

Green Country Quilters Guild

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May 2026



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Happy May
Birthday

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Sheryl Fritz	May 7
Phyllis Enos	May 14
Connie Guthrie	May 22
Leslie Thomas	May 24
Cathy Trevithick	May 30
Meg Walter	May 30



The guild needs 3 members to help on the nominating committee. Contact: Barbara Smith with any questions.

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Green Country Quilters Guild

meets at St. James Presbyterian Church

11907 S Elm, Jenks, OK 74037

May Guild Meeting

Thursday May 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.

May 2026

GREEN COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD
PRESENTS

COREY PEARSON

Corey Pearson is a quilt educator and innovator knowledgeable about the QISS system (Quilting Is Sew Simple), a modern approach to Quilt As You Go that removes bulk, simplifies construction, and makes quilting accessible to all skill levels.

Corey shares how the Core QISS products work together to transform how quilters piece and quilt—no longarm required.

MAY 21ST 2026



Green Country: 18th June 2026

Kourtney Govro

CEO in Corporate America
to Quilt Shop Owner!

Kourtney Govro spent decades in corporate America, working with software companies in the medical industry and eventually running her own software business. After years of building a career in technology, she stumbled upon quilting—and what began as a hobby quickly grew into a true passion.



In October 2023, Kourtney took a leap of faith and became the very first franchise owner of The Quilted Cow, opening the Raymore, Missouri shop.

Her journey into quilt shop ownership has been filled with excitement, challenges, and plenty of lessons learned—proof that this adventure is not for the faint of heart.

Join us as Kourtney shares her inspiring story of passion, perseverance, and the power of quilting to bring people together.

NEXT PNPO RETREAT

Future Piece 'n Peace Out Dates

~~May 22nd and 23rd, 2026~~ **Wait List**

~~October 16th and 17th, 2026~~ **Wait List**

Registration is open for all dates

Register on-line or at a Guild Meeting



May 2026

GREEN COUNTRY QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS:

QUILTED DUFFEL BAG WORKSHOP

GET READY TO DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF CREATIVITY BY
LEARNING THE BASICS OF BAG MAKING WITH BARBARA!



WORKSHOP DETAILS

18 JULY 2026

9:30 – 3:30

\$15 (PATTERN INCLUDED)

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- HOW TO ADAPT THE PATTERN WITH DIFFERENT STABILIZERS AND FABRICS
- BASIC BAG CONSTRUCTION

BRING BASIC SEWING SUPPLIES - SEWING MACHINE, SCISSORS, ROTARY CUTTER, RULER, IRON, PRESSING MAT ETC.

BRING LUNCH, SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR YOURSELF!

SPACE IS LIMITED! BOOK TODAY!

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INFORMATION AT

OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.GREENCOUNTRYQUILTERSGUILD.COM

A Millefiori Hand Stitching Workshop with Denise Bell
Sponsored by Tulsa Modern Quilt Guild
(Millefiori done without EPP)

June 27, 2025 9am to 4:30 pm
Fellowship Congregational Church
2900 S Harvard Tulsa, OK
Cost **\$25.00** plus materials



Millefiori



SIGN UP LINK: <https://forms.gle/M9mS3qGuVW81AYLx6>

Required Materials, Fabrics and Notions:

- Book: *Millefiori 6* by Willyne Hammerstein (GCQG library has copy)
- Templates: 2" Windowed Hexagon Kite Template with 1/4" seam allowance (HKITE200-WINDO25) and 1" Windowed 6 Point/60-degree Diamond Templates with 1/4" seam allowance (6DIA100-WINDO25)
- The book and templates can be purchased at www.paperpieces.com
- 3 to 4 Fat Quarters of fabric, a mix of colors and patterns or solids. If you want to fussy cut, bring extra yardage of those fabrics
- Thread, fabric scissors and/or rotary cutter, snips, Sharps or Milliners needles size 10, 11, or 12, (Don't fret about specific needles, Denise will have some) small applique pins like Clover. Mechanical pencil, pincushion and a thimble if you use one.

Most of the people signed up belong to both GCQG and Modern. You'll know the folks there!

We've got so many new faces that it's time for a fresh pictorial directory!

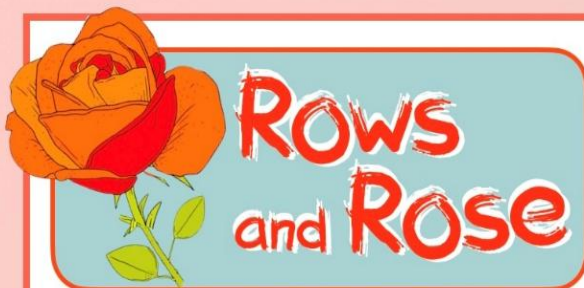
The updated directory will be live soon on the Guild website.

