

Olathe Quilter's Guild

Newsletter

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From the President's Keyboard

I'm sorry that I missed the April meeting and the chance to learn more about the "quilting process", but I was busy learning about Spain and Portugal and its customs, history and food. I saw some amazing Moorish buildings and was amazed to see that the tiles in the floor were decorated with "quilting block patterns"!! While the large cities each had a special place to visit, I am so glad that I live in this sized community - the great ability to have many friends, belong to organizations where almost everyone knows each other and the ability to have a less hurried life style.

I knew I left the guild in great hands, but many went way beyond my expectations---Thanks to Teresa Jones for filling in as President, Kenda Camp for bringing my display board and birthday treat can, Cheryl Wilcox, Libby Corrison, and Lynda Ochs for the very beautiful table arrangement at the Library Tea, and Heather Buchwitz for getting the next Opportunity Quilt off and running. The guild is so blessed to have a great board and committees.

Announcement—we have a new Historian – Cindy Ott. She will begin her "term" in June. Because she does not yet know everyone in the guild, we will be starting a new program for Show and Tell this month. There will be a clipboard with a signup sheet at the front tables and members can sign their name and a short description about what they will be showing. (Unbeknownst to me, however, Susan Gandy and Sherri Critchfield keep an account as well – an insurance policy!) Please sign up according to your number when we have Show and Tell - the list will be moved to the left side of the room after break in case anyone needs a reminder of who is in front of and behind you.

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From the President

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The workshops at the Extension Office have started. I attended the Paintstik Class taught by Janie Benander on April 24th. Great teacher, easy to understand lesson (with handouts) and a wonderfully large room to hold a workshop. Pam Pearson is leading a workshop on New York Beauty on Tuesday, May 22. These classes are open to the public and we had 2 non-members in attendance at the first class – another way to entice new members to join the guild!

I understand that no one should miss the May meeting!!! Come and be inspired.

Mary Pacey

P.S. Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in the guild.

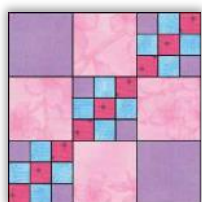
Block of the Month

I am seeing and hearing about different members' take on the Do-Your-Own Way Block of the Month. We are now almost halfway through the 9 blocks and I am really enjoying making my blocks. I'm glad the deadline is not until early 2019 to allow time to get the blocks all done and the project quilted. I know that I've "stretched" a little in my design process in the process. Maybe this will open a door to more creativity rather than just following a printed pattern.

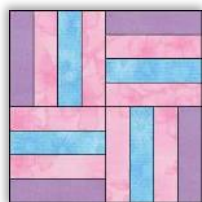
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Block of the Month

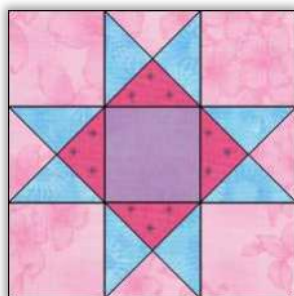
A few samples of the many variations possible



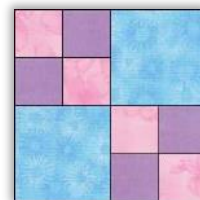
January
Nine Patch



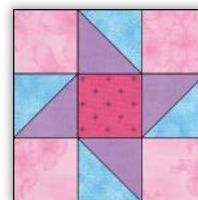
February
Rail Fence



May
Quarter Square
Triangles



March
Four Patch



April
Half Square Triangles



Coming Up in May



Help! How Do I Quilt It? *Our May presentation* *by Angela Walters*

Since learning how to quilt from her husband's grandparents 10 years ago, Angela has been in love with the art of quilting.

She purchased her first quilting machine 8 years ago and has been quilting professionally, teaching and giving trunk shows ever since.

She has quilted for fabric designers, authors and pattern makers and has been published in books and magazines. She loves traditional quilting but has found her niche quilting modern quilts and helping other learn how to adapt their quilting designs for modern quilts.

She quilts from her home studio and also blogs at quiltingismytherapy.com

How's your Scrappy Challenge coming along?

