

Olathe Quilter's Guild Newsletter

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From the President's Keyboard

As each January comes around, I think of new beginnings. At Olathe Quilt Guild, there are many opportunities for new beginnings.

Each year, one of my new beginnings is planning for Christmas projects that I want to have completed by December. A monumental task! There are many opportunities for new projects through the quilt guild – block of the month, challenge quilt and charity quilts.

Another way to start something new is to become active with one or more committees, as it strengthens the work of the guild. Committees are also an opportunity to work with other members and form new friendships. Signups for committees will be at the January meeting.

Along with fun of planning new projects, there is a lot of joy in finishing projects. Please be sure to bring in your 2018 mystery quilt and block of the month quilt to the January meeting.

Pam has planned a great year of programs. Please encourage quilting acquaintances, not in the guild, to come check us out by attending one of the meetings with speakers. We have plenty of room to grow!

Teresa Jones



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Coming Up in January



Our Speaker will be Patricia Beaver

Salina, Kansas, is Patricia's home when she is not on the road speaking, teaching, and judging. She spent her teenage years in Utah, where she began sewing and quilting. An avid quilter, Patricia enjoys making all styles of quilts and keeps up with the latest techniques. She works on original pieces in order to inspire her students to create their own unique quilts.



Patricia is past president of a large guild in California. She has completed a course on judging quilts and wearable art. She is currently active in the judging arena.

Her trunk show in January is entitled "A Funny Thing Happened to Me When I Moved to Utah". This is the story of one quilter's odyssey. A large variety of quilts in many different sizes and techniques will be shown entwined with the stories of women and their roles these works of art have played in their lives. A nice, all around trunk show that appeals to everyone. Patricia's most popular program.



Viewer's Choice Award Night

Calling all 2018 Block of the Month quilts—bring your completed quilt to the January meeting for viewing and voting. There will be 3 prizes given out to the members with the 3 top votes.

2018 Mystery Quilts

Remember to bring your Mystery Quilts to the January meeting.

They will be on display and judged for a great prize.



Please remember to pay your \$30 membership dues at the January meeting or send your check along with the completed membership form to: Cheryl Wilcox, OQG Membership, PO Box 2651, Olathe, KS 66063. Make checks payable to Olathe Quilter's Guild or OQG.

Those who have not paid their membership dues by April 1, 2019 will no longer be eligible for membership benefits and will be dropped from the mailing list.



Coming Up - Workshops



January 29—Embroidery—Led by Arlene Banks

Grab a friend and come learn to embroider. It can be done while riding in the car, while waiting at children's practices, or at a game and (my favorite) while watching TV. In Beginning Embroidery you will learn the stem stitch, the back stitch, the daisy stitch, the blanket stitch and French knots.

I will explain how and why I use an interfacing, different ways to trace patterns and the types of pens used to trace.

Supplies to bring:

- Embroidery Needle
- 1 skein of Embroidery thread (DMC, Cosmo or other)
- Scissors
- Pen and Paper
- Optional: Hoop and Thimble

I will provide: Stitching material traced ready to embroider.

Class will be held at the Johnson County Extension Office in Olathe from 6 to 8 pm.

As of Dec 31, the extension office website shows registration for this class is closed, the limit has been met.

2019 Dates for Workshops at the JoCo Extension Office

The following dates have been set in 2019 for Olathe Quilt Guild workshops at the Johnson County Extension office in Olathe. All classes are free and open to the public.

As classes are defined, registration will be available on the Extension's website, on the Classes and Events page, Family & Consumer Sciences (Home and Family) section.

<http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/index.html>

January 29
 March 26
 April 30
 June 25
 July 23

August 23
 September 24
 October 22
 November 19





Coming Up in February



**Charity
Committee
Projects**

Demonstrations

**KCRQF Quilt
selection & pics**

Don't miss the February meeting—we have a fun and busy evening planned!

