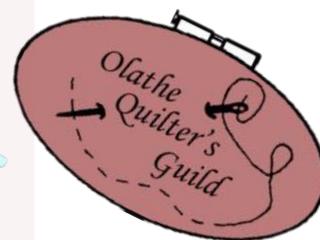
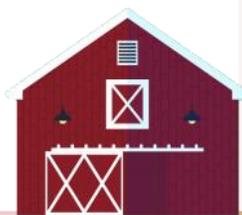


Olathe Quilter's Guild

Newsletter

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From the President's Keyboard

Since school has started, it means that fall is not too far behind. I'm all for a little cooler weather and have really enjoyed the few days of cool temperatures to allow the house windows to be open.

I don't know if you are a reader or not, but I'm still a REAL book reader - my "addiction" comes when I find a new-to-me author and I try to read as many of that person's books in a row. I have especially 2 authors whose books are hard to put down once I've started them- Dan Brown (currently reading Deception Point) and Lee Child. I really enjoyed being able to read an hour or so after lunch in the summer when I was not volunteering at school. Now I have to use any available minutes to read a chapter at a time.

For me, this "addiction" of similar items also happens with a lot of quilting projects. When I learn a new technique, I want to use it in many different projects—probably explains why I have 3 projects dealing with curved seams in progress now! I hope there is something about quilting that peaks your interest and keeps you sewing!

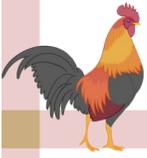
I hope more members will be attending the FREE workshops the guild sponsors at the KSU Extension Office. We've had great teachers and very simple instructions to learn new techniques—we have one more this year. Thanks to the members who are volunteering their time and talents to teach others.

Mary



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Coming Up in September



Gail McKay presents

How Fabric is Made and the Life of a Fabric Representative

Gail McKay has been quilting for over 17 years. She took her first beginning quilting class when her boys were toddlers and never looked back. To satisfy her fabric craving over the years, she worked part-time at quilt stores in Nebraska and Colorado.

Gail currently works for the Jaftex Corporation as a sales representative extraordinaire making her passion her vocation. Jaftex Corporation has been in the textile industry for 4 generations and currently owns A.E. Nathan, Blank Quilting, FreeSpirit, Henry Glass Fabrics,

Studioe Fabrics and is a distributor for Oasis, Stof, and SyKel Enterprises.

As a fabric sales representative in Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska, Gail shares her love for fabrics and quilting to quilt stores and helps owners find fabrics that fit their needs. Gail will be sharing her life as a fabric representative and the challenges quilt store owners face. She will encourage you to shop your local quilt stores as well as to teach those in your sphere of influence to sew/quilt to help keep the industry thriving.

Gail will also share how fabric is made and why quilt store fabric is high quality and will hold up for years to come. Gail makes quilt samples for Blank Quilting and Studioe Fabrics social media outlets and is a quilt tester for a few designers.

Currently Gail lives in Kansas. Married to her best friend, Tim, of 25 years with 2 adult boys, her cat Gracie and dog Zelda. In her spare time, Gail loves to be with family, read, walk Zelda, quilt, and drinking iced coffee.

September Block of the Month — our last month

Just a reminder that September is the last month of the block designs. The finished project will not be due until January's 2019 meeting. We will be voting on the top 3 Viewer's Choice projects to win prizes. I love how mine is turning out and know of one member who has hers almost completed.

Mary P

The September block is an appliqued heart.

Recap of previous months

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| January—Nine Patch | May—Quarter Square Triangles |
| February—Rail Fence | June—Flying Geese |
| March—Four Patch | July—Square in a Square |
| April—Half square triangles | August—Log Cabin or Courthouse Step |



Coming Up In October



The final workshop scheduled at the Extension Office in 2018 is Machine Applique.

The class will be held on October 23rd, from 6 to 8 pm, led by Cindy Nice.

Register at: www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/index.html

Machine Appliqué Class

(raw edge, satin stitch)

Class Description

Appliqué is the practice of attaching one piece of fabric to another larger one. There are many methods of appliqué. For this class we will be making a flower quilt block with the very easy method of fusible webbing and satin stitch. Hope to see you there!

In this class the student will learn to:

- Choose appropriate patterns, thread, fabric and fusible webbing for appliqué.
- Prepare appliqué.
- Prepare machine for appliqué.
- Stitch appliqué.

