



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

February 2026 Newsletter

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Quilt Camp

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

Well, winter finally appeared, and it came with a vengeance! I hope everybody got through the winter storm without problems. Thanks to Donna for getting the Quilt Camp rescheduled so that we didn't have to miss out.

I'm looking forward to our first meeting at the American Legion, especially since we will also be having a special guest speaker. Then, the day after the guild meeting, we will have a free workshop and Quilt Camp starts. We'll have a lot of quilting and visiting all packed into a short time! It should be fun.

Hope to see you all at the February 5 meeting. Don't forget to bring money for our speaker's pop-up shop and raffle tickets for the Norman guild's quilt.

Happy quilting,
Gretchen 

The next general meeting of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **February 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm,** at the **American Legion Post 16, 522 W Saratoga St, Shawnee OK.**

New Meeting Location

In February, we are going to meet at the American Legion Post 16 at 522 W Saratoga St. We have outgrown the Senior Center in many ways, and the American Legion has technical amenities we have been needing. Additionally, the American Legion will not charge us for the use of their building and do not have closure times we must abide by. We hope you will join us and let us know your thoughts on the facility.

Member Directory

Work continues on the Member Directory. If you didn't turn in your information form or haven't submitted a picture yet, please do so at the February or March meeting or email to me or submit via Facebook messenger or get it to me some other way. I hope to have something for you to look at soon. 

February Birthdays	Mark Your Calendars		
Donna Dickeson – February 8	February 5	February Guild Meeting	7pm
Amanda Cole – February 16	February 6	Scrappy Star Workshop	9am to 1pm
Linda Stewart – February 26	February 6-8	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
	March 5	March Guild Meeting	7pm
	April 2	April Guild Meeting	7pm
	April 17-19	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
	May 7	May Guild Meeting	7pm

Programs

February 5th is our first meeting at the American Legion Post 16, located at 522 W Saratoga Street in Shawnee. The Norman Area Quilters Guild will be displaying their Quilt Show Raffle Quilt and selling raffle tickets. We will have special guest speaker Julius Rempe-Night who is bringing a pop-up shop and giving us 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.

On March 5th we have the Edmond Guild bringing their Quilt Show Raffle Quilt to display and sell tickets. We will also be exchanging our Round Robin projects. Please refer to the [guidelines](#) on the guild website for sizing information. If you are participating in the Round Robin and are unable to attend the March meeting, please make arrangements for the project to get to the next person in a timely manner. Bring your 2025 Block of the Month quilt top to Show & Tell. We will also have a demonstration of the Accu-Quilt System, including some of the dies that the guild owns. 📏

Workshop

Julius Rempe-Night will be offering a Scrappy Star workshop on Friday, February 6th, from 9 am – 1 pm at the American Legion. At this workshop he will teach all his techniques for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) when using small scraps. Together we will create 6" x 6" scrappy star blocks. He invites you to bring some of your scrap fabrics to participate in a scrap swap. Don't have scraps? Don't worry! There will be more than enough available for everyone! 📏

Donation Quilts

In January we gave 15 twin quilts to the Bed Ministry at New Hope Baptist Church, and 6 baby quilts were donated to Hope Pregnancy Center. We are actively seeking to work with other local organizations in our community. If you know of a particular group that might have such a need please contact Gina Ames. 📏

2026 Quilt Camp

Due to the extreme cold temperatures and predicted snows January Quilt Camp was rescheduled to February 6-8th. Time will remain the same 8am-10pm Friday – Sunday at the Masonic Lodge, 555W Kickapoo Spur Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Same hosts Pam Cook and Gina Ames. Thank you ladies.

2026 Quilt Camp Continued

Lunch Friday has been changed to Soup and Sandwiches. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Lunch on Friday will be served around 1:00pm giving those attending the Paper Piecing Workshop time to clean up and drive over to the Masonic Lodge.

Saturday meal, Baked Potato Bar and Salad Bar. Gina and Pam will provide the potatoes, bring a dish or dessert to share.

Don't forget to bring 3 Fat Quarters to play the game Left, Center, Right.

Don't forget your spending money, there will be material from an Estate Sale available to purchase in the front conference room.

