

# Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

## January 2024 Newsletter

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### From Your President

Hi everybody,

I hope you all had a safe and joyous Christmas! As I write this letter (a few days before the big day), I am finishing wrapping presents and getting ready to see the whole family, even the ones from out of state. I'm also trying (not very successfully) to not eat all the holiday cookies before everyone gets here.

Now is the time to look forward to the new year. Gina and the rest of the board have a lot of exciting things planned for the guild this year, so be sure to join us. I think we can all learn something from our speakers and activities. We also received a lot of great fabric from Gail Hammond's husband, so we can put together lots of new quilts, for those who need them and maybe also as fundraisers for the guild.

I hope to see you all at the January meeting and at Quilt Camp later in the month.

Happy quilting, Gretchen ✨

The next general meeting of the Shawnee Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **January 4, 2024, 7:00 pm** at the Shawnee Senior Center.

### Recipe: Spicy Saltines (Janet Coggins 2006)

Evelyn Pipkin wanted to share the recipe for the dish she brought to the Christmas Party. Enjoy!

One box regular Saltine crackers (4 sleeves)

1 ½ cups Canola Oil

1 to 1 ½ tablespoons crushed red peppers

One envelope Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix (dry)

In a 2 gallon zip lock bag, pour oil, dressing mix, and red peppers. Squish around to mix. Toss in all crackers. Seal bag and tumble gently to coat crackers. Lay bag flat and turn gently every hour for several hours until oil is absorbed. Voila!!

SUGGESTIONS: Add dry Parmesan cheese or any dry spice you like. ✨



## January Birthdays

Harriet Howard - January 7

Linda Lee - January 8

Rachel Pearson – January 15

Brigitte Winford – January 15

Tribby Hardway – January 23

## Mark Your Calendars

January 4	January Guild Meeting	7 pm
January 26-28	January Quilt Camp	8 am to 10 pm
February 1	February Guild Meeting	7 pm
March 7	March Guild Meeting	7 pm

## 2023 Block of the Month Finalization

Each month in 2023, you were given the design for a quilt block. Two months (April and September) had two block options. Now it's time to put those blocks together into a quilt top, to be shown at the March 2024 guild meeting. Everyone who meets the BOM requirements below will receive a prize. There will also be an additional prize given to the "best" quilt top, as voted by the members at the meeting.

### BOM Requirements:

- You must include at least one block from each month. For the months with two block choices (April and September), you only need to use one of the blocks, but you may use both if you wish.
- You may add additional blocks, sashing, embroidery, or anything else you want to the quilt top.
- The quilt top should be finished, but the quilt does not have to be completed (quilted and bound).

If you haven't made all your blocks yet and don't want to find your old newsletters, all of the patterns are available on the guild website at: <https://shawneespinningpoolsquiltguild.com/index.php/ssqg-information/2023-block-of-the-month>

Contact Gretchen if you have any questions. ✨

## Charity Quilts and Baby Quilts

Both Lisa Hefner and Harriet Howard have been busy the last few weeks. Shortly after our November meeting, Harriet was contacted by the Seminole County DHS and was asked if the guild could provide quilts for their foster children – approximately 50 children. The guild already had a few charity and baby quilts on hand that would work. A call was put out to guild members requesting throw size quilts be brought to the Senior Center on the next three Wednesdays. As per usual, our guild members went above and beyond and 52 quilts were collected and donated. Below are screen shots of a few of the quilts. We have pictures of all quilts and they will be shared at some point in the future.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make these kids' Christmas a little bit brighter (and warmer)!



## Committee Chairs

If you would like to get more active with the guild, we still need volunteers for Librarian and Publicity. ✨

## From Your Program Chairman

In January, we will have an introduction to color theory. There will be an interactive portion to help us all begin to think about color and how we use it. If you would like to really amp up your participation, bring some fabric in your favorite color combos. We will not be trading or exchanging. The fabric you bring in is yours, and you will leave the meeting with it. With that in mind, feel free to pin a name tag on your fabrics to discourage it walking away from you. :)

After looking at color theory we will be issuing the following "Crayon Challenge."

