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## **Happy February, Quilters!**

We have a busy February meeting ahead, so get ready for some quilting action!

## **KCRQF Guild Quilts**

Check out the instructions from Shelia and Conna regarding quilt submissions for the festival. They will be spending the entire meeting measuring quilts, and they could really use your help. Let's lend them a hand and make it a team effort!

## **Guild T-Shirts!**

It's been a while since we last ordered guild T-shirts, so please bear with us. The fantastic design below was created by Sherri Critchfield. If you'd like to submit your own design, bring a paper copy to the meeting. We'll vote on the designs during the break and then decide on the T-shirt color. Let's get creative and show off our guild pride!

## **We're Having a Baby!**

Exciting news! We're thrilled to announce a baby shower for Heather Schaller right before our June meeting. Although it's not guild-sponsored, please reach out to Rachel if you'd like to help host. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, share our love and best wishes for Heather, who does so much for our guild. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to the event.

## **KCRQF Spotlight Quilter**

New for 2025, each guild participating in the festival will select a "Spotlight Quilter". Please refer to the criteria below (on next page), as we will be accepting nominations during the February meeting. Let's celebrate our amazing quilters!

Happy quilting everyone,  
Rachel



## **Olathe Quilter's Guild**

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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](http://Olathequiltersguild.com)



# **Olathe Quilters Guild - Spotlight Quilter Selection Criteria**

**Purpose:** To recognize and honor an outstanding member of the Olathe Quilters Guild who has demonstrated exceptional skills, dedication, and contributions to both the guild and the broader community.

## **Criteria for Selection:**

### **1. Longevity as a Quilter:**

- The nominee must have been actively engaged in quilting for a significant period.
- Demonstrates a consistent commitment to the craft over the years.

### **2. Quality of Workmanship:**

- Exhibits high-quality quilting techniques, creativity, and attention to detail in their work.
- Produces quilts that exemplify excellence in design, construction, and finishing.

### **3. Service to the Guild:**

- Actively participates in guild activities, meetings, and events.
- Contributes to the guild's success through leadership roles, committee involvement, or volunteer efforts.
- Acts as a mentor, sharing knowledge and skills with fellow guild members.

### **4. Community Outreach Service:**

- Engages in activities that promote quilting and the guild within the local community.
- Participates in or organizes charitable projects, educational programs, or public exhibitions.
- Demonstrates a commitment to using quilting as a means to support and enrich the community.

## **Nomination and Voting Process:**

### **5. Nomination Process:**

- Nominations can be submitted by any current member of the Olathe Quilters Guild during the February guild meeting.
- Nominations must be accepted by the nominee.

### **6. Voting:**

- Voting will take place during the March meeting.
- All current members of the Olathe Quilters Guild are eligible to vote.

## **Recognition:**

- The selected Spotlight Quilter will be recognized at the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival.
- The honoree will receive a certificate of recognition and have an 8x8 space in the south foyer of the festival to showcase their work (details subject to change).

# Coming Up

## Our February Meeting



**First Rate Designs**

At our February meeting we welcome **Mary Honas of First Rate Designs.**

Her presentation is 'Turn it Around! We Wanna See the Back!' How often at our quilt shows and guild meetings do we hear this? Mary will share tips to make the back of your quilt as beautiful as the front.

A Note from your Program Chair: I would appreciate help when our speakers arrive at 5:30, like help bringing in the speaker's items or setting up tables or helping the speaker sell her wares. Any help you could offer is greatly appreciated.

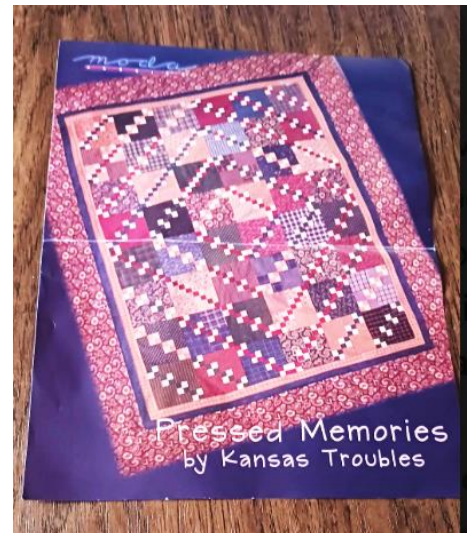
Thank you. Peggy

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## Ways and Means

Hopefully everyone is ready for an in-person meeting so you can visit as well as buy items or chances to win items at the Ways and Means table.

