

# Quilt-O-Gram

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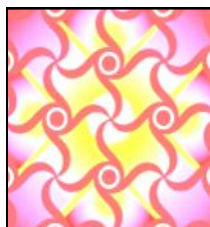


## BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS' GUILD

### CEO's Message

**Welcome to BTQG, 2026**--we've been waiting for you!! This fabric/thread painted piece of deer passing through my front yard after a rather big snowstorm is always a reminder of winter's cold, yet it also speaks about the strength of life. New Year's always carries a sense of leaving something behind, yet we find great hope in January because spring is coming! It also carries with it an echo of the values of history. What did last year bring that taught us well and enhanced our life? And speaking of history, teaching well, and enhancing life.....did you know that BTQG, if not the oldest, is one of the oldest official guilds in Missouri? Our Certificate of Incorporation from the State of Missouri is dated December 31, 1980. That means we just passed our 45<sup>th</sup> birthday as a Missouri Not for Profit Corporation. Our roots, however, reach back to around 1974 with a group of women who met together each week. From that very first group of quilters, we have been learning and making quilts together for over 50 years! What a lovely and powerful history we have had together. And the loveliness and strength lie in our friendships, our sharing, and the inspiration we continue to be to each other. Those strengths of life have traveled with us all these years and will continue with us for many more. So..... Happy Birthday and Happy New Year's, everyone! We have great things coming up in this new year for our guild!

— Mindy Smith, CEO



### Day Chapter Meeting

**Monday — Jan. 5th**

**Zoom**

**1:00 pm**



### Starlight Piecemakers

**Thursday — Jan. 8th**

**Zoom**

**7:00 pm**

#### *A Message from Mona —*

Our December holiday luncheon was certainly a surprise. The dozen or so intrepid members who made it through the snow were a great help in setting up, then taking down the buffet and the auction. So, we tried again on Thursday night, combining with the Starlight members. With just 39 in attendance, we still made \$405 from the silent auction and \$620 from the live auction. Thanks to those who brought items for the auctions, including the designers of our table decorations which were door prizes. We had some wonderful things to bid on and our lively auctioneer, Trina, made the event loads of fun. Maybe next year she and Alice can tag-team. Further thanks to each of you who brought food to go with the soup. (And special thanks to Willie for freezing Monday's soups, thawing them on Thursday and tending them on the stove as they reheated.) And final thanks to those who stayed to clean up. I'm sure Marilyn will agree that we had a great crew of helpers.

For the next two months we'll be meeting via Zoom. A Zoom link will be distributed by email before the January 5th meeting. Our presenter will be Amy Friend. She will share her tips on using fussy cutting in our quilt designs. Amy is an award-winning quilter, speaker and author, specializing in paper piecing. You can check out her blog at [www.duringquiettime.com](http://www.duringquiettime.com). We'll also have a spot for show and tell, so email your photos to me between January 2 and January 4 (before noon). I'll figure out how to get them ready to show on Monday. Happy New Year! — Mona Stevenson,  
Day Chapter President

#### *A Message from Marilyn —*

The potluck/soup get together was a great time to eat and visit. Everyone brought delicious dishes to share and we had lots of time to have some good conversations. It was especially fun that the Day Chapter joined us, so we got to get to know some of those members we don't often see. Thank you to everyone who brought such yummy food! Also a warm thanks to those who helped set up and clean up. Show and Tell had some beautiful holiday quilts for us to admire and get inspired by. Our members have such talent!

Thanks also to all who donated some great items for the silent auction. They all went home with happy quilters. We had a lively auction that saw quite an assortment of goodies sold as our auctioneer Trina went the extra mile to get the most for every item.

Remember that January and February meetings are on Zoom. Judy Stewart, from Texas, is our January speaker. She has contributed many articles on quilting and does many speaking engagements. Check the Quilt-O-Gram for more information.

— Marilyn Beissenherz,  
Starlight Chapter 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 11/30/2025   | \$36,240.59        |
| (General Ledger)  |                    |
| CD's (3)          | \$19,923.79        |
| <b>Net Assets</b> | <b>\$56,164.38</b> |

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|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Number of Members</b> | <b>147</b> |
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#### FY2025-2026 (07/01/25-06/30/26) Year-to-Date Summary of General Ledger Financial Transactions To-Date

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Beginning Cash<br>(G/L) Balance July 1,<br>2025 | \$27,313.73         |
| YTD Deposits                                    | \$16,952.50         |
| YTD Expenses                                    | <b>(\$8,275.64)</b> |
| Net Income Subtotal                             | \$8,676.86          |
| <b>Ending (Cash) Balance<br/>on 11/30/2025</b>  | <b>\$35,990.59</b>  |



### Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

The executive board did not meet in December.

