

Green Country Quilters Guild

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August 2025



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Ann Olson

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Boutique –

Deena Drevs

Pete & Ann Olson

Member Appreciation – Kathy Klaassen

Charity Quilt/Pizza Boxes - Paula Klaassen

New Member Contact & Sunshine and

Shadows - Julie Willmering

DEMO-FEST

Experience, Explore, Enjoy

AUGUST 21, 2025

Round Robin Demonstrations.

- ❖ Multiple demos taking place at the same time.
- ❖ Presenters will be set up at stations showcasing a unique concept, technique or product
- ❖ The guild members will be in small groups rotating through the stations on a timed schedule so everyone will see all the demos.
- ❖ The demos will be in the main meeting room as well as the connecting class rooms to minimize noise interference and distractions.
- ❖ Show and Tell will follow the demos

Among the Presenters Will Be:

June Nessler – Making Labels

Ann Olson - Machine Quilting

Suanne Collins – Quilt Techniques

Donna Titsworth - Mystery Quilts
Group Online Resources

Happy August Birthday!

Margery Kasar	Aug 1
Susan Legler	Aug 6
Patti Klein	Aug 8
Susie Janowski	Aug 10
Sharlyn Willis	Aug 13
Cindy Wildman	Aug 14
Carol Ruud	Aug 17
Jill Cole	Aug 19
Aline Dillahunt	Aug 24
Janet Potts	Aug 28
Kathleen Garringer	Aug 29

Coming in 2025!

September 18: Candice Copp Grisham

- ✓ Modern Reimagined Dresden
- ✓ Workshop September 19 Friday
Dresden Still Life

October 20: TBD

November 20: Fellowship Dinner

Fellow Quilters,

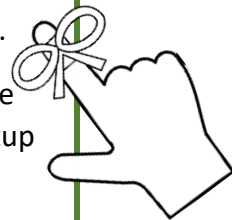
Want to say a big thank you to our volunteers. The people that sign up to help or jump in when they see help is needed. You are what makes our guild special and a highlight of my month.

Barbara



If you are registered for the **August PNP**, don't forget you can bring your sewing equipment to the Guild meeting Thursday.

After the meeting, it's your chance to stake your claim for the retreat and get your setup sorted early.



Green Country Quilters Guild

meets at **St. James Presbyterian Church**
11907 S Elm, Jenks, OK 74037

August Guild Meeting

Thursday August 21 6:30 pm

GCQG Board meets on the Tuesday following guild meeting at 6:00, via ZOOM.

Note if Tulsa Public Schools close because of inclement weather, guild meetings for that day will be cancelled.

Board Members Needed 2026

President 2026

First VP – President 2027

Second VP's - Programs

Rochelle Rice

Melissa Struttman

Dee Bushrod

Third VP - Membership

Secretary

Treasurer

Website

Help Shape Our Future—Join the Board or a Committee!

Your time, your voice, your passion—they matter more than ever.

Our guild thrives because of dedicated individuals who step up to lead, plan, and inspire. We are currently seeking caring and committed members to serve on the board and various committees. Whether you're a long-time member or newly discovering your place here, you have something valuable to offer.

Why You?

- You care about our community and its growth.
- You bring creativity, thoughtfulness, and teamwork.
- You believe in the power of quilting, connection, and kindness.

We Need Helpers, Not Experts.

No special qualifications required—just a willingness to lend your voice and ideas. Time commitments can be tailored to fit your schedule. And if you've never served before, we'll support you every step of the way.

Ready to step up or curious to learn more?

Please reach out to Barbara Smith BLAS1265@yahoo.com or at our next guild gathering chat with current board members. We would love to have you at the table.

Let's keep our guild strong, vibrant, and welcoming—with you at the heart of it.

Committee Members Needed 2026

Hearts and Hands - Ann Olson and Lynessa Yeats

Boutique Table – Deena Dreves and Pete Olson

Book Library - Annie Schneider

Facebook -

Newsletter – Phyllis Smith

MAT - Door Prizes -

Social Coordinator – Barbara Smith

Modern Reimagined Dresden's

Candyce Copp Grisham

September 2025



LECTURE: Modern Reimagined Dresden's

Thursday September 18, 6:30 pm

My journey with the Dresden block into the Modern quilt world, art quilts and publishing. How do you go from a quilt you made to a pattern to a book? How I have learned how versatile this shape is.