Supply List

- Sewing machine with open toe foot if you have one.
- 3 (12") squares of background fabric
- Assorted fabrics suitable for flower, flower center and leaves. Small pieces are great. Nothing needs to be larger than a 10" square
- Thread to match fabrics or black thread. If you own machine embroidery thread, bring it, but regular thread works great, too.
- Sewing tools, including paper and fabric scissors.
- Small iron and pressing mat if you have one. We will have some to share.

"It's in the Bag Challenge"

Completed bags are due at the October meeting.

This challenge is for you to make any kind of bag!
Grocery bag, travel bag, lunch bag ... the list is endless!

**The only rule is that the bag
must have been made this year.**

*Also remember the 'Show Us Your Curves' challenge
is due at the November Guild meeting*

The program at our October Guild meeting will be a Charity Sew-In, where we will be working on charity quilts.



Our Guild Members



Spotlight Quilter of the Month—Carolyn Chaffin



I grew up sleeping under a Grandmother's flower garden quilt made for my mother by her grandmother on her 12th birthday. My grandmother quilted and I knew someday I wanted to make quilts. I seriously started quilting in the early 90's when I had more discretionary time and income. I'm disappointed in the industry today - it feels like, in an effort to make a profit, we've lost the joy of creating something unique.

From day 1, I was a stash accumulator. I would set a budget and slowly accumulate fabric, usually towards a goal, such as novelty fabrics when I was making I-spys. A new piece of fabric stimulates my creative energy, challenges me. As a result, I have more fabric than I or my daughter will use in our lifetimes. A pattern will look like fun, a fabric will inspire me to try something new - a new technique, a new tool or a pattern in the tile of a bathroom. Most of my 'finished' quilts have been gifts to family, friends or donated to charities.

I think I joined the quilt guild in the 90's the first time when we first moved to Olathe. I left after moving to Iowa, then rejoined when I returned to Olathe. I tried other quilt guilds as I moved around, but I missed my 'home' guild and was glad to come back.

I love the process of designing my project. I rarely make a pattern as printed, I enlarge - shrink - make smaller blocks (my preference) or add some applique. I have yet to find a technique I don't enjoy. I often combine techniques to get the look desired. I add paper piecing for increased precision, applique to soften. I haven't done machine applique and look forward to the workshop in October to give it a try. I have started quilting more of my own quilts on my home machine the past few years. As the cost of long arm quilting increased, I realized I need to make some choices. Since cutting back my sewing was not an option, I examined my goals. I often choose an all over design for the quilting. I came to the conclusion that cross hatch quilting, which I enjoy doing, is a form of pantograph. So now if the quilt is smaller than a double size I cross hatch it on my machine or hand quilt smaller projects.

My favorite tool is old cast-iron irons - amazing tool. When I'm cutting a large piece of fabric it helps hold the fabric in place. When I'm using my light box, it keeps the paper from moving. When I'm pinning borders, it keeps edges even and snug. When I'm pinning a quilt to quilt, it keeps the sandwich layers from shifting. I have found 6 is the perfect number, and they can be found at estate and garage sales!!

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My Tip: enjoy the process - whether finishing the block with perfect points or 'unsewing' the same piece for the 3rd time. If you don't enjoy it, get up, move away from the table and come back later.

People who are in my life have quilts - my grandbabies like piles of quilts on their bed, one is never enough. Even when there is family conflict (will my brothers ever get along!!), quilts are always in the pile of gifts at births, graduations and weddings. I believe a quilt given is a gift of unconditional love. As I sew a gift quilt, I think of the person or organization, and sew in prayers of hope, comfort and joy as I go. I am so thankful the hopes of a little girl to someday make quilts like her Grandma did has come true. Thanks Grandma and I'm sorry I didn't treasure the quilts you made for me as I should have.

Carolyn

September Birthdays

Joyce Bardeen - 9/5	Lynda Ochs - 9/20
Lisa Hirsch - 9/9	Sabrina Parker - 9/23
Libby Corrison - 9/10	Jean Schlenk - 9/23
Rhonda Weibrecht - 9/16	Jodi Price - 9/26
Janice Meloan - 9/19	Mary Conner - 9/30

Welcome

To our new member who joined at the August meeting

Karin McCracken

Congratulations to our guild members who won ribbons at the Johnson County Fair this summer. All of them won at least one blue ribbon. They are: Kenda Camp, Lynda Ochs, Mary Pacey, Shelia Pierce, Janis Raspberry and Mary Ellen Winter.



