



Happy New Year
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Happy New Year!

I hope that the holidays were a time for rest and reconnection with family and friends. I certainly enjoyed some time off from work!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as president of our guild! I'm honored to be a part of such a wonderful guild. Of course, I am biased, but I thought we had the best opportunity quilt at the festival, our guild stepped up to be one of the top volunteers in terms of hours at the festival, we filled the needs of the Johnson County Fair, and we donated so many quilts to charity this year! I love how much talent is in our guild and how we share with each other to support not only our own guild, but also quilters everywhere.

Now that the holidays are over, I am looking forward to spending a little more time on quilting along with some never-ending projects around the house. Finding a balance between all of my responsibilities is a constant challenge, so I really appreciate these next few weeks when everything slows down. I'm really excited for our next meeting (via zoom) on making purses and working with leather. I love making bags and have found that when you carry around a quilted bag you made, other quilters will introduce themselves to you everywhere you go!

Until we meet again, happy quilting!

Rachel



Olathe Quilter's Guild

meets on the second
Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 p.m. at:

Olathe Christian Church
1115 S. Ridgeview Road
Olathe, KS 66062

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P.O. Box 2651
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Coming Up

Are you ready to ZOOM into 2024?

To start the new year, we welcome Simply Classic to ZOOM with us. Christine Hall Murphy will get you excited about sewing on leather to make fabulous purses. Join us on January 9 to find out what your domestic machine can do with leather.



*With our January meeting being on Zoom,
please be sure that your name shows so I can do our usual attendance taking.
And one if you will win the Welcome Table prize.*

*Thanks,
Libby*

Our First 2024 Challenge

This year we will have 2 or 3 smaller challenges in addition to the Row by Row / Round Robin challenge. Our first challenge will coincide with January's speaker, Christine Hall Murphy from Simply Classic. She will be demonstrating purse construction. Your challenge will be to make some kind of bag, purse, tote, cosmetic bag, etc. **with a zipper**. It can be of any material and of any size, but must have a zipper. This project challenge will be due at the April guild meeting. Be sure to watch Christine on Zoom at our January meeting for some inspiration!

Round Robin and Row by Row

We've decided to wait until March to kick off the Round Robin / Row by Row challenge. We'll do two groups, one for Round Robin, one for Row by Row. So, if you haven't already signed up, there's still time. Please let Sherri Critchfield know by January 12th if you would like to join in, and which group you prefer. After that, we'll send out guidelines and tips to everyone that has signed up. You'll then have about two months to put together your kit to pass to other quilters.

We'll go for five to six months, with the exchange back to the original quilter in August or September, then the showing of finished projects in November.

Committee Updates

It's time to renew - 2024 Membership Dues

Annual membership dues of \$30 are due by Jan 31, 2024.

To renew your membership:

Complete the Membership form (attached)

Submit form and \$30 to guild by:

Bringing to our next meeting

Or mailing to: OQG Membership

P.O. Box 2651

Olathe, KS 66063

All memberships paid by Dec 31st will be entered in a drawing for a free membership.

This drawing will take place at the January 2024, Zoom meeting.

It's retreat time! Save the Date!

The annual Olathe Quilt Guild Retreat will be held on Feb 23-24th at Cedar Lake Village.

Friday hours: 5pm to 9pm (or however long you'd like to stay)

Saturday hours: 9am to 7pm

The cost is \$30 and all meals will be provided. RSVP to Heather Schaller by Feb 19th. Please send any requests, ideas or dietary restrictions with your RSVP. We are excited to spend time with everyone!

Committee Updates

Announcing the design for the Olathe Quilters' Guild
2025 Opportunity Quilt



HOW MAY I HELP?

WE WILL HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYBODY TO VOLUNTEER.

*BLOCKS WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER PIECING PROVIDED,
MANY BLOCKS MAY BE PIECED TRADITIONALLY IF YOU WOULD LIKE.*

*WE HOPE TO HAVE KITS AVAILABLE AT THE
FEBRUARY & MARCH MEETINGS
WITH BLOCKS RETURNED BY APRIL.*

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP IN OTHER WAYS AS WELL
(KITTING, ASSEMBLING, BINDING ETC.)*

PLEASE USE THE SIGNUP GENIUS TO LET US KNOW!

