

Olathe Quilter's Newsletter

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From the President's Keyboard

Off and running is what is happening within our guild. The Opportunity Quilt Committee presented 2 color choices in February for the members to vote for their favorite. The Japanese taupe collection had the most votes and I've heard from Heather that most (if not all) the fabrics have been purchased. I can hardly wait to see the quilt in fabric now that I've seen it on paper. If you do not help in making blocks, we all can help in offering "opportunity" tickets to family, friends and co-workers in the future.

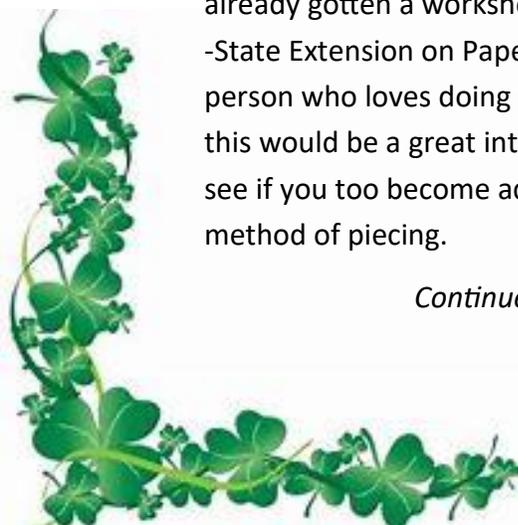
The Challenge Committee presented both a short term and long-term challenge for members. Both are different and these will allow everyone to stretch in their quilting knowledge and techniques. Personally, I was excited about both and a UFO project and leftovers from another project will now find a new life in a quilted item.

The Charity Committee brought kits for quilts in various stages for members to work on at home. This is our largest committee and has a lot of help getting things running under Sherri's guidance.

Ways and Means presented the Mystery Quilt which will start in March. We are definitely not sitting around doing nothing!!!

Last, but not least, Pam Pearson has already gotten a workshop listed with K-State Extension on Paper Piecing. As a person who loves doing paper piecing, this would be a great introduction to see if you too become addicted to this method of piecing.

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From the President



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RESPECT – I was so proud of the members who attended the February meeting. I did not have to “invite” members to come up to the rows of chairs. I feel this presents an interested audience to the speaker. It is much easier to see the beautiful quilts the speakers bring and much easier to hear. Nor did we have to remind members to turn down or turn off their phones. I hope all will respect the other members if you have to make or receive a phone call by going into one of the corridors.

I am suggesting that the last row of chairs on the right side (near the bathroom exit) be reserved for those ladies working the back tables. They are soooo far away from everything during the presentation from the speakers and also during the business and Show and Tell portion of the meeting. I would ask them to join the rest of us after the recognition of the featured quilter, guests, new members, and birthday treats.

Mary

Upcoming Guild Activity

We will once again be sponsoring a table at the Library Tea which will be held, Saturday, April 14th this year. The program will be given by Shaley K. George, from the National Orphan Train Complex in Concordia. Because the attendance is so limited at this event (200 guests or less), the library is offering each table sponsor a chance to purchase 2 tickets (\$20 each) in advance (these will be picked up at the day of the tea). The Board voted to purchase the 2 tickets for “resale” by a drawing of those interested in attending. We will be gathering names of those interested in purchasing one of these 2 tickets at the March meeting and doing the drawing for 2 lucky members.

Cheryl Wilcox informed me today that the tickets will be sold at the Indian Creek Library on Saturday, March 10th which is before our March meeting. Each person will be allowed to purchase up to 2 tickets only. The library opens at 10:00 a.m. This is another opportunity to obtain a ticket for this event.

We will be using the “under the sewing machine mats and pincushions” that were left from the Boutique last year as gifts for those at our table. We will be needing plates, cups and saucers to also “set” the table plus a committee to come up with a table decoration and some type of table covering (over a white table cloth)—place mats, table runner, table topper??? There will be an opportunity to sign up for this committee at the March meeting.



Coming Up In March



March Speaker—Liz Granberg-Jerome

Liz Granberg-Jerome, custom quilter, teacher, designer, and owner of Gypsy Dreamer Quilts, was born and raised in California, but considers herself a Kansan after moving to raise her three children here over 30 years ago. She started quilting in 2006 while caring for her elderly father and quickly made the transition from a lifetime of sewing to becoming passionate about quilting. Her quilts have a flavor all their own as she creates unique layouts and color play for one-of-a-kind quilts.