2018 Olathe Quilter's Board

President: Mary Pacey	Ways & Means Elect: Arlene Banks
Vice-President/Program: Teresa Jones	Historian: Beverly Berberich
Program Elect: Pam Pearson	Public Relations: Karen Lacy
Secretary: Susan Gandy	Membership: Karen Goodwin & Jean Spohrer
Treasurer: Libby Corrison	Newsletter Editor: Sherri Critchfield
Ways & Means: Linda Hagen & Mary Rayborn	Advisor: Shari Pine



Committee Updates



Charity News

Our monthly 'Prep' sessions have been so productive! We have been sorting and cutting fabric, ironing, cutting batting, and putting kits together. We will have one more 'Prep' session on September 27th before our October 9th Guild meeting dedicated to sewing quilt tops for our charities.

But do not worry, if you don't feel like sewing, there are still several tasks that you can do – from sorting fabric, ironing, cutting or just providing encouragement and support to other Guild Members. This year's kits are a bit more varied than the pattern from last year's Charity Sew meeting. We will have several of what has been called the "Twenty Squares Quilt", but will also have kits that are strips, or kits that need to be added to obtain the right size (we have the extra fabric), and a few that will allow you to demonstrate your creative side.

For the October meeting, besides sewing machines, we will need a few irons and ironing boards. (Probably will need heavy-duty extensions cords or power strips with heavy-duty cords too). We plan on having a good time, sewing, visiting and maybe a surprise or two.

A reminder that our quilts sizes are:

Isolette Covers need to be 42" x 60".

Project Warm Embrace need to be 45" x 60" or larger.

VA quilts sizes vary. We will be making full or twin size, lap size and sizes for wheelchairs.

Thank you for however you share your talent, time, efforts or fabric! You are greatly appreciated.

October Charity Sew-In

We'll be sewing for charity during the regular October Guild meeting. But, if you would like extra time for sewing, you can arrive any time after 1:00 pm. We're planning to order out for dinner.

Charity Committee work nights in 2018

The planned dates for work nights for the remainder of 2018 are Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 15.



*The deadline for submissions for the October newsletter will be Wednesday, Sep 26th.
Please send items to OQGNews18@outlook.com.*



Minutes and Reports



Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report

Operating Account Balance 7/1/2018	\$9,209.12
Money Market Account Balance 6/29/2018	<u>\$12,131.71</u>
	\$21,340.83
Receipts	
Membership*	\$15.00
Ways and Means	\$69.00
Welcome Table	\$30.00
Petty cash return	\$200.00
Bus trip payments	<u>\$90.00</u>
	\$404.00
Money Market interest earned in July	\$0.72
Expenses	
Olathe Christian Church – August rooms	\$100.00
Lori Triplett - speaker	\$300.00
Heather Schaller – reimburse ½ membership*	\$15.00
Peggy Souag – reimburse ½ membership*	\$15.00
Sherri Irving – batting for charity quilts	\$75.22
Joli Winer – 1,000 new bookmarks	\$100.09
Mary Pacey – speaker's dinner	\$11.75
Crossroad Tours – balance for Lincoln bus trip	<u>\$1,333.00</u>
	\$1,950.06
Operating Account Balance 8/25/18	\$7,663.06
Money Market Account Balance 7/29/18	<u>\$12,132.43</u>
Combined Balance 8/25/18	<u>\$19,795.49</u>
*At the July board meeting it was decided that, henceforth, any new memberships during the last 6 months of the year will cost ½ of the yearly fee.	



Minutes and Reports



General Meeting Minutes
Olathe Quilters Guild
August 14, 2018

The August 2018 meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Mary Pacey. After a greeting, she called Gretchen Ryan to the podium. Gretchen had a challenging surgery this summer and thanked everyone for their support. Jean Schlenk was this month's featured quilter. Mary announced that Jean and Deb Lybarger had also been hospitalized this month.

Those with birthdays in August were asked to come forward and receive a small gift from the Guild. Mary thanked Joli Winer for overseeing ordering new bookmarks and Karen Lacy for her dedication and long hours managing the Open Quilt area at the Johnson County Fair.

We had 7 guests who each introduced themselves. They were Margaret Klassen, Donna Moll, Karin McCracken, Jennifer McAfee, Jade McAfee, Marti Shuey and Nancy Hodges. Guest Karin McCracken joined to make one new member.

