

Upcoming Events:

**February 21 – 9am-1pm
Workshop on Puppies, Kittens
and Bunnies! Oh My! by Laura
Piland**

**March 5 – Guild meeting
Scrappy Farmer Presentation
by Vicky Beasley**

**March 21 – 9am-3pm National
Quilt Day Charity Sewing.**

**March 21 – 9am-12pm
Workshop Embroidery 101 by
Dianne Burnett.**



**Miami County Quilter's Guild Newsletter
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Miami County Quilters Guild, February 5, 2026

Meeting at the Community Center, Paola, Kansas

Opening: Debra Dameron AM President opened the meeting with words of wisdom. The only place housework comes before quilting is in the dictionary. I am a quilter and my house is in pieces. Based on my calculations, I will be finished with all my quilt projects five years after I'm dead. Laura Davids, evening vice-president, opened the evening meeting.

Members present: at the AM meeting – 47, no visitors. PM meeting - 25 members including two new members, Meriah Mitzner and Sandy Schultz.

Member updates:-Diane Burnett is not feeling well today. Charlotte Bousman's brother passed away and his services are February 6, 2026. R. Michelle Pixler, evening president, is in Texas with her sister, to see her nephew who is seriously ill.

Review of minutes: January minutes, no corrections or additions. AM Motion to approve the minutes-Marilyn Barbour-Gray, Second Cindy Toburen. PM Motion to approve the minutes - Brenda Craig, Second - Jackie McLean.

Treasurer's Report: Connie Epp reported January inflows from membership, opportunity quilt ticket sales, retreat deposit, and silent auction- total \$1255.00. Outflows were the community center rent, internet/website, printing, and prizes/awards-total \$872.93. Account Balances as of 1/31/2026-Bank and CD \$24,606.86 Cash Holy Trinity Deposit \$500.00 Overall total \$25,106.86. AM Motion to approve the Treasure's Report-Kathy Havelka, Second Dianna Cook. PM Motion - Rebecca Potter, Second - Brenda Craig

Correspondence: Thank you from Agape Food Pantry and 2025 Tax Receipt from PACA.

Membership: Remember that we are going to create the membership books electronically this year. The membership roster will be updated during the year. Please fill out the membership sheets with dues, the deadline to renew will be at the March 5th meeting.

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| Birthdays | |
| 3/2 Darlene Hadsall | |
| 3/6 Susan Jones | |
| 3/7 Teresa Pfau | |
| 3/7 Jan Simmons | |
| 3/8 Shirley Walker | |
| 3/11 Lana Ramsdell | |
| 3/15 Patti Walters | |
| 3/17 Tina Kennedy | |
| 3/21 Miley Parks | |
| 3/28 Kelly Schroeder | |
| 3/29 Nadine Staver | |

Programs: Jeanne Ainsworth and Nancy Hart-Kline have almost completed the 2026 Calendar of programs and workshops; the schedule will be on the website and at the March meeting they will have handouts. The February Workshop, 2/21/2026 9-1 PM will feature Laura Piland, creator of Slice of Pi Quilts, Program-Puppies, Kittens & Bunnies! Oh My! Please sign up with your \$5.00 deposit, forms at the membership desk. The March Workshop, 3/21/2026 9-12pm, Embroidery 101 by Diane Burnett. Please sign up with your \$5.00 deposit and \$5.00 kit, bring your small scissors and needle threader. National Quilting Day Charity Quilting Workshop will also be going on that day 9-3 PM. Please bring fabric yardage and felt, accuquilt cutters and dies. We will be cutting out quilted hugs, lap quilts, charity quilts, and other kits for projects.

The March program presenter is Vicky Beasley 'The Scrappy Farmer-Prairie Stones, Not Just One Pattern but Endless Options.

Community Service: We need to inventory and replenish our backing and batting supplies.

Quilt Show: Kathy Havelka has twelve categories for the 2026 Quilt Show-Applique Quilt, Art/Pictorial Quilt, Baby/Toddler Quilt, Beginner Quilt, Wearable Art & Accessories-this would include bags, Guild Challenge Items, Holiday Quilt (any holiday), Miniature Quilt, Modern or Abstract Quilt, pieced (S-M), Pieced (L-XL) and Wall Hanging/Wall Quilt.

Challenge: The 2026 Challenge for July is "anything but a quilt". This challenge was meant to allow us to think outside the box about items we create. Laurie Jacklovich has a detailed handout at the membership table and it will be on the website. If you still have questions about this challenge. Email or text: lauriejack419@gmail.com or 913-837-6169.

Block of the Month: Jane Drugg is working hard to set up the patterns for the Celebrating America 250! themed Block of the Month. March block is Alabama. Use colors Red, White and Blue and block size 12.5 inches. AM winner of Block drawing-Charlotte Bousman. PM winner of Block drawing - Lacey York

KCRQF: Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival June 16-19, 2027. Pam Pearson has volunteered to fill the opening for a Representative now that Chrystine Hendrickson is on the KCRQF EXE Board. The first meeting is 2/7/2026, 10 AM.

