



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

October 2026 Newsletter

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From Your President

Hi everyone,

Welcome to a new year of our Guild. We have had a great year with lots of participation at wonderful workshops, fun quilt camps and many quilt donations. Show & Tell is always inspiring as are our Block of the Month presentations. Thank you Gretchen, for your leadership the last 3 years. As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary program, I think our founding Quilters would approve.

Happy stitching, Jeri

The next general meeting and 40th Anniversary celebration of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **Thursday, October 1, 2026**, at **6:00 pm**, at the American Legion, 522 W Saratoga St, Shawnee OK.

Evelyn Pipkin's 99th Birthday!

Our very own Evelyn Pipkin will be celebrating her 99th birthday this month. Please take a moment to send her a card, give her a call, or drop by for a visit. Evelyn has been an active member of our guild for many years and deserves to be celebrated.

Membership Dues

\$30 Membership dues are due at the October meeting. Gretchen will be sitting at the Check-In Table accepting payments for membership and October quilt camp. See Page 6 for more info.

Gretchen's President's Block

The guild has a tradition that outgoing Presidents choose a quilt block for members to make and sign. The outgoing President then makes a quilt for herself from all of these blocks to remember their time as president. Details on Page 8.

October Birthdays

Melinda Brothers - October 2
 Kate Fowler - October 6
 Pat Woodard - October 7
 Amy Ledbetter - October 9
 Evelyn Pipkin - October 14
 Cheryl Perrault - October 16
 Rhonda Russell - October 18
 Pam Fesler - October 21
 Debbie Newell - October 31

Mark Your Calendars

October 1	October Guild Meeting	6pm
October 16-17	Quilt Camp	8am-8pm
October 17	Board Meeting	1pm
October 18	Quilt Camp	8am-5pm
November 5	November Guild Mtg	7pm
November 6	Ugly Fabric Workshop	9am-3pm
December 3	December Guild Meeting	6pm

Programs

October 1st is a special edition of Potluck & Potholders. We will celebrate 40 years as a guild. Please bring a dish to share. If you'd like to participate in the potholder exchange, make a potholder, sign & date it, and bring it in some type of gift wrap or bag that conceals the contents. We will have some of our guild scrapbooks and historical items for members to enjoy. We are hoping to also hear from some of our Charter Members. This event starts at 6 pm.

November 5th we will play Ugly Fabric Games. Be prepared to bring along fabric that when you look at it now you think, "Where did this come from?" Bring **two fabrics, a fat quarter or larger** that you deem "ugly." Maybe it's just not your taste anymore or maybe it's colors you find difficult to use. Either way, these two fabrics will find a new home at the meeting. We will play a few games with these fabrics, as well as some from the stash of fabrics at the Senior Center. We will discuss ways to use ugly fabric to make items we love. We will also issue a challenge.

We will have a **workshop** Friday, **November 6th** from 9 am to 3 pm at the American Legion. We will use a tutorial by Karen Brown of Just Get it Done Quilts to use up some of the fabric that's been sitting in our stash. This will be a great workshop for making donation quilts.

Fabric Requirements

Lap Size – 36" x 48"

12 fabrics at least 14" square

Throw Size - 48" x 60"

20 fabrics at least 14" square

Bring your sewing supplies and lunch.

December 3rd is our annual Christmas Party. We will have a festive finger foods potluck, block exchange and a "Dirty Santa" game with mugs and mug rugs.

If you would like to participate in our "Dirty Santa" game, make a mug rug, sign and date it. Gift wrap it along with a mug. You can find lots of fun mug rug tutorials on YouTube.

We will exchange 6.5" pieced Christmas blocks. Up to 12 blocks may be exchanged. Blocks should be signed with your name and the year. Bring your blocks in a zip-top bag labeled with your name & the number of blocks.

All are optional, all fun. This event starts at 6pm.

Donations

We received 9 quilts at the September meeting. Jamie McCraw gave us many fun quilt panels for making quilts for the foster children at the Seminole DHS Christmas Party. If you took one of these panels, please bring the completed quilt to the November meeting. The party is the first week of December. These quilts will go to foster kids of various ages. We will also be collecting large gift bags to put each quilt in for the party.