VP Teresa Jones introduced the evening's speaker, Lori Triplett, who spoke on *Pieces of the Prairie* and shared her superb collection of 19th century quilts, many of which were pre-Civil War.

A break was then taken to socialize, purchase raffle tickets, bus trip sign up, shop at the speaker's table and check out the Flea Market Free Table.

After the break, we resumed with the business portion of the meeting. Mary called for the July meeting minutes acceptance. A motion was made by Linda Meisel and seconded by Pauline Sanders. The vote was made to accept. Approval of the Treasurer's Report was requested. Beverly Berberich made the motion and Karen Lacy made the second. The report was voted on and approved.

Teresa Jones announced that next month's program will be our own Gail McKay who will be speaking on how fabric is made and the life of a fabric sales representative. Pam Pearson announced that the New York Beauty workshop was a great success and the next workshop will be August 21 on English Paper Piecing presented by Carolyn Chaffin. Enrollment is already at 17. She also gave away two more fat quarters of fabric designed by a future speaker.

The Bus Trip to Lincoln still has space. Susan Gandy announced she will be sending an email with details needed for the trip sometime the next week.

Janie Benander reviewed the latest information about the KCRQF next June. She asked for a show of hands as to the number of people who expected to be putting quilts in our guild's display. She also encouraged members to submit mini-quilts for a Silent Auction intended to raise funds for two charities (Once We Were Refugees and the Sewing Lab). A Festival by-law change was made to create a Vice President Elect position. She announced that Susan Gandy will coordinate the Festival effort within our guild.

Mary Pacey mentioned the Olathe Visual Arts Club is staging a Mini Art Quilt Exhibition December 1. Sherri Critchfield has the information.

Mary Pacey requested volunteers for the Nominating Committee to put together a slate of officers for

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the 2019 Guild Board of Directors. Kenda Camp volunteered. Another person is needed. Currently, it is known that we will need a Membership Chair/co-chair, Public Relations (including Facebook and website) for which Heather Buchwitz volunteered, and the Treasurer's position.

The Welcome Table stated that we had 48 members and 7 guests attending. The Door Prize winner was Heather Buchwitz. The Basket Drawing winners were Anna Mae Wagner and Shelia Pierce.

Show and Tell participants were: Peggy Anderson, Kenda Camp, Mary Ellen Winter, Gretchen Schafer, Heather Schaller, Carolyn Chaffin, Linda Hagen, Janice Meloan, Pauline Sanders, Pam Pearson, Karen Lacy, Sherri Irving and Karen Goodwin.

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gandy, Secretary



Slate of Candidates for 2019 Board Positions

The slate of candidates is almost full--- we are still seeking someone to volunteer to be the Program Elect. If you can fill this need, please contact Mary Pacey (Marygstitcher@gmail.com). Every position on the board is vital to the operation of the guild. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We will be voting at the October Meeting.

Co-Presidents – Mary Pacey & Teresa Jones

Vice-President – Pam Pearson

Program Elect –

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 & Peggy Souag

Newsletter Editor – Sherri Critchfield

Advisor – Shari Pine



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 and Quilters Helping Quilters
- **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.





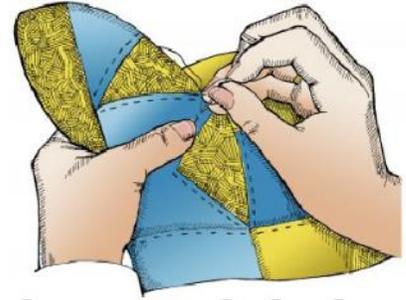
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Hand Quilters

The **Hand Quilting Stitch Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **September 20, 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 **September 19, 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.

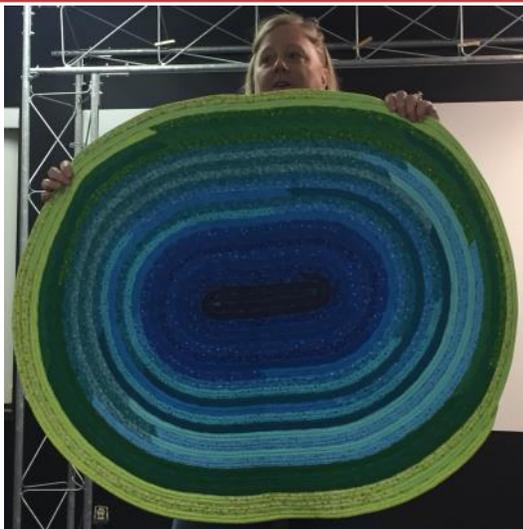
The address is [facebook.com/groups/OQGuildGroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/OQGuildGroup)



