

Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

May 2025 Newsletter

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

I hope everyone had a joyous Easter and is now enjoying the spring weather. After all the rain most of us have received, everything should be really getting green now!

Well, the Quilt Show is getting closer. I've started receiving quilt registration forms from a few folks. Please go ahead and send in your forms as soon as you can. Knowing what quilts are expected will help us with our planning.

We need everybody's help to make this Quilt Show a success. This month, we will be asking for everybody to sign up for some specific tasks, such as manning the entrance table at the show, hanging flyers around town, or taking the raffle quilt to other guilds to sell raffle tickets. We'll provide more information at the meeting. Please sign up to help make this show a success.

I hope to see you all at the May meeting.

Happy quilting, Gretchen

The next general meeting of the Shawnee
Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held
May 1, 7:00 pm at the Shawnee Senior Center.

Quilt Show Update

Find current information on 2025 Quilt Show at the above link and on Page 3.

We will not be taking Quilt Show T-shirt preorders at the May meeting. The prices have increased since last month and we are looking for a more affordable option. Thank you for your patience with us as we work to improve this situation.



May Birthdays

Wanzalle Beck – May 9
 Donna Hurley – May 11
 Reita Barnes – May 12
 Pamela Fredman – May 31
 Gretchen Gaskill – May 31
 Carrie Moreland – May 31

Mark Your Calendars

May 1	May Guild Meeting	7pm
May 17	Scraps & Strings at Pott Museum	8am to 5pm
June 5	June Guild Meeting	7pm
June 20-22	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
August 8	Quilt Show!! (Friday – Day 1)	9am to 6pm
August 9	Quilt Show!! (Saturday – Day 2)	9am to 4pm
October 17-19	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm

Programs

May's meeting falls on the first. Bring your Two-Color quilts for our Show & Tell. Our program will be a Scrap Exchange. To participate, fill a 1-gallon Ziplock bag with assorted fabric scraps. The colors and prints you provide in your bag can be anything. Scraps should be quilting cotton quality, no smaller than 2" x 4" and no larger than a fat quarter. Be sure to stuff the bag fully, in a neat fashion, and seal the bag. During the meeting we will mix up all the scraps and take turns re-filling our Ziplock bags.

June 5th we will have our very own Ann Cosgrove & Sharon McGinnis teaching us their best tips & tricks for applique. I expect we will learn quite a bit from these ladies! Bring your applique quilts for show & tell.

Camp

Our next Quilt Camp will be June 20-22 at the Masonic Lodge. Kent Sechrest has agreed to come to our camp on Friday, June 20th, to repair sewing machines by appointment. If you'd like to book an appointment you can contact Kent via text or phone 405-269-4019. We are still in need of people to host camp. This task is vital, and involves getting the keys, setting up the space and locking & unlocking the doors each day. If you'd like to host the camp, please let us know.

Workshops

On May 17th Gina will facilitate a Scraps & Strings workshop. Bring your own fabrics or use some of the scraps languishing in the guild closet. We will make string blocks on foundations. Scrappy has multiple definitions. Often, we think of a free-for-all using any and every color, pattern & scale. Many vintage and antique quilts use this huge variety of prints. A "more is better" approach can be beautiful. Scrappy can also be controlled, limiting to just a few colors, or all floral prints, as an example. This style is more subtle but still uses scraps and is therefore scrappy. Additionally, Scrappy can be coordinated. You see this style when a quilter uses fabrics of different lines, collected over many years all by the same designer. It is one of the great things about quilting that there are many ways and styles to get to a finished quilt. Whichever style you prefer is absolutely fine for a string quilt.

In Memory of Joi Grissom

Joi Grissom passed away in April. She had been a member of the guild for many years. Joi was a lovely person who always greeted everyone with a friendly smile and will be greatly missed. She was instrumental in ensuring guild activities were included in local newspapers.



April Birthdays



Happy
Birthday
to
You!!!!

April Show & Tell

Photos posted on the website [Home \(shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com\)](http://Home(shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com)) (Click Photo Gallery)



Quilt Show News

Enter Your Quilts

Now is the time to register your quilts for the show! You can find the form here.

https://shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com/images/files/2025quiltshow/Registration_Form_241130.pdf

The deadline to register is July 10th, but there's no need to wait to register. The more registrations we have now, the better we can plan for how the quilts will be hung. So please go ahead and complete and submit a form for each quilt you plan to enter. Even if the quilt is still in progress, submit the paperwork with the expected finished size. All quilts being shown, judged or not judged, need to be registered. Registrations can be emailed to Gretchen or handed in person to a Quilt Show Committee member.

