

Olathe Quilter's Guild

Newsletter

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From the President's Keyboard

As I write this letter, it is still November – the thanksgiving month. I want to extend a big thank you to several groups who helped make the November meeting run smoothly.

Thanks to the Special Events committee under the direction of Joli Winer and Sheila Pierce. The set up/serving/ take down of the delicious meal went smoothly. I saw a lot of the committee members either bringing decorations or helping set up the tables-Jenny B., Pauline, Gretchen, Robbie, Cindy N., Anna Mae, Mary C. and Jodi--- thanks a bunch. We were also blessed to have 2 husbands help in the initial set up of tables and chairs. Thanks also to the members who stayed behind and helped put the tables and chairs away.

Thanks to Gretchen, Janie, and Cindy for the work put in on the President's Quilt- the blocks are so beautiful. I have always loved seeing quilts with this block, but never got around to doing it myself—one of those “someday” projects!

Thanks also to the 2019 Block of the Month Committee—they had their own table and were able to select a chairperson- Carolyn Chaffin - and agree upon patterns for the upcoming year. Be sure to look for these patterns/directions to appear in the monthly newsletter.

Last, but not least, thanks to all the members who braved the cold temperature to attend .

We have one more meeting this year and will get a chance to broaden our understanding of using color and texture in our projects. Along with this newsletter will be the 2019 Membership form which gives members a chance to sign up for committees, express interest in speakers and programs and to notify the Board of special talents you have that could be shared throughout the year in different areas. Please consider volunteering to be on a committee or two as that is what makes our guild stronger and is a great way to meet other members.

It has been a great year as your President as we have a great Board and a willing membership to help with different projects. There will be a joint Board Meeting (2018 and 2019) on Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday season filled with friends and family.

Mary Pacey



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Coming Up in December



At Our December meeting

Lisa Hirsch will give a presentation to provide guild members an opportunity to explore and become more confident with color/pattern.

We are asking each guild member to bring 8 -10 chunks of fabric. These pieces of fabric will not be cut and you will get them back in their original condition. Each piece of fabric needs to be at least 5 x 5 inch charm pack size. Bring the rainbow or the colors that you can't figure out.



We will be sitting at tables working on color theory/organization/problem solving, so having fabrics you love all the way to the ones that give you problems should be brought. You will learn some strategies for working with color, pattern and texture.

Please feel free to bring holiday snacks for the evening.

Joint Board Meeting of 2018 and 2019 Board members

On Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m. we will be having a joint Board Meeting to work on the budget for 2019. We will also be getting closer to finalizing the calendar of events for next year. Hope to see you all there with ideas.



At December's meeting, the charity committee will have fabric pieces in bags available to take home and cut into squares or strips. We ask that you bring the fabric back to the January 2019 meeting, all of it, squares, strips and leftovers. Sizes can be whatever you can get from the fabric.

We will be putting those squares and strips into 'kits' for our February 2019 meeting. If you can help this way, it would be much appreciated!





Coming Up Next Year



2018 Block of the Month Quilt Finale

Please bring your completed BOM quilts to the January meeting. Awards will be given to the top 3 Viewer's Choice projects. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but have your quilt project completed, please send along with another member. We would love to see all the different varieties of the 9 basic blocks.

2018 Mystery Quilts

The mystery quilt participants for 2018 will be able to show the cuteness of their creations at the January meeting. Linda Hagen has instructions if you misplaced a month or two. We had about 20 sign up, how many will be done in January?



2019 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.

Dates

The following dates are ones that have been set so far for workshops at the Johnson County Extension office.

January 29
March 26
April 30
June 25
July 23
August 23
September 24

More dates may be added in 2019.

Please be considering topics you would like to learn, or that you would be willing to teach.



Coming Up Next Year



2019 Block of the Month

The Block of the Month Committee met at the November meeting and have decided on the block of the month for 2019. Moda has started a new series of free blocks - Blockheads 2. We plan to use this as our block of the month for 2019. If you want, go to the Blockhead 2 website at <https://www.bearcreekquiltingcompany.com/moda-blockheads-2018>. You can look at how other people are doing their blocks, do some of the larger blocks, or just see what's ahead. They also have a Facebook page you can follow.

