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Dear Olathe Quilters Guild Members,

Many of us are spending much more time at home these days, due to COVID 19 and its very transmissible Omicron variant. Are you working on anything exciting that you will be able to share with us at the February meeting? If so, please send a picture to our Olathe Quilters Guild email address, as indicated on the front page of this newsletter. One of our favorite parts of live guild meetings is Show and Tell, but even on Zoom we are still able to show your projects and have you talk to us about them. In January, I really enjoyed seeing some of you that wouldn't ordinarily have been able to attend a live evening meeting! We are still a community of quilters, even if we see each other on Zoom, for now. And remember that in addition to our monthly speakers, our usual committee work with Charity, Challenge Quilt (both 2021 and 2022), Block of the Month, continue. Soon, we will be able to start working on blocks for our next Opportunity Quilt.

The February guild meeting will be on Zoom, just as our January meeting was. Please join us 5 to 10 minutes early if you wish, for a few Zoom tips from Lisa Hirsch.

At the January OQG board meeting, we discussed the advisability of when to meet again in person. As I am sure you know some school districts, including Olathe, closed school for several days due to the number of cases of COVID 19 among teachers and staff. Going forward, we will make our own decision month by month, based on the data. As I write this note, the Johnson County Government website indicates a 28.2% positivity rate in Johnson County. Needless to say, this positivity rate means that a Zoom meeting for our guild in February is a good idea. We will continue to monitor this rate in future decision making.

A decision about the March guild meeting will be made at our February board meeting. If you wish to offer your opinion, remember that you are all welcome at our Zoom board meetings. If we do meet in person in March for our guild meeting, the speaker has asked that everyone be masked. We will of course honor this request.

Hope to see all of you on Zoom for our 6:30 p.m. February 8th meeting! Prior to the meeting, we'll e-mail the Zoom link for this meeting to all OQG members.

Happy Quilting, Libby Corriston, Guild President



Next Meeting Program & Workshops



February Program - Quilts and Genealogy

The speaker for our February program is going to make you fall in love with researching the stories behind quilts. John Manning, the principal researcher of the Country School Genealogist LLC. John has spent numerous years delving into the people and stories associated with genealogy. John writes, lectures, and consults on a variety of genealogy topics, including Irish research, military records, and immigration and naturalization records. John and his family have an heirloom signature quilt so please join us to find out more about the quilters in the extended Manning family. Hopefully you will be able to dip your toe into a little historical research of your own.

March INFORMATION!!!!



Mary Kay Fosnacht and Karen Hansen will be joining us for the March program. This local duo have been active in the various guilds and sewing communities, which means that they have taken many of the same classes, participated in the same challenges, and entered juried exhibitions over the years. Each class, challenge and exhibit has its own unique theme or subject. You will see how working with the same guidelines and parameters can lead to very different creative results. Mary Kay and Karen we bring and share those cre-

atively interpreted themes in their own unique styles. They will be talking about their inspiration, design process and techniques followed by Q & A. Be ready

for a great way to look at and embrace a challenge.



February K-State Extension Workshop - No sewing classes this month

Workshop Recordings & Handouts

Missed any of the earlier workshops, or want to see them again? Check out the recordings of this year's workshops—and you can download the handouts as well! <u>https://www.johnson.k-state.edu/home-family/clothing-and-textiles.html</u>

2021 Two Color Quilt Challenge

Just a reminder that our "Show" of all the quilts made for the 2021's Two Color Quilt Challenge will be at the next in-person Guild meeting. I so look forward to seeing what has been created by our talented members. Happy Quilting!

Sherri Irving

2022 Challenge Quilt

The 2022 Challenge Quilt theme is 'What was I thinking??' We all have them in our stash, that really amazing, interesting, fantastic when we bought it fabric, ruler, tool, or pattern. But then we get it home and just don't know what to do with it. It's time to take a deep breath and use it. Projects should be brought to the November Guild meeting, but feel free to finish early and show them off to inspire the rest of us. Prizes for Guild choice (membership vote at the November meeting) and oldest item.

Attention Charity Committee!

Charity Committee,

I would like to have a short Charity Quilts meeting via zoom during February. Please email me at <u>nicdeplazes@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in helping with the charity quilts, and provide some days of the week and times you are available during the first couple weeks of February and I will schedule a meeting that works for the majority of those interested. You don't have to be on the committee to join the meeting.

Thank you - Nic

FIDGET QUILTS- PROJECT AT INDIAN CREEK LIBRARY

Thanks to the generous donations of our members, the Indian Creek Library will be hosting workshops to create Fidget Quilts for seniors. There will be 3 workshops in the library and kits will be constructed for those who would rather sew the Fidget Quilt at home. All necessary items and materials will be in each kit.