— Janet Sapp,  
Secretary

# JANUARY 2026

| Sun | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|---|--|--|-----|-----|
|     |  |   |  | 1 <i>New Years Day</i>   | 2   | 3   |
| 4   | 5<br><b>Day Chapter</b><br>1:00 pm<br>Zoom   | 6   | 7  | 8<br><i>Sassy Stitchers</i><br>9:30 am DBRL<br><b>Starlight</b><br><b>Piecemakers</b><br>7:00 pm<br>Zoom | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12<br><i>Board Meeting</i><br>10:00 am<br><i>Appletree Quilting</i><br><i>Center</i> | 13<br><i>Newsletter</i><br><i>Articles Due</i>            | 14<br><i>Small Wonders</i><br>1:00 pm DBRL | 15   | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19 <b>MLK Day</b><br>SASH<br>2:00 pm<br><i>Appletree Quilting</i><br><i>Center</i>   | 20  | 21   | 22   | 23  | 24  |
| 25  | 26   | 27<br><i>Needlework</i><br>1:00 pm<br><i>Barb Sanders</i> | 28   | 29   | 30  | 31  |

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

**Day Chapter:** Mona Stevenson 573-698-2019  
**Starlight Chapter:** Marilyn Beissenherz 573-424-0924  
**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!

## 2026 Quilt Show Update

As previously announced our next quilt show will be October 23-24, 2026 and will once again be held at Community United Methodist Church. I'm pleased to share that the church has opened up additional space for us to use, which includes the Worship Center and the Children's Wing, along with some smaller rooms. This will allow us to separate the quilts from the silent auction and marketplace, and may allow for more quilts to be hung. It also presents us with the opportunity to host some new events, such as special speakers and demonstrations. Patti Cantu is working to fill the event timeline, so let her know if you have suggestions of people or techniques you are interested in.

We are also kick-starting the quilt challenge which will be based on your favorite book. I love this idea and think it ties into our theme quite nicely. I already have my book picked out. Rules for the quilt challenge are noted elsewhere in this newsletter and will be posted to the quilt show webpage. Stay tuned – more to come!



— Martha Eberhard  
Freedom of Expression Quilt Show Chair

## Marketplace News

We won't see each other in person until March, but I know many of you will be working on Marketplace items over the coming weeks. If you are looking for ideas, you can look for free projects on fabric and designer websites and get inspiration on Pinterest and Etsy. The directions and pattern for the "turtle mop" are on the BTQG website, and those are always a good seller. Categories we are looking for are kitchen, kids and babies, gifts, seasonal decorations, pets, and sewing/quilting. Take the time this winter to clean out your magazines, books, and unwanted fabrics/notions/tools. We appreciate the lovely items you have already given us and look forward to seeing more of your projects. Thank you to everyone!

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|                 |      |               |      |
|-----------------|------|---------------|------|
| Janis Campbell  | 1/1  | Hank Botts    | 1/20 |
| Brenda Rose     | 1/12 | Janet Sapp    | 1/20 |
| Ed Sims         | 1/14 | Brenda Austin | 1/21 |
| Terri Cavanaugh | 1/16 | Beth Greimann | 1/27 |
| Kathryn Jones   | 1/16 |               |      |

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**FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION QUILT SHOW – 2026**

**Quilt Challenge:**  
**My Favorite Book**

The 2026 Freedom of Expression Quilt Show Challenge will be just a bit different than those in the past. For the 2026 quilt show there will be no focus fabric; rather than fabric, the focus will be your favorite book. Maybe it is a current novel, maybe it was a book you read some years ago, or even a book you read as a child. Maybe it is Gone With the Wind. I first think of the beautiful emerald-green dress made of the curtains; the setting, the story, the place in time all inspires me to see a crazy quilt design with emerald-green in it. Can you think of a quilt block design to symbolize the story of your favorite book? Did the story involve an attorney?—Courthouse Steps Quilt Block; a winery?—Grape Basket Quilt Block; was a lake involved?—Lady of the Lake Quilt Block; what country or state did the story take place...maybe in California?—Rocky Road to California Quilt Block; perhaps it is simply the colors used on the book cover that inspires you. What sparks your imagination is your magic--so have fun remembering your favorite book with this little quilt and make this project something you enjoy that speaks of you.

**Quilt Challenge 2026 Rules:**

1. You must follow traditional 3-layer quilt construction: a backing, a top, and batting, and quilted either with hand or machine quilting.
2. Dimensions should be no more than 24 inches on any side, and no less than 12 inches on any side.
3. Include at least one hand stitching technique in the design: hand piecing, hand quilting (including big stitch quilting), embroidery, applique.
4. You are welcome to use Crayola, paint, beads, or other embellishments—but these embellishments will not count toward hand stitching.



