



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

January 2026 Newsletter

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

I hope all of you and your families have had a blessed and happy Christmas. I'll admit I wish we had a white Christmas, but high 70-degree temperatures isn't too bad either.

As we close out this holiday season, I am looking forward to the upcoming new year. It will be fun to see the first Round Robin exchange this month, and Gina has arranged a guest speaker for the February meeting.

A few changes are in the works for Spinning Spools in the near future. Come to the meeting on January 8th and find out what's going on. I hope to see you all there.

Happy quilting,
Gretchen 

The next general meeting of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **January 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm,** at the Shawnee Senior Recreation Center.

Member Directory

Brigitte culled through our photo gallery and found pictures of many of you for possible inclusion in the Member Directory. If you would prefer to provide your own picture, please email to brigitte@shawneespinningpoolsquiltguild.com or submit through Facebook Messenger

The Directory is going to include a bio of each member. You can decide what information you would like to share with the guild. A form will be handed out for you to complete at the January meeting. In addition to your photo and contact information, you can include how long you've been a member of the guild, how long you've been quilting, social media accounts where you share quilting content, anything that you would like to share about your quilting journey. You can also include professional website/contact information for quilting services, etc, if you like. 

January Birthdays	Mark Your Calendars		
Harriett Howard – January 7	January 8	January Guild Meeting	7pm
Linda Lee – January 8		<i>Postponed to 2nd Thursday due to New Year's Holiday</i>	
Brigitte Winford – January 15	January 23-25	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
Shelly Harrell – January 17	January 24	Board Meeting	1pm
Tribby Hardway – January 23	February 5	February Guild Meeting	7pm
	March 5	March Guild Meeting	7pm

Programs

The first Thursday in 2026 is New Year's Day. So, our meeting will be on the 8th of January. Our Round Robin participants will exchange projects at this meeting. I can't wait to see what everyone has done! Our program topic will be Batting. We will talk about pros & cons of many different types.

February 5th we will have special guest speaker Julius Rempe-Night with his presentation "Should I Keep This?" — Making the Most of Your Fabric Scraps.

Scraps, scraps, scraps! If you've ever finished a project and wondered whether those leftover bits are worth saving, this presentation is for you. Join us for a lively and informative session where he'll share practical tips on evaluating which scraps to keep, how to organize them effectively, and creative ways to use them in future projects. You'll also see inspiring examples of scrap-friendly designs that prove even the smallest pieces can have big impact. 🧵

2026 Quilt Camp

Pam Cook & Gina Ames will be hosting Quilt Camp at the Masonic Lodge on January 23, 24 and 25. Doors will open at 8am, and we can stay as late as 10pm Friday & Saturday, with Sunday usually finishing at about dinnertime. Potluck Friday will be a Baked Potato & Salad Bar. Potluck Soups and fixings on Saturday. Feel free to bring a side dish. Price is \$10 per day; guild dues must be current. We will play "left, right, center" on Saturday. If you'd like to participate bring three fat quarters.

If you would like to host a future camp, please contact Donna Dickeson.

April 17, 18, and 19

July 17, 18, and 19

October 16, 17, and 18 🧵

December Birthdays



Happy
Birthday
to
You!!!!

December Show & Tell Photos posted on website [Home \(shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com\)](http://Home (shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com)) (Click Gallery/2025 Photos)



Melinda Brothers



Susan Trippe



Pat Woodard



Amanda Cole

Christmas Party and Mug/Mug Rug and Block Swaps



Minutes from General Meeting on December 4, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 27 members present. Susan Trippe was our only visitor.

Break to eat Christmas potluck

Minutes from the last meeting – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Donna Dickeson, seconded by Karen Spears. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Melinda Brothers, seconded by Mickey Kluding. Motion passed.

Recognition of December Birthdays: Present were Delaney Sutton and Bonnie Crimms O'Dell. Absent was Jolene Neu.

Old/Unfinished Business

- Dues are overdue. They must be paid by the end of tonight's meeting to remain an active member.

New Business

- We completed the audit of the treasurer's books and Wanzalle filed the tax return for last year, so we're good for another year.
- We are considering looking for another location for our meetings. If anyone belongs to a church or other organization that has a room where we could meet, preferably with a way to show slides, please let Gretchen know. Laura Palmer suggested checking with the American Legion.
- Guild's 40th birthday is coming up in 2026. It has been decided we will celebrate this event at the October meeting.