The attached photo is of a flannel quilt kit and there will be two other items available for the drawing. Since those photos would not transfer, be prepared to be pleasantly surprised. We hope you enjoy shopping for available treasures. Remember that money taken in at the Ways and Means table goes to the guild's general fund.



# Special Events

## Estate Sale

**Saturday March 22 @ 9am-2pm at the Church**

You may recall that new member Amanda Williams and her family generously donated the quilt estate of her late mother to our guild. We are so grateful for this gift and are glad Amanda has joined our guild! The guild has not accepted estates when offered in the past, since we had no experience in managing the sale of the items. So we decided to dive in and figure it out, and the result is **our first estate sale!** These are mostly high quality items, including lots of EPP papers and template, kits, precuts, unique storage containers full of goodies, and lots of yardage and bundles of quilt shop quality fabric!

We had thought we would also allow guild members to sell items from their personal stashes at this sale – but that proved to be too big a hurdle to manage at this time. We would be happy if any members want to donate items to this sale, with proceeds to go to the guild. **Please bring any items you want to donate for this sale to the February meeting,** or contact me with questions.

**Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 22 from 9-2** at the church where we meet for the sale. If you can volunteer a little time, we can use more people to do various tasks (help with setup & teardown, sell opportunity quilt tickets, general assistance for customers). **Please use [this Signup Genius](#) to select a time to join us!**

Big thanks to our committee: Karen Lacy, Libby Corrison, Jodi Price, Linda Hagen, Lynda Ochs, Janis Raspberry, Conna Hiltner, Melissa Toburen, Shelia Pierce, and to Mary Ellen Winter for getting the ball rolling on this effort.

Bring your credit card or \$\$\$ on March 22 and come get some amazing finds!

Jenny Boudreaux



## Guild Retreat

Our next guild retreat will be **March 28-31st**, from 9am on Friday, 3/28 until whenever you want to go home to sleep each night; and ends on Monday, 3/31 at 5pm. It is a come and go event.

It will be at **Evergreen Community, 11875 S Sunset Dr STE 100, Olathe, KS 66061**. We will be using one of their meeting rooms. Food sign-up sheets, times and other details will be provided after our February guild meeting in an effort to give everyone the opportunity to RSVP.

Please email Heather Schaller to RSVP (her email address is listed in the cover letter for this newsletter), even if you just want to be included on future emails with retreat details. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Heather Schaller





# Committee Updates

## Outreach Updates

### Olathe School District (OSD) Program

Cindy Nice is a retired OSD educator with many years' experience and a strong desire to help teachers and students. She came up with a great idea to do a program at schools to read a story book about quilting, do an activity (glue fabric squares to a 3x3 printout to make a "paper quilt"), and do a little show & tell of quilts – all with the goal of encouraging the students to be makers. They don't have to make quilts, but we want to encourage them to make something – draw, write, imagine – and to dream big! She & I will be going to every Title I elementary school and talking to the third grade classes in April & May. If this goes well, we'll expand it in the future to more schools, more grades, etc.

We need members to donate fabric squares to use in the activity. **Please bring some precut 2.5" squares to the March meeting in a small box**, so they are nice and flat and ready to use – please don't use a plastic bag as they will roll up and not be as good or easy to use with the kids. We want lots of variety so the students can have fun finding colors and prints that they like for their "paper quilts"!

We also would like a couple of volunteers at each session to help, especially with the activity. Once we have the schedule worked out, we'll set up a Signup Genius to allow you to choose the date & time that works for you. We estimate the program will be about 40 minutes total. Please consider giving a little bit of time to give the librarians some support and give the students a fun program!

Please note you will have to be registered as an official Olathe School District volunteer to join us, so if you are interested, contact me on how to enroll.

