

Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

August 2025 Newsletter

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

Everything is going full speed ahead for the Quilt Show on August 8-9. The Quilt Show Committee and several other volunteers (and some husbands!) have been working hard to ensure that everything goes smoothly for the show.

Please come to the show, spread the word, and bring all your family and friends! We're really hoping to have a big turnout so that lots of people can see and appreciate all our beautiful quilts!

I hope to see you all at the Quilt Show and also at the meeting on August 14.

Happy quilting, Gretchen

The next general meeting of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **August 14, 7:00 pm**, at the Shawnee Senior Recreation Center.

Quilt Show Judging and Ribbon Winners

The quilt show committee met with quilt judge Sherry Massey last week. At that time she examined every quilt entered and awarded ribbons. Winners will be revealed at the quilt show Friday, August 8th.

For those of you who entered quilts in the Show, you may need a little help interpreting the judge's critique sheet you will receive when you pick up your quilt. Each quilt was evaluated on several categories, such as General Appearance, Piecing, and Edge Treatment. For each category, the quilt received a rating from "Needs Improvement" to "Excellent". In addition, you might see a line or a phrase that has been underlined. The underlining means that the indicated item could use some improvement. The judge also made a couple of comments on the bottom of the form.

Don't be disappointed if you didn't get any "Excellent" ratings, because the judge doesn't give many of those. There will be further discussion of the quilt judging at the guild meeting.

If you were awarded a ribbon, please find Gretchen at the quilt show. She would like to get a picture of you and your quilt and ribbon.

August Birthdays	Mark Your Calendars		
Gayle Smith – August 1	August 7	Quilt Show Setup	8:30am to ???
Tammy Houk – August 10	August 8	Quilt Show!! (Friday – Day 1)	9am to 6pm
Pam Cook – August 11	August 9	Quilt Show!! (Saturday – Day 2)	9am to 4pm
Sara Epley – August 12	August 9	Quilt Pick Up	5pm to 6pm
Ann Cosgrove – August 29	August 14*	August Guild Meeting	7pm
	September 4	September Guild Meeting	7pm
	October 2	October Guild Meeting	6pm
	October 17-19	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
	*Please note August meeting held 2nd Thursday of month.		

Programs

Due to our 2025 Quilt Show, our regular meeting will be **August 14th**. We will be welcoming special guest Jelantha Elliot of Wagon Wheel Ranch Retreat. She will tell us a bit about running a retreat center as well as what they have to offer at their facility in Chickasha. Additionally, we will celebrate the completion of our Quilt Show & give a report of its success.

September 4th our program will be looking at different types of Borders. We will also have sign ups for a Round Robin quilting project. The Round Robin guidelines will be in the September Newsletter. In November we will begin the exchange of these projects. Bring any quilts you have made with unique, complex or interesting borders for show & tell.

October 2nd will be our annual Potluck & Potholders meeting. Bring a dish to share. We will begin at 6pm. I look forward to seeing the creative potholders that everyone makes for the exchange. To participate, bring your handmade potholder in an opaque bag or gift wrap. This is a one for one exchange, meaning for each one you bring, you will receive one. If you decide to make more than one potholder, please pack them separately. Please arrive a bit early to account for setting up all the yummy food.

September Workshop

September 20th from 8am – 3pm at the Pott. Co. Museum Gina Ames will be hosting “Big Blocks Quick Quilts.” This event will feature a free pattern that has three setting options. These large blocks come together rather quickly, and you only need a few of them to make a nice sized throw. Great for last minute gifts and donations. Bring a sack lunch.

October Quilt Camp

We have reserved the Masonic Lodge October 17-19 for our next quilt camp. We will need hosts for this event. If you are interested in hosting please let Gretchen or Gina know.

2025 Quilt Show News

We have over 150 quilts for our quilt show! This is a huge number for a guild of 65 members. Way to go everyone!

The Quilt Show Committee has been placing signs all over the Shawnee area. You should be seeing them as you drive around town. Hopefully everyone who picked up show fliers has started to ask neighborhood businesses to hang them in doors and on windows.

2025 Quilt Show News Continued

To help us promote our show we are posting on the SSQG 2025 Quilt Show Facebook page. This is a public page which makes it possible for you to share the event and photos. You can find the page here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ssqg2025quiltshow>. Please share with any other quilting groups you belong to and friends & family. Everyone has made such beautiful quilts. We want lots of people to come and see them!

Thursday, August 7th, we will begin setting up the show at Oklahoma Baptist University, Geiger Center. Many of you have asked about helping, here's our schedule.