Programs: Gina is still working on the calendar for 2026. Once it is completed a copy will be given to each guild member. Guest speakers have been retained for the February general meeting and June general meeting. In January there will be a program on batting. The different types will be discussed as well as when to use them. There have not been any workshops scheduled at this time.

Block of the Month: Carolyn Castle was absent. A copy of the pattern was in the December newsletter. Starting in January, Billie will oversee Block of the Month. The plan is to have 2 different options each month. More information to follow.

Next Board Meeting will be held Saturday, January 24, 2026, 1:00 pm at Quilt Camp.

Committee Reports:

- Benevolence – Linda Lee encouraged us to reach out to Judith as she broke her shoulder this week. Also, Pam shared her granddaughter is having a lumbar tap on Monday. Prayers are encouraged. Rhonda has also not been well, so encouragement by phone or card would be appreciated.
- Charity Quilts – Lisa Hefner/ Harriet Howard. Harriet reported she has received enough quilts as requested by the Seminole DHS for their foster children's Christmas party. She plans to personally attend the party this year.
- Historian – Darline Pendley – nothing to report
- Hospitality – Karen Spears – nothing to report

Minutes from General Meeting on December 4, 2025 Continued

Committee Reports Continued:

- Librarian – Jeri Albrecht – nothing to report
- Publicity – Judy Cloud – nothing to report
- Quilt Camps – Donna Dickeson – updated information on dates and hosts will be posted on Facebook and the website
- Website – Gretchen Gaskill – new design is close to being ready for guild members to preview. She will send the link out as soon as it's ready.

Show and Tell

December Programs -Christmas block exchange and Mug/Mug Rug Dirty Santa game was played

Next Meeting – January 8, 2026, 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary. 📄

Upcoming Quilt Shows in the Area

January 9-10, 2026 – Tulsa Modern Quilt Guild, Southwoods Quilt Show, Southwoods Nursery (in heated greenhouse), 9025 S Lewis Ave, Tulsa (free)

April 24-25, 2026 – Norman Area Quilters Guild, Coming Up Roses Quilt Show, Calvary Church, 3730 N Porter Ave, Norman (\$10 per day) 📄

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – November to December 2025

November 23, 2025 Balance Forward	\$19,083.86
INCOME:	
12/3 – Dues	\$60.00
12/5 - Dues	\$30.00
EXPENSES:	
1953 – Void	
1954 – Gretchen Gaskill (web domain renewal)	\$24.19
1955 – Gretchen Gaskill (Quilt Show draperies)	\$1,668.14
1956 – Brigitte Winford (scrapbook photos \$24.49, stamps for newsletters \$46.80, stamps for Benevolence \$31.20)	\$102.49
1957 – Harriett Howard (gift bags for donation quilts)	\$79.18
ENDING BALANCE (as of December 28, 2025)	\$17,299.86

Certificate of Deposit:

CD value as of 10/5/25 was \$1,664.26. Next renewal date is 10/5/26

January 2026 Block of the Month – Buckeye Beauty

This year you can choose one of two versions of the featured block. Choose to make the block as printed in OPTION 1 or adapt to make 12-inch blocks using a 6-inch exchange block in OPTION 2. Or do both. That's my goal. -Billie Corgan

Cutting Guide for Buckeye Beauty

Patch 1 – Light - Cut one $6 \frac{7}{8}$ " square (or 7" and then trim to size) **(Only for Option 1)**

Patch 2 – Dark - Cut one $6 \frac{7}{8}$ " square (or 7" and then trim to size) **(Only for Option 1)**

Patch 3 – Light - Cut four $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

Patch 4 – Dark - Cut four $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " squares

OPTION 1:

Make 2 half square triangles from Patches 1 and 2. Draw a diagonal line on the back of one of the squares, then stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each side of the drawn line. Cut on the drawn line. Trim to $6 \frac{1}{2}$ ".

Make 2 four patches from the $3 \frac{1}{2}$ " pieces.

Press the pieces and arrange by the diagram.

OPTION 2: To make a block with your exchange blocks, substitute the half square triangles with the exchange block.

The block will be $12 \frac{1}{2}$ inches unfinished.

