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BOONESLICK TRAIL QUILTERS' GUILD

CEO's Message

It's May, my friends — strawberry time in Missouri. This little cluster of my thread painted strawberries reminds me that the real ones will be here soon.

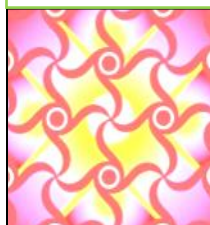
May also signals something else: the approaching end of our current Board year and the beginning of a new one. This is always the moment when I pause and look closely at how I spend my time. Like many of you, I find it difficult to choose among all the things I love — quilting, painting, creating — and fit them into my twenty-four-hour days. Our time is precious. So I ask myself: *What brings me the most joy? What feels most important? What adds the most value to the world around me?*

Beyond my life with Rex and my own creative work, the activities that matter most to me are the ones that inspire others to enjoy their own creativity — and the environments that nurture that spark. BTQG has always been one of those places. It meets every requirement I have for where I want to invest my time. And truly, the greatest part of all is the time I get to spend with you. We matter to each other. This guild is a strong container where we gather, learn, plan, and share our quilts, our creative lives, and sometimes even our personal challenges. We are important to each other, and that matters.

Our monthly meetings, our quilt shows, our speakers, our classes — all of these remind me how fortunate we are to have BTQG enriching our lives. Once again, I find myself recognizing that the time you and I give to this guild is an intelligent investment with meaningful returns.

As we prepare for next year, I encourage you to step in with those who will serve on the Board. Several members have already stepped forward for elected positions and committee chairs; however, we still need a CEO, a Vice CEO, a Day Chapter President, and a Programs Chair. We are standing on nearly forty years of people who understood the importance of this organization and carried it forward with care. **You can be one of those people — someone who helps guide us into the next year.**

—Mindy Smith, CEO



**Day Chapter
Sit N Sew — 9:30 am
Meeting — 1:00 pm
Monday — May 4th
Fairview UMC**



**Starlight Piecemakers
Meeting — 7:00 pm
Thursday — May 7th
Appletree Quilting
Center**

A Message from Mona —

Thanks to our two models for bringing to life the lovely jackets brought by our speaker, Cheri Hanschu. It looked like they were having lots of fun. Cheri's jackets and kanthas were a colorful delight. I know some of you took home a kantha for your own project. Maybe there will be another fashion show in our future.

This month's speaker is Becky Bruce, who began sewing as a teen and quilting in 1991. She loves all aspects of quilting, but really enjoys repairing and collecting vintage quilts, fabrics, & linens following a 40-hour hands-on course on restoration and preservation. Many of us enjoy collecting these items, so her tips are bound to be useful.

During Sit N Sew this month Willie Morris will be teaching thread catchers. Instructions for supplies and prep are on page 4. We look forward to seeing you there.

PS: As of this writing, we do not have a candidate as my successor for Day Chapter President. We'd love to have relatively new members become active in running the guild. If you've been a member for a year, you're eligible. It's a great way to meet members and learn about the guild. Call me or email if you'd consider it. I'll be happy to mentor a candidate.

— Mona Stevenson,
Day Chapter President

Our May meeting will be held at Appletree Quilting Center, 2541 Bernadette Dr., beginning at 7:00 pm. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Diane Murtha will give us "License to Play" at a special Zoom presentation. She 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!" She only recently began entering juried competitions and is excited to share what she has learned.

**ZOOM Presentation and Trunk Show -
"License to Play"
Appletree Quilting Center**

On Friday, May 8th, Diane will present two separate Zoom workshops. You must be pre-registered to attend either or both of these.

