



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

August 2026 Newsletter

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Quilt Camp/Membership

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From Your President

Hi everybody,

Well, we are now in that hot part of the year where I start wishing for fall, while still knowing it's at least a couple of months away. Please try to keep out of the worst of the heat, and keep your fingers crossed that the AC doesn't fail.

We had a great Quilt Camp in July. There was good attendance and, as usual, I ate way too many sweets! Thanks to Jeri, Linda, and Donna for keeping everything running smoothly.

We have a guest speaker, Valeri Repass from Poteau, OK, at the August 6 meeting, and she will be holding a workshop the next day. Both events should be worth your time, so I hope to see you all there.

Happy quilting,
Gretchen

The next general meeting of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **Thursday, August 6, 2026**, at 7:00 pm, at the American Legion, 522 W Saratoga St, Shawnee OK.

Upcoming Quilt Shows 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).

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

August Birthdays

Gayle Smith - August 1
 Jennifer Garrison - August 3
 Tammy Houk - August 10
 Pam Cook - August 11
 Sara Epley - August 12
 Opal Pipkin - August 18
 Ann Cosgrove - August 29

Mark Your Calendars

July 31	Pott Co Sheriff's Ofc	2pm
August 6	August Guild Meeting	7pm
August 7	Workshop	9am-3pm
October 16-17	Quilt Camp	8am-8pm
October 18	Quilt Camp	8am-5pm
September 3	September Guild Mtg	7pm
October 1	October Guild Meeting	6pm

Programs

On August 6th 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** at the American Legion from 9 am – 3 pm, bring your own lunch. To participate you must purchase a Sassy Sunflower Pack. Most are \$39.99, this contains the fabric & pattern. You may bring your own fabric to the workshop if you prefer.

On September 3rd Sharon McGinnis will be sharing all her tips & tricks for applique. We will have our SSQG Officer and Board Member election at this meeting.

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?" 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 getting enough quilts together for the Seminole DHS Christmas party.

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

Donations

On July 31st at 2pm we will be presenting 19 quilts to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department located at 14101 Acme Rd, Shawnee, OK 74804. Everyone is invited to attend this presentation. The quilts will be placed in officers' vehicles to be given out at the discretion of the officer. Our hope is that they will be a tangible comfort to someone during their moment of crisis. If you have a completed quilt you would like to donate for this purpose, please bring it to the Shawnee Senior Recreation Center, Wednesday July 29th from 9 am – 11 am.

Nominating Committee

We are looking for a new guild president. Gretchen Gaskill will be stepping down at the end of this fiscal year. She won't be going far as she's agreed to run for Treasurer. Pam Cook has agreed to run for Board Member at Large, as Linda Lee's term ends. Gina Ames, Carrie Moreland, Brigitte Winford and Heather Culver have agreed to serve for another term. If you are interested in serving as guild president please contact the nominating committee, Delaney Sutton, Donna Dickeson or Gina Ames.

Treasurer's Report - June to July 2026

June 22, 2026 Balance Forward	\$15,416.91
INCOME:	
7/21 - Quilt Camp	630.00
EXPENSES:	
7/13 Debit card – Bryan Street Storage (trailer storage)	\$68.00
ENDING BALANCE (as of July 25, 2026)	\$15,978.91
Certificate of Deposit:	
CD value as of 10/5/25 was \$1,664.26. Next renewal date is 10/5/26	

July Birthdays



**Happy
Birthday
To
You!!!**

July Show & Tell

Photos posted on website.



Round Robin Finale



Devon Castle



Sharon McGinnis



Delaney Sutton



Judith Branson



Gina Ames



Carrie Moreland

Minutes from General Meeting on July 2, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 28 members present and no visitors.

Minutes from the last meeting - No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Judy Branson, seconded by Pam Cook. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - It was noted that the header in the newsletter said, "June to July", but it should have said "May to June". The starting and ending dates in the report, however, were correct. Otherwise, no comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Gina Ames, seconded by Gayle Smith. Motion passed.

Recognition of July Birthdays: Present were Judy Cloud, Marilyn Johnson, and Jamie McCraw. Tanya Jones was absent.

