



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

March 2026 Newsletter

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

I was so excited to see the big turnout for our first meeting at the American Legion last month. We had the largest attendance since I have been a member of the guild! We also had excellent attendance at the foundation paper piecing workshop the next day, as well as at Quilt Camp that weekend. Great participation from everyone!

We may rearrange a few things at our next meeting, as we get more used to our new venue. If you have any suggestions of how to better set up the room for our meetings, please let one of the officers know.

I'm looking forward to the March 5 meeting. We'll exchange the Round Robin projects again and hopefully get to see some 2025 Block of the Month quilt tops. Don't forget to bring money for raffle tickets for the Edmond guild's quilt. Hope to see you all there.

Happy quilting,
Gretchen 🧵

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

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 March meeting or email to Brigitte or submit via Facebook messenger. Some of you have told me you don't wish to participate and that is perfectly fine. I may ask you again because I forgot or didn't know your name at the time or because I am terribly disorganized. I hope you will forgive me. I hope to have a list with me at the March meeting and if you tell me you do not wish to participate, I will mark you off the list and try to not bother you again. 😊

Some of you have told me you left the form on the table at the Senior Center. I'm thinking some of those forms may have been lost; therefore, I am going to be asking again just to be sure everyone who wants to participate or thinks they have already turned in a form gets the opportunity. So please bear with me. Thanks! 🧵

March Birthdays	Mark Your Calendars		
Laura Palmer – March 13	March 5	March Guild Meeting	7pm
Judy Sherrin – March 23	April 2	April Guild Meeting	7pm
Sharon McGinnis – March 25	April 17-19	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
Carol Scamara – March 28	May 7	May Guild Meeting	7pm

Programs

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. This will be a hands-on event, giving members a chance to use the cutters.

April's program will be a prize ribbon tutorial based on a Moda fabrics pattern. More info can be found at this link. <https://my.modafabrics.com/inspiration-resources/best-sew-make-your-own-prize-ribbons>

During the meeting attendees will have the opportunity to make their own prize ribbon utilizing fabrics & trims you likely already have on hand. Gina Ames will demonstrate how to assemble these adorable ribbons. Some supplies will be available, but you might want to bring some of the following to make your ribbon personal to you.

- (1) 5" x WOF strip (pleats)
- (1) 3" x WOF strip (ruffle)
- (1) 4" x WOF strip (tails)
- Decorative ribbons
- Webbing
- Woven quilt labels/tags
- Zipper charms
- Patches
- Decorative buttons



Donation Quilts

During the February Meeting & Quilt Camp we received 3 complete quilts and one finished quilt top. These will be distributed soon; expect more information at the March guild meeting. 🧵

Welcome to New Members

We've recently welcomed three new members – Judy Sherrin, Jeris Cue, and Carol Scamara. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you get the chance. I'll include their contact information via email. 🧵

2026 Quilt Camp

February 6-8 Quilt Camp is over and what a busy weekend it was with a workshop and Quilt Camp on Friday. Many thanks to Gina Ames and Pam Cook for all the work you did, we could not have had Quilt Camp without all your teamwork.

Next Quilt Camp will be April 17-19 at Masonic Lodge, 555 W. Kickapoo Spur Street, Shawnee.

We still need hosts; we cannot hold camp without hosts. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Donna Dickeson. 📩

February Birthdays



Happy
Birthday
to
You!!!!