Quilts on display at Paola library:

Contact: Joyce Geiger

March – Jane Drugg

April – Joyce Geiger

May – Sharon Schroeder

June – Carol Cooper

July – Terri Couture

August – Debra Dameron

September – Jackie McLean

October – Jackie McLean

November – Sharon Schroeder

December – Heidi Kessler

New Business:

Committee Chairs: Most of the chairs have been confirmed with former individuals maintaining spots and some new appointments. Thank you to our new greeters Jane Drugg (am) and Carol Cooper (pm), 2026 Opportunity Ticket Chair - Brenda Mosley, Evening Food Pantry - Michelle Pixler, Odd month Day Food Pantry - Branda Jenkins, Christmas Party Chair - Joyce Geiger, Marilyn Barbour-Gray, and Audit Ben Havelka. We are still looking for the 2027 Opportunity Quilt Chair. Regarding Food Pantry donations, for various reasons please donate cash vs food items.

July meeting and Potluck-AM motion to keep the meeting on July 2, 2026 was made by Connie Epp and second Branda Jenkins, after a short discussion a vote was taken 3 members for July 9 and 44 members voting for July 2. PM vote was 17 voting for July 2 with the remainder not expressing a preference.

Old Business:

Budget:-not all the budget items were submitted but the budget will be completed by the March meeting for approval.

Bylaw:s-Anyone wanting to assist in reviewing bylaws please drop by the Community Center on Saturday 2/7, 9-11am or contact Debra Dameron by Saturday with suggestions.

Birthdays: Everyone born in February, please stand.

Prizes:

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| Name Tag | AM Charlotte Bousman | PM Karen Creech |
| Door Prize | AM Brenda Kuder | PM Richelle Parks |
| Food Pantry | AM Nancy Hart-Kline | PM Karen Creech |

Meeting Adjournment: AM Motion by Jane Drugg, Second by Joyce Geiger PM Motion Richelle Parks, Second Jackie McLean

Announcements

Show and Tell

Program

2026 Challenge - due for July's meeting

Lots of questions about our Challenge for the year of "Anything but a Quilt". I thought putting it in writing might help. This challenge was meant to allow us to think outside the box about items we create. Think about cute and unique items that you have seen in quilt shops, boutiques, and on social media platforms that would not qualify as a quilt. For those of you that want a definition of a quilt, here is my best attempt. A quilt is made of fabric that is created into a pattern that is large enough that you would use it for comfort on the couch or place it on a bed with the purpose to sleep under.

Some of the questions that I have had about items for this challenge:

- Does it have to be made of fabric? No
- Can I take something else and add my own touch of creativity to it? Yes
- Can it be a wall hanging, pillow, bag, jacket, ottoman, pin cushion? Yes, yes, yes, yes!
- Is there a limit on how many items I can enter? No

I thought that this challenge would be a neat way to give our members a chance to showcase more than our quilts. We have an amazing group of talented members and this will be a fun way to share our gifts.

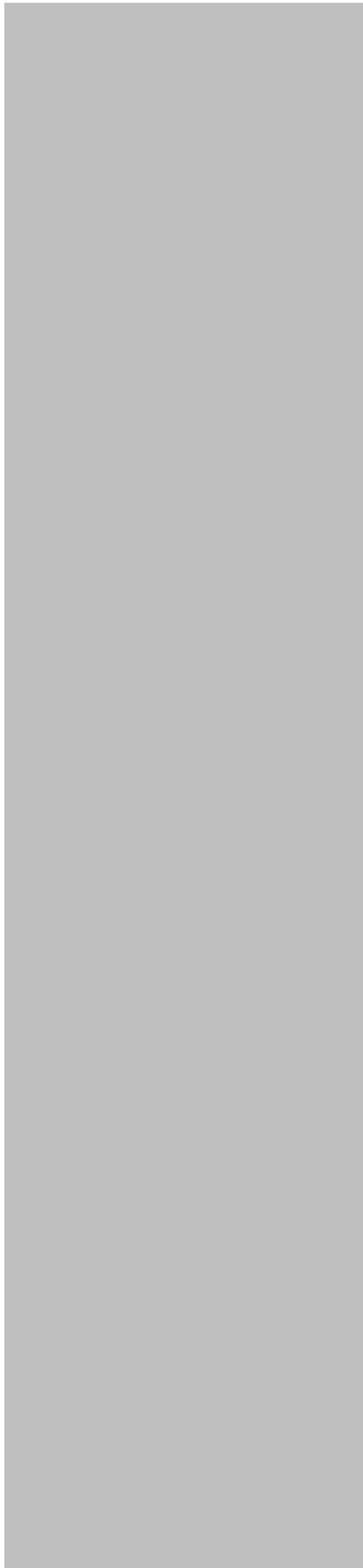
When voting in July, your peers will be looking at the items and not just picking their favorite.

Here are some examples of what they may be looking for:

- Which item is most unique?
- I would buy that!
- Nope, definitely not a quilt.
- I want to learn how to do that!

I may come up with some other categories, but none to share yet!

If you still have questions about this challenge. Email or text me lauriejack419@gmail.com or



913-837-6169. I do work during the day, so it would be most likely that you will not get a response during the day.

I cannot wait to see what everyone creates!!!

Laurie Jacklovich