Show and Tell



Carolyn Chaffin - Jacob's Ladder quilt and Disappearing 9 Patch quilt



Gretchen Schafer - Rug, bag and purse



Kenda Camp - Harley Davidson quilt

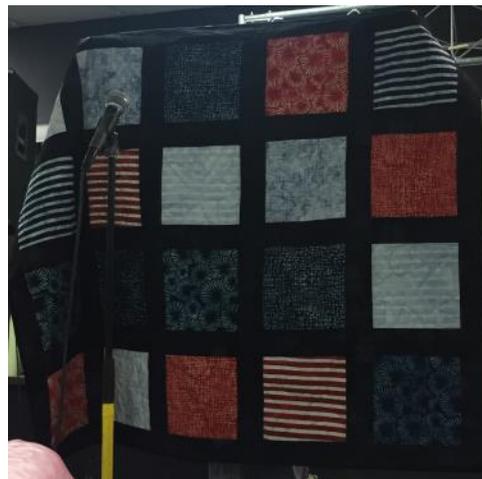
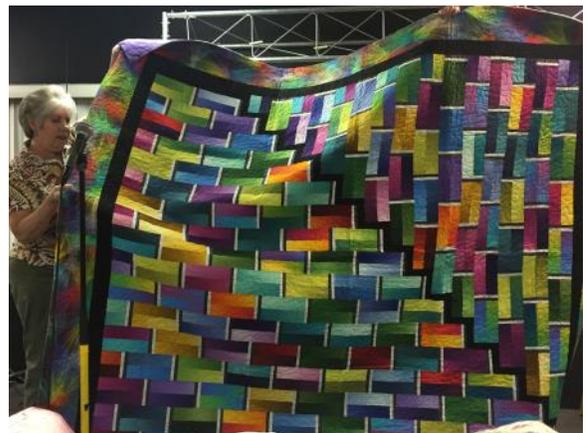


Show and Tell



Heather Schaller - Rainbow Bargello

Janice Meloan - Duvet quilt cover
and 2 other quilts



Linda Hagen - VA quilts



Show and Tell



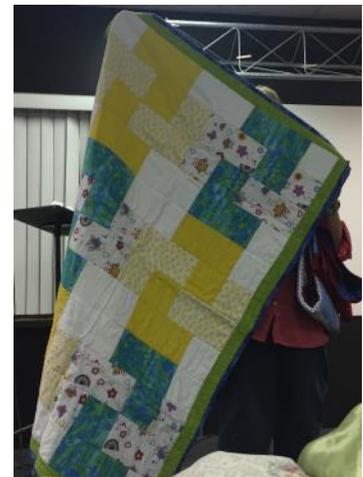
Mary Ellen Winter - Rug and Advent Calendar