Quilt Camp is always loads of fun and I appreciate everyone being flexible when mother nature throws a curve ball.

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 🇺🇸

January Birthdays



Happy
Birthday
to
You!!!!

January Show & Tell Photos posted on [website](#)



January Show & Tell Continued



Minutes from General Meeting on January 8, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 34 members present and 3 guests. Our guests were Judy Sherrin, Mark Stewart, and Jeris Cue.

Minutes from the last meeting – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Mickey Kluding, seconded by Gina Ames. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Cheryl Perrault, seconded by Donna Dickeson. Motion passed.

Recognition of January Birthdays: Present were Harriett Howard, Brigitte Winford, and Shelly Harrell. Absent were Linda Lee and Tribby Hardway.

Old/Unfinished Business: Nothing currently.

New Business

- **Updated Website:** It's time to check our new updated website. Let Gretchen know if you see any issues or if you have any suggestions.
- **New Meeting Location:** Starting February 2026, we will have our monthly general meetings at the American Legion located at 522 W Saratoga St (just East of the YMCA, between Kickapoo and Airport Rd). There is no charge for us to meet there. They have requested we donate a quilt they can raffle off. Parking is not paved but there's plenty of room. We will not be limited on the length of our meetings which will help especially on nights we have a guest speaker. We will continue to meet at 7:00 on the first Thursday of the month. We can bring in our own refreshments.

Minutes from General Meeting on January 8, 2026 Continued

We can still store our library, historian cabinet, other totes, at the Senior Center. If we want to hold board meetings or other meetings there, we will have to pay. The Wednesday Group is not affected as this is a Senior Center activity not a SSQG activity.

- **Change in Charity Quilts committee.** We are disbanding the existing Charity Quilts committee and creating a new Donation Quilts committee. Gina will chair this committee, at least to get it started. We will be setting up more regular donation sites and publishing more information about what we donate and to whom. More information to come later. We will continue to donate to all our previous charities as well as to the DHS Christmas Party in Seminole and the Quilts of Valor. The intent is to NOT have quilts being stored in our closet but to get them out to our community and people in need.
 - Our guest, Judy Sherrin shared from the ReNew Hope Bed Ministry, New Hope Baptist Church, Tecumseh. They are making twin size beds to give to children (or adults) in need. They are requesting our help in making quilts that will be given along with these beds. We were not given a specified number needed but this is an ongoing project so anything we can do to help will be much appreciated. The minimum size requested is 50x80.
- Gretchen received an email from The Quilt Lady shop in Kingfisher asking if we accepted fabric donations. Gretchen said yes and told her specifically we needed backing fabric and batting.
- **Quilt Camp:** January 23-25 at the Masonic Lodge, Shawnee. The camp will run from 8:00am to 10:00pm Friday and Saturday and 8:00am to around dinner time on Sunday. Gina Ames and Pam Cook will be our hosts. The menu is posted on Facebook. **(rescheduled to February 6-8)**
- **Programs:** Tonight's program will cover batting choices. We will also have our first Round Robin show and tell and exchange. February our guest speaker will be Julius Night. More information in the newsletter, on Facebook and the website.
- **Block of the Month:** Billie Corgan presented the Buckeye Beauty as well as an optional method using 6" blocks from the Christmas block exchange.
- **Next Board Meeting:** Saturday January 24, 1:00pm at Quilt Camp **(rescheduled to February 7)**

Committee Reports

- Benevolence – Linda Lee, absent
- Donation Quilts – Gina Ames, on future donation quilts please include a note with your name, size of quilt and which charity you would like it given to
- Historian – Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- Hospitality – Karen Spears, nothing to report
- Librarian – Jeri Albrecht, absent
- Publicity - Judy Cloud, Pam Cook arranged for our SSQG info to be displayed on a billboard off Hwy 177
- Quilt Camps – Donna Dickeson gave everyone a handout with all pertinent Quilt Camp information along with Tips and Ideas
- Website – Gretchen Gaskill, nothing to report

Minutes from General Meeting on January 8, 2026 Continued

Show and Tell

Round Robin show and tell and exchange

Member Directory Information Form: Brigitte handed out a form for each member to fill out with pertinent information for our new pictorial directory. Please return by the February general meeting.