Liz was inspired by a friend in 2010 to try her hand at a One Block Wonder quilt, made with 60 degree triangles. In 2015, she joined the One Block Wonder Forum on Facebook and was reinspired to try it again. Quilters mentioned using panels to make OBWs and Liz took this idea and ran with it, creating her own twist with the Hexified Panel Quilts. Two of her quilts appear in *One Block Wonders of the World*, released in 2017 by Maxine Rosenthal & Linda Bardes. Liz was recently invited to be a guest quilt artist by Timeless Treasures Fabrics and has made two quilts—In The Garden featured on the Timeless Treasures blog in January <http://tffabrics.com/blog/>, and Tuscan Poppies which is posted on her own blog and shared by Timeless Treasures <https://gypsydreamerquilts.blogspot.com>.

Liz lives in Baldwin City, Kansas, with her husband Leslie, whom she met at a quilting retreat in 2016 when he attended her Hexified Panel Quilt workshop. Together they are creating works of art as they continue to stretch the boundaries of the original One Block Wonder technique.

Join Liz as she takes you through her journey using 60 degree triangles to make pieced hexies that have produced a variety of quilts. Her journey has touched on One Block Wonders, Stack-and-Whacks, and has evolved into her original design Hexified Panel Quilts, a hybrid that merges techniques learned along the way. Examples of her work can be found on her website

GypsyDreamerQuilts.com or on Facebook @GypsyDreamerQuilts

Hexified Panel Quilts >>>>





Coming Up In March



Thanks to 54 members who have paid membership dues for 2018. If you have not done so, please pay your \$30 annual dues by April 1, 2018 in order to continue to receive membership benefits (newsletter, fellowship, fun, great programs, etc.). You may pay at the March meeting or send your check (and membership form) payable to Olathe Quilter's Guild or OQG to Karen Goodwin, OQG Membership, PO Box 2651, Olathe, KS 66063. We value your continued participation in the guild.

We added two new members to the Olathe Quilter's Guild at the January meeting which brings our total membership to 75. Please welcome new members Felise Freeley-O'Brien and Linda Bentz to our guild! You may pick up new member goody bags and/or 2018 membership cards from Jean or Karen at the Membership table at the March meeting.

Karen Goodwin and Jean Spohrer, Membership

Our first workshop—on Paper Piecing

will be held March 20th.

See page 8 for more information

The March work night for the Charity Committee will be Thursday, March 22nd from 6 to 8 pm. All are welcome to join in.

Scraps, Scraps, and more Scraps Needed

The 2019 Ways and Means committee needs your scraps. The more we get, the more fun Ways and Means will be next year.

Needed: Cotton 2 1/2 inches by 15 inches or larger reading solid in red, white, blue, black, yellow, green, orange and purple.

Needed: Batik scraps about 6 inches or larger.

Scraps will be collected at each Guild meeting.



It's not too late

to sign up for the mystery quilt. We will hand out the first installment in March and start collecting the \$5 per month then.

Ways and means will also have two green (color) baskets in honor of St. Patrick's day.

It didn't make it all the way.

The clipboard for voting on workshop topics didn't make all the way around in February. In case you didn't get a chance to vote, we'll be passing it around again at the March meeting.



Our Guild Members



Spotlight Quilter for March—Heather Buchwitz

Heather joined Olathe Quilters Guild in Fall 2016. What's her quilting history?

I have been quilting since 2000-2001, if buying fabric & patterns counts! My parents moved around that time to the Rapid City, SD area & there was this crazy quilt & Christmas decoration shop we started going to when we would visit. I made a few things, realizing I was pretty clueless about sewing.

When my oldest son Andy was born in 2008 I needed large mats for him for tummy time that had some thickness to protect carpets from split-up & also could be easily washed. So, I ventured back into quilting & made some quick quilts with fat strips & SID quilting. That got me hooked. I started digging into what I'd bought over the years and realized I needed some beginner projects. I found Camilee Roskelley (Thimble Blossoms) at this point & the rest is history.

I love looking at modern quilts, but what I normally make is quilts with updated color palettes. I love Bonnie & Camille fabric from Moda, Sweetwater is another favorite designer. Their colors, even when more traditional, are fresh & modern. I design my own patterns from time to time using Electric Quilt. In recent years I've designed a quilt with pieced blocks to represent the characters from the Disney movie Wall-E - I've still only pieced one together though.