- **KCRQG Prep**—If you want to enter a quilt in our guild's display area at KCRQF, be sure to bring it to the February meeting. Please note, it does not need to be completely finished by February. See the notes Susan Gandy has provided on page 7 of this newsletter.
- **Charity Project Sew-In**—The usual meeting room and adjacent classroom have been reserved all afternoon at the church. You can come as early as noon. Bring machines for sewing, or just mats and supplies for cutting fabric.
- **Demonstrations planned**
 1. How to put a sleeve on your quilt by Lisa Hirsch
 2. How to make a pillow case by Teresa Jones
 3. Binding tips -
 - A. Get started and turn a corner - demonstration and instruction by Arlene Banks
 - B. Joining the ends of the binding and attach with machine - Cindy Nice
 - C. A different way to join the ends of binding and attach by hand - Janie Benander
 - D. Attach your label when attaching the binding - Ava Wright
 4. Bring a mat and rotary cutter to cut, cut, cut little scraps for dog beds - Sherri C to direct us



Two quilts Lisa Hirsch showed during her color presentation at the December Guild meeting



Coming Up in March



We are planning a workshop in conjunction with Greater Kansas City for Jan Patek on the Wednesday following her lecture in March.

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Olathe Quilter's Guild and Greater Kansas City Guild will be sponsoring short workshop from Jan Patek from Moda Blockheads. We will meet at The First Lutheran Church, 6400 State Line Road, Mission Hills, KS, 66208. (Exact time is not set. Carpooling possible.)

The total cost is \$60 which includes a kit with all fabric needed for the quilt. She will be teaching hand applique techniques:

1. Inside and outside points (stars)
2. Inside and outside curves
3. Stems and leaves
4. Straight lines (houses and windows)
5. Circles



Supply list:

Drawing and fabric marking pencils

Millner needles , size 8 or 9

Applique thread

Sand paper board

Basic sewing supplies (thimble, scissors for paper and for fabric, etc.)

Applique glue (optional)

Light table if you have one

Provided by guild: a light table, a sewing machine, an iron, ironing board and freezer paper

Jan will have for sale if needed:

Sand paper boards, needles, pins, applique glue, marking pencils, applique thread, thimbles

2019 Olathe Quilter's Board

Co-Presidents – Mary Pacey & Teresa Jones

Vice-President – Pam Pearson

Program Elect – Pam Pearson (2019-2020),
Mary Ellen Winter & Gretchen Schafer
(2020-2021)

Secretary – Susan Gandy

Treasurer- Mary Whitchurch

Ways & Means – Arlene Banks

Ways & Means Elect – Carolyn Chaffin

Public Relations – Website- Sherri Critchfield &
Facebook – Heather Buchwitz

Historian – Beverly Berberich

Membership – Cheryl Wilcox

Newsletter Editor – Sherri Critchfield

Advisor – Shari Pine



Our Guild Members



Our January Spotlight Quilter—Mary Whitchurch

I fell in love with quilts when I was a young girl and my mom received a Sun Bonnet Sue quilt that was made by her grandmother. I enjoyed sewing and learned to sew my own clothes when I was in High School. My mom was a great teacher, along with several 4-H volunteer teachers and of course my Home Economics teacher in High School. Growing up in Kansas, I saw lots of quilts and loved the patterns and colors. I saved patterns for many years and went to several quilt shows and museums. Finally, I took quilting lessons from a local quilt shop about 15 years ago and I was hooked.

I have taken all types of classes to learn how to properly cut and piece the quilts. I enjoy sewing by machine but also like to applique. I haven't done much hand piecing but after taking a class on this, I find it a lot of fun to do. My favorite type of quilts to make are the traditional blocks, like log cabin, Ohio star and Nine Patch. In the last fifteen years, I have done many kits and blocks of the month to learn all types of techniques. I've also made t-shirt quilts for my four boys and now working on quilts for their wives. My latest project has been making quilts for my three grandkids.

I usually machine quilt my small projects but send out the larger quilts to a longarm quilter because it's hard for me to get the right design to make the quilt pop. I'm a basic quilt in the ditch or grid quilter which is why I look forward to learning free motion quilting and even hand quilting. Unfortunately, I have big plans and therefore a big stash of fabric but not enough time to get all the piecing and quilting done that I would like. My quilting tip would be to never give up on a quilt. Sometimes you may need to put it down and start another project that you can finish and come back to the unfished project later. The nice thing is you can always take things to the meeting and get ideas from the other members on how to fix or finish the quilt. I've also learned that it does not have to be perfect and generally no one else will even know the mistake, or sometimes it just adds that special touch to the quilt.