We will choose 24 of the 6 ½ inch blocks, publish 2 each month in the newsletter, and add a few 'bonus' blocks for fun. You can do all the blocks or one a month, add extras to make a wall hanging, or a lap quilt for charity. The twist - at least one a month **MUST** contain a striped fabric - you don't have to use the same striped fabric in all the blocks.

Each quarter (April, July, and October) bring your finished blocks to the guild meeting, we will draw a name to win a prize. In January, bring your finished quilt or even a 'flimsy' to the guild meeting and there will be prizes for: 1) overall favorite, 2) favorite setting, and 3) best use of a stripe.

We wanted to start publishing the blocks in December so you could get a head start on the blocks. We are including the basic instructions provided by Moda and the first 2 blocks. The instructions and block directions are included as attachments in the newsletter email.

Good luck - have fun. The Block of the Month Committee - Carolyn Chaffin



2019 Olathe Quilter's Board

Co-Presidents – Mary Pacey & Teresa Jones

Vice-President – Pam Pearson

Program Elect – vacant

Secretary – Susan Gandy

Treasurer- Mary Whitchurch

Ways & Means – Arlene Banks

Ways & Means Elect – Carolyn Chaffin

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Historian – Beverly Berberich

Membership – Cheryl Wilcox

Newsletter Editor – Sherri Critchfield

Advisor – Shari Pine



Our Guild Members



Spotlight Quilter of the Month—Heather Schaller



Heather with her mother, Cheryl, and the quilt Heather made for her.

Heather has been quilting for nearly 16 years. She learned as a high school freshman in Family and Consumer Science (FACS) class, but dove in headfirst in 2013 when she and her husband bought their first home, giving her the opportunity to expand the hobby. Soon after, she talked her husband into purchasing a long-arm quilting machine, and it's occupied a 12-foot chunk of our homes ever since.

Many of the quilts she has made in the past few years featured characters from video games. Not only does she enjoy customizing scenes and characters to her customers' nostalgia, but it helps keep her husband interested too. Recently, however, she's worked with more complicated designs, including a pair of intricate bargello quilts, one of which she says is the most challenging quilt she's made so far. Heather's next big project includes learning how to paper-piece, a skill she wants to use to make a Harry Potter-themed bookshelf quilt.

Heather loves using her long-arm quilting machine for charity; of course it feels gratifying to give back, but also offers her the freedom to learn new quilting designs. She also loves the challenge of finding uses for the odds-and-ends fabric in her stash, which both helps keep her fabric collection under control and helps her rationalize buying

more when she finds a great deal. She hopes to someday have her personal quilting oasis hidden behind a secret door in her home, giving her a unique space to show off to her friends and fellow quilters.

Heather wants her quilting legacy to be defined by bringing joy to those close to her. It's something special she shares with her mom, and looks for opportunities to share that experience with others. She's always grateful that her family and lifestyle support her hobby, and that it has brought her so many special friends and experiences. She hopes she'll have the good fortune to continue quilting for years to come.

Heather's article was co-written with her hubby Shawn.

December Birthdays

Carmen Carter - 12/22

Beverly Berberich - 12/24

Deb Lybarger - 12/29



Committee Updates



Charity News

Ladies – How thankful I am of you all! What a wonderful, creative, giving group you are! Your Charity Champions report that this year, so far, we have donated 15 Isolette Covers, 37 quilts to Project Warm Embrace and 13 quilts to the VA Medical Center HUD-VASH program. Wow!

This year has been fantastic. Our Charity Sew in October was a resounding success. We now have a good sized 'stash' of 'in-progress' quilts. We will continue to work on these until they are donated and ultimately reach their new homes. Thank you again.

As we look to 2019, the Charity Committee has been considering some adjustments to what has been called our 'Prep' Sessions. One of the biggest changes is, rather than meeting monthly, we are looking to meet less frequently, but have the availability for longer periods of time. So stay tuned and look for the ReVamped Charity Quilts Program for 2019.

A reminder that the 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 your talent, time, efforts or fabric! You are greatly appreciated. Y'all did a great job in 2018!

Sherri Irving



A Project Warm Embrace Update, the new director is James Harmon, replacing Bernetta Martin.

Lynda Ochs was able to attend the PWE event this year. She shared this picture and said

"These are some of the over 800 blankets, bags and quilts donated this year. This is now a state wide project with many local guilds participating. We were thanked many times. "



Committee Updates



2019 Memberships

It's that time of the year again! Time to renew your OQG annual membership dues of \$30.00. You may renew by submitting your check or cash along with your completed membership form at a guild meeting beginning with the December meeting. One of the attachments to this newsletter is the newly revised membership form which you can print and fill out, however, copies of this form will also be available at the Membership table.