I LOVE to cut small squares. Anything I can sew from small squares - either HSTs or sno-ball units etc. I have a strip cutting ruler that lets me take yardage and turn it into jelly rolls strips quickly and turn those into small little pieces even faster.

I've always quilted my own. I limited myself to Twin Size & below for many years until I got a longarm of my own.

When I started quilting, not as many quilters had their own longarm. The number of hobby quilters with a longarm is a huge change. The growth of modern quilting has been huge and so has a resurgence in love for all things Vintage & saving them.

What is something new for her to try? Paper piecing! I have designed a few blocks for others (and more now for the 2019 Opportunity Quilt) and I've done full sheet of HSTs paper pieced but I haven't done a fancy block with perfect points & it's high on my 2018 to-do list.

What does she do with all those quilts she makes? My family & friends have many! I love that I have a business now, so I can fill my need to create & make but I don't always have to find a home for it afterwards.

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Our Guild Members



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About fabric - What is her stash like? *Mostly solids - a lot of white, gray & red. I also have a handful of layer cake/jelly rolls from fabric lines that I loved. I try very hard not to buy fabric without a project in mind anymore. Why does she think fabric is so addicting? It's so pretty and soft. The constantly changing patterns and knowing it may not be there the next time you are in the store make it harder to resist!*

What is she thankful for? *I'm thankful I have the time & the money to make quilts. That I have an understanding husband who works hard & that my kids will behave and play while I'm making things. As a quilter what does she hope her legacy will be? I want my kids to grow up & love their quilts. I want to make quilts that speak to them today that won't embarrass them when they grow up.*

What quilting advice does she have? *Get in & try. Watch YouTube, join online groups & join a guild to make some quilty friends to learn to things. What's a favorite quilting tool? My Stripology Ruler from Creative Grids. I don't know how I lived before I had it!*



2018 Olathe Quilter's Board

President: Mary Pacey

Vice-President/Program: Teresa Jones

Program Elect: Pam Pearson

Secretary: Susan Gandy

Treasurer: Libby Corrison

Ways & Means: Linda Hagen & Mary Rayborn

Ways & Means Elect: Arlene Banks

Historian: **VACANT**

Public Relations: Karen Lacy

Membership: Karen Goodwin & Jean Spohrer

Newsletter Editor: Sherri Critchfield

Advisor: Shari Pine

March Birthdays

Peggy Anderson - 3/11

Teresa Jones—3/16

Karen Lacy—3/17

Susan Gandy—3/27

Sally Kennedy—3/29

Debbie Hickman—3/31



Committee and Program Updates



Block of the Month

The traditional block to work with for March is the 4 Patch. There will again be a display board of blocks based off the 4 Patch. The blocks for January, February and March will be shown again this month, including some variations — starting with the basic shape and adapting/changing it some way by embellishing or making drafting changes within the various pieces .

1. Nine Patch - January
2. Rail Fence - February
3. Four Patch - March
4. Half Square Triangles - April
5. Quarter Square Triangles - May
6. Flying Geese - June
7. Square in a Square - July
8. Log Cabin or Courthouse Step – August
9. Appliqued Heart – September



2018 Olathe Quilter's Guild Challenges

The 2018 Challenge Committee is presenting multiple challenges.

The BIG challenge: **We want to see your curves!**

The only rule for this Challenge is that your project must have curves, or the illusion of curves. Here is your change to try a new technique or pattern!

Project must be completed by the November Guild meeting to be eligible for prizes.

The first small challenge is to make something **SMALL AND SCRAPPY!**

Here are the rules:

- You can make anything! Table runner, wall hanging, pillow, etc.
- The sides of your **finished** project must be **no more than 82" added together**. For example, if you were doing a square project, it must be smaller than 20.5" by 20.5".
- You **MUST** use what is in your stash...no purchasing new fabric. You may purchase a new pillow form or something of the like, but your fabric should only come from your stash!

Projects are due at the May meeting. All participants will be entered in a drawing for a prize!



Committee and Program Updates



2018 Workshops

To register for workshops: Call (913) 715-7000 or register online at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html>

For questions about registration, contact Denise Dias at denise.dias@jocogov.org or at (913) 715-7000 (email is best).