I've just been a member of the Olathe Quilters Guild since June of 2018. I took the New York Beauty Class that Pam taught at the extension center and went to the next guild meeting and enjoyed visiting with everyone and saw all the beautiful quilts at show and tell and all the charity projects that the guild does, so I became a member that night. I have enjoyed getting to know the group, and some how ended up volunteering to be the Treasurer for the next two years. I look forward to getting to know everyone and participating in more fun quilting adventures.

Pictures of a couple of Mary's favorite quilt projects



January Birthdays

- Gail McKay - 1/10
- Jean Heer - 1/11
- Cindy Ott - 1/21
- Shari Pine - 1/26
- Linda Hagen - 1/28
- Wendy Holland - 1/28



Committee Updates



Quilt Selection for KCRQF

During the February meeting, we will be selecting our guild's quilts to be displayed at the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival this coming June. The rules and categories for the festival have not yet been posted, but it is likely that it will be similar to the 2015 and 2017 festival. The limits on size have been 96" for the longest side and 24" for the shortest. You cannot show a quilt that has been in the festival previously. You will probably have to have **completed** the quilt no earlier than 2017. Hopefully, the 2019 information will be posted in January and we will know more.

In the meantime, bring any quilt(s) you would like to display to the February meeting. The quilt can be completed or can be just an unquilted top...as long as you will be able to complete it before June 1. We will ask you to fill out an entry form and we will take a photo of the quilt. We will make the selection by lottery...drawing names randomly. Since we do not yet know how many quilts we will be able to hang (space not yet determined), we will register any quilts you bring. If you have more than one quilt, once all names have been drawn, we will repeat another round until all quilts have been recorded.

And don't forget, as in previous festivals, there is also a Judged Quilts division. Entry fees and probably different categories and rules will likely be involved. Your quilt will be judged against others in its own category. There are usually winners for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place (and cash prizes). You will be entering the Judged Quilts division on your own, rather than through our guild, however, I will be glad to provide advice, information and assistance if you need it.

The quilts we display as a guild should be your best work...but if you are a beginner, fear not! Your first quilts will be your best work and you are encouraged to enter! We are a guild of quilters ranging from newbies to experienced and we expect to hang a range of styles and skills. Just watching Show & Tell at our meetings this past year has been exciting and I know we'll have lots of beautiful quilts to display.

More specific information will be in the February newsletter or a separate email. In the meantime, start thinking about quilts to enter and don't hesitate to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions. I am the "inside the guild" coordinator for selecting and managing quilts for the festival and organizing our guild booth (to display the opportunity quilt & publicize our guild.) Our guild's responsibilities helping to run the Festival as well as attendance & representation at Festival Committee meetings is the responsibility of Janie Benander and Cindy Nice.

Looking forward to seeing all the quilts we will display!

Susan Gandy
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913-764-1250



Committee Updates



Charity News

While it may be a new year, the giving isn't over. Quilters are some of the most giving people and our Guild is proof! Over the past year you all have shown your giving nature and I bet there are a lot of happy recipients. We will continue with the three groups that we supported last year -Project Warm Embrace, the VA Medical Center HUD-VASH program and the Isolette Covers, at least through the quilts that are somewhere in the process of being completed. We have had several of you suggest that we focus on getting them completed. So, that's what will be our main focus for now.

While we don't have dates set, yet, we will have fewer group "Prep Sessions". Instead we will have sessions that are longer, for instance from Noon to our regular meeting time of 6:30 PM on several of our regularly scheduled Guild meetings. We will also try to find a Saturday or two for us to meet.

Pam Pearson has enhanced our Charity Sew meeting by moving it to our February meeting. This meeting is when we are preparing for the KCRQF, so it only makes sense to combine the activities. Pam will share more about all of the activities she has planned but we will have kits that can be sewn, and fabric that could be cut and sorted. It will be quite a productive evening.

A reminder that the quilts sizes are:

Isolette Covers—need to be 39" to 42" wide, by 54" to 60" long

Project Warm Embrace—the preferred size is 45" x 60" or larger, but smaller quilts can also be used

Veterans—quilts sizes vary. We will be making twin size, lap size and sizes for wheelchairs.

Remember that your talent, time and efforts are appreciated. The Charity Committee has heard members apologize for not being able to help more. Please don't fret. Anything you do is wonderful, but we don't want you to fret about the time you may not be able to give. It's ok. You are not obligated. You make quilts for others and that's important. The Charity Committee understands. We aren't going anywhere. All of us helping one another make quilts is just what we do. Every quilt counts, whether we only get one done or one hundred done. Let's just enjoy what we create and know that someone is getting our love. You all are great! Here's to a fun 2019!