Jenny Boudreaux & Cindy Nice



## KCRQF Guild Quilt Entries - Bring to our Feb Meeting

The Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival (KCRQF) is June 11-14, 2025. This is an opportunity for our guild's many talented quilters to display their quilts. There is NO entry fee for guild members. We will be taking quilt entries at our February meeting.

### How to enter your guild quilts

1. Bring your quilt to the OQG February meeting for photos and measurements. A "work in progress" top is acceptable as long as the quilt is recognizable.
2. A guild member can bring up to 2 quilts.
3. Complete an Olathe Quilt Guild Entry Form (attached) for each quilt.
4. Please come early, at 5:45p if possible. We'd love to get as many entries as possible done before the meeting starts.

### Here are some general guidelines for the guild quilts

1. All quilts must be hand or machine quilted. Tied or tacked quilts are not eligible unless they are Traditional Crazy Quilts, which may be tied.
2. Quilts must have been completed in the years 2023-2025.
3. Quilts previously displayed at KCRQF are not eligible, except by special invitation.
4. Size Limits: Quilts must have no side smaller than 24", and no side larger than 96".
5. Sleeve: Quilts must have a sewn-on 4" open-ended sleeve securely attached to the back of the quilt. Quilts longer than 90" require the top of the sleeve to be placed 90" from the bottom of the quilts, to ensure the quilt will not touch the floor when hanging. Only one sleeve is required.

Please note: If there are more quilts submitted that our allotted space at KCRQF allows, a random number selection process will take place at our March guild meeting.

**We would love to have 3 more volunteers to help us** with the measuring at the Feb meeting. Please contact us if you can help out.

Thank you,

Shelia Pierce  
Conna Hiltner



# Membership

## Membership Renewal for 2025

Thank you to all who have already paid their 2025 dues. If you haven't yet done this, be sure to pay before the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Dues are \$30 for the year.

### To renew your membership:

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



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## Happy Birthday



**Kenda Camp 2-6**

**Ellen Kid 2-9**

**Sue Medberry 2-14**

**Jean Spohrer 2-15**

**Amber Croswhite 2-25**



# 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](http://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

Dates 2025	Quilt Show or Event	Location
March 12-15	<b>AQS Quilt Show</b> <a href="http://Americanquilter.com">Americanquilter.com</a>	<b>Branson, Mo.</b> Branson Convention Center
March 15-16 Sat: 10a-5p Sun: 11a-4p	<b>Quilt Show</b> Over 400 quilts & over 25 vendors Bits “n” Pieces Quilt Guild	<b>Ballwin, Mo.</b> Greensfelder Recreation Center In Queeny Park 550 Weidman Road
March 22 10a-3p	<b>Quilt Show -Boutique-Vendors</b> Over 100 quilts & items on display North MO Piecemakers <a href="http://QuiltingHub.com">QuiltingHub.com</a>	<b>Brookfield, Mo.</b> Trinity United Methodist Church 300 South Main Street
April 5 9a-3p	<b>Crafters &amp; Quilters Vendor Fair</b> Over 20 vendors <a href="http://QuiltingHub.com">QuiltingHub.com</a>	<b>Hannibal, Mo.</b> Admiral Coonz Armory 301 Warren Barrett Drive

# Board & Committees

<b>2025 Board Officers</b>	
President	Rachel Rohrer
Vice President	Jenny Boudreaux
Program	Peggy Anderson
Program Elect	Melissa Toburen
Secretary	Jean Heer
Treasurer	Jodi Price
Ways and Means	Cheryl Wilcox & Mary Pacey
Ways and Means Elect	Dae Curtiss
Historian	Conna Hiltner
Public Relations	Melissa Toburen
Membership	Lou Corbin
Newsletter Editor	Conna Hiltner
Advisor(s)	Libby Corrison

<b>2025 Committee Chairs / Co-chairs</b>	
Challenge Quilt	Rachel Rohrer & Jodi Price & Mary Pacey
Charity	Lou Corbin & Lara Stevens
Johnson Country Fair	Shelia Pierce & Conna Hiltner
KCRQF Representative	Dae Curtiss & Mary Lou Guy
KCRQF Olathe Guild Managers	Shelia Pierce & Conna Hiltner
Opportunity Quilt	Jean Schlenk & Rachel Rohrer
Outreach & Education	Jenny Boudreaux
President's Quilt	Lynda Ochs & Libby Corrison
Special Events	Heather Schaller
Technology	Melissa Toburen
Welcome Table	Libby Corrison

