

# Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

## April 2023 Newsletter

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### From your President

April showers, lol. Well, we do need the rain. We have been getting moisture where I live, and I know it is needed throughout the state. I do hope we have seen our last freeze for the season. I will be planting my garden soon and looking forward to some fresh produce.

I have been getting some sewing time in lately and really enjoyed our last workshop. Who knows, I might have my top completed by our next meeting. I hope to see everyone at our April quilt camp for our prolonged visits, oh I mean our sewing time.

Watch the weather and stay safe. Oh, and don't trip and fall. I can tell you, not fun!

Marilyn ✨

### Flower Exchange Blocks

Don't forget to bring your flower blocks to the April 6 meeting if you are going to participate in the exchange. 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. ✨

### Barn Quilt Workshop

David Cook will hold a Barn Quilt workshop on **Saturday, April 15 from 9 am to 4 pm** at the Train Depot (Pott County Museum) in Shawnee. The cost is **\$50** (\$40 plus \$10 for a catered lunch). A deposit of \$10 is due to Pam Cook no later than the April 6 guild meeting. ✨

### March Meeting

At the March meeting, we had a great program by **Mary Fisher** from **The Stitching Post**. We all learned a lot of good information about threads and needles. Thanks, Mary! ✨



**April Birthdays**

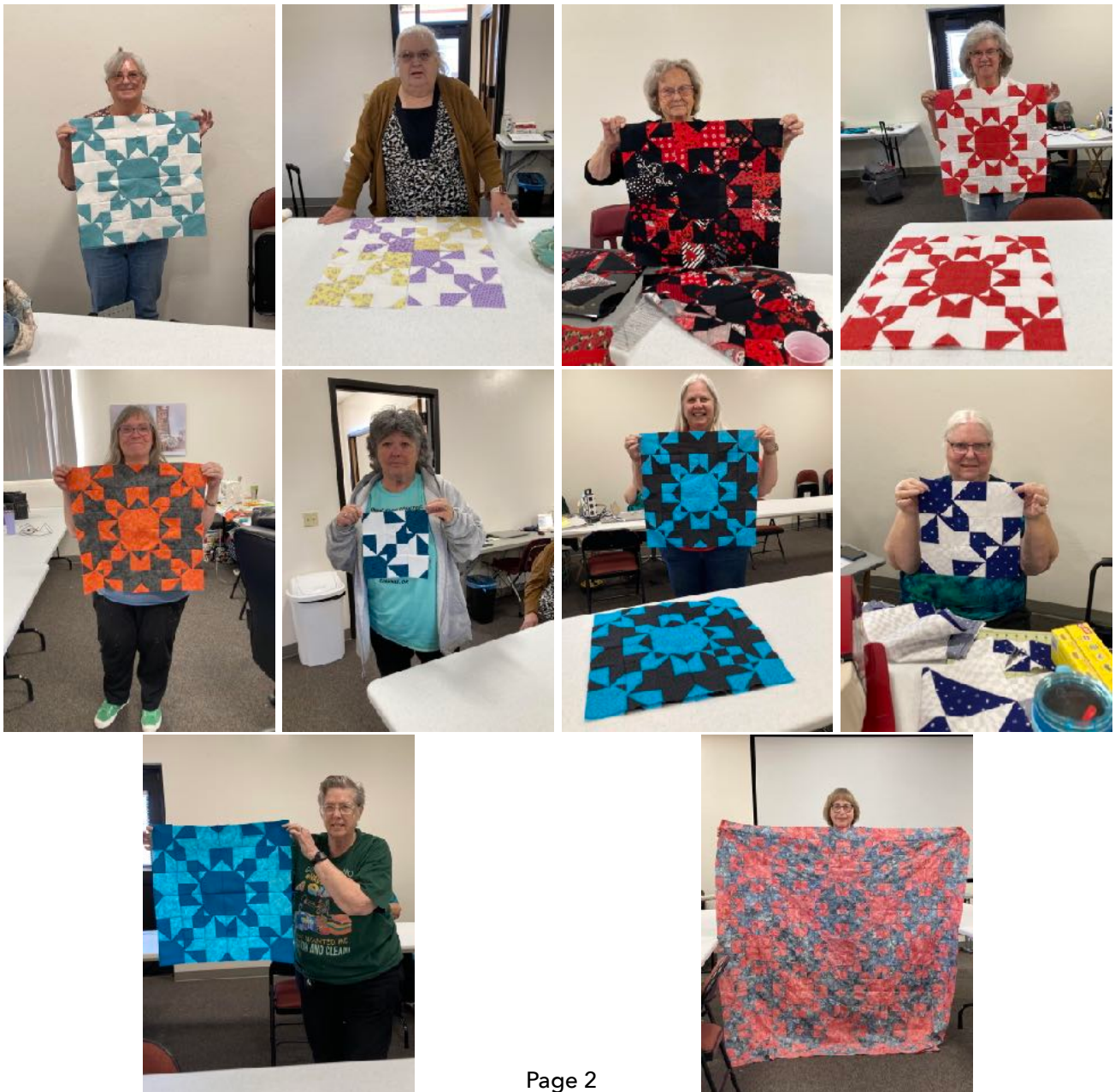
Heather Curtis - April 8  
 Carolyn Castle - April 21  
 Alli Stidham - April 24