At **8:30 am** we will start bringing in all the quilt racks.

If you can assist with steaming/ironing drapes, we could use help with that beginning at **9:30 am**.

If you can bring a tall stepladder to help with the hanging of drapes and/or quilts that would be great. We hope to be hanging drapes and setting up the racks by about **10 am**.

We hope to begin hanging the quilts by about **noon**.

We understand that these activities are strenuous and not everyone is able to assist. That's okay.

If you have volunteered to work at the show, you should have received an email and a phone call detailing days and times. If you are still not sure what you have signed up for, please contact Gina Ames at (405) 762-1553 or (405) 268-6721.

Our Country Store will accept high quality, lightly used "garage sale" type quilting items -- fabric, notions, rulers, etc. We will **not** be accepting books & magazines. All items need to be priced. You may bring them to the opening of the show, **August 8th at 9am**. If you have any questions about the Country Store, please contact Karen Spears.

When the show ends at **4pm on Saturday August 9th**, we will need help taking down quilts. Quilt racks and stands will need to be repacked into the trailer. If you or a significant other is willing to assist, we would be most happy to accept the help. Please let Gretchen or Gina know, so we can plan accordingly.

Quilts are to be picked up at the OBU Geiger Center on Saturday **August 9th between 5-6pm**. As a reminder, to pick up your quilt after the show, you will need the yellow receipt you were given at the quilt drop off event. If someone is picking your quilt up for you, they will need the receipt.

July Birthdays



Happy
Birthday
to
You!!!!

July Show & Tell

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



Quilt of Valor Presentation



Judith Branson



Gayle Smith



Tanya Jones



Karen Spears



Rhonda Russell



Laura Palmer



Tribby Herdway



Devon Caste



Judy Cloud

Minutes from General Meeting on July 10, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 32 members present and 1 guest. Bonnie O'Dell brought her husband.

Minutes from last meeting – no comments or corrections. Motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter by Lisa Hefner, seconded by Marilyn Burns. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report – June treasurer's report was not available in time for the newsletter so will be published next month.

May's treasurer's report had a typo. Check #1926 was listed as \$375.00 but should have been \$325.60. This different check amount means the ending balance should be \$11,095.08 instead of \$11,045.68. Motion to accept the modified May report by Judy Branson and seconded by Karen Spears. Motion passed.

Minutes from General Meeting on July 10, 2025 Continued

Recognition of July Birthdays: Present were Judy Cloud, Tanya Jones, and Marilyn Johnson. Absent was Judy Grisso.

Old/Unfinished Business

- June Quilt Camp – Thanks to Marilyn Johnson and Carrie Moreland for hosting our camp.
- 2025 Quilt Show, Aug. 8-9, 2025
 1. The trailer workday last Saturday was very successful. We unloaded the trailer, cleaned and removed rust on all rack components, installed new tires, and reloaded the trailer. We also examined drapes lent by the Gore guild to see what we could use. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially those who brought their significant others: Heather Curtis and Xadrian Culver, Pam Fesler, Gina Ames and Todd, Pam Cook and David, Carolyn Castle, Vicky Stidham and Ali and Caleb, Brigitte Winford, Jeri Albrecht and Lonnie, Gretchen Gaskill and David.
 2. Show t-shirts – This is the last chance to order t-shirts. See Brigitte.
 3. Raffle Tickets – Turn in your ticket money and ticket stubs to Gretchen. If you didn't bring them to the guild meeting, please plan to return them to Gretchen before the show starts.
 4. All quilt registrations were due at the guild meeting July 10th.
 5. July 12 – Country Store sew day at Pott County Museum 8am-3pm
 6. July 19th, Quilt Turn-In at Pott County Museum from noon-4pm. All quilts should have the owners name on a label securely attached to the quilt. Each quilt should be enclosed in a bag or pillowcase with your name attached with a safety pin to the outside of the case.
 7. August 7, Set-up for Quilt Show starting at 8:30 am. We will need help to haul and set up the racks and hang quilts. Let Gina or Gretchen know if you or your family members can help. Bring your own step ladder if available.
 8. Memorial Quilts – If you are getting quilts and bios for the memorial quilts, please try to get us those items at the July 19th turn-in day. If that isn't possible, contact Gina or Gretchen to make other arrangements.
 9. Advertising – we have fliers for you to hand out starting roughly 2 weeks before the show. There is an electric sign off 177 advertising our show as well as a recorded interview on the radio that will be played.
- Members Handbook – Handbook was published and is now on the web. There is a link to it on the Membership page. Karen has copies to give to new members or visitors.