Another option is to mail your check and membership form to: Cheryl Wilcox, OQG Membership, PO Box 2651, Olathe, KS 66063. Please make checks payable to: Olathe Quilters' Guild or OQG. Although membership dues are due by January 31, 2019, benefits and access to the newsletter will not be cut off until the April 1, 2019 deadline.

Our current guild membership is at 75 members, which has increased from 65. Please remember to invite interested friends, neighbors, co-workers or relatives to the guild meetings so that we can all share the joy of quilting and fellowship.

We have enjoyed serving you at the Membership table this year. Please welcome Cheryl Wilcox to her new role as the Membership Chair for 2019.

Karen Goodwin and Jean Spohrer



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: Beverly Berberich

Public Relations: Karen Lacy

Membership: Karen Goodwin &
Jean Spohrer

Newsletter Editor: Sherri Critchfield

Advisor: Shari Pine



Minutes and Reports



Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report November 2018

Operating Account Balance 11/1/18	\$5,763.87
Money Market Account Balance 9/31/18	<u>\$12,133.85</u>
	\$17,897.72
Receipts	
Opportunity Quilt Shop Hop Sales	\$165.00
Opportunity Quilt Sales to Guild Members	\$190.00
Ways and Means	<u>\$424.00</u>
	\$779.00
Money Market interest earned in August	\$0.72
Expenses	
Anna May Wagner – pies for November dinner	\$43.70
Olathe Christian Church – November rooms	\$100.00
Lisa Hirsch – fabric for December program	\$197.37
HyVee Catering for dinner	\$624.01
Shelia Pierce – table cloths for dinner	\$9.00
Gretchen Ryan – box for President's quilt	\$10.90
Mary Pacey – Prizes for 2018 BOM	\$75.00
Mary Conner – cider for dinner	\$17.94
Jean Spohrer – new member bag supplies	<u>\$28.30</u>
	\$1,106.22
Operating Account Balance 11/25/18	\$5,436.65
Money Market Account Balance 10/31/18	<u>\$12,134.57</u>
Combined Balance 11/25/18	<u>\$17,571.22</u>

The deadline for submissions for the January newsletter will be Thursday, Dec 27th.

*Please send items to **OQGNews18@outlook.com**.*



Minutes and Reports



Olathe Quilters Guild
General Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018

Note: The November meeting was our annual holiday dinner. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. President Mary Pacey announced how the buffet would progress and encouraged members to view the auction and raffle items to be sold that evening. Mary Ellen Winter was invited to explain the plans for a Retreat at *The Barn* in Valley Falls, Kansas. It will be March 28-31, 2019. Cost was approximate \$266. A \$25 deposit was required. The membership then enjoyed dinner together.

Business Meeting

Mary Pacey began the business portion of our meeting by acknowledging the members with birthdays. She then requested a motion to approve the Secretary's minutes of the October meeting. Cheryl Lowrance made the motion which was seconded by Libby Corrison. The motion passed. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Susan Gandy and seconded by Pam Pearson. The motion passed.

Open Board Position

Mary Pacey announced that the Programs Elect Chair position remained vacant and asked that someone volunteer. Election to confirm a candidate would be held at the next general meeting.

December Meeting

Mary Pacey explained that the December meeting program will be member Lisa Hirsch presenting a program on color. She asks that we each bring 8-10 fabrics (sized at least 5" x 5"). You might consider bringing a favorite fabric or one with which you are having trouble matching fabrics. You will take all your fabrics back home with you at the end of the evening.

UFO Raffle & Auction

Ways & Means Chair, Linda Hagen, explained the process to participate in the UFO raffles and silent auction. Linda also relayed that she had delivered quilts and pillowcases to the VA for the HUD-VASH program. She said they were very appreciative and loved the pillowcases.

Challenge Quilts

Chair Shari Pine explained the balloting process for choosing Challenge Quilt winners and showed the quilts. The prize was a fat quarter bundle.

Workshops

2019 Programs Chair, Pam Pearson, explained the notes at each seat were for ideas for workshops and volunteers to conduct those workshops. She asked everyone to fill one out.