Let's make it fun—send your photo to Jill Cole via text at 918.629.4317 or email kjcole03@gmail.com.

Got a group photo? No worries! Jill can crop it just right. She'll gather all the photos and post the directory on the Guild Members Only site.

Thanks for helping us keep our directory lively and complete!

Jill Cole



Participants need to bring their completed row for the month, plus rows already made and leftover fabric (**without sewing the rows together**) in that same black bag to the **May** meeting - get a different bag, then bring it back in **July** - then **September** - then **November as the final month**; when the bags go back to the original owner (containing a total of six separate rows and leftover fabric).

Bring your totes back in May!!

If you haven't already returned your row totes, please bring them back in May - it's exchange month!

Plus, a quick reminder of the guidelines . . .

Each row should be 42½" wide with a depth of 2½" to 6½" - unfinished measurements. Rows can be any technique you choose (as simple or as complex as the stitcher wants to stitch).

Your rows DO NOT need to be complicated, intricate, involved, over-the-top, super difficult or mind-bending!! A lot of times, "less is more" and easier and more sane!

PLEASE attach your name to each row you make!

Questions? Contact: Paula Klaassen / paulinesgirllok@gmail.com / 3804 E 36 - Tulsa



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Osage Hills Retreat

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



HAPPY PLACE
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LONGARM QUILTING

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Longarm Quilter, Tulsa, OK

Donations needed for Stage Makeup and Costume Class!



IF YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA SEWING SUPPLIES,
WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT!

DROP OFF AT JMS ROOM 1420 OR CONTACT
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2026

Brochure Brigade



B-Sew Inn/Tulsa: **Tina Hale**

Southern Comforts/Catoosa: **Rochelle Rice**

Cotton Cottage/Claremore: **Shirley Potter**

McCall's Countyline Quilting/Skiatook: **Jill Halstead**

Jan's Log Cabin quilt Shop/Bixby: **Marvel Donovan**

Quilt Nuts/Sand Springs: **Pat Wilson**

Quilting Studio/Tulsa: **Rochelle Rice**

SMMF/Broken Arrow: **Vickie Ludiker**

THANK you volunteers! Zoom! Zoom!



GOT SKILLS?? WANNA SHARE??

OUR MEMBERS ARE CLEVER!

*GUILD MEMBERS please share your talents.
Do you have an idea about a program you
could present? TELL US!!*

email Barbara Smith:

president@greencountryquiltersguild.com



Adventures with Leaders & Enders by Bonnie K Hunter

Bonnie was inspired to write this book after she found herself “nearly paralyzed” by her overflowing fabric stash and scraps, accumulated by almost 30 years of epitomizing the credo “she who dies with the most fabric wins!”

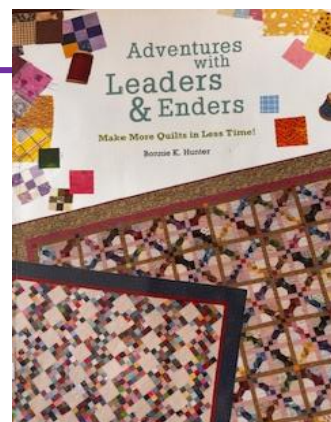
I am one of those newbies that had no idea what “leaders & enders” were. Everyone reading this article probably already knows. Bonnie said she learned to use a folded scrap to sew on and off at the beginning or ending of a line of chain piecing, so the threads weren’t sucked into the needle hole, or she didn’t have to trim long threads.

Then she had an idea. What if I took a bin of scrap 2” squares and started using pairs of those leaders and enders to create little “two-sies”. These two-sies can be sewn into squares.

Bonnie discusses how these two-sies can be used to make a four-patch unit, a nine-patch unit, and half-square triangles. These leaders & enders can also be used for borders, blocks, and cornerstones.

How do you find time to cut all these two-inch squares? I don’t know about you, but cutting is my least favorite part of sewing. Her suggestion is to only spend 15 minutes: (1) use a new rotary blade, (2) have a pattern in mind, (3) pull out a handful of scraps and press, (4) cut strips. Make a plan. Use a see-through plastic container to hold these new squares, a different container to hold new 2” pieces, strips and sort by size.

The quilt patterns highlighted to use the leaders & enders are: Sisters Nine Patch, Blue Ridge Beauty, Crabapples, Rick Rack Nines, Bow-Dacious, Four Patch Revisited, Texas Braid, Nine in the Middle, Hopscotch Butterscotch, Classic Strippy, Mad City Mama, and Happily Scrappily Irish.



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.

In Green Country, when May's in full sway,
Our quilters bring bright scraps to play.
With colors that sing Like the best part of
spring, They stitch joy into every new day.