**Mark Your Calendars**

April 6	April Guild Meeting	7 pm
April 15	Barn Quilt Workshop	9 am - 4 pm
April 21-23	April Quilt Camp	8 am - 8 pm
May 4	May Guild Meeting	7 pm

**Disappearing Hourglass Medallion Workshop**

We held a workshop on March 18 to make the Disappearing Hourglass Medallion quilt. Eleven people attended the workshop, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Nobody was able to finish the whole quilt top, but most were able to make at least one medallion. Here are pictures of the wide variety of blocks that were made. (Sorry, Pat. I didn't get a picture of yours.) Gretchen, who planned the workshop and had a lot more time to work on her quilt, showed what an almost completed top will look like. ♦



**March Show and Tell**



Tribby Hardway



Ann Dowdy



Gina Ames



Ann Cosgrove



Ann Cosgrove



Rachel Pearson



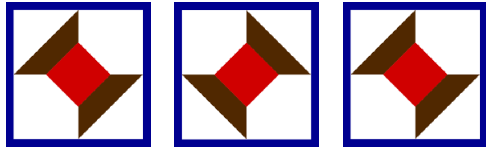
Judy with an "Out of Your Box" block not available last month

**Treasurer's Report - February and March 2023**

February 19, 2023 Balance Forward	\$7,857.69
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Dues	\$40.00
T-shirts	\$208.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
1851 - College Signatures, t-shirts	\$288.19
1852 - Gretchen Gaskill, Jan-March newsletters	\$13.12
1853 - Mary Fisher, March program	\$100.00
1854 - void	
1855 - Brigitte Winford, scrapbook	\$41.04
1586 - Marilyn Johnson, rodeo quilt	\$27.34
1857 - Tribby Hardway, rodeo quilt	\$20.23
1858 - Marilyn Johnson, rodeo quilt	\$32.49
<b>ENDING BALANCE (as of March 23, 2023)</b>	<b>\$7,583.28</b>

## March Donations

Wanda West and Ann Cosgrove donated to the Hope Pregnancy Center in Shawnee in mid-March. Wanda donated 60 beautiful crocheted soft caps, and Ann donated 5 baby quilts. 🌸



## Minutes from General Meeting on March 2, 2023

Vice President, Linda Lee, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 27 members and 3 guests present. We have one new member, Donna Dickeson.

Last month's minutes were accepted with no discussion. Laurie Myers 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 Katherine Fowler seconded.

The old business discussed was:

Barn Quilts – The workshop is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 4 at the Train Depot. The cost will be \$40 plus \$10 for the catered lunch. A deposit of \$10 will be due at the April meeting for all those planning to attend.

The next Quilt Camp needs to be pushed back to 21-23 April 2023 at the Masonic Lodge. Shelley Alford and Tammy Houk volunteered to be hostesses for this camp, but that needs to be verified because of the change of the date.

New Business – There will be a workshop on 18 March at the Train Museum. This is for the Disappearing Hourglass Medallion Quilt. There is no cost in attending the workshop. Instructions for fabric requirements were given out.

Baby Quilts – No report.

