

Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

March 2023 Newsletter

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From your President


These occasional warm days sure get me in the mood for spring. It seems as though I get more sewing completed in the winter months, but working on my flower blocks make me want to plant flowers in my yard. I am sure we will get more cold weather before spring is here, but the family has enjoyed the pickles I canned last year, so I am looking forward to my garden again this year.

I hope to see everyone this month. I enjoy seeing and always get inspired by all of the beautiful creations that are shared at our meetings.

Marilyn 

March Meeting - updated program info

The March general Spinning Spools Quilt Guild meeting will be held **March 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm at the Senior Citizens Center** in downtown Shawnee. At the meeting, we will have a guest speaker, **Mary Fischer** from **The Stitching Post**. Mary will tell us all about threads and needles. This is a very informative program, and hopefully you will learn something you didn't know before. (Note: This is a different speaker than was discussed at the February meeting.)

We hope to see all of you at the meeting on March 2. 

Quilt Workshop on March 18

See page 2 for details.

Flower Exchange Blocks

Don't forget to start working on your flower blocks if you are going to participate in the flower block exchange in April. To remind everybody of what was explained at the February meeting, here are the details:

- All blocks should have a white or white-on-white background.
- Blocks can be any size and shape, but they must be at least 6"x6".
- Blocks can be either pieced or appliquéd, but they cannot just be a piece of flower fabric.
- Bring either 6 or 12 blocks to exchange.
- Participants should complete a quilt top that contains their exchange blocks (and any others they wish), and bring the quilt top to the June 2023 guild meeting.

If you have questions, contact Heather Curtis or Gretchen Gaskill. 

March Birthdays

Janet Coggins - March 4
 Brenda VanBuskirk - March 9
 Vicki Cramer - March 23
 Joi Grissom - March 26
 Linda Wilcox - March 29

Mark Your Calendars

March 2	March Guild Meeting	7 pm
March 18	Disappearing Hourglass Medallion Workshop	9 am - 4 pm
April 6	April Guild Meeting	7 pm
April 15	Barn Quilt Workshop	
April ??	April Quilt Camp (dates to be determined)	8 am - 8 pm

Workshop March 18 - Disappearing Hourglass Medallion

Gretchen Gaskill will be holding a free workshop on **Saturday, March 18, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Pottawatomie County Museum, 614 E Main Street, Shawnee** on Missouri Star's **Disappearing Hourglass Medallion** quilt. We will bring pot luck items for lunch.

The quilt block is a simple block made from 10" squares which is then cut apart, rearranged, and sewed back together. For a 68"x68" quilt, you will need the following fabric:

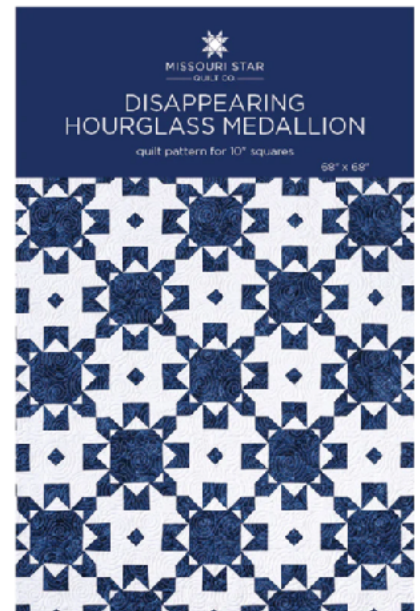
- 36 10" print squares (1 package of pre-cuts, or 3 yards)
- 36 10" background squares (1 package of pre-cuts, or 3 yards)
- ¾ yard fabric for border
- ¾ yard fabric for binding

The quilt will work best with solid colors or very small prints, and it is important to have good contrast between the two fabrics. In the picture on the right, the blue is called the "print" fabric, and the white is called the "background" fabric. The pattern example uses the blue fabric for the border and the binding. You could also make this with different fabrics for a scrappy look, but you might lose some of the medallion effect. It would help if you bring a rotating cutting mat (or any small mat that can be turned easily.) You will also need a tool for squaring 6¼" squares.

