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BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS' GUILD

CEO's Message

Here we are welcoming April already! It won't be long until our flowers are in full bloom and the butterflies are back. Life is such a magnificent thing!

And speaking of magnificent, yet again, the retreat this year was such a wonderful time together. If you are interested in participating on the Retreat Committee for 2027, please send me an email and let me know…..mindy@missouri.edu.

And also speaking of magnificent……you are doing great volunteering for our slate of officers for the 2026-27 Board. We have six Executive Board Members who are elected and nine committee chair positions. The standing committee chairs, technical and ad hoc committee chairs are appointed positions. However, we would like to know if you are interested in filling a committee chair position; it makes it so much easier for the incoming CEO to have that information. Below is a list of all the positions, the incumbent this year, and then either the name of who has volunteered for 2026-27 or "open." Kitty Peer is Chair of the Nomination Committee this year, so let her know if you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions. And thank you for stepping forward in whatever way you can. When you volunteer, you are part of the beauty and meaning you already feel--and value--in our BTQG.

—Mindy Smith, CEO

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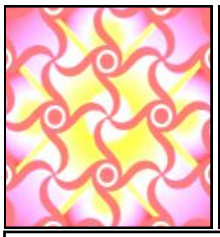

Day Chapter
Sit N Sew — 9:30 am
Meeting — 1:00 pm
Monday — April 6th
Fairview UMC

Starlight Piecemakers
Meeting — 7:00 pm
Thursday — April 2nd
Fairview UMC

A Message from Mona —

Many thanks to Nancy Forsythe for sharing the marvelous dolls she has made over the years. Humorous, glamorous, or just adorable, they were a delight. Six of them will be on display at the MACC show in Moberly, along with more than 100 other quilts and items.

Quilted jackets and clothing are hot topics these days. Our speaker this month Cheri Hanschu, from McPherson, KS, is a long arm quilter whose topic for us will be quilted jackets. She'll tell us about using a simple jacket pattern to make with a Kantha quilt, a beloved heirloom, a rescue quilt, or pieces stitched together just for the occasion. I suspect there will be some lovely samples to enjoy.

During Sit 'N Sew, Marty will be teaching us how to make playing card holders from CDs. These sold like hotcakes at our last Marketplace and I've had a number of requests for them at this year's show. I bet we could sell 50 or more. Look for info from Barb in this issue for what you'll need to bring.

Our meeting is the day before the election so we will be finished by 3:00 pm!

— Mona Stevenson,
Day Chapter President

A Message from Kat—

It was very nice to see everyone at the March meetings.

Our April Starlight meeting will be one of our own. Returning member Chad Dietz will present his body of work. Chad has been quilting since the mid eighties. He is self-taught and his earlier projects were focused on hand work appliqué. Through the years he has produced quilts and wall hangings and recently focused on the log cabin block. His love of color, textiles and creativity shows in his work.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, look forward to seeing everyone.

— Kat Reece,
Starlight President

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Treasurer's Report

Period: **7/01/2025-6/30/2026**

Martha Eberhard, Treasurer

Guild's NET ASSETS FY 2025-2026	
Cash 2/28/2026 (General Ledger)	$34,359.53
CD's (3)	$19,975.17
Net Assets	**$54,334.70**
Number of Members	**153**

FY2025-2026 (07/01/25-06/30/26)
Year-to-Date Summary of General Ledger Financial Transactions To-Date

Beginning Cash (G/L) Balance July 1, 2025	$27,313.73
YTD Deposits	$23,566.58
YTD Expenses	($16,520.78
Net Income Subtotal	$7,045.80
Ending (Cash) Balance on 2/28/2026	**$34,359.53**

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
March 9, 2026, Meeting Minutes, Appletree Quilting Center

- Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's report was approved.

— Janet Sapp,
Secretary

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 **Starlight Chapter Mtg. 7:00 pm** Fairview UMC	3	4
5	6 **Sit N Sew** 9:30 am **Day Chapter Mtg. 1:00 pm**	7	8 **Small Wonders** 1:00 pm DBRL	9 **Sassy Stitchers** 9:30 am DBRL	10	11
12	13 **Board Meeting** 10:00 am Appletree Quilting Center	14	15 **Newsletter Articles Due**	16	17	18
19	20 **SASH** 2:00 pm Appletree Quilting Center	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 **Needlework** 1:00 pm Mindy Smith	29	30		

Calendar Contacts: (For email addresses, consult the directory)

Day Chapter:	Mona Stevenson	573-698-2019
Starlight Chapter:	Kat Reece	573-619-7928
Guild's Calendar:	Donna Puleo	573-808-6079

Please note that not all interest groups may meet every month. You are welcome to ask the contact people at right for information or questions about any of these friendly groups.