Disaster Quilts – None were given out this month. People are waiting to get settled enough to accept quilts.

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

Gretchen Gaskill presented the block of the month, a shamrock. The block should be 12½" unfinished.

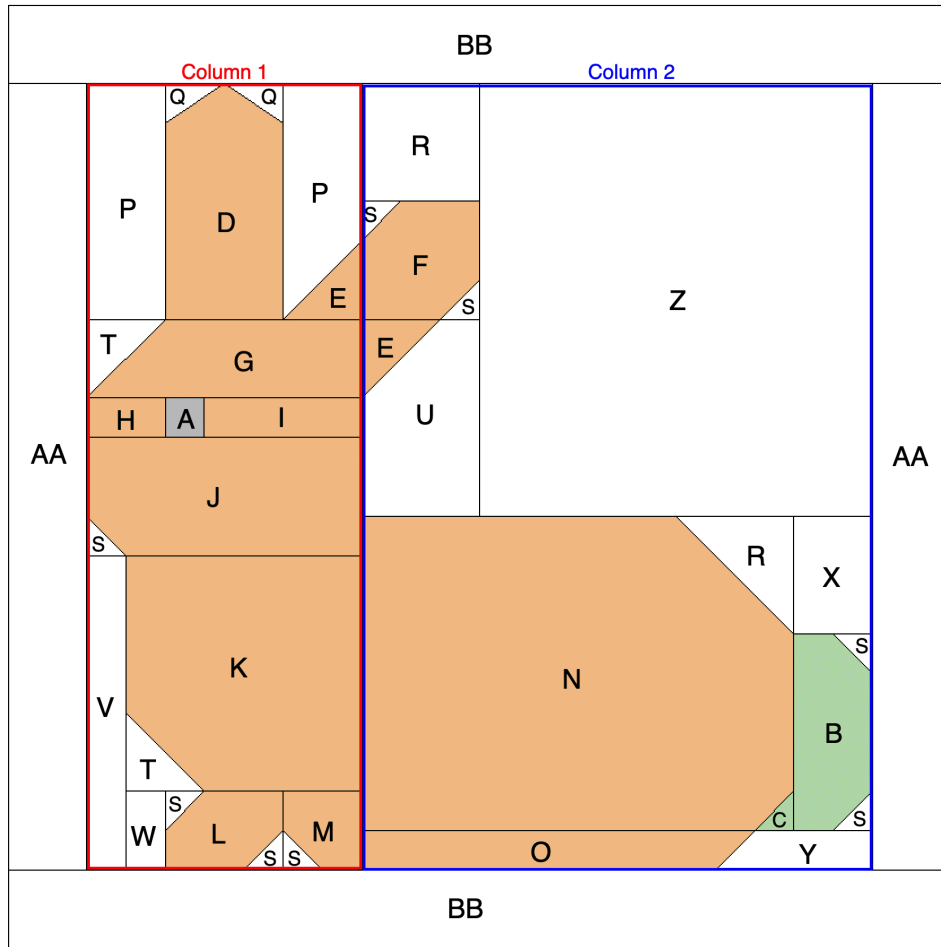
April Program – Blocks for the Flower Garden challenge need to be brought for April's meeting. These blocks need to be at a minimum 6" x 6". The background needs to be white or white-on-white. You can bring 6 or 12 blocks to trade with other participants. The finished quilt top needs to be done by the June meeting.

Program – Mary Fisher, Stitching Post, gave a program on needles and thread. She suggested using quality thread. Good quality thread costs money. She suggested using 50 weight thread for piecing and 60 weight for small dense piecing. She personally likes to piece with So Fine thread. For quilting, she suggested using big thread to show and thinner thread to blend. She also suggested using top stitching needles in your sewing machine for making it easier to thread the needle.

Linda Lee dismissed the meeting.