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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 3/31/2026 (General Ledger)	\$23,577.46
CD's (3)	\$19,992.33
Net Assets	\$43,569.79

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	\$23,571.58
YTD Expenses	(\$27,392.85)
Net Income Subtotal	\$3,821.27
Ending (Cash) Balance on 3/31/2026	\$23,492.46



Board of Directors Monthly Meeting April 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes, Appletree Quilting Center

- Minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's report was approved.
- Martha Eberhard moved the Bylaws Article 4-Section 2.1. be changed to: each officer shall be elected for a 1-year term and may not be elected to more than 5 successive terms. Mona Stevenson second and the motion carried with one abstention.
- Martha Eberhard moved that we add a section at the beginning of the policies document, Oversight/Governance, to include operations guidelines that are not committee specific. Janet Hollandsworth seconded and the motion carried.
- Maggie Walter moved that a new policy be added to the Oversight/Governance section as follows: The Booneslick Trail Quilters' Guild maintains strict confidentiality of all member information. Addresses and personal data collected by the guild are used solely for internal administrative purposes and will not be shared, disclosed, or distributed to any third party. Martha Eberhard seconded and the motion carried.
- Martha Eberhard moved that we add a conflict of interest/disclosure statement to our Oversight/Governance section of the policies. Maggie Walter seconded and the motion carried.

— Janet Sapp, Secretary

May 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Sit N Sew 9:30 am Day Chapter Mtg. 1:00 pm Fairview UMC	5	6	7 Starlight Chapter Mtg. 7:00 pm Appletree Quilting Center	8 Zoom Workshops (pre- registration required) 9:00 am— 1:00 pm and/or 1:30 pm— 5:30 pm	9
10 	11 Board Meeting 10:00 am Appletree Quilting Center	12	13 Small Wonders 1:00 pm DBRL Newsletter Articles Due	14 Sassy Stitchers 9:30 am DBRL	15	16
17 SASH 2:00 pm Appletree Quilting Center	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25 	26 Needlework 1:00 pm Mindy Smith	27	28	29	30

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

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|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|---|
| Day Chapter: | Mona Stevenson | 573-698-2019 | Guild Interest Groups on Calendar | |
| Starlight Chapter: | Kat Reece | 573-619-7928 | Needlework: | Mona Stevenson 573-698-2019 |
| Guild's Calendar: | Donna Puleo | 573-808-6079 | 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 |
- *Short Attention Span Happy Quilters!

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.

Membership News

New Members:

- **Abbi Helmle** 38 Broadway Village Dr., Columbia, MO 65201, (336) 825-1933, nchelmle12@me.com

Marketplace Musings

Thank you to Marty Webster for teaching us how to make playing card holders at the April Sit N Sew, and thanks to everyone who participated. These will be a good seller at the Marketplace. On May 4th at Day Chapter Sit N Sew, Willie Morris will teach us how to make the cute little collapsible thread-catchers.

Supplies needed: An 8"x10" rectangle of cute cotton fabric, another 4" x 8" piece of the same fabric (which will be cut into two 3 1/2" circles), and basic hand-sewing tools: pencil/fabric marker, pins, clips, hand-sewing needle, thread to match your fabric, and scissors.

Homework: Prepare the 8" x 10" rectangle as follows: Turn under 1/4" on each of the 10" edges and press. Line up the 8" sides, right sides together, and sew a 1/4" seam; press this seam open. Ta Da, a cylinder!

We will finish the rest by hand (**you don't need to bring your sewing machine to Sit N Sew**). Willie will provide the ring, cardboard circles, template, and batting.

These are a handy little item which have been big sellers in the past. Sit N Sew will start at 9:30 am. As always, many thanks for the lovely Marketplace items that have been turned in at each meeting. See you in May!

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



H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y

Linda O'Keefe	5/1	James Reese	5/18
Merril Winfield	5/4	Barb Hawley	5/20
Laurie Matthews	5/5	Betty White	5/21
Lynn Hill	5/9	Maurine Long	5/22
Judy Gieselman	5/10	Carlee Cellar	5/24
Daphne Hedges	5/10	Glenda Moum	5/25
Kathy LaMere	5/13	Sarah Gist	5/31
Janet Hollandsworth	5/18		