New Business

- Quilt of Valor presentation to guild member, Cheryl Perrault (27-year veteran) by Judy Branson
- Liz Wilkins (281-467-8509) is looking to hire a hand quilter to finish quilting a Sunbonnet Sue baby quilt that was started by Liz's mother. Please contact her at the number above if interested.
- Programs: Our August program will be a special guest speaker, Jelantha Elliot of the Wagon Wheel Ranch Retreat. Our September workshop will be led by Gina Ames on September 20th at the Pott Co Museum with a project called Big Blocks for Quick Quilts.

Minutes from General Meeting on July 10, 2025 Continued

New Business Continued

- Proposed Bylaws Change – In summation the primary change is eliminating the VP elect position. There are minor spelling and grammatical changes as well. Motion to accept made by Carolyn Castle, seconded by Micky Kluding. Motion passed. Bylaws change will take effect July 10th, 2025.
- Upcoming election at September meeting. Linda Lee volunteered to chair the nominating committee that will consist of herself and guild members Lisa Hefner and Amanda Cole. The office of Treasurer will need to be filled. The nominating committee will be reaching out to current officers and board members to confirm if other positions will be opening as well.
- Next board meeting will be scheduled at a date yet to be set sometime after the Quilt Show.

Committee Reports

- Block of the Month – Carolyn Castle chose The Grecian Square. Picture and directions in newsletter
- Benevolence – Linda Lee has sent out many cards this month including Thank You notes, Get Well and Birthday cards
- Charity Quilts – Lisa Hefner/ Harriet Howard, A Thank You note was sent to us from Hope Pregnancy Center and read aloud. Harriet delivered 12 quilts to the Child Advocacy Center. Lisa delivered 5 quilts to someone who had a connection with the organization Mothers of Domestic Violence.
- Historian – Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- Hospitality – Karen Spears, nothing to report
- Librarian – Jeri Albrecht, absent
- Publicity & Website – Gretchen Gaskill, Judy Cloud and her daughter Amanda Cole are considering helping us out with publicity. Judy was asked to contact KGFF, 100.9 FM radio.

Show and Tell

Several quilts were shown along with the string quilts made at the last workshop.

July Program

Quilt trivia night. The game, Name That Quilt Block, was played with prizes awarded by Gina. There was also a Quilt Terms crossword puzzle handout.

Next Meeting – will be held August 14th, 7:00pm

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary

Donation Quilts

As always, we welcome donations of baby and kid quilts up to twin size for distribution to various organizations in the local area. [Hope Pregnancy Center](#) can always use more "Positive Bags". A pattern for the bag can be found here: https://shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com/images/files/positive_bag.jpg

Upcoming Quilt Shows in the Area

August 8-9, 2025 – Spinning Spools Quilt Guild, 2025 Quilt Show, Oklahoma Baptist University, Geiger Center, Shawnee OK <https://shawneespinningpoolsquiltguild.com/index.php/2025-quilt-show>

October 17-18, 2025 – Country Fare Quilter's Guild, Autumn Leaves Quilt Show 2025
Claremore Community Center, Claremore OK <https://countryfarequiltersguild.org/quilt-show/>

October 17-18, 2025 – Oklahoma City Modern Quilt Guild 2025 Quilt Show
Oklahoma State Fairgrounds – Arts Annex, OKC <http://www.okcmgg.com/>

The quilt guild in Pryor has a good list of quilt shows coming up in other areas of the state as well.
<https://www.pryorpatchers.org/2023-quilt-show/>

Officers and Board Members for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

The nominating committee has contacted all current officers, and all are willing to serve another year. We have two board members' terms expiring in September. With the recent bylaw change, only one new board member will be needed in September. Jeri Albrecht has offered to serve. If any current members are interested in serving as an officer or board member, please contact a member of the nominating committee so ballots can be prepared for the September meeting. A complete list of candidates will be published in the September newsletter.