Members will randomly pull two crayons from a bag and use the colors pulled to create a project of any size. Background and an additional color may be added. The crayon colors chosen must make up 50% or more of the project.

This challenge is a fun way to stretch creativity and think about color in new ways. Consider making a donation quilt as your project. With all the quilts given to the Seminole foster children a few weeks ago, I'm sure our supply has dwindled. In April we will bring in our completed projects for Show & Tell.

In January, we will also be kicking off a new Block of the Month program for 2024. I will be presenting traditional 12.5" unfinished blocks that are beginner friendly with a few being beginner/intermediate. In addition, Brigitte Winford will be sharing some modern quilting techniques. She is going to start with some improvisational (or improv) techniques. Improv is one aspect of the modern quilting movement which provides a more relaxed approach to making quilts. Brigitte plans to provide instructions/guidance for blocks which can be easily incorporated into a quilt top along with the traditional 12.5" blocks I will be sharing. (We'll talk more about that in March.)

In February we will have a trunk show from our Guest Vonda Blando. She is a certified Laura Heine Collage instructor. She will have patterns available for purchase, and we are working out details for a class later in the year.

March will bring a discussion on Quilt Settings as well as showing off those 2023 Block of the Month quilt tops! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's creativity. ✨



## Upcoming Events and Activities

### January 2024

Introduction to Color Theory  
Crayon Challenge  
2024 Block of the Month  
Quilt Camp

### February 2024

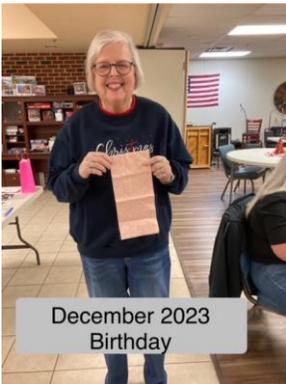
Vonda Blando Trunk Show  
2024 Block of the Month

### March 2024

Quilt Settings  
2023 Block of the Month Reveal  
2024 Block of the Month

### December Birthdays and Show & Tell

Photos will also be posted on the website ([shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com/index.php/photo-gallery/2023-photos-july-december](http://shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com/index.php/photo-gallery/2023-photos-july-december)).



December 2023 Birthday



Laura Palmer



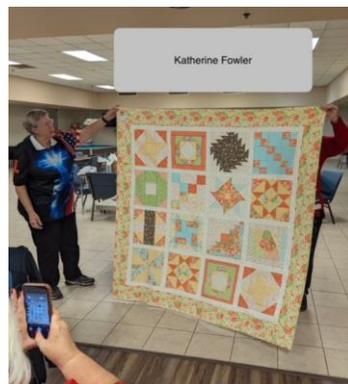
Laura Palmer



Judith Branson



Lisa Hefner



Katherine Fowler



Katherine Fowler



Cindy Cornelison



Cindy Cornelison



Cindy Cornelison



Lisa Hefner

### President's Block

Marilyn Johnson, our former guild president, has been handing out kits for her President's Block. If you didn't get one, please get with Marilyn to see if she has any left. 



## Minutes from General Meeting on December 7, 2023

President Gretchen Gaskill welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 21 members present. Everyone enjoyed the pot-luck dinner, meeting resumed to business.

**Minutes** from last month's meeting accepted with no discussion. Motion to accept by Katherine Fowler, second, Cindy Cornelison. Passed

**Treasurer's report** – Motion to accept treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter by Mickey Kluding, Seconded by Katherine Fowler. Passed

**Recognize December birthdays** - Ann Dowdy present, Jolene Neu absent.

### Old/Unfinished Business

- New board member - Linda Lee selected to fill the recently vacated position, will serve until the end of the current term (Sept 2024).
- Donations to Seminole County DHS for foster children - We were able to donate 50 + quilts. Thanks to many of our guild members for allowing us to pull this off in only 3 weeks. Harriet Howard will report later as to the exact number of quilts donated.
- Dues - If not paid up for this year, you will be removed from the active list.