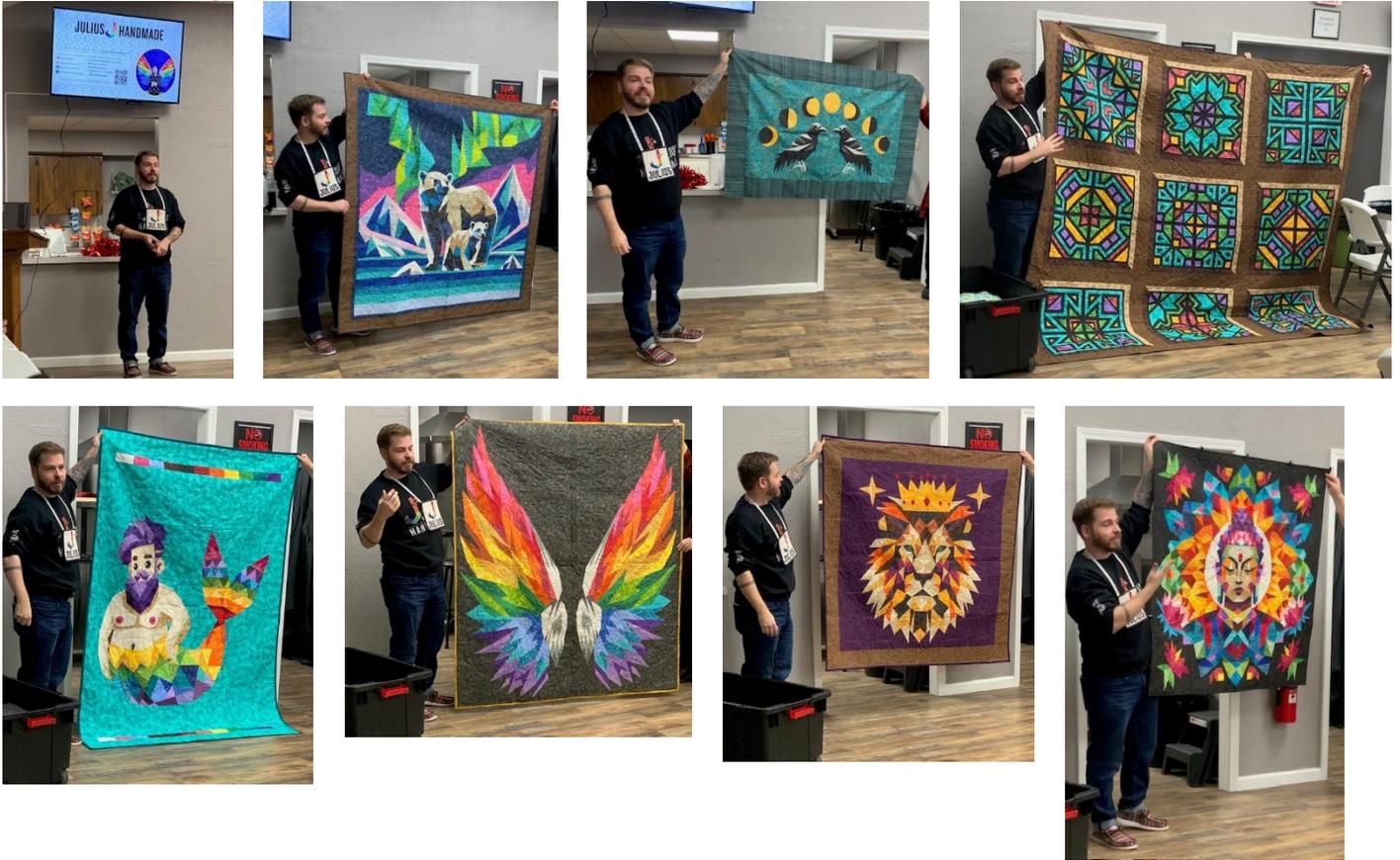
February Show & Tell Photos posted on [website](#)



Free Online Quilting Calculators

Have you tried any online calculators? I recently tried a sashing calculator at this [site](#). I'll let you know at the March meeting if it was accurate. 😊 This site also has calculators for binding, borders, strips, square in a square. If you've tried any calculators and had good results, I'm sure everyone would be interested in knowing more. 📩

February Program – Julius Handmade (More pictures on [website](#))



Minutes from General Meeting on February 5, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 39 members present including our new members Jeris Cue and Carol Scamara, and 7 guests. Our guests were Jeani Haggard, Susan Stevens, Alice Mills, Dawnda Massey (daughter of Wanzalle Beck), Katrina Warden, Stana Friend, and from the Norman Area Quilters Guild, Cindy Bradley. Cindy brought a raffle quilt and shared a little about the guild. Their Coming Up Roses Quilt Show will be April 24-25, 2026, at the Calvary Church in Norman. Also present were our guest program speaker Julius Rempe-Night and our American Legion host, Jamie McCraw.