Sherri Irving

Opportunity Quilt

In previous years, all members have been expected to buy or sell \$10 in opportunity tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. With the 2019 opportunity quilt, each guild member is expected to support the guild by buying or selling \$10 worth of tickets.

I will have the tickets at the guild meetings for members to pick up. Payment can be made when the tickets are picked up or payment can be made after the tickets are sold.

Arlene Banks



Committee Updates



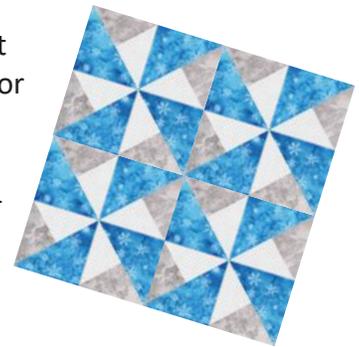
Block of the Month

Attached with this newsletter email are the next Block Head 2 blocks. If you've been on the website, this is block # 7. I chose to share the alternate #8 block since it is a pieced block. If you'd rather do the appliqué, you can find it on the website www.bearcreekquiltingcompany.com/moda-blockheads-2018.

How's it going with your stripe? Have you explored the website or Facebook group for BlockHead 2?

Block of Month 2019 - Block Heads 2 We will publish 2 - 6 1/2 " blocks each month. You can complete 1 or both. One of the blocks completed each month **must** include a stripe. Each quarter (April, July & October) bring in your blocks to show what you have created. Each person sharing their blocks will be put in a drawing for a prize.

In January 2020, bring your finished quilt or flimsy to the guild meeting. Prizes will be awarded for 1) viewers choice, 2) best use of a strip, and 3) favorite setting. We published the January blocks in December. The last 2 blocks published in 2019 will be in the November newsletter, giving you extra time to finish your project by January.



Carolyn Chaffin

Ways and Means 2019

Ways and Means for 2019 has a new plan. All Ways and Means items for 2019 are from the generous fabric donations from this guild.

For 9 months, we will be participating with "Wendy's Whim". Here is how "Wendy's Whim" works. There will be 12 blocks available. For a charge of \$3, you will have the privilege of making a block. All the blocks are from batiks and have been cut on an Accuquilt. Directions are included. Return the block completed at the next meeting and you will be given 3 opportunity tickets to use as you please on ways and means items that month. Others in the guild will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to win the "Wendy's Whim" blocks as well. Take home 12 completed blocks!!

Second - tickets will be sold for a variety of jelly rolls. All are in 2.5 inch strips. Not all fabrics will be a width of fabric. Be assured all jelly rolls are equivalent to 42 strips width of fabric. Many will have more than 42.

Bonus!! Bring your completed item to the guild for Show and Tell on or before the December meeting. All finished projects will receive a ticket to be entered into a drawing at the December meeting. There will be 2 winners. Just an incentive to compete your projects!!



Minutes and Reports

Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report December 2018

Operating Account Balance 12/1/18	\$5,436.65
Money Market Account Balance 10/31/18	<u>\$12,134.57</u>
	\$17,571.22
Receipts	
Welcome Table	\$5.55
Membership	\$1,050.00
Opportunity Quilt Sales to Guild Members	\$160.00
Ways and Means	<u>\$86.90</u>
	\$1,302.45
Money Market interest earned in November	\$.70
Expenses	
Olathe Christian Church	\$100.00
Mary Pacey – speaker's dinner	\$13.44
Janie Benander – OQG share of KCRQF Quiz prizes	\$23.10
Sherri Critchfield – Charity batting and backing	<u>\$201.67</u>
	\$338.21
Operating Account Balance 12/22/18	\$6,400.89
Money Market Account Balance 11/31/18	<u>\$12,135.27</u>
Combined Balance 12/22/18	<u>\$18,536.16</u>

*The deadline for submissions for the February newsletter will be Thursday, January 31st.
Please send items to OQGNews18@outlook.com.*



Minutes and Reports



Olathe Quilters Guild
General Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018

Note: meeting minutes were taken by member Gretchen Schafer and transcribed here by Secretary, Susan Gandy. Many thanks to Gretchen for filling in at the last minute.