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Minutes and Reports



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Opportunity Quilt

Arlene Banks, 2019 Ways & Means Chair, announced that as there had been no one to manage the ticket sales for the Opportunity Quilt, she had volunteered to do so. She had packets of 12 tickets for each member ready to go. She explained that in the past, the Guild expected each member to sell (or buy) tickets for the Opportunity Quilt and we are resuming that policy. Because smart phones are now so common, printing a photo of the quilt (except for a few) would not be necessary. Using your phone to display the quilt, printing a copy of the photo yourself, or the picture on the new Guild bookmarks was recommended. Turn money back in to Arlene. She will also have additional tickets to sell. Photos of the quilt would be made available on the internet. It was noted that the quilt is queen-sized.

President's Quilt

Gretchen Ryan presented the blocks for our president, Mary Pacey. The blocks were made and signed by members of the Guild.

Challenge Results

Shari Pine announced that the Challenge winner was Mary Ellen Winter. Second place was Cindy Nice and Third was Mary Pacey.

Welcome Table Door Prize

Winner was Jenny Boudreaux

Show & Tell

Those who showed quilts were: Mary Ellen Winter, Pauline Sanders, Sherri Irving, Carolyn Chaffin, Rhonda Weibrecht, Heather Schaller, and Pam Pearson. In addition, each person who had a Challenge Quilt showed them.

UFO Sale Results

Winners of the 60+ raffle items and additional 14 silent auction items were announced and distributed.

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gandy
Secretary





Schedules

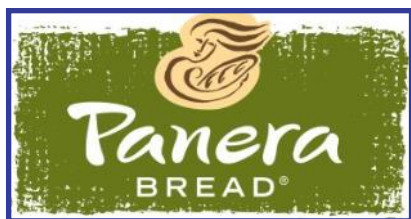


2018 Guild Meeting Schedule

- **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 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.





Schedules

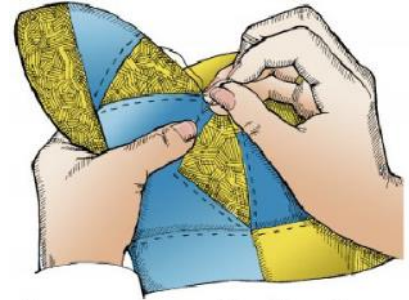


Hand Quilters

The **Hand Quilting Stitch Group** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be in January. **Hand quilters will not meet in December.**

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 December Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 19th.

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



Mary Ellen Winter (clockwise) - Ornament wall hanging, Mystery Quilt, Isolette Cover, Quilt of Valor, Basket Quilt, and Acorn's Promise wall hanging.





Show and Tell



Heather Schaller - Elliott the Cat



Pauline Sanders - Red & White quilt



Rhonda Weibrecht
Batik Diamonds & Pinwheels



Carolyn Chaffin - Wedding Quilt



Show and Tell—2018 Challenge



We want to see your curves!



Mary Ellen Winter—1st Place



Cindy Nice—2nd Place



Linda Hagen



Mary Pacey—3rd Place



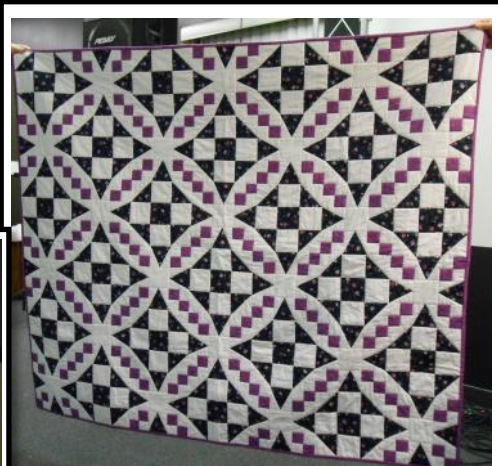
Show and Tell—2018 Challenge



We want to see your curves!



Pam Pearson



Pat Itterly



Lynda Ochs

Rhonda Weibrecht



Pauline Sanders





Show and Tell—Charity Quilts





Show and Tell—Charity Quilts





Show and Tell—Charity Quilts





Upcoming Area Quilting Events



2018

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—Dec 31 Olathe	Mini Art Quilt Exhibit at The First Art Gallery of Olathe, 11951 Strang Line Rd	firstgalleryolathe.com/event/109873/mini-quilts
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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