Old/Unfinished Business

- Member Directory: delayed due to decision on a printer. This will be discussed at our next Board Meeting.
- 2028 Quilt Show: per Gina there are no updates currently.

Minutes from General Meeting on July 2, 2026 Continued

New Business:

- Quilt Camp is July 17-19 at the Masonic Lodge. Hosts are Jeri Albrecht and Linda Lee. Friday is a general potluck, and Saturday will be a potato bar.
- Officer and Board Member elections coming up at the September meeting. A nominating committee of 3 members is required to ensure we have someone running for each of the open positions. All the officer positions need to be elected, as well as replacements for Board Members whose terms expire this year (Heather Culver and Linda Lee). Gina Ames volunteered to Chair the committee. Delaney Sutton and Donna Dickeson will assist. Our Policies and Procedures Manual (posted on the website) gives a detailed description for each position and responsibilities that go along with the position.

Programs - Gina reported that in August we will have a guest speaker, Valeri Repass. She owns Dots Quilt Shop in Poteau. Valeri is bringing a pop-up shop along with kits to purchase. She will also be giving a free workshop the next day at 9:00 AM. You must purchase a kit from her to attend the workshop.

Block of the Month - Billie Corgan displayed several versions of the Paper Pinwheel

Next Board Meeting will be Saturday, July 18th at 1:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge during Quilt Camp

Committee Reports

- Benevolence - Linda Lee shared updates on Opal Pipkin and Alice Mills. Tribby is also having some health concerns. Please encourage our friends with a card or a phone call.
- Donation Quilts - Gina Ames reported 5 quilts were taken to the Children's Advocacy Center of Central Oklahoma. A total of 53 quilts have been donated this year.
- Historian - Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- Hospitality - Karen Spears, nothing to report
- Librarian - Jeri Albrecht brought several Christmas books to get our minds thinking ahead. She also brought several books to give away.
- Publicity - Judy Cloud, nothing to report
- Quilt Camps - Donna Dickeson, nothing to report
- Website - Gretchen Gaskill, nothing to report

Show & Tell

Round Robin show and tell

July Program Gina Ames and Amanda Cole explained the Prayer Quilt concept. This is a voluntary project and will be a gift of love for Amanda's son who is joining the military. Project start date will be when he leaves for bootcamp.

Next Meeting - August 6, 7:00 pm at the American Legion

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary 📝

August 2026 Block of the Month – Spool

Too hot in this Oklahoma heat for quilting? Let's make it simple and easy with our traditional Spool pattern. This pattern is great for a scrap buster and can be arranged in a variety of ways. What better way to piece our exchange blocks together than to use a thread spool pattern?

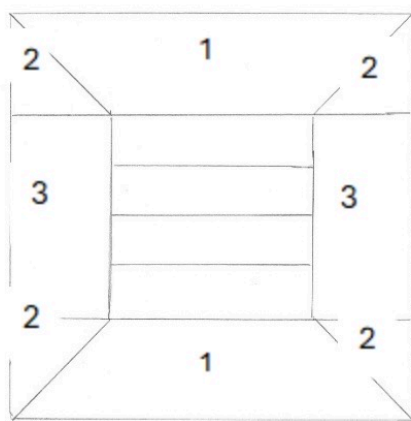
Patch	Fabric	Cut	Size	
1	Dark	2	3 ½" x 12 ½"	
2	Light	4	3 ½" x 3 ½"	
3	Light	2	6 ½" x 3 ½"	
4	Medium	4	2" X 6 ½"	Or Use an Exchange Block

Sewing Guide for Spool

This spool is made with connecting squares. Draw a diagonal line on reverse side of the 3 ½" squares. Place a 3 ½" square on opposite ends of the dark fabric rectangles following diagram for orientation of the angle. Sew on the marked line. Press the 3 ½" square into a triangle and trim.

For the thread patch, sew four 2" x 6 ½" strips together following diagram. Or use an exchange block for the thread patch.

Sew a 3 ½" x 6 ½" light fabric on each side of the thread, patch 4, or exchange block. Assemble the block. Block will measure 12 ½" unfinished.



Piecing Diagram



Original Block

Exchange Block