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/2024OQINTEREST](https://bit.ly/2024OQInterest)

Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2024OQInterest>

Members - Marketplace

New Member

Please welcome Anita Oxley, our new member who joined at the December meeting.

At our February meeting, there will be a gift bag for her to pick up at the Membership table as a welcome to our guild.

Nicolette Deplazes 1-7

Mary Lou Guy 1-10

Jean Heer 1-11

Christie Holmes 1-11

Betty Lynn 1-25

Linda Hagen 1-28



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 & 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



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

Board & Committees—2024

2024 Board Officers	
President	Rachel Rohrer
Vice President	Jenny Boudreaux
Program	Linda Hagen
Program Elect	Peggy Anderson
Secretary	Jean Heer
Treasurer	Jodi Price
Ways and Means	Cheryl Wilcox and Lynda Ochs
Ways and Means Elect	Dae Curtiss
Historian	Melissa Toburen
Public Relations	Christie Holmes
Membership	Conna Hiltner
Newsletter Editor	Sherri Critchfield
Advisor(s)	Libby Corrison Nic Deplazes

2024 Committee Chairs	
Charity	Karen Genis
KCRQF Representatives	Dae Curtiss and Mary Lou Guy
Special Events	Heather Schaller
Tech Committee	Melissa Toburen
Outreach / Education	Jenny Boudreaux
President's Quilt	Lynda Ochs and Libby Corrison
Challenge Quilt	Sherri Critchfield
Johnson County Fair	Shelia Pierce and Conna Hiltner
Opportunity Quilt	Heather Buchwitz and Melissa Toburen
Welcome Table	Libby Corrison

Treasurer's Report

Olathe Quilters Guild

December 31, 2023

Operating Account Balance 11/30/2023	\$10,223.56
Money Market Account Balance 11/30/2023	<u>\$12,165.01</u>
	\$22,388.57
Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$600.00
Welcome Desk	
Ways & Means	\$125.00
2023 Opp Quilt	\$21.00
Total Income	\$746.00
Expenses	
Speaker	\$300.00
Ways & Means	
Presidents Blocks	
Bookmarks	
Zoom renewal	
Total Expenses	\$300.00
Operating Account Balance 12/30/2023	\$10,669.56
Money Market Account Balance 12/30/2023	<u>\$12,167.57</u>
Combined Balance 12/29/2023	<u>\$22,837.13</u>
MM interest received for Jan - July - November \$ 2.56	

Treasurer's Report

Proposed 2024 budget

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Remaining Budget	2024 Budget
<u>INCOME</u>				
Membership	1,950.00	1,910.00	(40.00)	1,900.00
Ways and Means	400.00	1,319.95	919.95	500.00
KCRQF Share of Revenues	7,000.00	7,500.00	500.00	-
Welcome Desk	20.00	31.00	11.00	20.00
Opportunity Quilt	750.00	935.50	185.50	-
Charity Quilt	-	-	-	-
Other Income - Donations	-	-	-	-
Total Income	10,120.00	11,696.45	1,576.45	2,420.00
Retreat Income / (Loss)		299.03		
	10,120.00	11,995.48	1,576.45	
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
BOM & Challenge Quilt 2024	100.00	79.00	21.00	150.00
Challenge Quilt 2023	100.00	-	100.00	
Membership	100.00	16.36	83.64	75.00
Charity Quilts	700.00	-	700.00	400.00
Church Rental	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
Johnson County Fair			-	150.00
KCRQF Gifts		146.52	(146.52)	
Opportunity Quilt	500.00	267.13	232.87	500.00
Opportunity Quilt - Square Fees			-	
President's Quilt	100.00	50.81	49.19	100.00
Programs	5,000.00	3,576.10	1,423.90	6,000.00
Public Relations & Advertising	300.00	70.96	229.04	200.00
Miscellaneous & Other Expenses	300.00	288.15	11.85	300.00
P O Box	200.00	176.00	24.00	200.00
Special Events (banquet dinner, etc)	600.00	508.21	91.79	600.00
Ways and Means	150.00	34.83	115.17	150.00
Website and Domain Name and Zoom	500.00	438.29	61.71	250.00
Total Expenses	9,850.00	6,852.36	2,997.64	10,275.00
Projected Income (Loss)	270.00	4,844.09	(1,421.19)	(7,855.00)