Trunk show



WORKSHOP: Dresden Still Life

Friday September 19 9:00 am-3pm (6hr)

\$45 - Member \$55 - Non Member

Ruler Fee \$32 payable to Candyce at Workshop

Use a favorite picture of a still life flower arrangement or draw your own. Create a still life using Dresden blocks, your own vase creation, and additional elements.

Color, value, and placement of element instruction & guidance throughout the class. Machine piecing, rotary cutting. Confident beginner and beyond.

Template required, "Dresden Quilt Blocks Reimagined" recommended



Candyce's Quilt Bio Candyce has been fascinated with fabric, and quilting since the age of nine, when she took her first sewing class and won a prize for her corduroy jumper and print shirt with a necktie. She saw an ancestor's quilt in the Smithsonian at age thirteen, and was hooked. She taught herself to quilt from books and used cardboard templates and scissors to make her first quilt, a Log Cabin. Many of her works have a "tradition-with-a-twist" quality, and although she relies on inspirations from generations gone by, they also have a contemporary feel.

Candyce has taught quilting for more than twenty-five years and loves teaching and exploring with students as much as creating.

She published her first pattern on the Dresden quilt (of course!) in 2015 and her second in 2018.

Candyce's book Dresden Quilt Blocks Reimagined was published in 2019.



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Sand Springs, OK 74063

cottonlovecrafthouseretreat.com



Quilty Bliss

Longarm Quilting by Valerie Stallings

825 Lynwood Lane

Broken Arrow, OK 74011

QuiltyBliss@gmail.com

405-747-1702

From the Green Country Habitat for Humanity

July Newsletter



Behind Every Habitat Home is a Community of Support



When a Habitat homeowner receives the keys to their new home, they're stepping into something more than a house...they're stepping into a community that cares.

That's why every new homeowner is welcomed with thoughtful gifts from local partners who want them to feel seen, supported, and celebrated:

- ❖ A handmade quilt lovingly stitched by the **Green Country Quilters Guild**, wrapping each family in warmth and care.
- ❖ A front garden installed by the **Tulsa Master Gardeners**, complete with plant information and a new garden hose so homeowners can keep it thriving.
- ❖ A handcrafted mosaic stepping stone from **Tulsa Stained Glass**, adding a creative, personal touch to their new yard.
- ❖ A grocery voucher from **Food on the Move**, so their first meal in their new home is fresh, healthy, and ready to share.
- ❖ A welcome board from **Board & Brush** to help transform their house into a home.

These aren't just thoughtful gifts; they're symbols of support from the Tulsa community.

Hearts and Hands August 2025

If you are new to GCQG, Hearts & Hands is the donation branch of the guild. Together we donate quilts and other items made by our group to several agencies, who serve children, youth and others in our local area. So far in July: 62 quilts, 91 receiving blankets, burp cloths, bibs and changing pads, 31 pillowcases and 10 tote bags were delivered to seven agencies. Thank you to all who play a part in completing these wonderful items. Keep up the good work!

Please stop by the H & H table at our next guild meeting and check out the projects you can take home to work on. We have 3-yard fabric bundles to use with your favorite 3-yard pattern, simple kits to make quilt tops, Habitat Quilt kits to add sashing and outer border to completed house blocks. A variety of pillowcase kits, quilts to be quilted and quilts to be bound. Take one or more project(s). Work on them at home or at your favorite sew day. We are grateful for every helping hand involved in doing the part you enjoy best.

Our H & H workdays in **August are Saturday the 2nd and Monday the 25th**, from 9-2 pm at **Spirit Life Church, 5345 S Peoria Ave., Tulsa**. Use the door on the north side of the church, in the corner of the parking lot by the trees and shrubbery, and a sign that reads **“Destination Kids”** above the doors. Please call Ann or Lynessa and someone will open the door for you. We have an elevator to haul wagons and bags to and from our work rooms. If you want a wagon to come down and help load in your things, please let us know when you call.