Booneslick Trail Quilters Guild Proposed Budget 2026-2027		
Budget Categories	Income	Expense
ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS		
Administration	0.00	800.00
Annual Meeting	0.00	1,500.00
Contingency	0.00	200.00
Transferred Funds ¹	7,440.00	0.00
General Fundraising ²	500.00	0.00
Quilt Show	9,000.00	3,000.00
Library	50.00	100.00
Membership	5,250.00	0.00
Publications (Directory & Newsletter)	0.00	2,500.00
Hospitality	0.00	0.00
Service Projects	0.00	1,000.00
Administration Operations Subtotal	\$22,240.00	\$9,100.00
Day Chapter Operations³		
Programs	0.00	4,500.00
Rent	0.00	990.00
Sit and Sew	990.00	990.00
Meeting Set-Up	0.00	330.00
Day Chapter Operations Subtotal	990.00	\$6,810.00
Starlight Chapter Operations³		
Programs	0.00	4,500.00
Rent	0.00	990.00
Meeting Set-Up	0.00	330.00
Starlight Chapter Operations Subtotal	\$0.00	\$5,820.00
SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
Speaker & Workshop ⁴	0.00	0.00
Winter Retreat	14,000.00	15,500.00
Other Events	0.00	0.00
Special Programs Subtotal	14,000.00	15,500.00
Miscellaneous		
Misc.	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Subtotal	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OF ALL CATEGORIES	\$37,230.00	\$37,230.00

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 it is 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. Do you dare to take on the challenge to create the Star Wars’ pie?



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 and voting on next year’s budget and by-law changes will start at 10:15 a.m.

Show and Tell —Bring your latest creations and be prepared to give a short preview of the item.

Surprise activity – We are going to have a parade. I’ve seen several parades on Facebook and YouTube. They always make me smile, which led me to think: Why don’t we all smile together at a BTQG parade? Consider selecting any one creation of any size – king, queen, standard, twin, cribs – and home decorations, table runners, placemats, wall hangings, purses, toys, etc. – anything at all that you made, whether it was stitched by hand or machine. The parade should begin at about 11 a.m. and round up by 11:45 a.m.

How it works: Once you’ve found your selected treasure, fill out the entry form below and return it to me in person or via email at MaggieWalter7@gmail.com. As I received them, they will be numbered in order of arrival. In turn, on parade day, that will determine the line-up in the parade. Be sure to include the request for your name, email and a maximum of 2 sentences to describe the item and , most importantly, why you selected it.

As you enter the parade, a guild volunteer will read your name and description, which will allow you to concentrate on creating a circular parade throughout the meeting hall.

PARADE ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ **ITEM for parade:** _____

Maximum of 2 sentence description of the item and why you selected it.

Following the parade there will be door prizes & surprises!!!

—Maggie Walter,
Past CEO



Annual Meeting Trunk Show

“Storybook Quilts” will be presented by Laura Piland (Please note the start of her last name – just a wonderful co-incidence to the day’s event.)

She started Slice of Pi Quilts in 2016. In this trunk show, Laura says she will share more than 20 quilts she has made to match quilts in illustrations in popular children’s books!

She says her book, “Storybook Quilts,” is part quilting book, part love letter to children’s literature, and wholly inspired by the magical intersection of real and make believe. The book has patterns for 14 quilts from beloved picture books.

Check out her creations and products at sliceofpiquilts.com.

The photo of Laura was taken at the 2025 Heartland Quilt Network.



Wrapping up the day’s events

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.

P.S. As the Past CEO, it’s my job to pull this all together, and frankly I will need some help. Volunteers are needed for setting up the brunch line and decorations etc. At the end of events, I will also need help packing up the leftovers and clearing the tables etc. We do not have to put the tables and chairs away. If you’re willing to help, please send an email at MaggieWalter7@gmail.com.

The only time set in stone is 9:30 a.m. to begin sharing our pie creations. We will try to keep on track of time as listed, but events will happen when they happen.

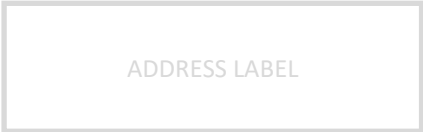
—Submitted by Maggie Walter, past CEO

2027 Retreat Committee

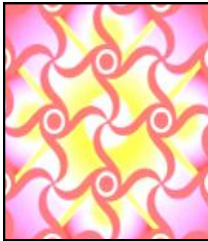
It is time to begin planning for our retreat next year. If you would like to participate on the Retreat Committee with me, please send me an email and let me know..... mindy@missouri.edu. I promise you will enjoy the process, and I look forward to hearing from you!!.....Mindy



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May 4th Sit N Sew



We will make Thread Catchers for yourself OR to Donate to the Quilt Show Marketplace. See Marketplace Musings on Page 4 for details on supplies and "homework". No sewing machine needed!