President Mary Pacey called the meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. She recognized our featured quilter, Heather Buchwitz, as well as those with December birthdays. There were no guests. Teresa Jones introduced member Lisa Hirsch who presented the evening's program *Color & Pattern*. Mary announced that tickets for the Opportunity Quilt were available to pick up at the break and a sign-up list was available for members to be Quilt Holders during lectures. Anyone who signs up will receive a free ticket for the Opportunity Quilt drawing. She announced that anyone who pays 2019 dues tonight, or by January 5, will be eligible for a drawing to receive a refund of your dues. She also announced that there are bags of fabric available to be taken home, cut up and returned to make kits for Charity Quilts.

The break was then called which also afforded the opportunity to enjoy snacks brought by the membership.

Business Meeting:

Mary Pacey requested a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. A motion was made by Janis Raspberry and seconded by Cheryl Wilcox. The motion was voted and passed. She then requested a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was made by Lynda Ochs and a second was made by Kenda Camp. The motion was voted and approved.

Board Meeting

A joint board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 19, of both the 2018 and 2019 boards.

Nominations

Mary Ellen Winter and Gretchen Schafer were nominated to co-chair the Program Elect position. The nomination was approved by a vote of the membership.

Guild/Extension Workshops

January will be a workshop on Embroidery. Quilts by Ava Wright and Pam Pearson showed how embroidery work and quilting worked together. The workshop will be at the Johnson County Extension office on January 29. Arlene Banks is the instructor and will teach 5 different types of stitches. The class needs 8 people minimum. Sign up on the Extension Service website.

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Minutes and Reports



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There will be no February workshop. March will feature paper piecing. April will be beginning machine quilting. May's class will be taught by Janie Benander about color pencils.

Meeting Programs

January is Patricia Beaver presenting "A Funny Thing Happened When I Moved to Utah."

February will feature selection and photographs of quilts for our display at KCRQF, a charity sew, and mini workshops teaching how to make pillowcases, how to make hanging sleeves for quilts and binding tips. You are also invited to bring a mat and rotary cutter to help cut scraps for dog beds.

Four workshops will be given by some of our speakers in 2019. They include Jan Patek in March, Stephanie Brandenburg in May, Amy Bradley (at Eudora) in July and Tony Jacobsen in October.

Block of the Month

Carolyn Chaffin explained the 2019 Block of the Month. It is taken from the online website *Blockheads*. Our twist on the blocks will be to use a stripe in each block. The blocks will be 6 1/2". Three awards will be given at the end of the year. The *Blockheads* website is posted in our newsletter. Quilts completed with the BOMs will be due January, 2020. Bring in your completed block(s) each month. Prizes will be given.

Quilt Retreat

Mary Ellen Winter announced that the retreat still has 12 spaces available. It is March 28-31 at The Barn in Valley Falls, Kansas. Registration forms are online and she has forms, as well.

Welcome Table

There were 40 members in attendance and no guests. The Door Prize winner was Robyn Conners.

Ways and Means

Basket drawings: Karen Lacy won the Santa Bag of Christmas fabric and patterns, Rhonda Weibrecht won the jelly roll.

Show and Tell

Gretchen Schafer, Mary Ellen Winter, Sally Kennedy, Teresa Jones, Jenny Boudreaux, Robyn Conners, Carolyn Chaffin, Libby Corrison, Karen Goodwin, Heather Schaller, Cindy Nice, Janie Benander, Rhonda Weibrecht, Sherri Irving, Pam Pearson and Mary Rayborn.

The meeting was adjourned.





Schedules



2019 Guild Meeting Schedule

- **January 8** - Patricia Beaver - A Funny Thing Happened to Me When I Moved to Utah
- **February 12** - Preparing for KCRQF and Charity Quilting
- **March 12** - Jan Patek - "Folk Art Quilting", plus workshop on Wednesday
- **April 9** - Crystal Manning & Gina Martin - Color Theory
- **May 14** - Stephanie Brandenburg of Frond Fabrics, plus workshop on Tuesday afternoon
- **June 11** - Picnic
- **July 9** - Amy Bradley - trunk show of her original applique, plus workshop on Sat, Aug 3 in Eudora
- **August 13** - Ann Say - Once We Were Refugees
- **September 10** - Carl Hentch - Amish Quilts
- **October 8** - Tony Jacobson - lecture and trunk show of his quilts and patterns, plus workshop on Tuesday afternoon
- **November 12** - Guild Holiday Party, dinner and games
- **December 10** - Heather Buchwitz "How to use Spoonflower" plus celebration with treats and ornament exchange

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

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



Please join us for dinner and quilting fellowship before the guild meeting at Panera on 20120 West 153rd St. in Olathe. (Near Home Depot at 153rd and 7 Highway/169 Highway) We meet at 4:30, but members trickle in as they get off work.