The Small and Scrappy Challenge is due at the May meeting. There's still time. If you haven't started yet, here's a reminder of 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**. I.e., if you're 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.

All participants will be entered in a drawing for a prize!





Coming Up In May thru July



New York Beauty Block

will be the topic of our May workshop, led by Pam Pearson

The class will be held on May 22nd, from 6 to 8 pm in Room 1070/75 of the Johnson County Extension Office at 11811 S Sunset Dr. in Olathe. You will learn to use paper piecing to create a New York Beauty Block.

Supply Info Please bring: sewing machine, scissors, thread, pins, rotary cutter, four different fabrics (at least 14 inches square- four fabrics that you like together). Supplies provided: pattern for one block, glue stick, post card, freezer paper, cutting mat, iron and ironing board.

Registration By phone, call 913-715-7000 By Web: [Click Here](#) for the registration form

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

Charity Committee

Guild members will vote during the May Guild meeting on which charities to support over next year.

The next committee work night will be held on May 24th from 6 to 8 pm at Olathe Christian Church in the same room that Guild meetings are held.

June Potluck Plans

Just a heads up that at the June meeting the Guild will have a Salad Pot Luck Dinner. The Guild will provide the beverages and plates and other paper goods. If those whose initial for their last name is A-R would please bring your favorite salad, we would appreciate it. Those whose initial is S-Z please bring a dessert.

Hi All,

It is Fair time again and we would like to show off your Beautiful work you've been doing.
The Dates are from **July 29th to Aug 4th.**

The Theme for the Jo Co Fair this year is

"Come Have a Squealing Good Time"

Now what does that bring to mind? :)
Please check your calendars and your dates available.
I will be needing your help once again this year.
I will have more info at the meeting in May.

I look forward to working with you all again this year.
Karen L.



Our Guild Members

Spotlight Quilter of the Month

Mary Ellen Winter

I have only been quilting about 7 years. I have been sewing since I was 14 years old. I mainly sewed clothes for myself and children. I also did dance costume design and sewing when my daughter became a member of a dance troupe.

I became interested in quilting and took a class long ago in the quilt shop that was in Seville Square on the Plaza. The first quilting class I took (feels like a hundred years ago) taught "quilt as you go", not a method discussed much today.

Life got in the way and I never pursued the art form. Once I became an empty nester, I thought "why not". I took a beginning quilting class at Harper's and it was like the old adage "teach a man to fish." I was off to the races.

I was motivated to quilt when my brother-in-law passed away after a very brief illness. I wanted to make memory t-shirt quilts for his three grandchildren. I made them and even had enough leftovers to make one for the new grandchild he never met. So far, all my quilts have been gifts for my family. I hope that those who have received my quilts will have some appreciation of the work and love that goes into each of them

I like everything I have made so far. I am still in a huge learning curve. I don't even know enough to have a favorite technique. I will say that I try to learn a new skill on every quilt I make. So far, I have really enjoyed paper piecing. The results can be stunning. The next challenge will be curves, completed and quilted by the November meeting. (At least I will try.)



One of the T-shirt quilts for the grandchildren of her brother-in-law, who was an avid fisherman.

My favorite quilting tool is my sewing machine. We have bonded! All my work is machine pieced. I am way to busy and anxious to learn to have the patience for hand piecing. God bless those who do. They have my respect.

I think the quilting part of quilts is a whole different art form. It adds value and art to an already gorgeous piece. If I am seriously proud of a quilt, or if it is a gift for someone, I pay to have it quilted. Otherwise, my friend Gretchen Schafer has been a great resource for helping me learn to use a longarm.

As I am new to quilting, I don't have a stash. All the fabric I have bought has been for specific projects. I will say that I am a few years behind on my projects. (Darn Work.) I think that people are addicted to fabric for all the possibilities. A beautiful fabric has great potential to become any number of things.

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Our Guild Members

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I became a member of the Olathe Quilter's Guild 3 years ago. I wanted to meet other women who quilted and from whom I could learn and enjoy their friendship. The best advice I would give another quilter would be to be patient with yourself. If you are stuck, seek out help. (Gretchen Schafer) You can do it and it will be beautiful.