Member's Handbook

A member's handbook was recently published. If you would like to read, please click here: [SSQG Members Handbook 250708](#)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – April to May 2025 (Corrected)	
April 21, 2025 Balance Forward	\$10,477.40
INCOME:	
4/30 - Quilt Show Vendor	\$220.00
5/7 - Raffle Ticket Sales	\$95.00
5/7 – T-Shirt Sales	\$450.00
5/8 – Raffle Ticket Sales	\$230.00
5/21 – Quilt Show Vendor	\$500.00
5/21 – Raffle Ticket Sales	\$346.00
5/21 – Quilt Show Vendor	\$220.00
EXPENSES:	
1925 – Gretchen Gaskill (Quilt Show Drapes, Raffle Tickets)	\$772.58
1926 – Gretchen Gaskill (Quilt Show T-Shirts)	\$375.00 \$325.60
1927 – Gretchen Gaskill (Quilt Show Hanging Supplies)	\$345.14
ENDING BALANCE (as of May 25, 2025)	\$11,045.68 \$11,095.08

Treasurer's Report Continued

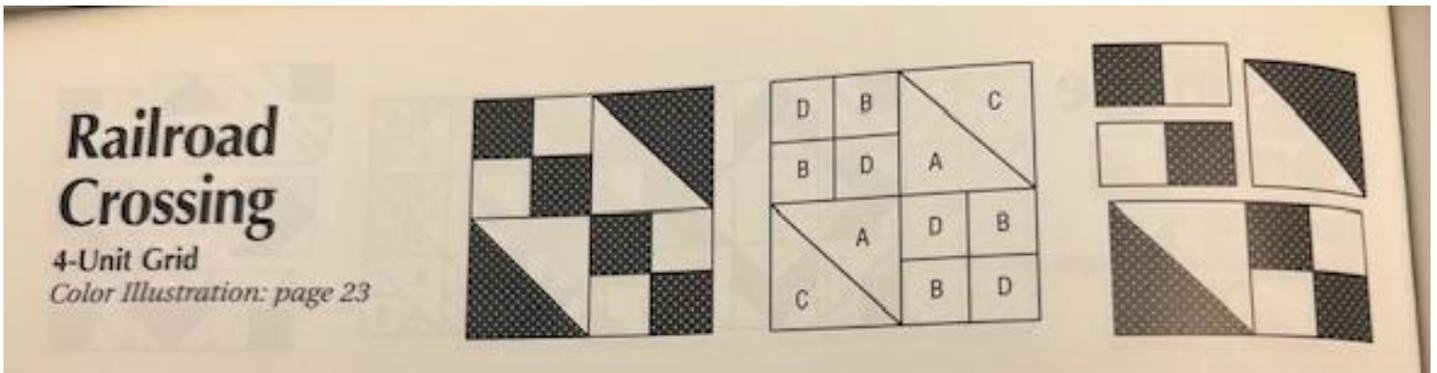
Treasurer's Report – May to June 2025

May 25, 2025 Balance Forward	\$11,095.08
INCOME:	
6/4 - Raffle Ticket Sales	\$152.00
6/6 -Dues	\$90.00
6/6 – Quilt Show Vendor and T-Shirt Sales	\$180.00
6/10 -Dues	\$30.00
6/10 – Raffle Ticket and T-Shirt Sales	\$448.40
6/24 - Dues	\$15.00
6/24 – Kent Sechrest Donation	\$75.00
6/24 – Quilt Camp Fees	\$440.00
6/24 – Raffle Ticket and Quilt Pattern Sales	\$363.00
6/30 - Raffle Ticket and Quilt Pattern Sales	570.00
EXPENSES:	
1928 – Gina Ames (Quilt Show Postcards)	\$152.50
1929 – Gretchen Gaskill (Raffle Tickets)	\$65.95
1930 – Brigitte Winford (\$46.40 photos/\$4.49 envelopes)	\$50.89
1931- Gretchen Gaskill (Outdoor Signs, Pattern Bags)	\$581.27
1932- Gretchen Gaskill (Trailer Service)	\$529.20
Check Printing Charges	\$84.22
ENDING BALANCE (as of June 30, 2025)	\$11,994.45

Treasurer's Report – June to July 2025

June 30, 2025 Balance Forward	\$11,994.45
INCOME:	
7/24 - Raffle Ticket Sales	\$25.00
EXPENSES:	
1933 – Masonic Lodge (Quilt Camp Rent)	\$300.00
1934 – Gretchen Gaskill (Trailer Tires)	\$477.58
1935 – OBU (Quilt Show Venue)	\$1,200.00
1936- Gretchen Gaskill (Quilt Batting)	\$181.40
1937- Gretchen Gaskill (Miscellaneous Quilt Show Expenses)	\$304.95
ENDING BALANCE (as of July 30, 2025)	\$9,555.52

August 2025 Block of the Month – Railroad Crossing



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

*Cut square diagonally in one direction resulting in two triangles from each (2 A and 2 C triangles)