### New Business

- Thank-you note received from Project Safe for quilts donated to them. Thank-you note received from Gail Hammond's family. The notes were given to Darline to be put in the Historian's scrapbook.
- Gail Hammond's family donated fabric and books and quilt kits to the Guild. Those items are being sorted out by the Wednesday group. There are a lot of quilt kits if anyone is interested in finishing the tops. Discussion to finish the quilts and use them as auction items for the upcoming Quilt Show
- **Programs:** Gina explained to us about the January program, Introduction to color theory. Gina will have all the details required in the newsletter. Be sure to check out her instructions.
- **Board Meeting** - No board meeting in December. Next board meeting will be in mid-January.

### Committee Reports

- **Block of the Month** - Gretchen explained the final details of this challenge. To win a prize, finished quilt tops must be brought to the March meeting. You must include at least one of the patterns from each month. You may add additional blocks, sashing, etc. if desired. These details will be in the January newsletter.
- **Baby Quilts** - Harriet Howard- Absent
- **Benevolence** - Regena Morton- nothing to report.
- **Charity Quilts** - Lisa Hefner – She thanked everyone who made quilts and helped sew labels on the quilts for the Seminole County DHS Foster Children's project.
- **Historian** - Darline Pendley- nothing to report.
- **Hospitality** - Evelyn Pipkin – nothing to report.
- **Librarian** - Terry True- absent
- **Publicity** - Joi Grissom asked the group if they would like an article in the paper about the Seminole County DHS Foster Children's project. It would be a wonderful thing, please contact Harriet for details and pictures.

- **Website – Gretchen Gaskill- nothing to report.**

**Other Business**

- **January quilt camp**, Tammy Houk and Shelley Alford are interested in hosting. Tentative dates for Quilt Camp are January 26, 27, 28. Watch for details in newsletter.

We enjoyed Show & Tell, Christmas block exchange and Dirty Santa fat quarter exchange.

**Next meeting - January 4, 7:00 pm**

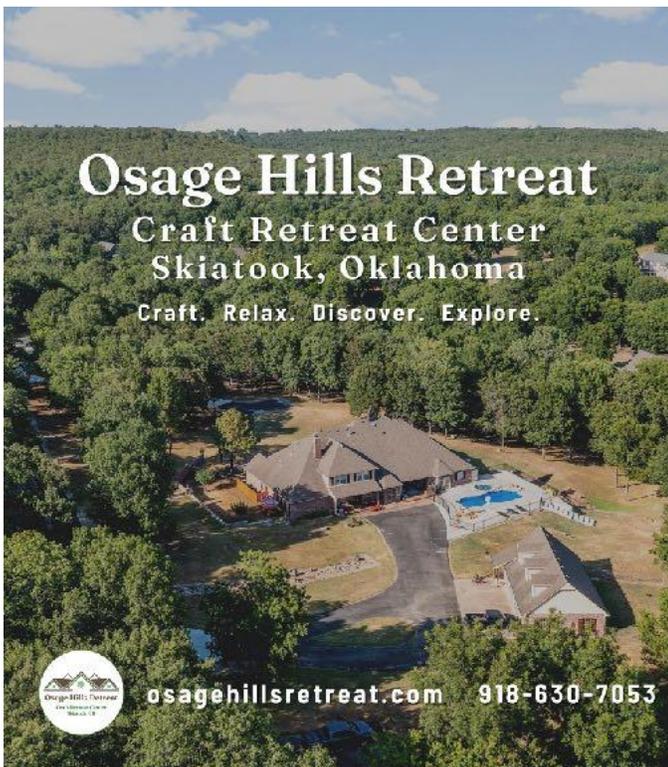
Meeting Adjourned

*Submitted by Donna Dickeson* ✨

<b>Treasurer’s Report – November to December 2023</b>	
November 21, 2023 Balance Forward	\$ 9796.49
<b>INCOME:</b>	
T-Shirts	\$71.00
Membership Dues	\$90.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
1880 – Gretchen Gaskill, Toner for Printer	\$22.25
<b>ENDING BALANCE (as of December 26, 2023)</b>	<b>\$9935.24</b>

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## Jan 2024 Block of the Month - Spinning Spools Block