I was stunned when I won the opportunity quilt last year. It is beautiful. The best part of the night was being able to give Kenda the opportunity quilt from the Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City that she had won. What memorable night.

I am thankful for so very many things, including the new friends who have taught me so much, for a good job so I can buy quilting supplies, a patient husband who puts up with the creative mess, for a large family who can receive my quilts, and for being bright enough at an older age to learn new things.

Editor's note: I've begun suggesting that spotlight quilters let us know if they've won any quilting prizes or awards. Mary Ellen has entered the Johnson county fair twice and has won blue ribbons both times. She also won the viewer's choice last year for our guild's Holiday Door themed challenge quilt.

May Birthdays

Kerri Robinson - 5/15

Janis Raspberry - 5/16

Dawn Green - 5/31

Sherrie Locicero - 5/31



Our New Members

Please welcome new members Joyce Bardeen, Jodi Price and Rhonda Weibrecht to the Olathe Quilter's Guild. Please reach out to guests as well, and continue to encourage friends, relatives and co-workers to give our guild a try. Currently, our guild membership consists of 65 members.

We'll soon begin including pictures of new members in the newsletter (if they don't mind). Hopefully this will help us get acquainted with and welcome those who are joining our group.

Committee Updates

Remaining 2018 Workshops

The members of our guild have voted for the following workshops:

Dresden Plate
Machine Applique
English paper piecing

Before setting these up, we need some teachers!

Please let Pam Pearson know at **pam.pearson@charter.net** if you would volunteer to teach a two hour workshop. Please identify which of these topic(s) you are interested in teaching, and which of the dates below you are available.

The dates reserved for the remaining 2018 workshops are:

July 24

August 21

October 23

2019 Ways and Means

I was asked what I was doing with all the fabric I've collected.

Well... I am having fun! The fabric is being used for 2019.

Pieces needed: 2 1/2" or wider in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, brown, black and white. Batiks in any size.



As Guild members, you have been very generous.

Thank You!

Arlene Banks

Charity Committee Update

April Showers have been pouring fabrics into the Charity Committee. As *May Flowers* into quilts that are gifted to others, smiles and good feelings will be experienced by both the recipient and our talented members! Thank you for your giving *Nature*.

An update to our progress – an additional 5 quilts have been provided to Project Warm Embrace. This brings the total to 24! We have several being quilted and have several ready for quilting. If you can take one to quilt, let one of the Charity Members know. Quilting can be as simple as straight line, in the ditch.

At May's Guild meeting, we will be voting on charities that we want to support during our 'next Season'. All charities suggested are great opportunities. However, we want your input as to where to *Spread* our gifting. Don't forget, we will honor our commitment to our current Charity and all donations are utilized fully. Your talents are appreciated. Remember, all fabric donated is used, even to the point where small pieces not large enough for using provides comfort to dogs in the form of 'doggie beds'. No thread wasted!

Spring into Quilting!

Minutes and Reports

Olathe Quilters Guild Treasurer's Report April 2018

Checking Balance 3/30/2018	\$9,635.05
Money Market Balance 3/30/2018	<u>\$12,129.59</u>
	\$21,764.64
Receipts	
Membership	\$170.00
Ways and Means	<u>\$127.00</u>
	\$297.00
Expenses	
Olathe Christian Church – April rooms	\$100.00
Mary Honas – speaker	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$300.00
Operating Account Balance 4/16/18	\$9,632.05
Money Market Account Balance 4/16/18	<u>\$12,129.59</u>
Combined Balance 4/16/18	<u>\$21,761.64</u>



*The deadline for submissions for the June newsletter will be Wednesday, May 30th.
Please send items to OQGNews18@outlook.com.*

Minutes and Reports

General Meeting Minutes

Olathe Quilter's Guild

April 10, 2018

The April 2018 Guild Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Vice President Teresa Jones in the absence of President Mary Pacey. After welcoming everyone, she recognized Jessie Vandenberg as the month's featured quilter. The Welcome table reported 2 guests. Members with April birthdays were invited to select a gift bag in recognition from the Guild.