These minutes are submitted by Rhonda Russell. 🌸

## April 2023 Block of the Month - Bunny Cottontail



Design from <https://thomasquilting.com/2020/04/06/little-bunny-cottontail/> (10½" size)

### Cutting Instructions

Eye:

- A - one 1" square

Tail:

- B - one 1½" x 3" rectangle
- C - one 1" square

Bunny:

- D - one 2" x 3½" rectangle
- E - two 1½" squares
- F - one 2" square
- G - one 1½" x 4" rectangle
- H - one 1" x 1½" rectangle
- I - one 1" x 2½" rectangle
- J - one 2" x 4" rectangle
- K - one 3½" square
- L - one 1½" x 2" rectangle
- M - one 1½" square
- N - one 4½" x 6" rectangle
- O - one 1" x 5½" rectangle

Block size:

12" finished  
(12½" unfinished)

Background:

- P - two 1½" x 3½" rectangles
- Q - two 1½" squares
- R - two 2" squares
- S - eight 1" squares
- T - two 1½" squares
- U - one 2" x 3" rectangle
- V - one 1" x 4½" rectangle
- W - one 1" x 1½" rectangle
- X - one 1½" x 2" rectangle
- Y - one 1" x 2½" rectangle
- Z - one 5½" x 6" rectangle
- AA - two 1½" x 10½" rectangles
- BB - two 1½" x 12½" rectangles

## April 2023 Block of the Month - Bunny Cottontail (cont.)

### Sewing Instructions

#### A. Assembling Column 1:

1. Use diagonal seams to sew pieces T to G and S to J. Sew H to A, then to I. Press all seams open. Sew the GT unit above the HAI unit, then above the JS unit. (This makes the head of the bunny.)
2. Use diagonal seams to sew T to K, two S pieces to L, and S to M. Press seams open.
3. Sew the MS unit to the right of the LSS unit. Press seam open. Sew the W piece to the left of the LSS unit.
4. Sew the W-LSS-MS unit under the KT unit. Press seam open. Sew V to the left of this resulting unit. (This makes the bunny's chest and feet.)
5. To piece DQQ: On Q, measure over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and down  $\frac{3}{4}$ ", mark a dot, and draw a line through that dot to the opposite corner. (See picture on right.) Sew on the line, and press Q back. On the other Q, make the same measurement, but in the opposite direction. Sew on the line, and press Q back. Trim both Qs even with D.
6. Sew one P to the left of the DQQ unit.
7. Sew diagonal seams to sew one E to the second P. Sew this PE unit to the right of the P-DQQ unit. (This makes one bunny ear.)
8. Sew the small blocks from steps 1, 4, and 8 to form Column 1.



DQQ marking

#### B. Assembling Column 2:

1. Use diagonal seams to sew two S pieces to F and E to U.
2. Sew R above the FSS unit, then the UE unit below the R-FSS unit. Sew Z to the right of the R-FSS-UE unit. (This makes the rest of the bunny's ear.)
3. Use diagonal seams to sew R to N, C to N, two S pieces to B, and Y to O (see picture on right).
4. Sew X above the BSS unit, then sew the X-BSS unit to the right of the NRC unit.
5. Sew the OY unit below the NRC-XBSS unit. (This makes the bunny's body and tail.)
6. Sew together the units from steps 2 and 5 to form Column 2.