Project Safe, an organization that ministers to victims of Domestic Violence, requested a quilt for their annual fundraiser on October 1st. Susan Havens is coordinating the silent auction donations. She came to the Senior Center to pick up a quilt for the auction, and we took this picture together. You can learn more about Project Safe at their website. <https://www.projectsafeok.com/about>



From L-R Susan Havens of Project Safe, Jeri Albrecht, Shelly Harrell, Gina Ames, Laura Palmer and Linda Stewart

Minutes from General Meeting on September 3, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 29 members present and 6 visitors. Our visitors were Patty Bagwell (2nd visit), Becky Vaughn (2nd visit) and her friend Pat Russell, Bobbie Doss, Roberta Deffenbaugh, and Susan Trippe (Jeri Albrecht's friend).

Minutes from the last meeting - Correction: In the Website part of the Committee Reports, it says "Gretchen Gaskill reported Gina Ames had written an article about the quilts donated to the Sheriff's office. The paper printed the article along with a picture of the guild members present at the time of the donation." The newspaper article was not written by Gina. Recommend changing the last sentence to "The Countywide & Sun paper also printed an article along with a picture of the guild members and sheriff's department members present at the time of the donation." Gina did write an article about the event which was printed on our website. No other comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Pam Cook, seconded by Gayle Smith. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Gina Ames, seconded by Jeri Albrecht. Motion passed.

Recognition of September Birthdays: Present were Mickey Kluding, Billie Corgan and Dee Cobbs. Absent were Judy Branson, Wanda Robinson and Vicky Stidham.

Minutes from General Meeting on September 3, 2026 Continued

Old/Unfinished Business

Member Directory: Directories are done! If you didn't get one on your way in today, you can pick yours up from Brigitte.

New Business

- Officer and Board Member elections: Here is the slate of candidates

1. President - Jeri Albrecht
2. Vice President - Gina Ames
3. Recording Secretary - Carrie Moreland
4. Corresponding Secretary - Brigitte Winford
5. Treasurer - Gretchen Gaskill
6. Board Members at Large:

Donna Dickeson, term expires Sept 2027

Shelly Harrell, term expires Sept 2027

Pam Cook, term expires Sept 2028

Heather Culver, term expires Sept 2028

There were no other nominations from the floor. Passed as presented.

- Brigitte has been our primary photographer at meetings. To give Brigitte a break, we are looking for a volunteer to take pictures at meetings. Mickey Kluding volunteered to take over and started right away.
- Yearly dues are due at the October meeting. Our fiscal year begins in October, so your dues will be due at next month's meeting. To make it easy, Gretchen will be sitting next to Karen at the check-in table to take your payment. To avoid delays, please have your check or cash ready when you come in. Dues remain \$30.00 a year.
- Quilt camp fees:
 1. The Masonic Lodge is raising our rent from \$100.00 a day to \$125.00 a day (\$375.00 for the three days) to cover their higher electricity and other expenses.
 2. Since quilt camp is one of our fundraisers, the Board decided to raise our fees to attend camp from \$10.00 a day to \$15.00 a day.
 3. For the upcoming October camp only, we are going to offer a one-time discount. If you pay both your dues AND your camp fees at the October guild meeting, you will only have to pay \$10.00 a day.

Programs: Sharon McGinnis will share her knowledge on Applique techniques tonight. October will be our annual Potluck & Potholders as well as celebration of 40 years as a guild. This evening will begin at 6:00 PM to allow time for everything. November we will play Ugly Fabric games with an Ugly Fabric workshop the next day. More information coming in the newsletter. December is our Christmas Celebration with a Mug/Mug Rug exchange, Potluck, and a 6 ½" unfinished Christmas block exchange. December meeting will also begin at 6:00 PM.

Block of the Month - Billie Corgan brought two variations of Johnny Around the Corner.