Teresa introduced our speaker for the evening. She was Mary Honas who spoke on "Intensity, Value, Contrast and Scale: Getting the Most Out of Design". Mary noted that her mother (Joyce Verstraete) had been an Olathe Guild member for several years. Her presentation was well received. A short break was taken.

The meeting resumed with the business portion.

A motion for approval of the March Meeting Minutes was made by Janie Benander and seconded by Peggy Anderson. The minutes were approved by voice vote. A motion was made to approve the March Treasurer's Report by Cheryl Wilcox and seconded by Kenda Camp. The report was approved by voice vote.

Board Reports:

Programs - Teresa Jones reported that she and Pam Pearson attended the Heartland Quilter Network meeting and they both enjoyed it very much.

Some confusion as to our planned workshops with the Extension Service was discussed. Clarifications included that an eight person minimum sign-up was required or the workshop would be cancelled. The sign-ups for classes can be found on the Extension Service website (which was detailed in our April newsletter). If you are interested at all, you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. Upcoming workshops include *Paintstiks*, and *New York Beauty paper piecing*. Ballots were passed around and collected to determine other workshops.

Our May meeting will be speaker Angela Walters. June will be our annual Potluck Picnic and Quilters Helping Quilters: Members share problems and solutions to save damaged and worn quilts.

Membership – Karen Goodwin reported that we had 3 new members sign up this evening. They are Jodi Price, Joyce Bardeen, and Rhonda Weibrecht.

Charity Quilts – Karen Goodwin, speaking for Sherri Irving, announced that the year's charity recipient(s) will be selected at the May meeting. She discussed the choices and each of their particular missions. They fall into 3 general categories: children and family services, medical, and veterans. A complete list and explanation of each was sent separately along with the April newsletter.

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Minutes and Reports

Other Committees:

Challenge – the small quilt challenge will be due at the May meeting.

Opportunity – Heather Buchwitz announced that Sew Days will be held to paper piece the quilt's blocks. Those who are both novice and experienced in paper piecing are welcome. The first Sew Day will be held at Jean Schlenk's home. Date is to be announced.

Library Tea – Cheryl Wilcox has been directing our participation and noted that a table setting and centerpiece had been set up so that members could check it out. The theme for this year's tea is "Orphan Train".

The Welcome Table announced that we had 45 members in attendance and 2 guests.

The Door Prize winner was Mary Conner. In addition, our speaker donated one of her patterns as an additional Door Prize, which was won by Janis Raspberry.

There were two Ways and Means raffle baskets. Basket #1 was won by Gretchen Schafer and Basket #2 was won by Mary Ellen Winter.

The ten Show and Tell participants were Kathy Kolodziejczyk, Cindy Nice, Janie Benander, Libby Corriston, Carolyn Chaffin, Linda Hagen, Heather Buchwitz, Sherri Critchfield, Joyce Bardeen and Teresa Jones.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Gandy, Secretary



2018 Olathe Quilter's Board

President: Mary Pacey

Vice-President/Program: Teresa Jones

Program Elect: Pam Pearson

Secretary: Susan Gandy

Treasurer: Libby Corriston

Ways & Means: Linda Hagen &
Mary Rayborn

Ways & Means Elect: Arlene Banks

Historian: Cindy Ott

Public Relations: Karen Lacy

Membership: Karen Goodwin & Jean Spohrer

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
- **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.



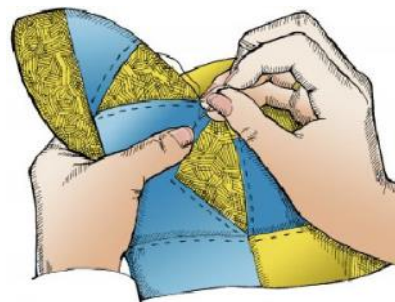
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Hand Quilters

The Hand Quilting Stitch Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be **May 17, 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 **May 16, 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



Kathie Kolodziejczyk with her owls
& wood animals quilt.



