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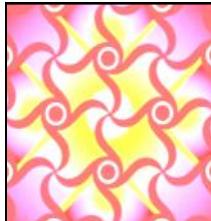


CEO's Message

Welcome February! February is cold and still dark, but February is a beautiful reminder that spring is coming very soon! A few updates for you...

- February is BTQG retreat month, February 21-23, and this year we have about fifty-two of you attending! BTQG Retreats are so much fun!
- To update you regarding Starlight President. Marilyn Beissenherz has had some personal challenges arrive that are requiring more of her personal time, so Kat Reece has graciously volunteered to conduct the Starlight meetings from March through May. Thank you Kat!
- And one last very important announcement. Join me in congratulating our own Lora Brinkman. Lora has been selected to participate in Benartex Sewcial Stars 2026. She is one of twelve sewists partnering with the Benartex brand throughout 2026, "bringing their unique perspectives and skills and showcase the quality and creativity with the Benartex fabrics." Lora is a third-generation quilter and she has more than twenty years of Information Technology experience. She uses that technical knowledge to teach online through her You Tube channel. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Learning Technologies and Design with an emphasis in Online Education. Check out her You Tube channel, Lora's Handmade Haven. Congratulations Lora!! We are so so proud of you and what you are accomplishing in the world of quilting education.

— Mindy Smith, CEO



Day Chapter Meeting
Monday — Feb. 2nd
Zoom
1:00 pm



Starlight Piecemakers
Thursday — Feb. 5th
Zoom
7:00 pm

A Message from Mona —

What a delight to see fifty five members logged in to our January Zoom — perhaps a few more, since some of you may have doubled up. It will be great to see that many again for our February Zoom, when our speaker, Martha Walker, will provide a class with demos on creating hand-look machine applique. A free pattern will be provided. She will cover template and applique preparation, machine necessities and set-up, and stitching the applique onto the background. She has won many ribbons over the years, including AQS and IQF shows. Her quilts and patterns have been featured in many quilt publications. Her web site, Wagonswestdesigns.com, includes punch needle and other patterns beside those for quilts.

Once again, I will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of show-and-tell items, so send me your photos by Saturday January 31. We'll see if I have better luck at Day Chapter than I did at Starlight.

— Mona Stevenson,
 Day Chapter President

A Message from Mindy —

February 5th Starlight Zoom Meeting — our guest speaker will be Molli Sparkles. He is from a small town in the US but has lived in Sydney, Australia for more than twenty years. He has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Sydney. Molli has been working with textiles since 2012, written for several publications, published patterns, and won several awards. His quilts are in private collections around the world. Be sure to watch for the email with instructions to join the Zoom meeting.

— Mindy Smith,
 CEO

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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 12/31/2025	\$38,819.75
(General Ledger)	
CD's (3)	\$19,940.90
Net Assets	\$58,760.65
Number of Members	148

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	\$27,247.73
YTD Deposits	\$20,247.08
YTD Expenses	<u>(\$8,991.06)</u>
Net Income Subtotal	\$11,256.02
Ending (Cash) Balance on 12/31/2025	\$38,569.75



Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

January 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes, Appletree Quilting Center

Motions for Newsletter at the January 12, 2026, board meeting:

- Minutes were approved by acclamation.
- Treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.
- Mindy has looked into the replacement of the connection cables and cords that have been lost from the guild supplies. The cost of replacement cords/cables will be approximately \$100. Kat moved the guild purchase the three cables and divide the cost between the Day and Starlight chapters for the expense. Mona seconded and the motion passed.

— Janet Sapp,
Secretary

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Ground Hog's Day

Day Chapter
1:00 pm
Zoom

**Starlight
Piecemakers**
7:00 pm
Zoom

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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*Board Meeting
10:00 am
Appletree Quilting
Center*

*Small Wonders
1:00 pm DBRL
Newsletter
Articles Due*

*Sassy Stitchers
9:30 am DBRL*



15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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*SASH
2:00 pm
Appletree Quilting
Center*



22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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*Needlework
1:00 pm
Debbie Odor*

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

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

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.

*Short Attention Span Happy Quilters!

