



Spinning Spools Quilt Guild

September 2026 Newsletter

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Committee Chairs

Donation Quilts

Gina Ames

Benevolence

Linda Lee

Historian

Darline Pendley

Hospitality

Karen Spears

Librarian

Jeri Albrecht

Website

Gretchen Gaskill

Publicity

Judy Cloud

Quilt Camp/Membership

Donna Dickeson

From Your President

Hi everybody,

In my last letter to you as your guild President, I wanted to take this chance to thank you all for the opportunity to serve in this position for the last three years. I have very much enjoyed my time as President, and it has enabled me to know many more of you (even though I sometimes can't remember your names!).

My hope is that I am leaving the President's position with a stronger, better organized guild than when I started. You're not getting rid of me, however, since I am planning to move to the Treasurer's position. I hope you will all give your new President, Jeri, the same support that you gave me.

Thanks for everything, and I hope to see you all at the September 3 meeting.

Happy quilting,
Gretchen

The next general meeting of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild will be held **Thursday, September 3, 2026**, at 7:00 pm, at the American Legion, 522 W Saratoga St, Shawnee OK.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates:

Jeri Albrecht – President

Gina Ames – Vice President, Programs

Carrie Moreland – Recording Secretary

Brigitte Winford – Corresponding Secretary

Gretchen Gaskill – Treasurer

Donna Dickeson – Board Member at Large, Sept 2027

Shelly Harrell – Board Member at Large, Sept 2027

Pam Cook – Board Member at Large, Sept 2028

Heather Culver – Board Member at Large, Sept 2028

September Birthdays

Judith Branson - September 1
 Wanda Robinson - September 2
 Mickey Kluding - September 17
 Vicky Stidham - September 17
 Billie Corgan - September 18
 Dee Cobbs - September 20

Mark Your Calendars

September 3	September Guild Mtg	7pm
October 1	October Guild Meeting	6pm
October 16-17	Quilt Camp	8am-8pm
October 18	Quilt Camp	8am-5pm
November 5	November Guild Mtg	7pm
November 6	Ugly Fabric Workshop	9am-3pm
December 3	December Guild Meeting	6pm

Programs

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, and Gretchen will be giving a short demonstration on how to navigate our website.

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. This event starts at 6pm.

Donations

On **July 31st** we presented 21 quilts to the Pottawatomie Sheriff's Department. This will be an ongoing project; we will replenish quilts as Officer's distribute them.

Seminole DHS has asked us to contribute quilts to their Christmas Party which happens at the beginning of December. These quilts will go to foster kids of various ages. We will also be collecting large gift bags to put each quilt in for the party.

Project Safe, an organization that ministers to victims of Domestic Violence, is having their annual fundraiser in October. They have requested a quilt for their silent auction.

We received 8 quilts at the August meeting.

Upcoming Quilt Show in Oklahoma

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

Treasurer's Report - July to August 2026

July 25, 2026 Balance Forward	\$15,978.91
INCOME:	
EXPENSES:	
Check 1967 Gina Ames (Business cards)	\$43.50
Check 1971 Brigitte Winford (Newsletter stamps/envelopes)	\$20.99
Check 1972 Masonic Lodge (quilt camp)	\$300.00
Check 1973 Valeri Repass (August Program/Workshop)	\$630.00
Debit card – Bryan Street Storage (trailer storage)	\$68.00
ENDING BALANCE (as of August 23, 2026)	\$14,916.42
Certificate of Deposit:	
CD value as of 10/5/25 was \$1,664.26. Next renewal date is 10/5/26	

August Birthday



August Show & Tell

Photos posted on website.



August Show & Tell Continued



Minutes from General Meeting on August 6, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Gretchen Gaskill with 40 members present and 6 visitors. Our visitors were Patty Bagwell, Jaylynn Jarrell (Alice Mills' granddaughter), Becky Vaughn, Donna Meyers, Valeri Repass (our guest speaker for the evening) and her assistant Mikayla Tyler.

Minutes from the last meeting - No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Gayle Smith, seconded by Judy Cloud. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - No comments or corrections. Motion to accept by Judy Branson, seconded by Gayle Smith. Motion passed.

Recognition of July Birthdays: Present were Gayle Smith, Jennifer Garrison, Tammy Houk, Pam Cook and Ann Cosgrove. Absent were Sara Epley and Opal Pipkin.

