



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

April 2026 Newsletter

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

Well, spring is officially here, along with all the blooming trees and flowers (and my allergies). Unfortunately, it has also brought summer-like temperatures, but none of the rain we need. Hopefully we will get some rain soon.

I've been working on a couple of different quilting projects, including the last iteration of the Round Robin project. I hope you are also able to do some quilting projects, because (at least for me) that keeps me happy.

April should be fun, with Gina's prize ribbon tutorial at the meeting and quilt camp later in the month. I hope to see you all there.


Happy quilting,
Gretchen 

The next general meeting of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **April 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm,** at the **American Legion, 522 W Saratoga St, Shawnee OK.**

Visiting Guild

The [Edmond Quilt Guild](#) visited during our March meeting. They showed their beautiful raffle quilt and told us about their [upcoming quilt show](#).



In addition to the quilt show, they will be hosting "Quilt Documentation Days" on April 24-25 with the Edmond History Museum. [Click here for more information](#). Also, certified quilt appraiser Laura Curl Syler will be conducting on-site appraisals during the quilt show on July 31- August 1 at OCU (appointment required). [Click here for more information](#). 

April Birthdays	Mark Your Calendars		
Heather Curtis – April 8	April 2	April Guild Meeting	7pm
Carolyn Castle – April 21	April 17-19	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
Ali Stidham – April 24	May 7	May Guild Meeting	7pm
Devon Castle – April 30	July 17-19	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm
	October 16-18	Quilt Camp	8am to 10pm

Programs

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



May 7th Gretchen will be sharing her favorite notions. The last round of our Round Robin projects will be shared and returned to their owners.

May's workshop is being rescheduled.

Kelli Howery is a dynamic speaker and highly creative maker! We are thrilled to have her as guest speaker at our **June 4th** meeting.

Kelli will introduce herself and bring her quilted collage jacket story to life chronologically with her vast and varied collection of jackets. It's like a fashion show with only one person in it who talks a lot. She'll talk about how the jackets all came to life and the mistakes and triumphs she had while making them.

She'll discuss her sewing techniques and then open it up for questions and answers, encouraging guild members to come up and take a closer look at her jackets and ask any specific questions they may have about them. 🧵

Welcome to New Member

We welcomed one new member, Jamie McCraw, this month. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you get the chance. Jamie's contact information will be shared at some point by our new Membership Chair, Donna Dickeson. 🏡

2026 Quilt Camps

Good news! Jeri Albrecht and Karen Spears have agreed to host Quilt Camp April 17th, 18th, 19th 8:00am - 10:00pm at the Shawnee Masonic Lodge.

Couple of Retreats in our area. These are NOT sponsored by Spinning Spools Quilt Guild. (Info Only)

Prairie Moon Primitives 34753 State Hwy 59, Wayne, Oklahoma

April 16-18, 3 day retreat, cost \$100 lunch provided each day. Lodging is available on site.

Space is limited.

Call 405-650-5061 to reserve your spot

Website: <https://www.prairiemoonprimitives.com/>

Cozy Quilt Barn 3700 North 2830 Road, Hennessey, OK

May 14-16, 3 day retreat, cost \$125 includes lunch and dinner 2 days and lunch Saturday.

Space is limited.

Lodging available at Sleep Inn, \$65.00 special price, mention you are attending the retreat for that discount.

Call 405-853-5893 or register online at <https://www.cozyquiltbarn.com/>. 🏡

March Birthdays



Happy
Birthday
to
You!!!!

March Show & Tell

Photos posted on [website](#)



2025 Block of the Month



Cheryl Perrault
2025 Block of the Month



Brigitte Winford
2025 Block of the Month



Carolyn Castle
2025 Block of the Month

Minutes from General Meeting on March 5, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 32 members present. We had two visitors, Alice Mills and Joanne Jones. Jamie McCraw joined our guild. We also had two visitors from the Edmond Quilt Guild, Kerry Fisbeck and Bettye Chalk.

Minutes from the last meeting – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Gayle Smith, seconded by Pat Woodard. Motion passed.

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

Recognition of March Birthdays: Present were Laura Palmer and Sharon McGinnis. Absent were Judy Sherrin and Carol Scamara.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Paper piecing workshop, Feb 6. We had 19 attendees. Each attendee got a free star pattern and was able to make one or more stars. Those who wanted it also received a free heart pattern. Worked well at this location. Thanks to the American Legion for allowing us to use their facility.
- Quilt Camp, Feb 6-8, we had great attendance (about 31 attendees).
- Updated versions of Members Handbook and the Policies and Procedures document available on website. Gretchen has a few copies of the Members Handbook if anyone would like one.

New Business

- **Edmond Quilt Guild** raffle quilt and upcoming quilt show. Kerry and Bettye brought the Stars of Liberty raffle quilt for all to see and buy raffle tickets. It was red, white, and blue to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our country. The whole quilt measures roughly the size of a double bed, was paper pieced by the women of the guild and quilted by Kerry Fisbeck. The quilt show will be from 9-4 July 31st and August 1, at the Gaylord University Center, Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond.
- **Programs:** Gina has planned for us to make Award Ribbons at the April guild meeting. Further information on the Website, Facebook page, and newsletter. In May we will play Ugly Fabric games followed on Friday May 15th with an Ugly Fabric workshop at the American Legion. The theme is "Just Get It Done" project by Karen Brown, using our ugly fabrics.
- **Block of the Month:** Delaney Sutton represented Billie Corgan tonight with a block that works best with high contrast fabrics. The pattern is called the Ribbon Star with directions in the newsletter.