We have a great team of quilters, and all are welcome to join us. Come help us process finished quilts, prep and get kits ready for piecing, quilting and binding. You can browse the fabric supply we have, build your own kit from the fabrics and precuts we have available. Take some home to make quilt tops for Hearts and Hands. You can come and pick up projects on our workday to work on at home or you can stay and sew there or help work on the needs of that day. We have sewing machines, so you don’t have to bring yours. Bring a lunch and work with us, we are there from 9 am to 2 pm. We enjoy greeting and meeting new faces and welcoming them into our team! It’s a pleasure working alongside such wonderful quilters! We look forward to seeing you all at one of our workdays or both and the next guild meeting!

Ann and Lynessa

Lynessa



Ann



Spirit Life Church, 5345 S. Peoria, Tulsa, OK



August 2025 Member Appreciation Team

If you put your name in the hopper...then you are agreeing to send a thank you to one of our **generous commercial donors!** Yes! With quilters, there are always strings attached! 😊 *At the meeting, wear your name tag, find the MAT table & put your name on the raffle ticket!*

The August 2025 Member Appreciation Door Prize Drawing may include the following items:

- This month the **Savage Quilter** in OKC was a generous donor! Check out the site: [Savage Quilter | Oklahoma City, OK](#). They donated a **FQ Bundle of 5 FQ = 1 ¼ yards** of coordinated Moda “Looking Forward” by Jen Kingwell Designs. **Thank you Savage Quilter!**
- **Trio Colors Chalk line Pencil** by [www.sewline-products.com](#) This has 3 colors of chalk pencil in one! So Cool! \$18 value.
- **Portable Ruler Rack!** Thank you Sara Stubblefield. These nifty racks are adjustable and great for taking on retreats since they are portable! **Retail \$11-13.** Find her at “Night Owl Sews” on line.
 - **2 options this month!!**
- **Omega 3.5 Magnifier table light** from the [www.daylightcompany.com](#) Thank you for keep us seeing bright!
- **12 x 18 Aqua Olfa Cutting mat.** Thank you OLFA USA! [www.olfaproducts.com](#)
- **45mm rotary cutter with blade!** **Thank you OLFA USA!** [www.olfaproducts.com](#)
- Please be thanking **Quilt Nuts of Sand Springs** for the **½ yd cut and FQ Bundle.** What a treat! Thank you Mindy G and check out [www.quiltnuts.com](#)!
- **PRO Chemical & Dye** generously donated 4 oz. bottles of PRO Retayne (a value of \$8.00) to pre-wash fabrics to reduce the bleed! Check them out at [www.prochemical.com](#)
- **Linda’s Electric Quilting** donates an orange spool of Superior Thread: Master Piece 2,500 yards 50wt-3ply; a retail value of \$24. Check out [www.lindas.com](#)
- **Timeless Treasures Fabrics** donated Valentine Gnome fabric bundle. [Timeless Treasures Fabrics | Wholesale Fabric Supplier for Quilters](#)

WANTED: are YOU ready?

MAT/Door Prizes is looking for 1-2 folks to take over door prizes in 2026! Starting in the fall will give you a jump start! Ask me if you’re interested!

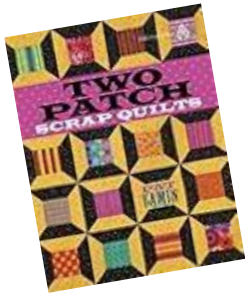
See you at the meeting! *Kathy Klaassen, Membership Appreciation Team (MAT)*

FROM THE LIBRARIAN



We all have them and no one knows what to do with them. Scraps that is!

I reorganized all my scraps and fabric in January and did what I am sure a lot of you do, I cut my fabric down to 2 1/2 inch squares and 5-inch squares. I know some of you do different sizes but I thought I was doing pretty good to get these done! Now I am ready to tackle a scrap quilt and the library just happens to have a rather large collection of scrap quilt books. Come by and check some of them out!



You can get to the Guild Library by going to the Guild website and looking under the

Members area for



Library

or follow this link:

librarycat.org/lib/TulsaQuiltGuild

Alice Rathe

9 months 9 patterns 9 inch blocks

August Boxes
next up!

The "almost last" box is upon us in August. Seems like we just started this challenge! What will we do with all of our free time when this is over?!?