Pauline Sanders - Table topper, table runner, placemats



Peggy Anderson - Project Linus Quilts

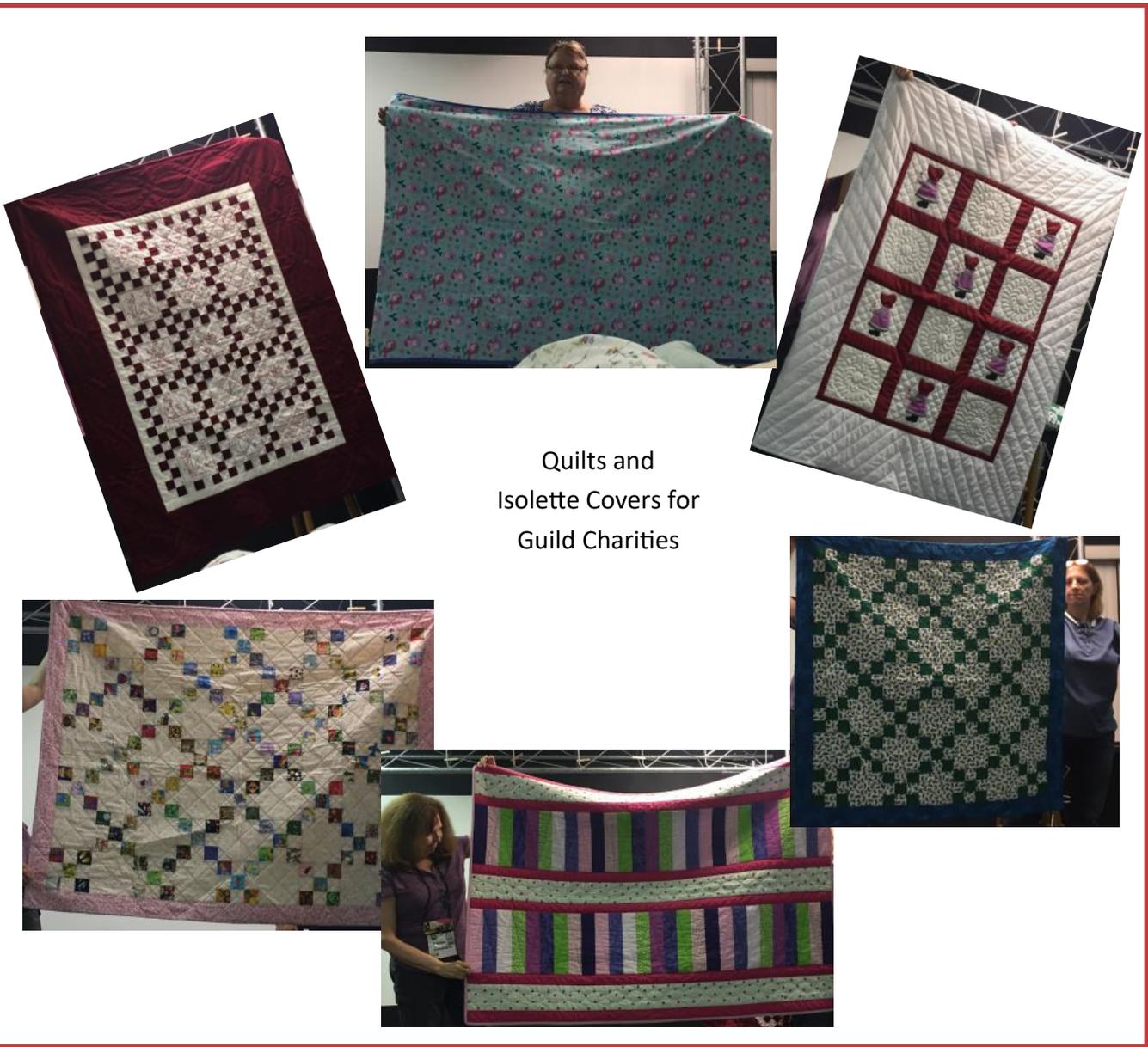




Show and Tell



Pam Pearson -
Disappearing Rail
Fence for charity



Quilts and
Isolette Covers for
Guild Charities



Upcoming Area Quilting Events



2018

Dates and City	Name of Event and Group	For more information
Sept 8 Ottawa, KS	Sunflower Piecemakers Quilt Guild Quilt Show—Goppert Center at 15th and Ash St.	sunflowerpiecemakers.wixsite.com/quiltguild
Sept 15 & 16 Topeka, KS	Stitching Stories—by Kansas Capital Quilters Guild	www.kscapitalquilters.com/2018-quilt-show.html
Sept 27-29 Springfield, MO	Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild Celebrate Quilting Show	opqgshow.com
Sept 28-29 Mission, KS	A Stitch in Time—by Starlight Quilters Guild at Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf Ave	www.starlightquilters.com/2018_quilt_show
Sept 29-30 Paola, KS	Drag & Brag Quilt Show—by Miami County Quilters’ Guild at the Paola Middle School	www.miamicountyquiltguild.com/Drag-N-Brag-Quilt-Show.html
Sept 29 Overland Park, KS	Arboretum Quilt Walk - by Blue Valley Quilters Guild at Overland Park Arboretum, 8909 W. 179th St.	10:00 am - 4:00 pm \$3.00 for non-members of arboretum
Nov 8-10 Multiple cities	“Jingle All the Way” Shop Hop by Ad Astra in KS towns of Leavenworth, Paola, Overbrook, Shawnee, Baldwin City, Holton, Lawrence, Spring Hill and Eudora	www.facebook.com/adastraquiltshophop/
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

2019

June 13 - 15	Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival	kcrqf.com
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