Minutes from the last meeting – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Pam Cook, seconded by Melinda Brothers. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Judith Branson, seconded by Pat Woodard. Motion passed.

Recognition of February Birthdays: Present were Donna Dickeson, Amanda Cole, and Linda Stewart. None were absent.

Old/Unfinished Business: None currently.

New Business

- **New meeting location:** Everyone thought the new location was great. Plenty of room to grow. Gretchen would like to know if you have any suggestions. Will probably rearrange setup to better suit visibility for all.

Minutes from General Meeting on February 5, 2026 Continued

- **Jamie McCraw**, our host at the American Legion, was brought out and introduced to the guild. Gretchen presented her with two quilts to be auctioned off at their next fundraiser.
- **Paper piecing workshop** tomorrow (Feb 6) at 9:00 am. If you're also attending Quilt Camp, you can drop off your food and other supplies at Camp prior to going to the workshop.
- **Quilt Camp**: tomorrow through Sunday (Feb 6-8) at the Masonic Lodge. Pam Cook and Gina Ames will be hosting. Friday lunch will be soup and sandwich. Saturday's lunch will be baked potato bar and salad. Please bring sides and/or dessert to go along with these meals.
- **Programs**: Tonight's program is given by Julius Rempe-Night about foundation paper piecing. Next month our program topic will be a demonstration on how to use the AccuQuilt machine by Marilyn Johnson, assisted by Gina Ames. Also, in March, it will be time for the next Round Robin exchange.
- **Block of the month** - Billie Corgan prepared a block called Oh Susannah. She also brought a variation of the block using exchange blocks from the Christmas party.
- **Next Board Meeting** – will be held Saturday, Feb 7, 1:00 pm at Quilt Camp

Committee Reports

- **Benevolence** – Linda Lee, nothing to report
- **Donation Quilts** – Gina Ames, for the month of January, 15 quilts were donated to the New Hope Church Bed Ministry. 6 quilts donated to Hope Pregnancy Center. Currently there are still quilts in the storage room ready to be quilted. There are 15 more quilts ready to be donated.
- **Historian** – Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- **Hospitality** – Karen Spears, nothing to report
- **Librarian** – Jeri Albrecht, library is still available and located at the Sr Center. It can be accessed on Wednesdays from 9-2. Contact Jeri for details.
- **Publicity** – Judy Cloud, asks us to give her the name of our local newspapers so she can be sure to get the word out about our guild to all the communities in our area.
- **Quilt Camps** – Donna Dickeson, nothing to report
- **Website** – Gretchen Gaskill, always adding new things. Any suggestions or mistakes please let her know.

Show & Tell

February Program - Julius Rempe-Night, on the subject "Should I Keep This?"- Making the Most of Your Fabric Scraps

Craft Show - here at the American Legion this Sunday from 1-6.

Quilt Labels – we had 100 quilt labels delivered today by Ann Dowdy's husband. These were made by her friend in Alaska.