Several suggestions have come up for next year's semi-secret sew-along ... pizza boxes again or maybe provide the first row for a small quilt (participants then add

another row each month) or maybe start with your own center medallion and we could add a border every month. The last two options would not require providing fabric, participants would use coordinating fabric from their own stashes each month.

*How adventurous
do you want to be?*

Questions? Contact: Paula Klaassen





BOUTIQUE TABLE

Wow, lots of goodies at the July table! Wasn't it fun to see what treasures you were able to find! \$322 brought in for our Guild at the July Table. Several new donations are being processed and will be ready for your treasure hunting at the August meeting.

The Boutique Table is a guild fundraiser that benefits our guild. It allows us to clean our sewing rooms and donate to the guild. The treasures that come in go home with others who are thrilled to see them and excited to finish our orphan projects or add items to their stash. You do not have to worry about taking what you brought back home with you as leftovers are donated to other groups that can use them.

If you are in the escape the heat-cleaning mood in your quilting room, start a bag or two for the table and we will put it to use. As quilters, we are multi-crafters sometimes too, so all craft type supplies are welcome. You can bring it to the Guild meeting or if you need it out of your way sooner just **contact Ann Olson at 918-606-6344**.



Pete Olson, Ann Olson, Deena Dreus and Cathy Cheney

Boutique Table Crew



ANN'S QUILT N' STUFF

Long Arm Quilting Service
Ann Olson 918-606-6344

Sewing Machine Service and Sales
Pete Olson 918-704-3115

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See Ann's Webpage

[Ann's Quilt N' Stuff](#)

Send all corrections, comments, and articles to be published in **Green Country Quilters Guild**

To: Phyllis Smith, newsletter editor

Deadline for submission of articles or photos is the 26th of each month.

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10 Books with a quilting theme (In no special order)

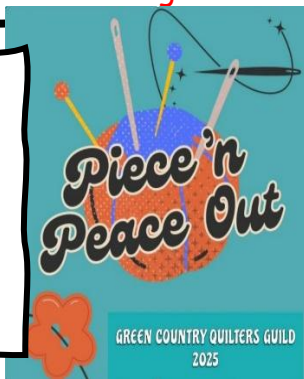
Next PNPO Retreat

October 17th and 18th

Register Online or at Guild Meeting

Come sit and sew from
8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. with
your friends and go home
to sleep in your own bed!

Lunch and Dinner
included. \$60.



Osage Hills Retreat

Craft Retreat Center
www.osagehillsretreat.com
918-630-7053

The Quilter's Apprentice by Jennifer Chiaverini – A timeless tale of family and forgiveness, where quilting becomes a bridge between generations.

- **The Persian Pickle Club** by Sandra Dallas – A Depression-era tale of secrets and solidarity among a group of Kansas quilters.
- **How to Make an American Quilt** by Whitney Otto – This novel mirrors the structure of a quilt, interlacing the stories of eight women in a California quilting circle through their contributions to a wedding quilt and personal tales. Quilting becomes a powerful metaphor for how individual lives—marked by joys and sorrows—are pieced together into a tapestry of shared experience and female connection
- **Alias Grace** by Margaret Atwood – A historical novel, where quilting becomes a striking motif for memory and identity as Grace Marks—a servant convicted of murder—recounts her fragmented past while piecing together symbolic quilt patterns. These designs mirror the ambiguity of her story, leaving readers to question whether she's assembling truth or a masterfully stitched lie.
- **Confessions from the Quilting Circle** by Maisey Yates – Three sisters reconnect through a mysterious quilt and the legacy of their grandmother's craft.
- **Prayers for Sale** by Sandra Dallas – In a 1930's Colorado mining town, quilting serves as both a catalyst for friendship and a vessel for storytelling, as eighty-six-year-old Hennie Comfort shares life memories with a young newlywed through her craft. Each quilt stitches together love, loss, and resilience, preserving generations of women's wisdom in fabric and friendship.
- **The Runaway Quilt** by Jennifer Chiaverini – Sylvia uncovers family secrets through a quilt tied to the Underground Railroad.
- **The Lover's Knot** by Clare O'Donohue – A cozy mystery where quilting and romance unravel secrets in a small town.
- **The Last Runaway** by Tracy Chevalier – Quilting becomes a profound symbol of both refuge and resistance as Honor Bright, a transplanted English Quaker, finds purpose amid 1850s Ohio. Through secret patterns stitched into quilts, Chevalier links domestic craft to the Underground Railroad, revealing Honor's quiet defiance and moral bravery
- **The Cross-Country Quilters** by Jennifer Chiaverini – Five women from different walks of life unite through a quilting challenge that transforms their futures.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 22-23, 2025:

"Comforts of Home"

Pryor Patchers Quilt Guild
Mayes County OSU Extension Center
Mayes County Fairgrounds
2200 NE 1st, Pryor, OK
[Area Quilt Events – Pryor Patchers Quilt Guild, Inc.](#)



"Comforts of Home" Quilt Show
Pryor Patchers Quilt Guild
www.pryorpatchers.org

August 22nd & 23rd, 2025
Friday & Saturday 9am - 4pm
Mayes County Event Center
2200 NE 1st St, Pryor Oklahoma

Admission: \$6 per day
Show Quilts, Judged Quilts, Quilting Vendors,
Special Displays, Door Prizes, Demonstrations
Quilty Cafe, Country Store, Basket Auction,
QOV Block Contest, In Loving Memory Display,
Display of Donation Quilts

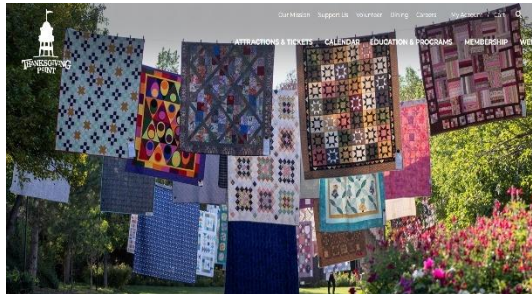


**Quilts in the Pumpkin Patch
Opportunity Quilt**
Tickets \$1 ea. or 6 for \$5

September 12-13, 2025:

"Garden of Quilts"

Thanksgiving Point
3900 N Garden Dr
Lehi, Utah
[Garden of Quilts - Thanksgiving Point](#)



September 19-21, 2025:

OQSO FALL RETREAT (Oklahoma Quilters State Org)

Lake Murry State Park Lodge
Ardmore, OK 73401
Guest Speaker/Teacher Carol Morrissey
For more Info Contact Phyllis Enos 918-704-8177
[Newsletter \(Civic design\)](#)



October 4, 2025:

Airing of the Quilts, Gee's Bend

Gee's Bend Welcome Center
Boykin, Alabama
[Airing of the Quilts Festival • Gee's Bend, AL](#)



GCQG Open Stitch Groups

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Days/Times</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Liberty Quilters - Quilts of Valor</i>	<i>Peggy Evans Karen Hughes</i>			<i>Second Thursday through Saturday 9-4</i>	<i>St. James Presbyterian 11907 S Elm Jenks</i>
<i>Piece Makers</i>	<i>Kathy Klaassen Elke Meyer</i>			<i>Second Thursday 12:30 – 6:00</i>	<i>Fellowship Lutheran 6727 S Sheridan, Tulsa</i>
<i>Loose Threads</i>	<i>Janell McCormick</i>			<i>Every Thursday 11:00 – 4:00</i>	<i>LaFortune Recreation Center, 53rd & Hudson, Tulsa</i>
<i>Thread Tales</i>	<i>Linda Frazier</i>			<i>Every Tuesday 10:00 - until?</i>	<i>First Tues: at Sew Much More Fabrics in BA; other Tuesdays at the Park Church 10600 E 96th St S, Tulsa</i>

GCQG Mission Statement

Green Country Quilters Guild, Inc., is an educational, non-profit organization, its purpose is to stimulate an interest in quilts and to promote the art of quilting in all its forms. Formed in 1981, GCQG meets monthly on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. No guild meetings are held in December.

The “**Green Country Quilter**” is published monthly by the Green Country Quilters Guild. Correspondence may be sent to Green Country Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 35021, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74153-0021

Since the July meeting had a few Public Service Announcements, I would like to add mine.

DO NOT after your knife has been sharpened, take it out of the protective paper cover to look at it, then just put it in your bag.

