



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

May 2026 Newsletter

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

I had a great time at the April Quilt Camp. Thanks to Jeri and Karen for hosting the camp. If you were unable to make it this time, try to join us at the next camp in July.

Besides the time I spent at camp, I have been tied up with family obligations this last month. I'm looking forward to getting back to having some time for quilting (and also finding time to mow my shaggy lawn).

Be sure to come to the May meeting to see the last round of the Round Robin projects and some of my favorite notions. I hope to see you there.

Happy quilting,
Gretchen 🧵

*****SPECIAL NOTICE – Meeting Rescheduled*****

The next general meeting of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **Wednesday May 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm,** at the **American Legion, 522 W Saratoga St, Shawnee OK.** (American Legion is paving their parking lot on May 7 so meeting had to be rescheduled. Apologies for short notice, but won't the paved parking lot be nice!!!!)

Welcome to New Member

We welcomed one new member, Alice Mills, this month. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you get the chance. That makes five new members since the first of the year.

Member Directory

Brigitte hopes to have a printed copy of the 'final' member directory at the May meeting for review. If you haven't submitted a picture of yourself yet, please do so immediately. Tick Tock!!

May Birthdays	Mark Your Calendars		
Wanzalle Beck – May 9	May 6	May Guild Meeting	7pm
Alice Mills – May 24	June 4	June Guild Meeting	7pm
Carrie Moreland – May 31	July 2	July Guild Meeting	7pm
Pamela Fredman – May 31	July 17-18	Quilt Camp	8am to 8pm
Gretchen Gaskill – May 31	July 19	Quilt Camp	8am to 5pm
	October 16-17	Quilt Camp	8am to 8pm
	October 18	Quilt Camp	8am to 5pm

Programs

Wednesday, May 6th Gretchen will be sharing her favorite notions. The last round of our Round Robin projects will be shared and returned to their owners.

We are thrilled to have Kelli Howery as a guest speaker at our **June 4th** meeting. She is a dynamic speaker and highly creative maker! 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, also encourage guild members to come up and take a closer look at her jackets and ask any specific questions they may have about them.

In **July** our Round Robin participants will get to show off how they completed their projects. I am so excited to see what everyone does with these group projects! We will also have a chance to participate in a prayer quilt for a recent graduate joining the military.

In **August** we will have guest speaker Valeri Repass from Dot’s Quilt Shop in Poteau, OK. In addition to bringing a pop-up shop, she will tell us about her business and introduce us to Sassy Sunflower Half Pack Quilts. Friday, August 7th she will lead a **workshop**, more details to come. 📖

2026 Quilt Camps

Quilt Camp was held April 17, 18, 19 at the Masonic Lodge. Thank you Jeri Albrecht and Karen Spears for hosting. You did a wonderful job; we could not have done it without you. To see pictures from April quilt camp, [click here](#).

Next quilt camp will be July 17, 18, 19th at the Masonic Lodge. Please note, we have adjusted the hours of quilt camp to be 8am to 8pm Friday and Saturday and 8am to 5pm on Sunday. This decision was made by the board and should make it easier for our hosts.

Amanda Cole has volunteered to be a host for July; she will need someone to volunteer to help her. If you would like to be a co-host with Amanda, please contact one of us. 📖

April Birthdays



Happy
Birthday
to
You!!!!

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



Minutes from General Meeting on April 2, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 26 members present including our new member Alice Mills. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Alice and help her feel welcome.

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

Treasurer's Report – No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Harriett Howard, seconded by Marilyn Burns. Motion passed.

Recognition of April Birthdays: Present was Carolyn Castle. Absent were Heather Curtis, Ali Stidham and Devon Castle.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- Brigitte has been working on a member directory. Tonight, she handed out sheets for everyone to check that their information is correct. Also, please check your bio. If nothing is submitted the space will be blank. Pictures of favorite quilts will help to fill the space if you choose. Please confirm username for social media account(s). Any changes or additions need to be sent to Brigitte or Gretchen no later than Thursday, April 16th. Our completed directory will have color photographs.

New Business

- **Quilt Camp** – coming up April 17, 18, & 19th. Jeri Albrecht and Karen Spears will be our hosts. Simple potluck is scheduled for Friday. Potato Bar potluck will be the theme for Saturday's lunch. We will meet at the Masonic Lodge from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm each day. Cost is \$10.00 per day for members.