Next Meeting – March 5, 7:00 pm. American Legion

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary 

Upcoming Quilt Shows in Oklahoma

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

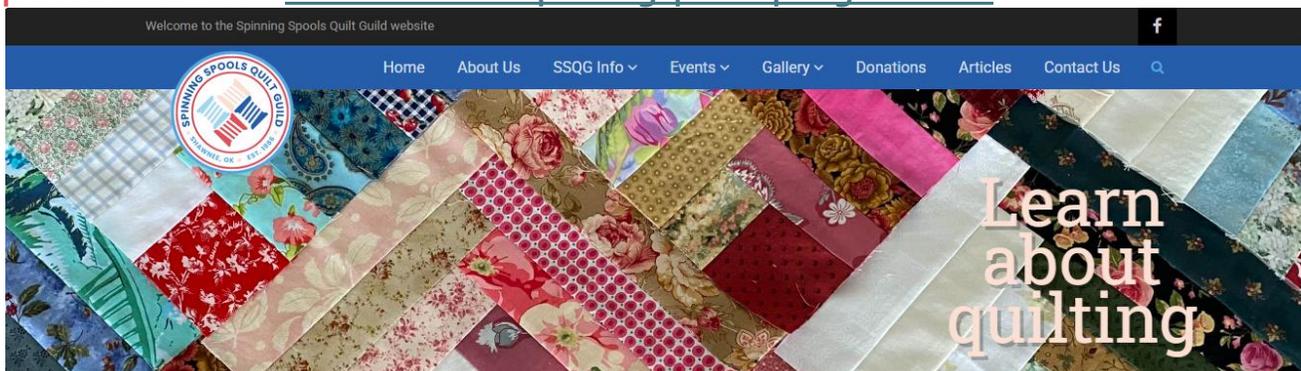
Treasurer's Report –January to February 2026

January 24, 2026 Balance Forward	\$16,800.63
INCOME:	
2/20 – Dues (\$150) and Quilt Camp (\$690)	\$840.00
EXPENSES:	
1959 – Donna Dickeson (paper goods for quilt camp)	\$85.93
1960 – Julius Handmade (program and workshop)	\$749.84
Debit card – Bryan Street Storage (trailer storage)	\$59.00
1961 – Masonic Lodge (rent for quilt camp)	\$300.00
ENDING BALANCE (as of February 21, 2026)	\$16,445.86

Certificate of Deposit:

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

Updated Website – www.shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com



Have you checked out the new guild website? It has a wealth of information at your fingertips and is very easy to navigate on your phone. If you find yourself out and about and want to tell someone about our guild, you can just pull up the site and show them our schedule, pictures of past and upcoming events, or how to become a member. If you need help setting up a quick link on your phone, I've included instructions on how to add a shortcut to your iPhone or Android phone. Of course, there are lots of different versions and updates on phones, so yours might be a little different but I'm sure if you track me (Brigitte) down at a meeting, we can figure it out.

Open browser and type or copy/paste shawneespinningspoolsquiltguild.com and press Go.

Press  or 3 little dots and click Add to Home Screen.

Either click Add or rename icon and then click Add.

March 2026 Block of the Month – Ribbon Star

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

March’s block is one in which you can enjoy using your scraps. The star points can all be the same, or half and half, or each one different. Have fun, be creative. Option 1 instructions are for the half and half colorway. The construction is for 4 background squares plus 12 half-square triangles (HST) for Option 1. Option 2 has each star in a different fabric. There are 3 background squares plus 9 HST for Option 2. Here’s a cool idea: The 6 1/2” stars from our recent Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) class work perfectly for Option 2 as well as with your exchange blocks.

Cutting Guide for Ribbon Star

	Cut	Option 1	Option 2
Background	3 1/2" x 3 1/2"	Cut 4	Cut 3
Stars Background	4 1/4" x 4 1/4"	Cut 6	Cut 6
Light Stars 1 & 3	4 1/4" x 4 1/4"	Cut 2 ea	
Dark Stars 2 & 4	4 1/4" x 4 1/4"	Cut 2 ea	
3 Stars-Option 2	4 1/4" x 4 1/4"		Cut 2 ea
Exchange or FPP	6 1/2" x 6 1/2"		Use

Sewing Guide for Ribbon Star

Use a pencil to mark a diagonal line on wrong side of light 4 1/4" squares. Layer a marked light square atop a dark 4 1/4" square. Sew together with two seams, stitching 1/4" on each side of drawn line. Cut on drawn line. Press open to make two HSTs and trim to 3 1/2" squares including seam allowances. Arrange the HSTs and background squares following the diagram below. There will be 3 extra HSTs for Option 2. Blocks will measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" unfinished.