Membership News

Directory Update:

- **Tina Aufranc** 3900 Watts Ct., Columbia MO 65203, (573) 445-0740, taufr@aol.com
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- **Carolyn Marshall**'s email **does** have an underscore: carrielou_52@hotmail.com



Three by
Martha Eberhard

From Jan. 8th Starlight Show N' Tell

This page: Martha Eberhard

Next page: Judy Gieselman, Mona Stevenson,
and Elaine Keely



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Trisha Bowen	2/3	Cindy Heinz	2/15
Carrol Lewis	2/6	Carolyn Marshall	2/15
Kathy Benish	2/12	Nancy Forsythe	2/19
Deborah Kagay	2/14	Becky Wolpert	2/20
Willis Morris	2/14	Sarah Briggs	2/21
Trina Pratt	2/14	Amy Reilly	2/24
Linda Ladd	2/14		

Judy Gieselman



Mona Stevenson



Two by Elaine Keely



Marketplace Musings

What makes a “good” Marketplace? Having lots of items to sell, of course. But also, the quality of the items matters. Using up-to-date fabrics is important. Now is not the time to use your 20-year-old (or older) stash! Fresh new fabrics in popular colors and themes is always more appealing. Useful items are always great, such as potholders, turtle mops, microwave bowls, and aprons. Seasonal, decorative items are in demand, such as Christmas table runners, wall hangings, and placemat sets with napkins. Halloween items are very popular. People can always use baby gifts, such as flannel blankets and small quilts. Covered notebooks and cute, small bags are good gift items. Take some time to look at Pinterest and Etsy for ideas. We appreciate everyone’s help in contributing to a successful Marketplace!

—Your Marketplace Committee:

Barb Nixon, Kat Reece, Mona Stevenson, & Hank Botts



Call for Quilts

Our members have been invited to submit entries to the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee’s 45th Quilt Show and Competition. More than \$7,800 in prize money, fourteen categories, including one for Juniors (age 16 and under), and fourteen special awards. **Deadline to enter is April 18, 2026**, unless capacity is reached sooner. For more information, email info@smokymtnquilters.com; visit www.smokymtnquilters.com, or find us on Facebook and Instagram: Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee. The quilt show will be held Friday, June 19th and Saturday, June 20th in Knoxville, TN.



Upcoming Area Quilt Shows

2026 Bollinger County Quilt Show

Saturday, February 7 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm) and Sunday, February 8 (1:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Mayfield Event Center ([209 Mayfield Drive, Marble Hill, MO](https://www.google.com/maps/place/209+Mayfield+Drive,+Marble+Hill,+MO+65670/@37.1111111,-91.4166667,15z)).

Event is free and open to everyone; donations at the door gladly accepted.

Email mayfieldeventcenter@gmail.com for questions.

Quilts as Art

March 2nd through April 3rd, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Evelyn Jorgensen Art Gallery

Moberly Area Community College

101 College Ave., Moberly, MO



Presentations on March 6 -

- 10:00 am - Presentation by Jackie Berry "Art Quilts"
- 1:00 pm - Walk and Talk with Jean Brueggenjohann and Jim Reese
- 2:00 pm - Bed Turning, Marilyn Smith
- 3:00 pm - Spirals Workshop, Marilyn Smith

Reception 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm March 6th. Contact Patti Cantu for more information (573)489-0457, pidcan2@yahoo.com

Hannibal Piecemakers

2026 Quilt Show March 27-28, 2026

Quilted Treasures

<https://hannibalpiece-makers.com/view/quiltshow.php>

Ozark Piecemakers

Quilt Show June 11-13, 2026

Stitching History

<https://ozarkpiece-makers.com/quilt-show/>



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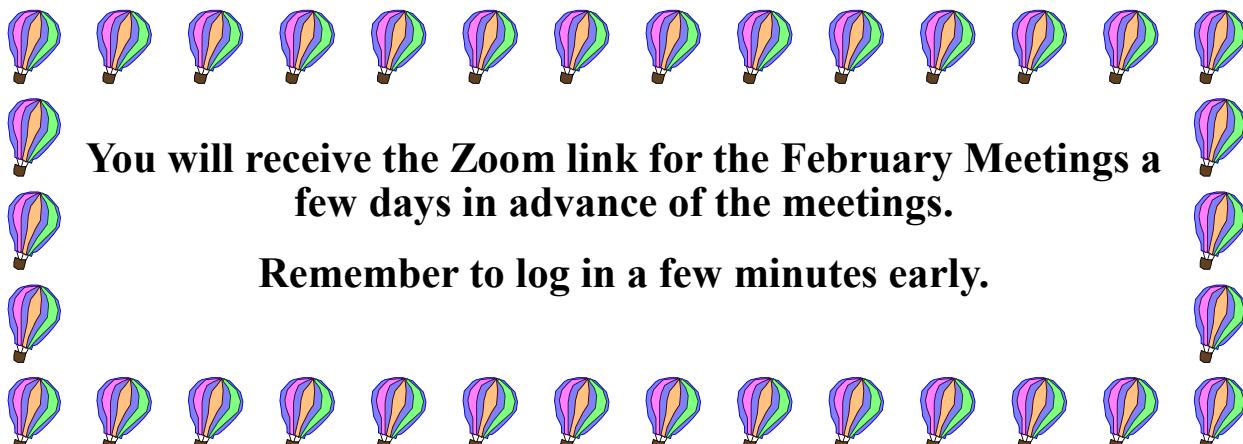
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Remember to log in a few minutes early.