Minutes from General Meeting on March 5, 2026, Continued

Committee Reports

- Benevolence – Linda Lee, has been busy sending out birthday and get-well cards to our members. Also, a Thank You card was sent to Joyce Varner in Alaska, who made the quilt labels for us. Please remember to let Linda know if you hear of anyone else who could use a card or phone call.
- Donation Quilts – Gina Ames reached out to the Shawnee Police Department and the Pott County Sheriff's Office to see if they would like to have a quilt to carry in their vehicles to hand out in emergency situations. Kate Fowler suggested we make teddy bears or teach school aged children to make them, that could also be handed out by these officers. A quilt was donated to a family where the husband has cancer and cannot work. Nine quilts were given to the Child Advocacy Center. Gina also brought 7 quilts that need labels hand sewn on; Brigitte Winford volunteered to do this project. If you know of any other organizations we could connect with to help, please let Gina know. Right now, our needs are mostly for twin size quilts (nothing larger) and/or lap or child size quilts.
- Historian – Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- Hospitality – Karen Spears, nothing to report
- Librarian – Jeri Albrecht, plans to bring books and magazines to give away. If not taken they will be donated elsewhere. She plans to bring books from our library relating to the nights Program/Theme each month.
- Publicity – Judy Cloud, reaching out to many area papers to advertise SSQG. Suggested we make business cards. Easy to hand out. Gina and Gretchen have discussed this in the past and will move forward with the idea.
- Quilt Camps – Donna Dickeson, next camp April 17-19. We are still in need of hosts for the April camp and the July camp.
- Website – Gretchen Gaskill, keeping it up to date. Let her know if you see any mistakes or have any suggestions.

Round Robin Exchange

2025 Block of the Month Show & Tell

Show & Tell - everyone else

March Program – AccuQuilt demonstration and explanation by Marilyn Johnson and Gina Ames

Next Meeting – April 2, 2026, 7:00PM, American Legion

Next Board Meeting – Saturday, April 18, 1:00PM at Quilt Camp

Prayer Request – Dee requested prayer for her older sister Patricia. In nursing home in Noble. Decision was made to take her off all lifesaving medications and give her only pain relief medicine when needed. Pray the Lord takes her quickly.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary 

Upcoming Quilt Shows in Oklahoma

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

July 31 – August 1 – Edmond Quilt Guild, Quilting...An American Legacy Quilt Show, 2501 E Memorial Road, Gaylord University Center, Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond OK, 9am to 4pm (\$12 per day) 🏠

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report – February to March 2026

February 21, 2026 Balance Forward \$16,445.86

INCOME:
None

EXPENSES:

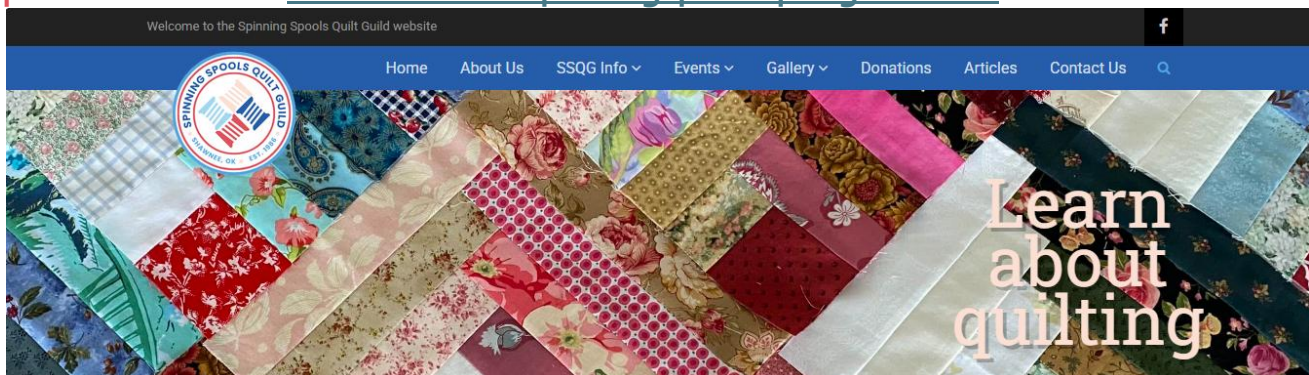
1962 – Pam Cook (trash bags for quilt camp)	\$26.29
Check printing	\$42.93
1964 – USPS (PO Box 1 year renewal)	\$196.00
1965 – State Farm (trailer insurance)	\$31.00
Debit card – Bryan Street Storage (trailer storage)	\$59.00

ENDING BALANCE (as of March 19, 2026) \$16,090.64

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



Don't forget to check out the new guild website.

April 2026 Block of the Month – Half Square Log Cabin

April's block is our easiest block of the year. The Half Square Log Cabin is the perfect choice to show off one of your 6" blocks, either from whole fabric or a pieced block. This block goes together so quickly that it will take longer to select your fabric logs than to piece it.

Cutting Guide for Half Square Log Cabin

Log 1	Cut 1	6 ½" x 6 ½" or use a 6 ½" pieced block
Log 2a	Cut 1	6 ½" x 2 ½"
Log 2b	Cut 1	8 ½" x 2 ½"
Log 3a	Cut 1	8 ½" x 2 ½"
Log 3b	Cut 1	10 ½" x 2 ½"
Log 4a	Cut 1	10 ½" x 2 ½"
Log 4b	Cut 1	12 ½" x 2 ½"

Sewing Guide for Half Square Log Cabin

Sew Log 2a to one side of Log 1. Rotate the block clockwise and sew Log 2b to the top of Log 1 and 2a. Continue adding Logs 3 and 4 in the same manner. Block will measure 12 ½" x 2 ½".