Minutes from General Meeting on September 3, 2026 Continued

Committee Reports

- Benevolence - Linda Lee sent several birthday cards out. We were also updated that Tribby Hardway has broken her arm as well as having several other serious health concerns. Guild members are encouraged to send her a card.
- Donation Quilts - Gina Ames reported no quilts were donated this past month. The Seminole DHS has requested 50 quilts to be given at their annual Christmas Party. Gina will also be accepting quilt sized gift bags for these quilts to be placed in. One quilt was given to Project Safe per their request for an upcoming auction. Jamie McCraw donated several panels for guild members to take and make a quilt for donation purposes.
- Historian - Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- Hospitality - Karen Spears, nothing to report
- Librarian - Jeri Albrecht, nothing to report
- Publicity - Judy Cloud/Amanda Cole - The Pottawatomie Free Fair is next week, Wednesday thru Saturday. Great opportunity to enter a quilt and take some of our business cards to hand out.
- Quilt Camps - Donna Dickeson, next camp is October 16-18.
- Website - Gretchen Gaskill gave a tutorial on how to maneuver around our new website to find articles, resources, past newsletters, events and much more. She created a hand-out for your personal reference. If you didn't get one, please contact her.

Show & Tell

September Program: Tonight's program was brought to us by Sharon McGinnis. She shared tips and tricks to the appliqué process as well as a couple of how-to books for reference. One interesting tip was to use an emery board to smooth the rounded edges of your appliqué template, so the fabric lays nicely. Sharon is an amazing resource for our guild to go to for our appliqué questions.

Next Meeting - October 1, 6:00 pm at the American Legion

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary

Upcoming Quilt Show in Oklahoma

October 24 - Kiamichi Quilt Guild, Fall in Love with Quilts, Southeast Expo, 4500 W. U S Highway 270, McAlester, OK, 9am to 4pm (\$5)

Member Directory

Our Member Directory has been printed and will be available for pickup at the October meeting.

Quilt Camp

Very Important Change

Due to an increase in building rent and utilities, **Quilt Camp fees are now \$15.00 per day.** (However, since membership dues of \$30 for the year are due at the October meeting, if you pre-pay for quilt camp at the same time, camp fee will be \$10.00 per day. Any camp fees paid after the meeting will be subject to the \$15 per day fee.)

Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th - We have four hosts for the October camp: Carrie Moreland, Cheryl Perrault, Shelly Harrell and Linda Stewart.

Friday 16th and Saturday 17th - doors open sharp at 8am and will remain open until 8pm

Sunday 18th - doors will be open 8am to 5pm. Quilters are welcome to quilt right up to 5 pm.

Meals:

Friday lunch, potluck. Dinner is leftovers or take-out of your choice.

Saturday lunch, Soup and Sandwiches. Dinner again will be leftovers or take-out of your choice.

Carrie will have a sign-up sheet for what you plan to bring for lunch, either soup or sandwiches or side dish at the Guild meeting on October 1.

Sunday is take-out.

Place: Masonic Lodge, 555 Kickapoo Spur St., Shawnee, OK

If you have any question regarding camp, please call Donna Dickeson

Treasurer's Report - August 23, 2026 to September 19, 2026

Beginning Balance as of 8/23/26	\$14,916.42
INCOME:	none
EXPENSES:	
State Farm - trailer and liability insurance	\$179.00
HostGator - website hosting upgrade	\$81.18
HelloPrint - membership directory printing	\$160.81
Bryan Street Storage - trailer storage	\$68.00
Ending Balance as of 9/19/26	\$14,427.43
Certificate of Deposit:	
CD value as of 10/5/25 was \$1,664.26. Next renewal date is 10/5/26	

September Birthdays and Show & Tell



President's Block for Gretchen

If you are interested in participating, I would like just a simple signature block. In the center, please at least put your name. If you don't need much room, you can make the smaller (6"x6") block. If you would like to write something else or add anything you like, you can make the larger (6"x12") version of the block.