Raffle Ticket Sales

Raffle tickets will be distributed soon for members to sell to friends and family. Tickets will be checked out to members who will be responsible for returning either the ticket stubs and money or the unsold tickets no later than the July meeting. We hope each member will sell at least 30 tickets (worth \$25-\$30) if possible.

Country Store Donations

Karen Spears is spearheading (pun intended) the Country Store for the Quilt Show. She will start collecting donations at the May meeting. Please go ahead and put a suggested selling price on each item. Karen will review and alter the price as she sees fit.

Minutes from General Meeting on April 3, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 30 members present and 3 visitors. The 3 visitors were Sherry Massey – our guest speaker, Melissa Kruschwitz – from MK Quilts in Palm Harbor, Florida, and Judy Cloud – a friend of Pam Fesler.

Minutes from the last meeting – no comments or corrections. Motion accepted as printed in the newsletter by Lisa Hefner, seconded by Pam Cook. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report – no comments or corrections. Motion accepted as printed in the newsletter by Mickey Kluding, seconded by Pam Fesler. Motion passed.

Recognition of April Birthdays: Carolyn Castle, Alli Stidham, Devon Castle present. Heather Curtis absent.

Short Presentation by Melissa Kruschwitz of MK Quilts along with a handout listing all the contact information they offer for Handi Quilter and Pro Stitcher as well as digital organization for all your computerized quilting and embroidery files.

Old/Unfinished Business

- Missouri Puzzle workshop went well. There were 9 attendees the first day and 6 the second day. Please bring your quilt tops to the May meeting for show and tell.
- 2025 Quilt Show, Aug. 8-9, 2025
 - We now have 3 vendors and one sponsor (Legit Kits). Quilt Show Committee members have been visiting local quilt shops to get more vendors. Follow-up visits will be taking place.
 - Show t-shirts will begin PRESALE at the May meeting. Details are in the newsletter including price.
 - Karen Spears will bring a tub to the May meeting to start collecting items for the Country Store. Don't forget to include a suggested price for your items.
 - We will be contacting local businesses for door prize donations in the coming weeks.

New Business

- Charity Quilts – Harriet is out of baby and children's quilts. Please come to the Wednesday Sew group that meets in room 1 on Wednesday mornings at 9:00AM at the Senior Center. There is plenty of fabric and batting available to make children and baby quilts.
- May Program
 - Scrap Exchange. Fill a gallon ziplock bag neatly with scraps measuring at least 2"x4". Bring your filled bag to May 1 guild meeting to exchange with someone else. See Facebook for details.
 - Missouri Puzzle Show and Tell
- May Workshop – May 17th at Pott County Museum, titled Scraps & Strings with Gina Ames. Details to follow.
- June Quilt Camp - June 20th-22nd at Mason's Lodge. We are still looking for at least 2 of our members to host. Kent Sechrest will be there on Friday the 20th, to service machines. Please contact him to make an appointment for that day. His number is 405-269-4019. He will only have time to do 6 so don't wait to get your name on the schedule. He will charge \$129.00 per machine.

Minutes from General Meeting on April 3, 2025 Continued

Committee Reports

- Block of the Month – Carolyn Castle brought 2 different blocks for March. One was called the Milky Way and the other called Contrary Wife. These patterns were in the March newsletter. For April she has chosen a pattern called Crockett Cabin. Pattern in April newsletter.
- Benevolence – Linda Lee. Please call or text her at 817-253-7606 if you know of anyone needing a card.
- Charity Quilts – Lisa Hefner/Harriet Howard. Harriet donated 5 baby/children's quilts this past month. She needs more.
- Historian – Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- Hospitality – Karen Spears, nothing to report
- Librarian – Jeri Albrecht, please continue to check out books and review them for her
- Publicity & Website- Gretchen Gaskill, nothing to report

Show and tell - Three quilts were shown. Tribby modeled a beautiful quilt mid-thigh jacket. Rhonda shared candy wrapper bags which she will sell at our Country Store at the Quilt Show.