Old/Unfinished Business

- **July Quilt Camp** had 27 attendees (including the hosts). Thanks for Jeri Albrecht and Linda Lee for hosting.
- Officer and Board Member elections coming up at the September meeting. The nominating committee reports they are still looking for a President. All other positions have a member running. The slate of candidates must be published in the next newsletter.

Minutes from General Meeting on August 6, 2026 Continued

New Business:

- Policy and Procedures Manual was updated on July 26 to add the description of the new Membership committee. The updated version is available on the website.

Programs - Upcoming programs have been planned by Gina Ames. In September, Sharon McGinnis will share Applique Tips. October we will celebrate our 40th anniversary as a guild along with our annual Potluck and Potholders event. This evening will begin at 6:00 to have time for everything. November will be Ugly Fabric themed with a workshop the next day. December will be our Christmas get together exchanging mug and mug rugs as well as a potluck.

Block of the Month - Billie Corgan brought two variations of the Spool block

Committee Reports

- Benevolence - Linda Lee shared Tribby is having surgery on the 21st. Opal is starting 8 weeks of chemotherapy. Several birthday, sympathy, get well, and encouragement cards were sent out.
- Donation Quilts - Gina Ames reported 21 quilts were given to the Sheriff's office for the officers to carry in their squad cars. Within the first weekend, 3 were already handed out; there is a need for many more quilts. The Seminole DHS has requested 50 kids quilts for this year's Christmas Party.
- Historian - Darline Pendley, nothing to report
- Hospitality - Karen Spears, nothing to report
- Librarian - Jeri Albrecht brought several older quilt pattern books to give away
- Publicity - Judy Cloud, the local paper is very receptive to printing any upcoming events for our guild. Amanda Cole also got us back on Home Front.
- Quilt Camps - Donna Dickeson, thanks to Jeri and Linda for hosting camp.
- Website - Gretchen Gaskill reported Gina Ames had written an article about the quilts donated to the Sheriff's Office. The paper printed the article along with a picture of the guild members present at the time of the donation.

Show & Tell

August Program: Valeri Repass, owner of Dot's Quilt Shop in Poteau, introduced herself by showing pictures and talking about her son and husband and the great team of assistants that work at the quilt shop. She also talked about the influence of her grandmother Dot who loved to make quilts. One of Valeri's greatest joys is teaching people how to make a quilt and will sit with them with graph paper and colored pencils to help them get the design and color they want. Along with running her quilt shop, she is a full-time math teacher. This evening, Valeri talked about Sassy Sunflower and showed several patterns. She also brought a pop-up shop for all to shop at with a variety of layer cake, jelly roll, bolts, kits etc. to buy. The kits contained five 1/2 -yard coordinating fabrics to use in making one of the Sassy Sunflower quilts.

Next Meeting - September 3, 7:00 pm at the American Legion

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Carrie Moreland, recording secretary

September 2026 Block of the Month – Johnny Around the Corner

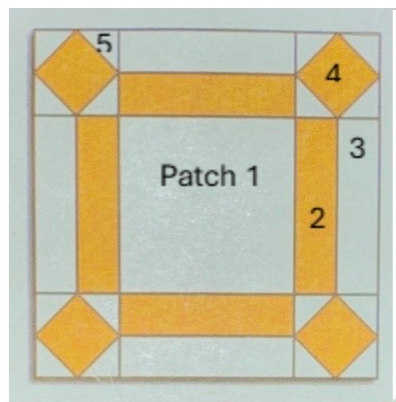
Block names are very interesting to me. This one is a puzzle for sure. Wonder why it was named Johnny Around the Corner? Anybody know the story? It is a perfect show-off block for any 6-inch block or special focus fabric. Once your center for this block is selected, you can coordinate with two other fabrics or use many scrappy fabrics. For this block of the month, I used only two coordinating fabrics for the focus fabric and also for the exchange block.

Patch	Fabric	Cut	Size
1	Focus or Exchange Block	1	6 ½" x 6 ½"
2	Dark	4	2" x 6 ½"
3	Light	4	2" x 6 ½"
4	Dark	4	3 ½" square
5	Light	16	2" square

Sewing Guide for Johnny Around the Corner

This block has 4 square-in-a-square blocks made with connecting squares. Draw a diagonal line on reverse side of the 2" squares. Place a 2" square on each 3 ½" square corners following the diagram for orientation of the angle. Sew on the marked line. Press each 2" square into a triangle and trim. For the side strips, sew the 2" x 6 ½" strips together following diagram. Assemble the block following the diagram.

Block will measure 12 ½" unfinished.



Piecing Diagram



Original Block



Exchange Block