The workshop dates are as follows:

Friday, February 28th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday, March 23th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

I spent 4 hours on December 28 helping cut out fronts, backs and battings for the kits. I will be helping again in February to select the "add-on" items for each kit.

I hope we can support this worthwhile project as the library delivers and collects books from seniors in Olathe who are unable to come to the library in person and these will be some of the recipients of the Fidget Quilts.

Mary Pacey

Block of the Month

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2022 Olathe Quilters Guild Board and Committee Chairs				
Board				
President	Libby Corriston			
Vice President	Nic Deplazes			
Program	Cindy Nice and Lisa Hirsch			
Program Elect	Lisa Hirsch			
Secretary	Karen Genis			
Treasurer	Ava Wright			
Ways and Means	Carol Crane			
Ways and Means Elect	Shelia Pierce			
Historian	Cheryl Wilcox			
Public Relations	Melissa Toburen			
Membership	Jean Heer			
Newsletter Editor	Adrienne Clevenger			
Advisor	Teresa Jones			
Committee Chairs				
Block of the Month	Linda Hagen			
Challenge Quilt	Nic Deplazes			
Charity	Nic Deplazes			
KCRQF	Rachel Rohrer & Jenny Boudreaux			
Opportunity Quilt	Ava Wright			
Outreach/Education	Cindy Nice			
President's Quilt	Ava Wright			
Special Events	Heather Schaller			
Welcome Table	Linda Hagen			

Opportunity Quilt

2022 Opportunity Quilt

Ladies The opportunity quilt committee is asking you to bring in batik scraps for the quilt that we all will be making this year. The pieces need to be at least 3" x 7".

We are asking for any color light, dark or bright. The committee will be putting together kits to make the blocks. I know we will be having zoom meetings in Jan and Feb so we will work out how to get them from you. I know you will have fun putting these blocks together.

(Oh, by the way, they are NOT paper pieced. Just plain old straight stitch sewing. Ha! Ha!)

Opportunity Quilt Committee

Treasurer's Report

Operating Account Balance 12/31/2021	\$10,216.68
Money Market Account Balance 11/30/2021	\$10,210.08 \$12,156.62
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Receipts	
Membership Dues	\$150.00
Welcome Desk	
Retreat Fees	\$40.00
Total Income	\$190.00
Expenses	
Church Rental	\$100.00
Speaker Fee	\$250.00
Winner free membership	\$30.00
Other Costs (Reimbursement)	
Total Expenses	\$380.00

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Operating Account Balance 1/24/2022	\$10,026.68
Money Market Account Balance 11/30/2021	<u>\$12,156.62</u>
Combined Balance 1/24/2022	<u>\$22,183.30</u>

Membership and Updates

Welcome to Ashley Azeltine, our newest member. Rachel Sum won the free 2022 membership.

For those who like numbers, we finished 2021 with ninety-one members. Eighteen of these joined in 2021. Fifty-three have renewed for 2022. Many long term and active members have not yet renewed. Although dues were due the end of January, there is a grace period until April 1st. The form, with the PO Box, is attached to this newsletter and is on our web site.

An up to date roster is attached.

Jean Heer

February Birthdays

Kenda Camp - 2/6Mary Rayborn - 2/7Joellyn Randall - 2/7Kathleen Kolodziejczyk - 2/15Jean Spohrer - 2/15Sherri Irving - 2/16Tina Wolff - 2/21Ruthi Hoadley - 2/25Vickie Thorson 2/27Matthew Copeland - 2/28Vickie Thorson 2/27

January Meeting Minutes

OQG Board Meetings

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 15 beginning at 6:30pm via Zoom. The board voted to continue meeting via Zoom instead of meeting in person. Board meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month unless re-scheduled for some reason. Any guild member is welcome to attend board meetings; please contact Libby Corriston at <u>libby-corriston@gmail.com</u> if you wish to attend the meeting, so she can send you the link to join via Zoom.

February 2022

Olathe Quilter's Guild Monthly Meeting January 11, 2022

6:32 pm Libby Corriston, president, called the meeting to order on Zoom. We have 48 members on Zoom. Linda Hagen, welcome table, asked everyone to clarify their names on their Zoom pictures because there are a few similiar names and she is not sure of last names for everyone.

Libby then welcomed Ashley Azeltine, a new member to the guild.

Lisa Hirsch introduced our speaker, Jane Bromberg. Jane has presented to us in the past on finishings. Today's presentation is on organizing your sewing space with everyday objects. Jane previously was a dress maker now turned quilter.