Guild Interest Groups on Calendar

Needlework:	Mona Stevenson 573-698-2019
SASH*:	Becky Wolpert 417-773-4419 or Linda Karns 573-825-2020
Sassy Stitchers:	Peggy Brothers 573-819-6682
Small Wonders:	Karon Huggler 573-489-6373

***S**hort **A**ttention **S**pan **H**appy Quilters!

Membership News

New Members:

- **Chad Dietz** 5000 Dunbar Lane, Centralia, MO 65240, (573) 289-4041, cdietz9@gmail.com

Updates:

- **Dana Vukadinovich's** email address is: danagregory15@gmail.com

Please don't park on the grass

Dear BTQG members, if the parking spots adjacent to the basement entrance at Fairview United Methodist Church are filled, please don't park on the grass along the driveway.

There is another large parking lot at the top of the hill behind the church. To find it, return to Chapel Hill Road, turn right and then take a right on the next driveway. Follow that up to the other entrance to the church and its offices. Once inside, there is both an elevator and a stairway back to the basement entry.

The folks at FMUC would greatly appreciate it if we don't churn up the property.

— Maggie Walter, Past CEO

Happy Birthday

Alice Leeper	4/3	Emma Jo Raines	4/16
Patti Cantu	4/4	Kitty Peer	4/16
Pam Jost	4/5	Marnie Nunes	4/24
Nono Jost	4/6	Sue Donnelly	4/25
Dawn Hall	4/9	Maria DeLamatre	4/26
Sandy Moritz	4/10	Tina Aufranc	4/26
Carol Tummons	4/11	Martha Eberhard	4/28
Dianne Jackson	4/15	Celia White	4/28

Freedom of Expression 2026 Quilt Show Update

How can you help the quilt show be a success? Let me count the ways.

1. Make items for the Marketplace. This is the guild's primary income builder that allows us to put on quality programs throughout the year. Check out a kit or make something on your own. Variety and quality are much appreciated.
2. Donate a quality item to Silent Auction.
3. Purchase a raffle ticket or help sell raffle tickets. We have two unique and gorgeous quilts this year thanks to Sassy Stitchers and the Needlework interest groups.
4. Purchase a T-shirt to help promote the show.
5. Volunteer to take bookmarks to quilt shops and guilds across the state.
6. Participate in the quilt challenge. We'd love to learn about your favorite book.
7. Offer to do demonstrations during the show to help educate and encourage others.
8. SAVE THE DATE—October 23-24, 2026.

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Silent Auction Appeal

Our next quilt show is October 23 and 24. As chair of the Silent Auction, I would like to ask you to consider what you might contribute to make this year's auction a success. We're looking for one-of-a-kind items that would generate interest in multiple bids; any quilting treasures you have that might need a new home, framed art (needlework is always popular), a service such as binding or quilting, a baked treat of the month package, an antique, or even something new and special. Think of something you would like and be willing to outbid others to own. I will be collecting these items beginning in April at the day meeting. If you have any questions or ideas, please call me.

—Silent Auction
Tina Pratt

Marketplace Musings

We will have a Marketplace workday during Sit 'N Sew at the April Day Chapter meeting, on Monday, April 6th. Marty Webster will be teaching us how to make playing card holders from unwanted CDs. Supplies needed for each holder: Two pieces of 7"x7" cute fabric (the same or coordinating), two pieces of leftover batting 7"x7", Tacky glue, basting spray, 2 buttons (larger than ½" in diameter, but not larger than 1"), sewing thread, sewing needle (long and sturdy to sew the CDs together), thimble, fabric marker or pencil. Marty will bring the CDs, but if you have some you don't want, bring them. These will be a good seller

I have made some kits for making Turtle Mops, which have been popular sellers also. I included part of the supplies in each kit, but you provide your own cotton fabric. Please take a kit home and make a turtle (or two) for Marketplace! We have other kits available to check out as well.. And thank you to everyone who is working on Marketplace items, and for those that have already been turned in! We appreciate you! Keep on stitchin'!

—Your Marketplace Committee:
Barb Nixon, Kat Reece, Mona Stevenson, Hank Botts

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Please consider volunteering for any of our open positions for 2026-27. Contact Kitty Peer if interested or reach out to the incumbent for more information on the position.

Elected Officers:

1.	CEO – Current-Mindy Smith;	2026-27	**OPEN**
2.	Vice CEO – Current-Donna Puleo;	2026-27	**OPEN**
3.	Secretary – Current-Janet Sapp;	2026-27	Janet Hollandsworth
4.	Treasurer – Current-Martha Eberhard;	2026-27	Willie Morris
5.	Day President – Current-Mona Stevenson;	2026-27	**OPEN**
6.	Starlight President – Current-Kat Reece;	2026-27	Jim Reese

Standing Committee Chairs (Appointed):

1.	Membership – Current-Kat Reece;	2026-27	**OPEN**
2.	Programs – Current-Jim Reese and Maria DeLamatre;	2026-27	**OPEN**
3.	Library – Current-Anna Mary Hughes;	2026-27	**OPEN**
4.	Service Project – Kitty Peer;	2026-27	Kitty Peer

Technical Committee Chairs (Appointed:

1. Newsletter – Current-Glenda Moum;	2026-27	**OPEN**
2. Website – Current-Janet Hollandsworth;	2026-27	Janet Hollandsworth
3. Social Media (Facebook) – Current-Barb Nixon;	2026-27	Laurie Matthews

Ad Hoc Committee Chairs (Appointed):

1. Membership Directory – Current-Lora Brinkman;	2026-27	**OPEN**
2. Winter Retreat – Current-Mindy Smith;	2026-27	Mindy Smith

— Mindy Smith, CEO

Circle around, the BTQG's annual meeting is just around the corner

Yes, that circle is central to all the activities of the day on Saturday, June 6. The event will be at Fairview United Methodist Church.