Gretchen will provide simple sketches of the blocks, but if you want full written instructions, you will need to purchase them from Missouri Star Quilt Company. Also, a video tutorial of this quilt is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7shSI2L9V8>

If you are buying yardage instead of pre-cut 10" squares, please do not cut your fabric without getting info from Gretchen. Using 10" squares will cause most of your seams to be on the bias. Starting with different size squares will allow you to avoid most of the bias seams. When you sign up for the workshop, you will receive instructions on pre-cutting and pre-sewing that, while optional, will let you get to the "fun" part of the workshop much sooner. ✨



January Quilt Camp

We had a great time at the January Quilt Camp. Thanks to Laurie Myers and Gayle Smith for hosting the camp. Photos from the camp can be found on our website at

<https://shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com/index.php/photo-gallery/2023-photos-january-june> ✨

"Out of Your Box"

At the February meeting, we got to see the completed blocks from the exchange. The goal of this activity was to make a block chosen by someone else, and maybe make something you wouldn't have made for yourself. Here are the completed blocks. ✨



Barn Quilt Workshop

David and Pam Cook will hold another Barn Quilt workshop on **Saturday, April 15** at the Masonic Lodge. More details to follow at the March guild meeting. ✨

February Birthday and Show and Tell



Terry True
(February birthday)



Ann Cosgrove

February Show and Tell (cont.)



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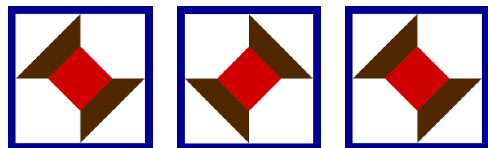
Tribby Hardway



Heather Curtis



Heather Curtis



February Show and Tell (cont.)



Tammy Houk



Judy Branson



Cindy Cornelison

Calendar of Upcoming Events

This is our current plan for the next few months, but it is subject to change. If you have ideas for additional programs or workshops, please let Linda Lee know your ideas. We're all looking forward to a great year!

<p>March 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month Mary Fischer, from The Stitching Post - program at mtg Workshop, March 18, Disappearing Hourglass Medallion quilt</p>	<p>April 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month "Flower Garden" block exchange Quilt Camp, dates to be determined</p>	<p>May 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month Garage Sale</p>
<p>June 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month "Flower Garden" quilt top show-and- tell</p>	<p>July 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month Raffle Quilt for Rodeo "Strip Tease" strip exchange Quilt Camp, July 21-23</p>	<p>August 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month Sheri Foreman, from OKC Modern Quilt guild - program at mtg</p>
<p>September 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month Program to be determined Election of new officers</p>	<p>October 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month Potholder exchange Pot-luck Quilt Camp, Oct. 20-22</p>	<p>November 2023</p> <p>Block of the Month Program to be determined</p>

Minutes from General Meeting on February 9, 2023

President, Marilyn Johnson, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 27 members and no guests present. Last month's minutes were accepted with no discussion. Lisa Hefner made a motion to accept the minutes, and Pam Cook seconded.

The treasurer's report was accepted with no discussion. Gretchen Gaskill made the motion to accept the report, and Tribby Hardway seconded.

The old business discussed was:

Barnyard Quilts. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for April 15th. The cost will be \$40 plus \$10 for the catered lunch.

The next Quilt Camp needs to be pushed back to 28-30 April 2023. This is due to a scheduling conflict at the Masonic Lodge. Shelley Alford and Tammy Houk volunteered to be hostesses for this camp.

New Business – Next month's program will be Janet North with latest on Jelly Roll Quilts. There will be a workshop on 18 March at the Train Museum. More information will be coming on the cost of this workshop.

Baby Quilts – No report

Disaster Quilts – One quilt was given away during the month to a homeless woman.


We had show and tell for those who had completed quilts.

Gretchen Gaskill presented the block of the month, a heart. The block should be 12 ½" unfinished.

Out of the Box – We had twelve participate in out of the box. These participates shared the completed blocks and gave them back to the original participant.

Program – Gretchen Gaskill and Heather Curtis presented the Flower Garden challenge. Both ladies brought examples of flower blocks. These blocks need to be at a minimum 6 x 6". The background needs to be white or white on white. These blocks need to be made and brought to the April meeting. You can bring 6 or 12 blocks to trade with other participants. The finished quilt **top** needs to be done by June meeting.