# Treasurer's Report

## Olathe Quilters Guild 12/31/2025

<b>Operating Account Balance 12/31/2024</b>	\$7174.85
<b>Money Market Account Balance 12/31/2024</b>	<u>\$12,174.21</u>
	\$19,349.06

### Receipts

None	\$0
Total Income	\$0

### Expenses

None	\$0
Total Expenses	\$0

<b>Operating Account Balance 1/31/2025</b>	\$7174.85
<b>Money Market Account Balance 1/31/2025</b>	<u>\$12,174.21</u>
<b>Combined Balance 1/31/2025</b>	<u>\$19,349.06</u>

# Meeting Minutes

## Olathe Quilt Guild Minutes January 14, 2025

Prior to our meeting, Marty Peters told us about Ensorfest '25. We have attended the last few years and they are inviting us again this year. It is Saturday, May 10 th . We display quilts, sell Opportunity quilt chances, and have some hand work for people to watch.

The program for the evening was to have been on Zoom, but the presenter cancelled due to illness. We decided to have our business meeting and an impromptu show and tell. President Rachel Rohrer called the meeting to order. Thirty-eight members and three guests attended the Zoom meeting.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Secretary's Minutes** – Karen Lacy moved that the minutes from the December meeting, as printed in the newsletter, be approved. Conna Hiltner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cheryl Wilcox moved that the report, as printed in the January newsletter, be approved. The motion was seconded by Cliff Goerke and passed without objection.

**2025 Budget** – Melissa Toburen moved that the 2025 budget, as printed in the newsletter, be approved. Libby Corrison seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Rachel announced the January birthdays. Melissa has taken on the Program Elect for 2025.

### Reports from:

**Destash Sale** – Jenny Boudreaux reminded us the sale will be at the church on March 22 nd . Notify her if you want to be on the planning committee which will be meeting via Zoom soon.

# Meeting Minutes

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**Outreach/Education** – Jenny and Cindy Nice are receiving training and will be planning the visits to Olathe elementary schools. The extension classes will be planned soon.

**T-Shirts** - if you want to submit a design bring it printed out to the February meeting. Sherri Critchfield has a design featuring blocks from our Opportunity quilt. We will decide on the design and shirt color. Laura Lafferty is going to print the shirts which we plan to have before KCRQF in June.

**Retreat Survey** - Heather Schaller told us the retreat will be Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> through Monday March 31st at Evergreen Community, a retirement home at 119 th and Ridgeview. RSVP to her if you are interested in attending and what days. She will know how many the room can accommodate soon. Meal plans will be made.

**KCRQF** - Mary Lou Guy reminded us of the two Mini Quilt Challenges. Class information is coming soon. We need to promote attendance through our social medias and friends. Our share of profits is determined by overall profit and volunteer hours. Each guild will have a table and display for their Opportunity quilts and space to display quilts. Conna and Shelia Pierce are managing our guild's quilts again this year. There is an option to recognize a quilter from the guild based on the criteria we choose. Check [KCRQF.com](http://KCRQF.com) to keep current.

**Programs** – Melissa told us that the February presentation is Turn It Around! We Wanna See the Back! By Mary Honas.

**Welcome Table** drawing was won by Anna Mae Wagner.

**Membership** – Conna told us that fifty members have renewed so far. Pauline Sanders won the drawing for a free membership.

**Show and Tell:** Jenny Boudreaux, Jessie VandenBerg, Mary Lou Guy, Shelia Pierce, Libby Corriston, Cheryl Wilcox, Carol Crane, Melissa Toburen, and Jodi Price. Libby asked Cliff Goerke to tell us more about the beautiful Japanese quilt he showed in December.

Submitted by Jean Heer



# Show and Tell

Note: There were no pictures taken of the Show and Tell items because the meeting was via Zoom.