Let's start with the pitch-in brunch. It's going to be a pie party. If you haven't been to one before, I can guarantee that's it a lot of delicious fun. All the dishes should be in the shape of a circle – such as a quiche, or a plate filled with sliced cucumbers or tomatoes or cleverly arranged any other brunch recipes. A breakfast pizza, perhaps, or Shepherd's pie. Of course a traditional pie or cake would also be a treat – what's the saying about eat dessert first? Or whatever you can conjure up for a surprise dish.

Doors open at 9 a.m. and the pitch-in brunch kicks off at 9:30 a.m.

The business meeting – for the election of 2026-27 officers, voting on next year's budget and by-law changes – will start at 10:15 a.m. (Ballots will be included in the May edition of the Quilt-A-Gram. Be sure to bring them along so that your choices weigh in on the guild's future.)

Next up will be a surprise activity – details to follow in May. There also will be door prizes. And a brief guest speaker to round out the day. For your planning purposes, the activities should wrap up at about 12:30-ish.

Be sure to check your emails from BTQG and Facebook postings for more information as well as the May newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there. It's my job to pull this all together, and frankly I will need some help setting up the party. If you're willing to help, please drop me an email at MaggieWalter7@gmail.com.

—Maggie Walter, Past CEO

BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS GUILD SPEAKER
Diane Murtha
May 7-8, 2026

I am excited to bring Diane Murtha back to our guild for a presentation, trunk show and two half-day ZOOM classes. Diane took her first quilting class in the late '90s. She was instantly hooked and snatched as much time for quilting as she could but, a demanding career left minimal time for her hobby. She did manage to be very active in both her Heidelberg, Germany and Northern Virginia quilt guilds over the years.

Like many of us, she started with mostly traditional quilting. Gradually she modified patterns more and more, making her quilts unique, as well as creating her own original designs. Over the past eight years she gravitated to art quilts, specifically participating in art quilt challenges. An early retirement allowed her time to open her creative aperture to explore quilting on even more new levels!

Diane encourages us to participate in challenges and get out of our comfort zones. She is like all of us and says "if I can do challenge quilts - so can you!" Diane has only recently started entering juried competitions and is super excited to share what she has learned with us.

So join us for the free presentation and trunk show and consider taking one or both of the classes being offered.

ZOOM Presentation and Trunk Show - "License to Play"
Thursday, May 7th 7:00 pm
Appletree Quilting Center
2541 Bernadette Dr., Columbia MO

Two half-day ZOOM classes offered on Friday, May 8th ***In the comfort of your own quilt studio***
3D Fantastic Flowers - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and/or Modified Quilt as You Go - 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Registration for BTQG Speaker
Diane Murtha
Two half-day ZOOM Workshops ***in the comfort of your own quilt studio.***
Friday, May 8th

Name:_____
Email:_____
Phone No.:_____

_____ 3-D Fantastic Flowers - Cost $45. 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

_____ Modified Quilt as You Go - Cost $45 1:30 pm to 5:30 p.m.

Total amount due $_____
Complete this registration form and return it, along with your check made payable to BTQG to
Maria Delamatre, 3921 E Webster Rd, Hartsburg MO 65039.

3-D Fantastic Flowers: Want to make a wall hanging or art quilt pop? Embellish your quilt with 3-Dimensional petals and leaves. In this class you will use floral wire to make 3-D elements creating a very exciting flower.

Modified Quilt as You Go: Think of this technique as two-step quilting. This class yields perfect quilted blocks embellished with a variety of appliqué options, then assembled. Quilting thru each block and batting individually makes quilting easy for both new and experienced quilters alike - no bulk or awkward struggling with a large sandwiched quilt. A great project for increasing accuracy, as well as small space quilting, like retreats, or in your RV! Add backing fabric and the second step quilting and you are done. Make any size quilt and appliqué in endless options.

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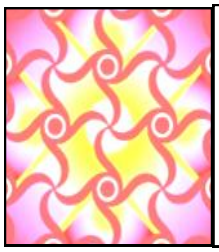

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A REMINDER FROM THE CEO

Remember to sign in at the membership table at Day and Starlight chapter meetings. With our not-for-profit corporation "membership status," it is a "best practice" recommendation to accurately document attendance at our meetings. Mindy Smith