Reminder: If the Olathe School District calls off school due to the weather, we will not have our guild meeting.





Schedules

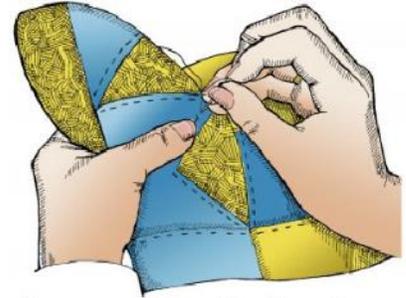


Hand Quilters

The **Hand Quilting Stitch Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be January 17th.

The meeting is located at Olathe Christian Church. Enter the main entrance, go down the hallway to the right to Room 2. Everyone is welcome. Bring quilting or piecing to work on.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Gandy at 913-764-1250 or at ganfam@att.net.



OQG Board Meetings

All guild members are welcome to attend the OQG Board Meetings.

Board Meetings are at 6:00 pm on the Wednesday of the week following the regular guild meeting. They are held at Olathe Christian Church in Room 2.

The January Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16th.

Olathe Christian Church—Entrances from main parking lot



East entrance—best for regular guild meetings



West (main) entrance—best for Hand Quilters and Board Meetings



Show and Tell



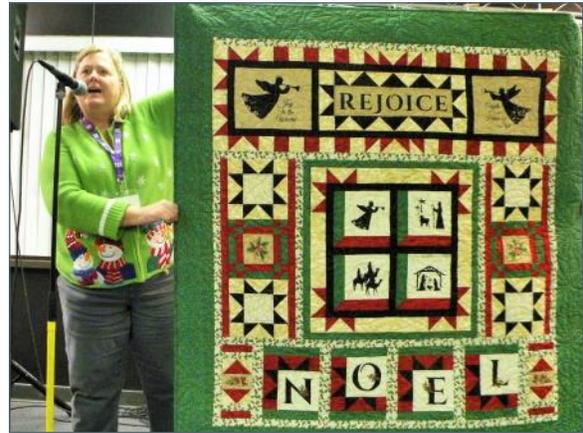
Robyn Conners with quilts made for family members



Sally Kennedy and the table runner she completed from a project she won in the November raffle



Show and Tell



Gretchen Schafer with: Let it Snow, Noel, Robert Kaufman’s Holiday Dash, and Festival of Stars



Janie Benander with one of her UFOs finished in 2018—from a One Block Wonder class



Libby Corrison with sleeping bags made for grandchildren



Show and Tell



Carolyn Chaffin with flannel quilts made for family members



Sherri Irving with her T-Shirt quilt and a quilt for charity



Show and Tell



Cindy Nice first modeling a 2019 KCRQF t-shirt, then showing a 'skinny' snowman and a southwest quilt for hubby



Mary Ellen Winter with Tula Pink's 100 Modern Quilt Block Sampler



Mary Rayborn with a Star Wars quilt



Show and Tell



Pam Pearson with a Dresden table runner, a Dresden Neighborhood quilt block, and a Penguin quilt



Karen Goodwin with one of her quilts made for twin grandsons—they love dogs



Jenny Boudreaux with a patriotic quilt made for an Eagle Scout



Heather Schaller with a T-Shirt quilt made for a graduating son of a friend



Show and Tell



Teresa Jones with her Curves Challenge quilt and travel pillow cases



Rhonda Weibrecht with a butterfly isolette cover



Upcoming Area Quilting Events in 2019

Dates and City	Name of Event and Group	For more information
Sep 15—Jan 13 Manhattan, KS	The Konza Prairie Quilters Guild has several quilts on display as a part of the Bison & Wolves and Wild Lands Exhibit at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.	www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/517/On-Exhibit-Bison-Wolves
Dec 1-Jan 30	Quilt Show by Kansas City Modern Quilt Guild at Community Christian Church, 4601 Main St in Kansas City, MO	More details will be available later
June 13 - 15	Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival	kcrqf.com