How to line up O and Y

#### C. Final assembly:

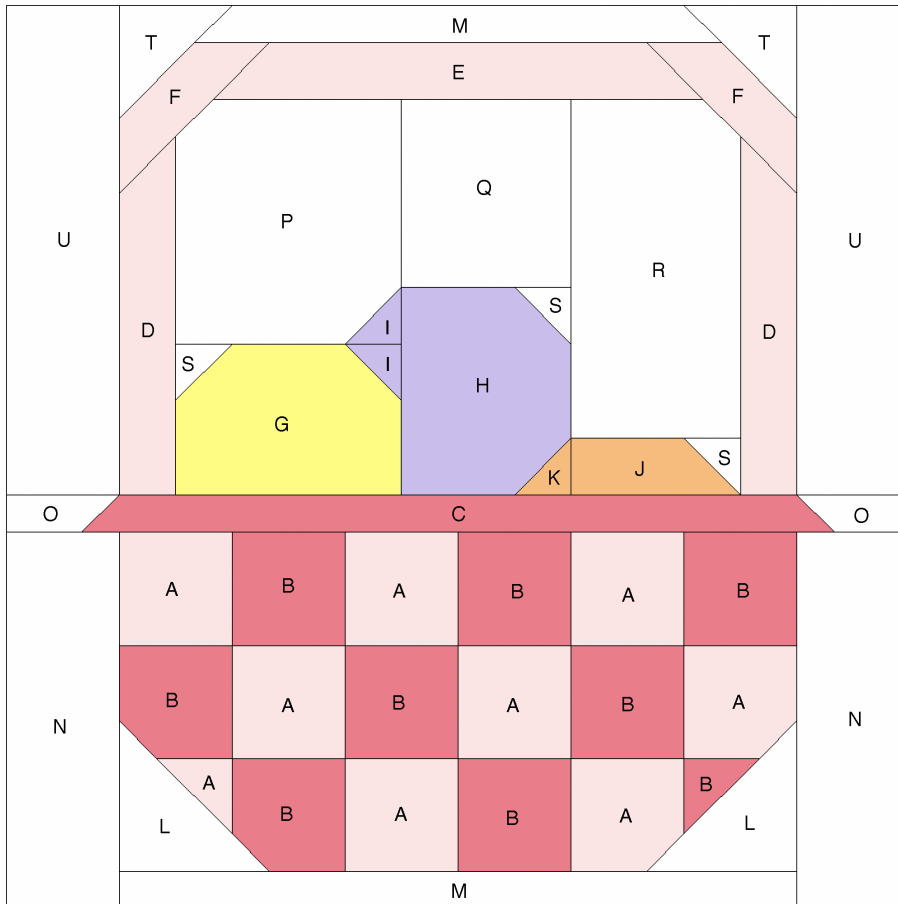
1. Sew Column 1 to Column 2.
2. Sew AA pieces to the left and right edges, then sew BB pieces to the top and bottom edges.

## Block of the Month Options

**This month you have a choice of two blocks!** I originally wanted to do an Easter Bunny block. Once I made one, however, I decided that some folks wouldn't appreciate all the tiny pieces. So the Easter Basket block can be made instead if you wish.

If you are participating in Block of the Month, you do not have to make both blocks (although you may if you wish).

## April 2023 Alternate Block of the Month - Easter Basket



**Block size:**  
12" finished  
(12½" unfinished)

### Cutting Instructions

#### Basket light color:

- A - nine 2" squares
- D - two 1¼" x 5¾" rectangles
- E - one 1¼" x 9½" rectangle
- F - two 2½" squares

#### Basket dark color:

- B - nine 2" squares
- C - one 1" x 10½" rectangle

#### Egg #1:

- G - one 2½" x 3½" rectangle

#### Egg #2:

- H - one 2¾" x 3¼" rectangle
- I - two 1¼" squares

#### Egg #3:

- J - one 1¼" x 2¾" rectangle
- K - one 1¼" square

#### Background:

- L - two 2½" squares
- M - two 1" x 9½" rectangles
- N - two 2" x 5½" rectangles
- O - two 1" x 2" rectangles
- P - one 3½" x 3¾" rectangle
- Q - one 2¾" x 3" rectangle
- R - one 2¾" x 5" rectangle
- S - three 1¼" squares
- T - two 2" squares
- U - two 2" x 7" rectangles

### Sewing Instructions

1. Using the A and B pieces, sew together a checkerboard pattern as shown.
2. Using two Ls, snowball the two bottom corners of the A-B checkerboard unit. Then sew one M to the bottom.
3. Sew an N to each side of the unit from step 2.
4. Using diagonal seams sew an O to each end of C. Ensure your seam directions match the diagram.
5. Sew the unit from step 4 to the top of the unit from step 3. (This makes the bottom of the basket.)
6. Use an S and an I to snowball two corners of G. Use an I to snowball one corner of P. Use an S and K to snowball two corners of H. Use an S to snowball one corner of J. Refer to the diagram to make sure you are working on the correct corners.
7. Sew the PI unit on top of the GSI unit. Sew Q on top of the HSK unit. Sew R on top of the JS unit. Then sew all three resulting units together as shown on the diagram.
8. Sew a D on each side of the unit from step 7. Then sew E to the top.
9. Using two Fs, snowball the top two corners of the unit from step 8. Then sew the other M to the top.
10. Using two Ts, snowball the top two corners of the unit from step 9. Then sew a U to each side. (This makes the top of the basket.)
11. Sew the unit from step 10 to the top of the unit from step 5.