Janie Benander with her scrappy quilt.



Libby Corrison with her Easter egg placemats



Carolyn Chaffin with her
yellow & white flower blocks quilt



Cindy Nice with her blue and yellow random access quilt and
her blue and yellow log cabin tablecloth





Show and Tell



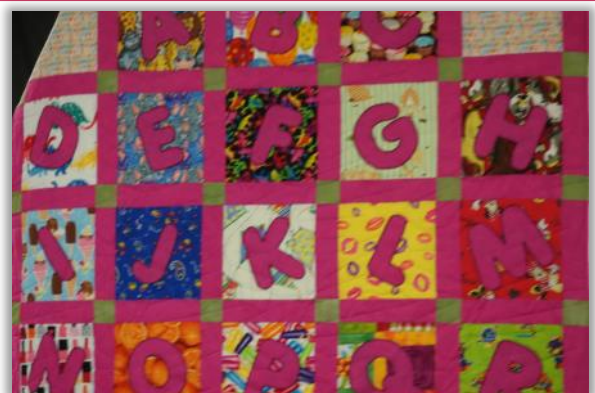
Linda Hagen with her
black and multicolor quilt



Joyce Bardeen with her
red sashing four patch quilt.



Sherri Critchfield with her
valentine animals placemats



Teresa Jones with her ABC quilt



Heather Buchwitz with two quilts, wedding and new
baby gifts, with fabric printed by Spoonflower

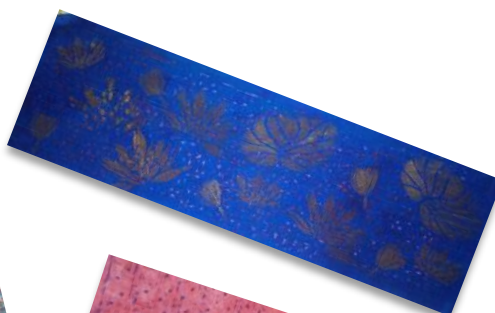




Show and Tell - Paintstik Workshop



Participants in the Paintstik Workshop held in April had a lot of fun learning and experimenting with the paints using rubbing plates and stencils. It's amazing to see the transformations that can be made to plain fabric.



Upcoming Area Quilting Events

2018

Dates and City	Name of Event and Group	For more information
June 1-2 Tulsa, OK	All Roads Lead to Oklahoma—by Green Country Quilters Guild, their 2018 Quilt Show at Tulsa Fairgrounds, Central Park Building, 21st & Yale	www.greencountryquiltersguild.com/2018-quilt-show/
June 7-9 Overland Park, KS	MOKA Quilt Study Group—Chintz & Signature Quilts of the Early 19th Century	See attachments sent to Guild via email. Last send was on April 25th.
June 21-23 Wichita, KS	Common Threads Regional Quilt Show—by Prairie Quilt Guild of Wichita	Wichitaquilts.com
June 21-23 LaVista, NE	A Passion For Quilting—by Omaha Quilters' Guild, their 40th annual quilt show	www.omahaquiltersguild.org/quilt-ld.show/
July 13-14 Eudora, KS	Eudora Quilt Show at United Methodist Church, 2084 N. 1300 Rd	Friday 13th—10 am to 5 pm Saturday 14th—10 am to 3 pm \$5.00 Admission for adults
Aug 24-25 Overland Park, KS	Kaleidoscope of Quilts—by Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City at Abdallah Shrine Temple, 5300 Metcalf Ave	Friday 24th—10 am to 6 pm Saturday 25th—10 am to 5 pm \$5.00 Admission
Sept 8 Ottawa, KS	Sunflower Piecemakers Quilt Guild Quilt Show—Goppert Center at 15th and Ash St.	sunflowerpiecemakers.wixsite.com/quiltguild
Sept 27-29 Springfield, MO	Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild Celebrate Quilting Show	opqgshow.com
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/adastraquiltsophop/
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June 13 - 15	Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival	kcrqf.com

Know of an event coming up? Send the info to OQGNews18@outlook.com and we can include it in the newsletter.