Minutes from General Meeting on April 2, 2026, Continued

- **Programs** – Gretchen Gaskill will lead our program in May with the topic Gretchen's Favorite Notions. The May workshop has been cancelled. Round Robin reveal will also be part of our May program. All projects will be returned to their original owners. June, we have a special guest, Kelli Howery, to talk about quilted jackets. Our July program will feature the Round Robin Finale.
- **Block of the Month** – Billie Corgan showed the Half Log Cabin Block, using a 6" block as the base.
- **Next Board Meeting** – Saturday, April 18th, at 1:00pm at Quilt Camp
- **Membership Chair** – Donna Dickeson has volunteered for this position

Committee Reports

- **Benevolence** – Linda Lee reported sending out 8 cards to members who have been ill or had surgery, 3 sympathy/concern cards, and 3 birthday cards. Opal Pipkin is having surgery April 20th for any who would also like to send her a card of encouragement.
- **Donation Quilts** – Gina Ames reports that Brigitte and Darline put labels on a large batch of quilts. Harriett reported giving 6 quilts to Hope Pregnancy Center. Ann Cosgrove has been in contact with the Pott County Sheriffs Office. They are very interested in having quilts to carry in their units to hand out when needed. Any size would be appreciated.
- **Historian** – Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- **Hospitality** – Karen Spears, absent
- **Librarian** – Jeri Albrecht, absent
- **Publicity** – Judy Cloud, absent
- **Quilt Camps** – Donna Dickeson, made handouts for each member with Camp Host Duties listed. Any questions, contact her.
- **Website** – Gretchen Gaskill – nothing to report

Show & Tell


April Program – Gina gave a demonstration on how to make Prize Ribbons using fabric scraps, ribbons, binding leftovers, and whatever embellishments you may have on hand. This was a hands-on mini workshop where all were invited to join in and create something special.

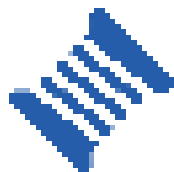
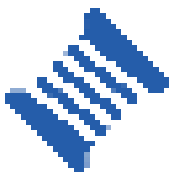
Next Meeting – May 7, 2026, 7:00pm at the American Legion

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary 

Upcoming Quilt Show in Oklahoma

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 – March to April 2026

March 19, 2026 Balance Forward	\$16,090.64
INCOME:	
4/7/26 Dues	\$30.00
4/24/06 Quilt Camp	\$570.00
EXPENSES:	
1963 – Brigitte Winford (photographs for scrapbook)	\$22.61
4/11/26 Debit card – Bryan Street Storage (trailer storage)	\$59.00
ENDING BALANCE (as of April 23, 2026)	\$16,609.03

Certificate of Deposit:

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

USA 250th Anniversary

Who is making a red, white, and blue quilt to celebrate the country's 250th anniversary? I've been collecting pictures of quilts for inspiration. No patterns, no credit to makers, just beautiful red, white, and blue quilts to inspire you.



May 2026 Block of the Month – Ozark Maple Leaf

This is an interesting twist on the traditional Maple Leaf block. The connecting square blocks form the maple leaves. Altering the block by trading them for the exchange creates an entirely different looking block. Lots of different size fabric cuts, but this block goes together quickly.

Cutting Guides for Ozark Maple Leaf

Exchange Block

Patch	Fabric	Cut	Size
1	A	2	4 ½" square
9	A	4	2 ½" square
6	B	2	2 ½" square
7	B	2	3" square
8	A	2	3" square

Replace the connecting square blocks with your exchange block or any 6" square.

Original Block

Patch	Fabric	Cut	Size
1	A	2	4 ½" square
2	B	2	4 ½" square
3, 9	A	8	2 ½" square
4	B	2	2 ½" x 4 ½"
5	B	2	2 ½" x 6 ½"
6	B	2	2 ½" square
7	B	2	3" square
8	A	2	3" square

Sewing Guide for Ozark Maple Leaf

Make 4 Half Square Triangles from the 3" squares. Trim to 2 ½". For the connecting squares, draw a diagonal line on reverse side of the 2 ½" squares. Place a 2 ½" square on opposite ends of the 4 ½" square and stitch on the drawn line. Press the 2 ½" square into a triangle and trim. Follow diagrams for placement of the cut patches into the original Ozark Maple Leaf block.

For the alternate exchange block use a 6" (6 ½" unfinished) block, to replace the connecting squares and patches 4 and 5.

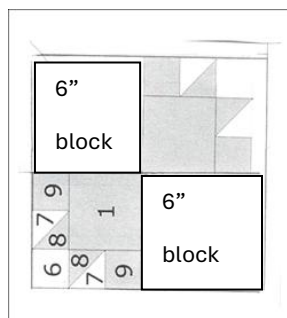
Blocks should measure 12 ½" unfinished.



Original Block



Original Block



Exchange Block



Exchange Block