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023

Olathe Quilter's Guild Meeting

6:30 pm—Lisa Hirsch opened the meeting in person at the Olathe Christian Church. She introduced our speaker, Heather Buchwitz.

Kathleen Manning's husband is very much into genealogy, if anyone wants help researching their family history.

Ways and Means has 3 items to raffle and some free items.

Membership – Conna Hiltner – 2 visitors, Anita Oxley and Martha Miller. 2024 forms for membership are available also.

Block of the Month or Yoda block – please sign up at the Welcome Table

Secretary's Minutes – Karen Lacy made a motion to accept the October's secretary's minutes as printed in the newsletter. Kenda Camp seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Melissa Toburen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as listed in the newsletter. Kenda Camp seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2024 Budget was listed in the newsletter. Please take a moment to review. The guild will vote on the budget at our January meeting.

December birthdays were announced.

Zoom – there were 7 people on Zoom.

2024 Programs – Linda Hagen –

- January will be a Zoom meeting for everyone. The speaker is from Atlanta. She will be talking about purses and ways to make them.
- There are also book marks available with the programs for 2024 listed on them. Please take some to share with friends to invite them to join the guild.

Charity – Karen Genis – There was a total of 118 quilts donated this year. 7 to Villa St Frances, 74 to assisted living communities around Olathe, 31 to Veterans Hospital and 6 children's quilts. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to this service.

Extension Classes – Jenny Boudreaux will lead this for 2024.

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Meeting Minutes

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Opportunity Quilt – The guild is in need of one or two volunteers to lead this for our 2025 Opportunity Quilt. Heather Buchwitz and Melissa Toburen volunteered to lead this committee. The quilt needs to be completed by January, 2025. The guild will also need someone to lead the ticket sales but there is time for someone to step forward for this position.

News – Mary Pacey’s son passed away. If you are inclined to send her a card.

KCRQF – Dae Curtiss – the guild submitted a Letter of Intent. The next meeting is February, 2024. More information will be shared in March.

Challenge Quilt – There will be 1 larger challenge of a Row Robin or Row by Row. There may be a few smaller challenges based on the program for the month. Look in the January newsletter for more information on Row Robin or Row by Row.

Hand Quilters will meet Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm at the church.

Ways and Means – winners Dae Curtiss and Shelly Sullivan

Welcome Table winners – Linda Hagen, Karen Hinkle, Jean Spohrer

Challenge Quilt Show and Tell

Jean Heer, Shelia Pierce, Sherri Critchfield, Linda Hagen, Janis Raspberry.

Prizes were available for everyone. Tribute to Yoda quilt is still being worked on.

Rachel Rohrer recognized current board and committee members and thanked them for their work in 2023.

Show and Tell

Libby Corriston, Shelia Pierce, Rachel Rohrer, Jenny Boudreaux, Melissa Toburen, Jean Heer, Linda Hagen, Carolyn Routh, Liz Granberg-Jerome, Heather Schaller

No board meeting in December

8:40 pm Meeting was adjourned.

Show and Tell—Block of the Month



Janis Raspberry



Sherri Critchfield



Shelia Pierce



Linda Hagen



Jean Heer

Show and Tell



Libby Corrison



Shelia Pierce



Rachel Rohrer



Show and Tell



Melissa Toburen



Jean Heer

Show and Tell



Linda Hagen

Carolyn Routh



Show and Tell



Liz Granberg -Jerome



Heather Schaller