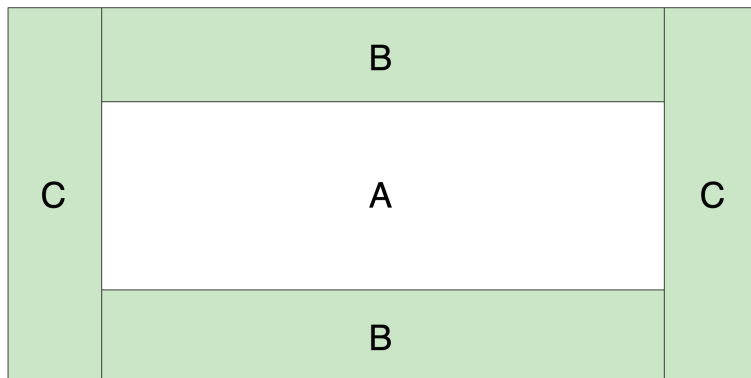
For your name or message in the center, you can use a permanent pen or embroidery or any other method of putting your message on the fabric.

Fabrics:

- For the center, white or white-on-white is preferred. If you don't have this, be sure to use something plain enough that your message is easily legible.
- For the surrounding fabrics, use anything you want. Use something that you would put in a quilt for yourself. It will be fun to see everyone's different personalities in the fabrics.

I very much enjoyed being your guild president. The quilt I make with these blocks will be a happy reminder. Thank you for all your support.

Gretchen

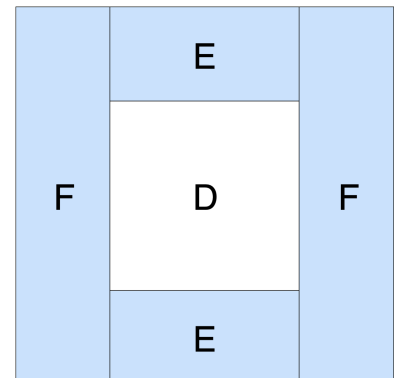


Block size:
6"x12" finished
(6½"x12½" unfinished)

Cutting for 6"x12" block

- A - one 3½" x 9½" rectangle
- B - two 2" x 9½" rectangles
- C - two 2" x 6½" rectangles

This will give a 3"x9" writing area in the center rectangle.



Block size:
6"x6" finished
(6½"x6½" unfinished)

Cutting for 6"x6" block

- D - one 3½" x 3½" square
- E - two 2" x 3½" rectangles
- F - two 2" x 6½" rectangles

This will give a 3"x3" writing area in the center square.

October 2026 Block of the Month – Criss-Cross

Criss-Cross gives you several creative possibilities with four 3 ½" unfinished mini blocks to make up the unfinished 12" block. It uses two coordinated fabrics around a center square as its basis. The center can be a fussy cut fabric or a solid to add interest with your quilting design. The dark strip fabrics create a star secondary design. It's October's block so fall fabrics will be fun to make a seasonal block. Option 2 allows for using an Exchange Block in the lower right corner.

	Patch	Fabric	Size	Option 1	Option 2
Center		Light	3 ½" square	4	3
Strip	1	Medium	2" x 3 ½"	4	3
Strip	2	Medium	2" x 5"	4	3
Strip	3	Dark	2" x 5"	4	3
Strip	4	Dark	2" x 6 ½"	4	3
Corners	5	Light	2" square	8	6
Exchange Block			6 ½" square	0	1

Sewing Guide for Criss-Cross:

Draw a diagonal line on reverse side of the 2" squares. Place a 2" square on one end of each dark strip. Follow the diagram for orientation of the angle. Sew on the marked line. Press each 2" square into a triangle and trim. Assemble the mini blocks. Each mini block is assembled the same. However, notice the rotation of the mini blocks to form the star design while sewing the mini blocks together.

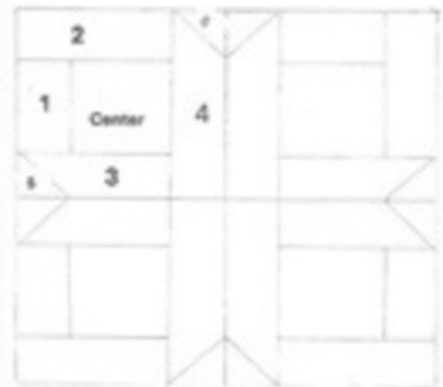
Block will measure 12 ½" unfinished.



Original Block



Exchange Block



Piecing Diagram