April Program – Sherry Massey, Certified Quilt Show Judge handed out a paper explaining the Six Steps to Success (Quilt Judging Critiques). She had a slide show with examples of each of the 6 steps covered and explained in detail what Quilt Judges look for in the judging process.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: May 1, 2025, at 7:00PM

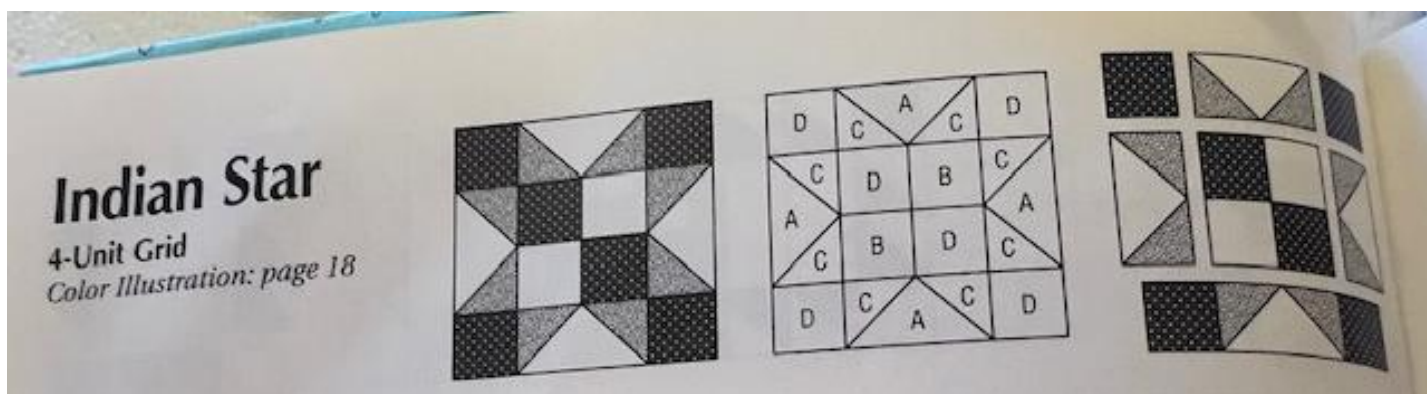
Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – March to April 2025

March 20, 2025 Balance Forward	\$10,392.07
INCOME:	
Membership Dues	\$15.00
Quilt Show Sponsor	\$500.00
Quilt Show Vendor	\$110.00
Membership Dues	\$30.00
EXPENSES:	
1923 – Gina Ames (Quilt Show Ribbons)	\$296.87
1924 – Sherry Massey (April Program)	\$272.80
ENDING BALANCE (as of April 21, 2025)	\$10,477.40

May 2025 Block of the Month – Indian Star



		FINISHED BLOCK SIZE					
		4" Block	6" Block	8" Block	9" Block	10" Block	12" Block
Light	A:1 square* B:2 squares	3 1/4"	4 1/4"	5 1/4"	5 3/4"	6 1/4"	7 1/4"
Medium	C:4 squares**	1 7/8"	2 3/8"	2 7/8"	3 1/8"	3 3/8"	3 7/8"
Dark	D:6 squares	1 1/2"	2"	2 1/2"	2 3/4"	3"	3 1/2"

*Cut square diagonally in both directions resulting in four triangles

** Cut square diagonally in one direction resulting in two triangles from each (total of eight triangles)



Social Media Opportunities



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com>

The guild has a private Facebook group titled "[Spinning Spools Quilt Guild](#)".

We also have a public Facebook group titled "[SSQG 2025 Quilt Show](#)".

Additionally, guild members have been invited to join a Facebook group called "Quilt Block Exchange". This group is in no way associated with Spinning Spools Quilt Guild, and we do not endorse or encourage members to participate. We are only providing the information as a courtesy to the Administrators of the "[Quilt Block Exchange](#)" Facebook group.

Information provided: Our members have an array of block exchanges, project challenges, and skill building videos every month. The good part is we list all swaps for the full year, giving you ample time to decide what interests you the most. Our group is unique because (like no other) we provide many selections and require minimum or maximum blocks for each exchange.



Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com>

Many quilters post their projects on Instagram. If you post quilt related projects on Instagram and would like to share with the guild, provide your Instagram 'username' to Brigitte for posting in a future newsletter. Brigitte is [bwquilts](#) on Instagram.

A few other quilters, shops, etc, you might like. (Send Brigitte more recommendations.)

[Fat Quarter Shop](#)

[MK Quilts](#)

[Kim Diehl Quilts](#)

[Suzy Quilts](#)

[Elizabeth Hartman](#)

If you are active in other forms of social media that is quilt related that you think members of the guild would be interested in, please provide information to Brigitte@shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com.