January Program – Gina gave an overview of batting choices. Main things to consider are what the item will be used for such as a lot of washing in the case of a child's quilt versus a wall hanging which won't be washed as often. Also, we were encouraged to pay attention to the numbers on the package which tell how far apart the quilting stitches should be for stabilization of the batting. We were informed that some cotton batting has seeds that when punctured by the longarm needle will cause oil to be released and stain the quilt. The program was shortened due to time. More information will be available on the website.

Next Meeting - February 5, 7:00pm at the American Legion. The Norman Guild will bring a raffle quilt. Our guest speaker, Julius Night, will also bring a pop-up shop.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary. 🗣️

Upcoming Quilt Shows in Oklahoma

February 13 (9am-5pm) and February 14 (9am-3pm) – [Wichita Mountain Quilt Show 2026](#), Great Plains Coliseum, Lawton OK (\$12/day)

March 20 (9am-4pm) and March 21 (9am-3pm) – Gore Area Scrap Happy Quilters, Lower Elementary Gymnasium on Winn and 3rd, Gore OK

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – December 2025 to January 2026

December 28, 2025 Balance Forward	\$17,299.86
INCOME:	
1/7 – Dues	\$30.00
EXPENSES:	
1958 – Gretchen Gaskill	\$470.23
(trailer tarp, jack stands, rope - \$170.44)	
(totes for draperies - \$54.89)	
(website private registration \$14.95)	
(batting for donation quilts - \$229.95)	
Debit card – Bryan Street Storage (trailer storage)	\$59.00
ENDING BALANCE (as of January 24, 2026)	\$16,800.63

Certificate of Deposit:

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

February 2026 Block of the Month – Oh Susannah

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 Oh Susannah

February's block has the catchy name of Oh Susannah. You can't make it without singing Oh, Susannah. I dare you. This is a variation of the traditional Susanna block but with 4 fabrics instead of 3. It works best with high contrast in the fabrics. I used a solid for some of the pieces to get that contrast for option 1, the basic block of the month. Almost solid fabrics will work well too. Use two 6" exchange blocks, for Option 2. The exchange 6" blocks provide enough contrast to make a colorful block.

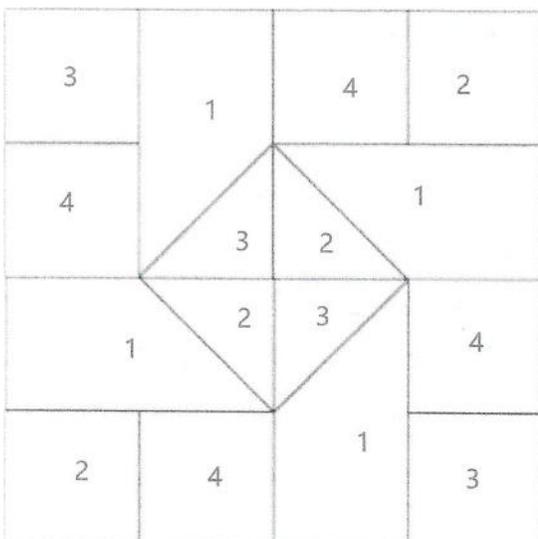
Cutting Guide for Oh Susannah

		Option 1	Option 2
Fabric 1	Dark	Cut 4	6 1/2" x 6 1/2"
Fabric 2	Medium	Cut 4	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
Fabric 3	Medium	Cut 4	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"
Fabric 4	Light	Cut 4	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

Option 1 – Basic Block From two each of fabrics 2 and 3 draw a diagonal line from corner to corner. Place each of the fabrics on one end of the fabrics 1. Sew on the diagonal line. Press on the sewn line to form the connecting triangle. Trim off the excess bottom 2 fabrics of the triangle. Piece should still measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" with a connecting triangle. Arrange the remaining eight 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" fabric patches and the four 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" patches following the chart below.

Option 2 – Exchange Blocks This option only uses 3 fabrics. Follow above instructions for connecting corners and arrange all patches following the chart below.

Option 1 Basic Block



Option 2 Exchange Block