Jane Bromberg – presentation. Lots of practical, affordable ideas were shared to organize your sewing space. Ideas were captured in the chat. After the meeting, the chat was captured and shared on the guild's Facebook page.

After the presentation, members had a chance to share ideas that they learned or something that they may do at home different from what Jane presented.

- Sheila Pierce she liked he pop socket on the rulers idea
- Jenny Boudreaux she liked the ponytail holders on bobbins.
- Cheryl Wilcox at Harbor Freight, you can get a telescoping magnet to pick up pins from the floor without having to bend over
- Carol Crane she like the binder clips on hangers to store projects

7:32 pm Libby began the business portion of our meeting

Secretary's Minutes – Cheryl Wilcox made a motion to accept the December secretary minutes from the December meeting as listed in the newsletter. Lisa Hirsch seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report – Melissa Toburen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report in the newsletter. Heather Schaller seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Libby shared our birthdays for January.

2022 Budget – it was published in our January newsletter. There were no questions or comments from the members at large. Heather Buchwitz made a motion to accept the budget as listed in the newsletter. Jenny Boudreaux seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

February 2022

Rachel Rohrer – Rachel shared the status of our tax filings. These filings are needed as the group can participate in the next KCRQF. The group have been approved by Kansas. The group is still waiting to hear from the IRS. Rachel is not concerned about everything passing.

There were three guild members who shared their current health situations. It was asked to send good thoughts and prayers to them.

Membership – Jean Heer reported we have 50 members who have renewed their membership to date. Then Jean had a drawing for a member to receive a free membership for the year. The winner was Rachel Sum. Jean will send Rachel a check.

2022 Programs – all of our first quarter presenters have been contacted to discuss the current Covid situation and their presentations. All of the presenters are flexible and can change to Zoom if needed. Cindy Nice reported about our February presenter, John Manning a genealogist. He will be presenting a family signature quilt and sharing stories about the quilt. He has done research on the people and their stories. As of now, the meeting will be on Zoom.

Newsletter – congrats to Adrienne Clevenger on the first newsletter of the year. Adrienne is hoping next month is a bit smoother. She learned a few tricks and figured out her stumbling area.

Quilts to Kentucky – Cindy Nice reported 55 quilts were sent in 8 boxes. The guild covered approximately \$330 for the shipping costs. Thank you to Cindy and her husband for coordinating this charity effort.

President's Quilt – Ava Wright – the quilt is ready to be presented the next time we are in person for a meeting.

Block of the Month – Linda Hagen – this year's blocks need to have polka dot material some where in each block. Linda showed January and February blocks as an example. She would like to have more participants this year. There will be 9 months of blocks through September. Then in December we will vote on the winner.

2021 Challenge Quilt – Sherri Irving - our next in person meeting we will display and vote on the 2 color quilts. There will be prizes.

2022 Challenge Quilt – Nic Deplazes – there are 2 people on the committee. The challenge is to use a tool, pattern, or fabric that has been languishing in your stash. There will be more information coming in the newsletter and Facebook.

Charity – the group will be getting together to create kits to distribute.

February 2022

Outreach – Cindy Nice – It was decided to cancel the January. February and March classes because of COVID and construction at the office.

Ways and Means – Carol Crane – she has a basement full of neat stuff. When we get together again she will bring items to sell.

KCRQF - too early to report anything

Retreat – Heather Schaller and Karen Genis presented on a quilt retreat for the guild. It will be held Feb 18-19 at Cedar Lake Village in Olathe. The cost is \$20 per person to cover food on Saturday and materials to make something for CLV. There will be cutting mats, ironing stations and snacks available to all. Please bring your machines, projects, and personal items for a weekend of fun. Feb 18 3-9 pm Feb 19 8 am- 9pm.

Welcome Table - Linda Hagen - 48 members tonight. Rachel Sum is our winner

Thank you Lisa Hirsch for the presentation tonight.

Our Board meeting will be January 18th on this same Zoom link.

Peggy Anderson said thank you to Heather Schaller, Kathy K and Gretchen for the wonderful dinner in December.

Show and Tell – please look at the newsletter for more quilts.

- Sheila Pierce
- Cheryl Wilcox
- Rachel Rohrer
- Melissa Toburen

8:13 pm Libby Corriston adjourned the meeting.

Guild News & Business Online

Our monthly newsletters are posted to the guild web site within a few days of them being sent out via email - the web address is <u>https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/</u>. Click on the Resources tab, then Newsletters to see the archive. We also post them to our Facebook group—if you do not belong to the Facebook group, search for Olathe Quilters Guild group, then click the Join Group button. One of our group admins will grant you access.

MEMBER MARKETPLACE & BUSINESSES

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 <u>https://www.olathequiltersguild.com/business-links</u>.