This challenge is for all levels of quilters from beginners to advanced. It is intended to encourage the artist in you and spark a desire to design and develop your ideas with fabric and thread! We cannot wait to see what you do!

—Mindy Smith, Coordinator  
Freedom of Expression Quilt Challenge 2026



## Membership News

### Directory Update:

#### Renewed:

Laura Eggeman, 1712 Mizzou Place, Apt. 5A, Columbia MO 65201, (573) 239-2210  
 Sarah McLane, 7900 E McLane-Dailing Rd., Centralia MO 65240, (573) 999-5367



**Congratulations, Alice Leeper!** Join me in congratulating Alice Leeper in her newly elected role as President of the Columbia Board of Realtors! — Mindy Smith



### Missouri Quilt Museum

We have again been invited by the Missouri Quilt Museum to participate in an exhibition of BTQG quilts. If you would be interested in being involved in coordinating the project, please email or text me. We are talking at least 2 years out at this point, so there will be plenty of time for planning.

If you have thoughts or questions, please reach out to me.

— Mindy Smith



### Are You Ready to Retreat?

Retreat is getting closer!! For those of you wanting to arrive a day early (Friday, February 20), you will soon be receiving your reservation number, and a phone number to use to make those arrangements with the Lodge.

— Mindy Smith



## Quilting Bee By Anonymous

In Fellowship they meet,  
Their long days to invest,  
Snipping and sewing, only slowing  
To visit, to eat or rest.

Calico scraps, heaped on laps,  
Each one an exact size and hue.  
Fingers nimble with thread and  
thimble,  
Create pretty patterns anew.

Heads bent to the task, you need  
not ask  
If these ladies love to quilt.  
Their talented touch, expresses as much  
As piece onto piece it is built.

Friends try to perceive who will receive  
Each quilt that is stitched from the heart,  
With needlework fine, the patterns entwined  
A treasure, a true work of art.

Source: <https://pickmeuppoetry.org/quilting-bee-by-anonymous/>



A QUILTING BEE.  
IN THE GLEN TIME

## Upcoming Area Quilt Shows

### Hannibal Piecemakers

2026 Quilt Show March 27-28, 2026

Quilted Treasures

<https://hannibalspiecemakers.com/view/quiltshow.php>

### Ozark Piecemakers

Quilt Show June 11-13, 2026

Stitching History

<https://ozarkpiecemakers.com/quilt-show/>



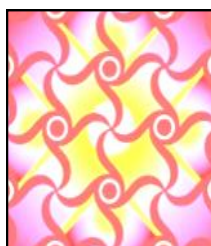
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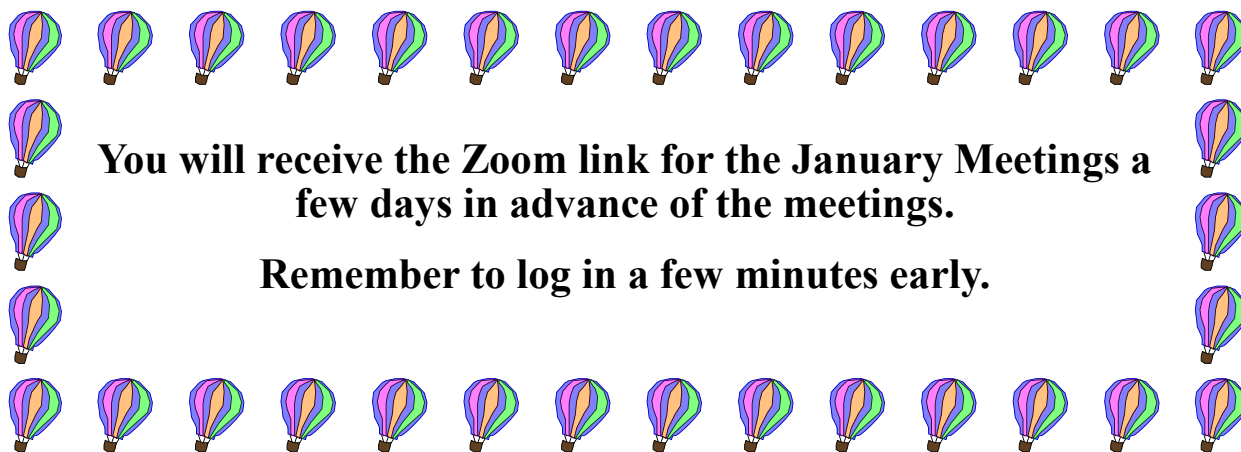
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**You will receive the Zoom link for the January Meetings a  
few days in advance of the meetings.**

**Remember to log in a few minutes early.**