Hearts and Hands MAY 2026

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 around 20 agencies, who serve children, youth and adults in our local area. This last month, 71 quilts, 50 receiving blankets, 23 burp cloths, 4 bibs, 20 bags and 11 pillowcases were delivered to 9 agencies. Two workdays were held at Spirit Life to facilitate prepping quilt kits to bring to the guild meeting and processing quilts to prep for delivery to the 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 and receiving blankets, Habitat quilt kits to add sashing and outer border to completed house blocks, Habitat house block kits, knapsack kits for Youth Services, 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 upcoming H & H workdays are **Saturday May 2th and Monday May 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. 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 and the next guild meeting!

Ann and Lynessa

Join us on Facebook: "GCQG Hearts and Hands Group"



Ann

918-606-6344



Lynessa

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Boutique Table

The Boutique Table is an extension of Hearts and Hands and helps us buy batting and supplies. 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. There was \$203.95 brought in at the April table.

If you are cleaning out things from your sewing space, fill 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



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National Clean Your Room Day is on Sunday, May 10, 2026, and it's a great opportunity to tackle clutter in any room — including your sewing space — with a mix of motivation, creativity, and organization

How to Celebrate in 2026

- **Set a theme or challenge:** Turn tidying into a game with “levels” (e.g., clear the floor, make the bed, sort the closet) and use timers for short, achievable sprints
- **Donate or repurpose:** Sort items into *Donate*, *Keep*, and *Trash* categories. Local quilt guilds, craft thrift stores, and libraries are great donation spots
- **Redecorate as you clean:** Add plants, wall hangings, or a new layout to make the space more inviting
- **Celebrate small wins:** Take before-and-after photos to track progress and stay motivated

Sewing Room Opportunities

- Remove trash and unnecessary items.
- Sort fabric yardage by use and donation potential.
- Group small fabric cuts (fat quarters, pre-cuts).
- Organize fabric scraps.
- Decluttering other areas (tools, notions, storage)

GCQG Open Stitch Groups

Name	Contact	Phone	Email	Days/Times	Location
Liberty Quilters - Quilts of Valor	Peggy Evans Karen Hughes	918-397-1730 918-398-3785	fierymaple@gmail.com blackbeltkaren@yahoo.com	Second Thursday through Saturday 9-4	St. James Presbyterian 11907 S Elm Jenks
Piece Makers	Kathy Klaassen Elke Meyer	918-344-5687 918-688-9700		Second Thursday 12:30 – 6:00	Fellowship Lutheran 6727 S Sheridan, Tulsa
Loose Threads	Janell McCormick	918-607-6027		Every Thursday 11:00 – 4:00	LaFortune Recreation Center, 53 rd & Hudson, Tulsa
Thread Tales	Linda Frazier	918-671-7415	lfrazierquilts@gmail.com	Every Tuesday 10:00 - until?	First Tues: at Sew Much More Fabrics in BA; other Tuesdays at the Park Church 10600 E 96 th St S, Tulsa

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3, 2026:

A Quilt is Born

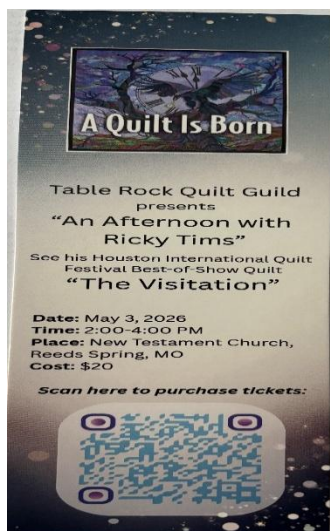
Table Rock Quilt Guild

"An Afternoon with Ricky Tims"

New Testament Church

Reeds Springs, MO

For tickets: [An Afternoon with Ricky Tims](#)



July 31-Aug 1, 2026:

An American Legacy

Edmond Quilt Guild

Gaylord University Center

Oklahoma Christian University

2501 E Memorial Road

Edmond, OK 73013

[Contact Info - Edmond Quilt Guild](#)



Laura Syler will be conducting Certified Quilt Appraisals at the 2026 Edmond Quilt Guild Quilt Show on:

Thursday, July 30	9 AM - 4 PM
Friday, July 31	9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday, August 1	9 AM - 4 PM

Note: Laura is also able to appraise any quilt that it hanging in the show !!

Each appointment will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.
A Pre-appraisal form will be sent to you when your appointment is scheduled.
Please bring this form with you to your appointment.

****To make an appointment, please contact Laura directly via email or phone.**

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To: Phyllis Smith, newsletter editor
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Fabric Guilt:

When you finally make a cut into that fabric that you absolutely love. You worry you are "wasting" this awesome fabric on a project that is not up to the fabric's fullest potential.



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