1st Workshop – March 20 **Very basic paper piecing**

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Students should have basic sewing skills

Supplies needed:

- Sewing machine
- Fabric and paper scissors
- Rotary cutter
- Pins
- 1 1/4 inch strips of red fabric and white fabric
- 6 inch square of dark blue fabric with stars
- Optional - add a quarter ruler

Provided:

- Papers to make a flag
- Glue stick to use today
- Postcard
- Iron and ironing station
- Cutting mat and ruler

2nd Workshop – April 24 **Shiva Paintstiks Workshop**

with Janie Benander

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

For supplies needed and additional information about this workshop, please see the Paintstik Workshop PDF attachment included with the newsletter email.

Dates for remaining 2018 workshops

May 22

July 24

August 21

September 18

October 23

(Other people from the community may also be attending. Let's invite them to join our guild.)





Minutes and Reports



Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report February 2018

Checking Balance 2/1/2017	\$9,456.00
Money Market Balance 2/1/2018	<u>\$12,128.22</u>
	\$21,584.22
Receipts	
Membership	\$450.00
Welcome Table Nametag Money	\$32.85
Four \$5 guest fees to see speaker	\$20.00
Ways and Means	<u>\$106.54</u>
	\$609.39
Expenses	
Olathe Christian Church – February room	\$75.00
Linda Hagen – Ways and Means	\$55.00
Jane Bromberg – speaker fee and travel	<u>\$257.70</u>
	\$387.70
Operating Account Balance 2/26/18	\$9,677.69
Money Market Account Balance 2/26/18	<u>\$12,128.22</u>
Combined Balance 2/26/18	<u>\$21,805.91</u>



*The deadline for submissions for the April newsletter will be Wednesday, March 28th.
Please send items to OQGNews18@outlook.com.*



Minutes and Reports



General Meeting Minutes
Olathe Quilters Guild
February 13, 2018

The February, 2018, Guild Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Mary Pacey. After welcoming everyone, she introduced this month's featured quilter, Linda Hagen. Birthday gifts were given to those in attendance who had February birthdays. Mary noted that we have lots of Guild business cards and urged everyone to take some to hand out to people interested in our Guild. Mary announced that member Pauline Sanders had knee replacement surgery and will be home-bound for a month.

A motion was requested to accept the January meeting minutes. The motion was made and the minutes were accepted by acclamation with no corrections. A motion was requested to accept the Treasurer's Report found in the February newsletter. A motion was made and the report was accepted by acclamation with no corrections.

Our program for the evening, "Finishing Up", was presented by speaker Jane Bromberg of Kansas City, North. She discussed a variety of methods to bind and finish the edges of quilts and had numerous examples of those methods. The program was well received and generated several questions and comments.

President Mary Pacey called for a 15 minute break to socialize, sign up for committees, purchase basket tickets & to pay dues or pick up membership cards.

The meeting resumed with the Business portion.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – Libby Corrison reminded everyone that in order to receive reimbursement for a Guild expense, you MUST present a vendor/store receipt.

Programs – Pam Pearson discussed workshops that could be held in the coming year. A sheet containing various ideas for workshops was passed around so everyone could mark their interests.

Cindy Nice will be managing workshops for youth. She also discussed using the Johnson County Extension Service Offices at 119th & Ridgeview (the county's Sunset Building) for workshops. The Extension Service was agreeable to let us use their facilities for no cost as long as the general public could also attend. It was felt that was acceptable and a potential means of recruiting new members. V.P. Teresa Jones announced the March meeting speaker will be Liz Granberg presenting her program "Adventures with 60° Triangle Quilts".

Way & Means – The Mystery Quilt sign up will continue through March. Payment will be due at the March meeting.

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Minutes and Reports



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Charity Quilts – Sherri Irving passed out surveys to gauge in interest for the committee’s sew days and participation. She announced this year’s charity will continue to be Project Warm Embrace, a program for children going in to foster care and administered by the Kansas Dept. of Children & Families. She is also exploring other charities and encouraged suggestions. She showed 4 quilts that have been completed recently.

Challenge Quilts – Shari Pine announced the 2018 Challenge. It is to make a quilt with curves or the illusion of curves, any size, any pattern. She passed out flyers about the challenge. She also announced a short term challenge that ends in May. That requires a 20.5” x 20.5” (or maximum 82” circumference) and all fabrics must be from your stash, no new purchases. Sabrina Parker and Pam Pearson are also committee members.