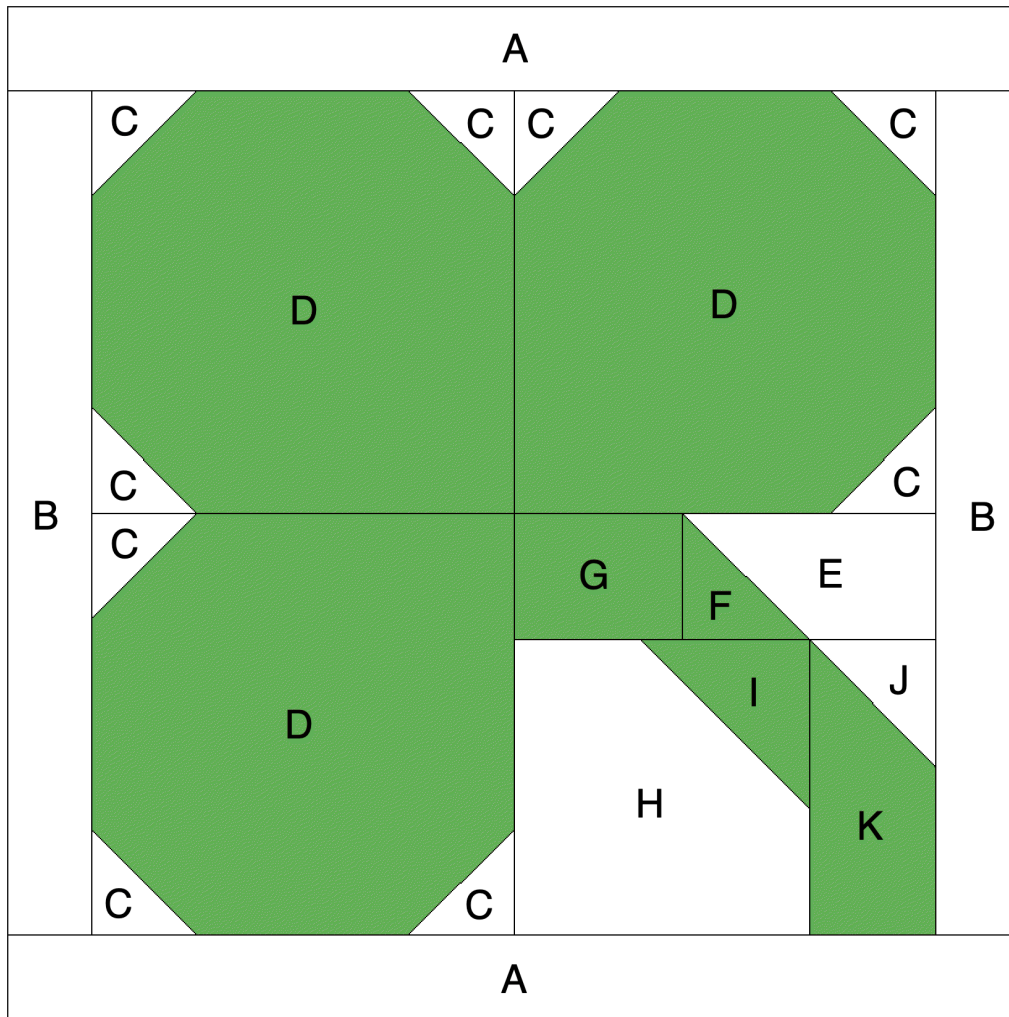
Marilyn Johnson dismissed the meeting.

These minutes are submitted by Rhonda Russell. 

Treasurer's Report - January and February 2023

January 16, 2023 Balance Forward	\$7,889.61
INCOME:	
Dues	\$20.00
Quilt Camp	\$540.00
EXPENSES:	
1846 - Gretchen Gaskill, web site	\$14.95
1847 - Laurie Myers, quilt camp	\$69.97
1848 - Masonic Lodge, quilt camp	\$300.00
1849 - US Post Office, PO Box yearly rental	\$176.00
1850 - State Farm, trailer insurance	\$31.00
ENDING BALANCE (as of February 19, 2023)	\$7,857.69

March 2023 Block of the Month - Shamrock



Block size:
12" finished
(12½" unfinished)

Cutting Instructions

Background (white):

- A - two 1½" x 12½" rectangles
- B - two 1½" x 10½" rectangles
- C - nine 1¾" squares
- E - one 2" x 3½" rectangle
- H - one 4" square
- J - one 2" square

Shamrock (green):

- D - three 5½" squares
- F - one 2" square
- G - one 2" x 2½" rectangle
- I - one 2½" square
- K - one 2" x 4" rectangle

Sewing Instructions

1. Using the C pieces, snowball three corners of each of the three D pieces. (This makes the three leaves of the shamrock.)
2. Using the F piece, snowball one corner of the E piece as shown.
3. Sew the G piece to the E-F piece from step 2. (This makes the top of the stem.)
4. Using the I piece, snowball one corner of the H piece.
5. Using the J piece, snowball one corner of the K piece as shown.
6. Sew the H-I piece to the J-K piece as shown in the diagram. (This makes the bottom of the stem.)
7. Sew together the units from step 3 and step 6 to complete the stem.
8. Sew together the three leaves and the stem as shown, to complete the shamrock.
9. Sew the B pieces to both sides of the shamrock.
10. Sew the two A pieces to the top and bottom of the shamrock.