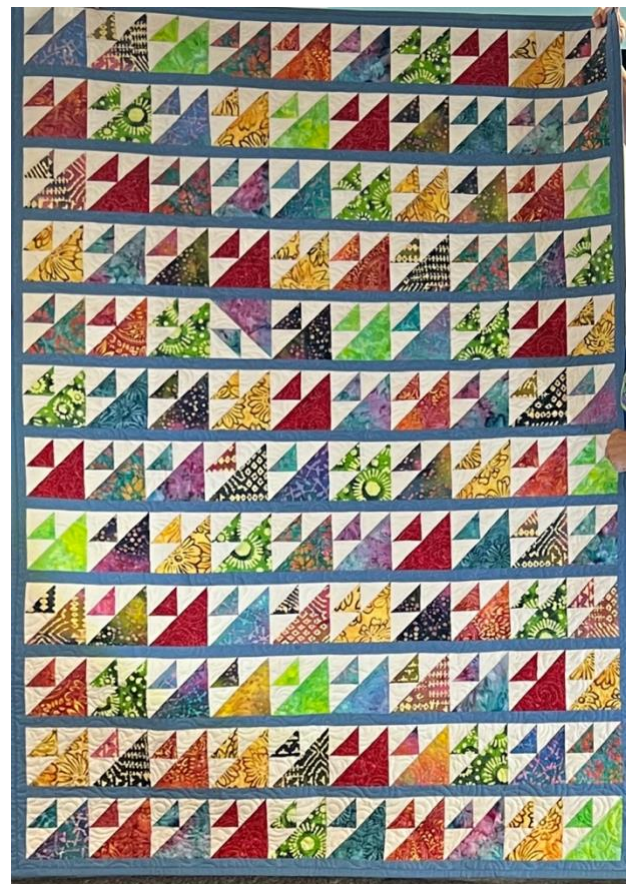
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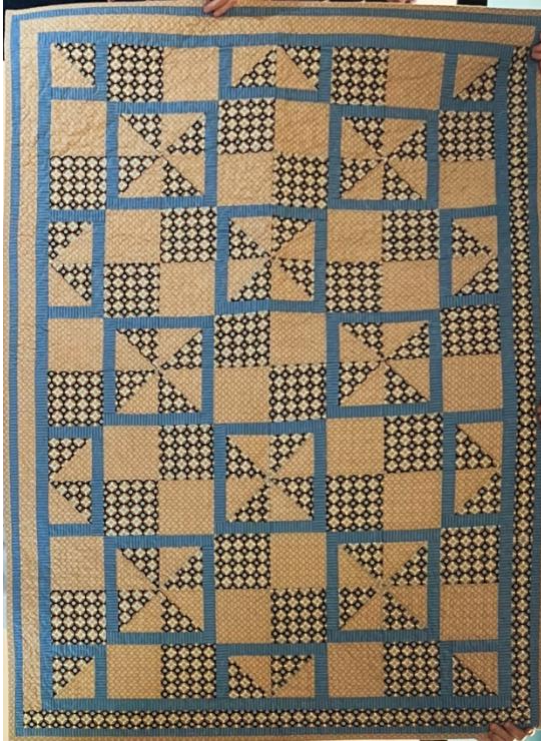
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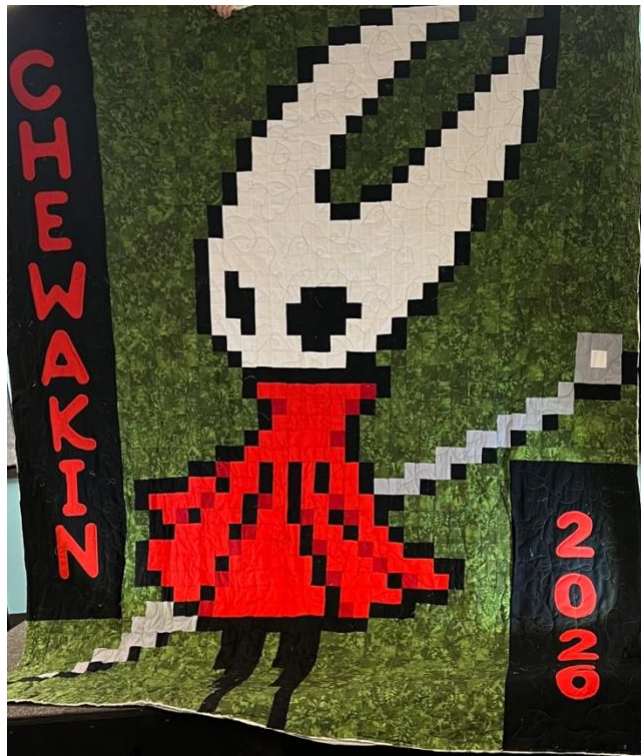
Allan Schreck



Debbie Schreck



Laurie Vanderpol



Heather Schaller