Opportunity Quilt – Heather Buckwitz presented the 2018/2019 Opportunity Quilt. It is an original design using all Kansas City Star “Star” blocks, most all will be made using paper piecing techniques. A vote was taken to select a palette of either Modern Bright or Japanese Neutral colorways. The vote was close, but the Neutrals were chosen.

Block of the Month – Mary Pacey pointed out the display board that showed examples of the first 3 of 9 different blocks of the month. Details are in the February newsletter.

Other Business:

* Mary Pacey announced that Arlene Banks has volunteered to be the 2019 Ways & Means Elect Chairman. Arlene was accepted without objection.

* Mary noted that the position of Historian continues to be vacant and 2017 Historian Cheryl Wilcox is standing in for the time being. Volunteer is needed.

* Arlene Banks announced that the 2019 fundraiser will no longer be basket drawings. She has already begun planning for the project and needs fabric donations. Details of needs are in the February newsletter.

Show and Tell participants were Linda Ochs, Cindy Nice, Carolyn Routh, Kate Thompson, Kerri Robinson, Jean Shlenk, Shelia Pierce, Heather Buckwitz, Mary Rayborn, Linda Hagen, Kenda Camp, Carolyn Chaffin, Jodi Price, Deb Lybarger and Arlene Banks.

Raffle Basket Winners were Felise O’Brien, Sherri Critchfield, and Carolyn Chaffin

The Door Prize winner was Jean Schlenk.

Members present: 45 + 2 new

Guests: (4) Joyce Bardeen, Veronica Ward, Lynn Humphreys, Jodi Price

New members: (2) Felise Freely-O’Brien and Linda Bentz

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gandy, Secretary



Schedules



2018 Guild Meeting Schedule

- **January 9** – Guild Social – Getting to know each other
- **February 13** – Jane Bromberg – Finishing up!
- **March 13** – Liz Granberg – Adventures with 60° Triangle Quilts
- **April 10** – Mary Honas – Intensity, Value, Contrast & Scale
- **May 8** – Angela Walters – How Do I Quilt It?
- **June 12** – Guild Summer Social
- **July 10** – Raija Salomaa – Journey as a Pattern Designer
- **August 14** – Lori Triplett – Pieces of the Prairie
- **September 11** – Gail McKay – How Fabric is Made and the Life of a Fabric Representative
- **October 9** – Guild Charity Night
- **November 13** – Guild Fall Dinner
- **December 11** – Guild Holiday Social

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

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



Please join us for dinner prior to 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 member's trickle in as they get off work. Join us for some quilting fellowship before the meeting.



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





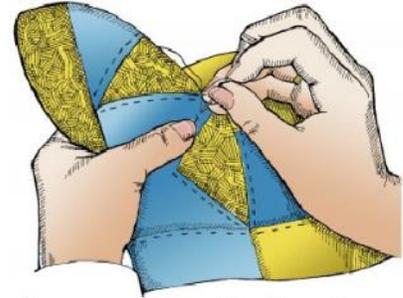
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Hand Quilters

The **Hand Quilting Stitch Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **March 15, 2018.**

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.

Beginning January, 2018, 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 next Board meeting will be on **March 21, 2018.**

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

Want another way to stay in touch between meetings? Sign-up to our OQG Facebook group.

The address is [facebook.com/groups/OQGuildGroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/OQGuildGroup)



Show and Tell



Linda Ochs with her small quilts



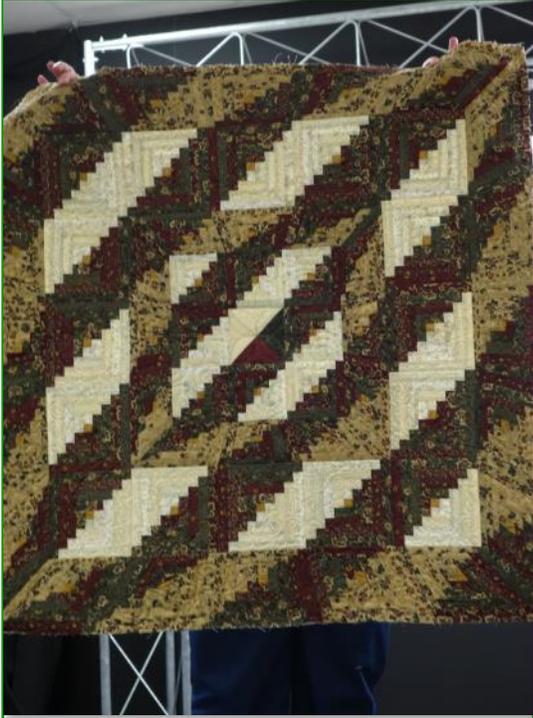
Cindy Nice with her large quilt



Sheila Pierce with a K-State T-Shirt quilt



Show and Tell



Carolyn Routh with quilt quilted by Kerri Robinson for church auction item.