### Cutting Instructions:

#### Background Fabric:

**A** Sixteen 2 inch squares

**B** Eight 2 x 3.5 inch rectangles

#### Thread Fabric:

**C** Four 3.5 inch squares

#### Spool Fabric:

**D** Eight 2 x 6.5 inch rectangles

### Assembly Instructions:

Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the wrong side of each **A** background square. Place on **D** spool fabric making note that the lines go in opposite directions and NOT parallel. Sew on marked line. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the sewn line, press open. Make 8 Spool End Units total. These should measure 2" x 6.5"

Sew 1 **B** background to 2 opposing sides of **C** thread fabric. Make 4 Thread Units total. These should measure 3.5" x 6.5".

Sew 2 Spool End Units to each Thread Unit, matching background fabrics. Make 4 Spools. These should measure 6.5" x 6.5".

Arrange Spools as pictured, sew together as you would a four patch. Block should measure 12.5" x 12.5".

More detailed instructions can be found here:

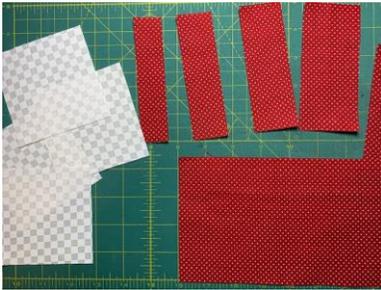
<https://ipscork.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/bom-september-2015.pdf>

## A Bit of Modern Quilting

We're going to start our Modern Quilting adventure with a little bit of improv piecing. This improv block starts with a square and strips of fabric.

1. Cut a few 3 ½" background fabric squares

2. Cut a variety of 4 ½" strips of fabric (Cut strips into different widths ranging from 1" to 2".)



5. Trim block to original 3 ½" square.



3. Lay a strip on the square at a slight angle, right sides together, leaving a bit of the background square visible on the right. Stitch in place using quarter inch seam allowance.



6. Voila! The block!

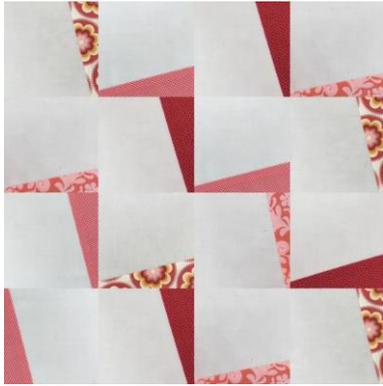
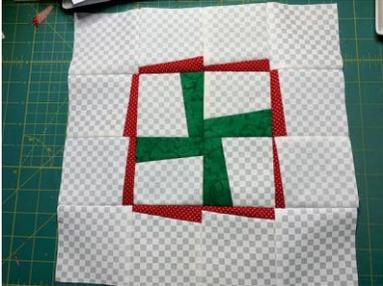
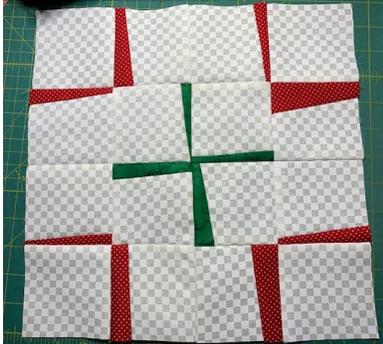


4. After stitching, fold strip over and press.



Now you can experiment by playing with this process. Use different width strips, different colored fabrics. Place strip at different angles.

Make several blocks and play with placement. Some examples are shown on next page.

	
<p>Dark background fabric</p>	<p>Dark background fabric. Skinnier end of 'strip' in center, and wider end of 'strip' in center.</p>
	
<p>6 1/2" blocks. (If you prefer a 12 1/2" final block with four patch, cut background squares at 6 1/2" and strips at 7 1/2" at varying widths.</p>	<p>A layout I found online using a variety of fabrics.</p>
	
<p>Another idea for a 12" block using sixteen 3 1/2" background squares.</p>	<p>Another idea for a 12" block using sixteen 3 1/2" background squares.</p>

See what kind of other placement ideas you can come up with. Have fun with it!