Kate Thompson with her sunflower project



Jean Schlenk with her music quilt



Linda Hagen and her first quilt that she mentioned in the last newsletter



Show and Tell



Kerri Robinson with Slice and Dice quilt and finished Mystery Quilt



Deb Lybarger's cardinal quilt and Christmas quilt

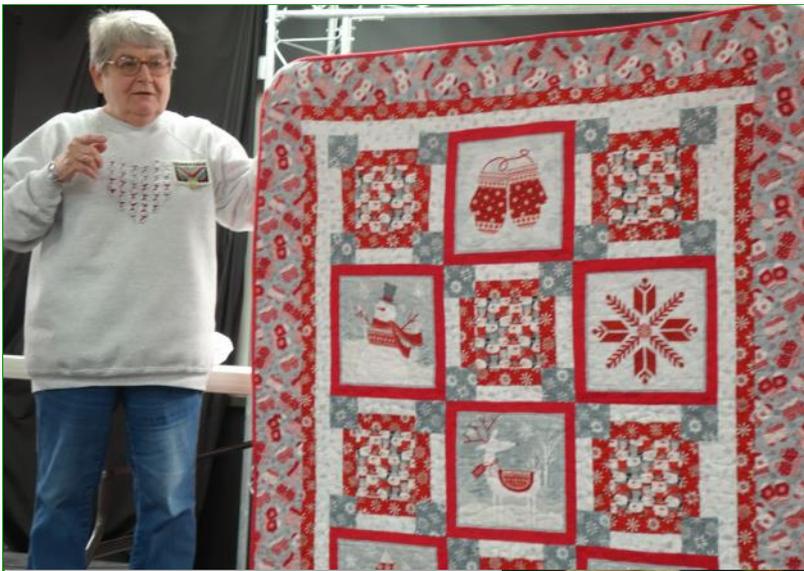




Show and Tell



Heather Buchwitz
with her t-shirt quilt



Kenda Camp
with her two quilts





Show and Tell



Mary Rayborn and her quilt



Jodi Price with embroidery quilt
(Anita Goodesign's Quilt in a Hoop)



Carolyn Chaffin with her large sampler quilt (Splendid Sampler)



Arlene Banks with pastel embroidery quilt
(Down in the Garden)



Upcoming Area Quilting Events



2018

Dates and City	Name of Show and Group	For more information
Feb 2—March 8 Kansas City, MO	1,000 Footsteps Tell the Story—by Once We Were Refugees non-profit group	kcur.org/post/refugees-whove-made-new-homes-kansas-city-quilts-are-universal-language#stream/0
March—all month Yoder, KS	Parade of Quilts—by Ladies from the Yoder community and Amish and Mennonite communities across the United States.	www.yoderkansas.com/calendar-of-events/parade-of-quilts.html
March 9—10 Overland Park, KS	Quilt Luminarium by Ricky Tims	https://www.rickytims.com/quilt-luminarium/online-registration/quilt-luminarium/quilt-luminarium-by-ricky-tims-kansas-city-ks
March 24—25 Abilene, KS	A Sunflower Journey Quilt Show—by End of the Trail Quilters' Guild	sunflowerjourneyquiltshow.wordpress.com/2018-quilt-show/
June 7-9 Overland Park,	MOKA Quilt Study Group—Chintz & Signature Quilts of the Early 19th Century	See attachments emailed with March newsletter for more information
June 21—23 Wichita, KS	Common Threads Regional Quilt Show—by Prairie Quilt Guild of Wichita	Wichitaquiltshow.com

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June 13—15	Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival	kcrqf.com
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Thank you to Quilters' Haven and The Quilted Sunflower for offering a 10% discount on fabric purchased for the Opportunity Quilt.

Know of an event coming up? Send the info to OQGNews@outlook.com and we can include it in the newsletter.