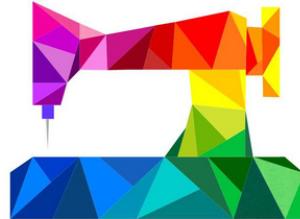


# Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass

Monthly Newsletter

January 2026



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## JANUARY 13TH GUILD MEETING

- **6:00pm** - Refreshments: Salad and Surprise
- **6:30pm** - Meeting
  - **Speaker** - Lilly Matthews
    - Appliquéd Techniques
- **Block of the Month Lotto**: Football Four Squares
- **Show and Tell**: Any Quilts or Quilted Items



## Looking Ahead

January 10<sup>th</sup> - Duffle Bag Service Project

January 16<sup>th</sup> - Sit and Sew

January 17<sup>th</sup> - Sit and Sew;  
Saturday School

February 10<sup>th</sup> - Guild Meeting

# Saturday School

Taught by Liz Kingsland



## Hold it Bag

Liz will be teaching how to make this adorable and easy to sew bag on both Sit and Sew days.

*Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm*

*&*

*Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am*

### Supplies List

- (2) Contrasting Fat Quarters
- 1 yard of Ribbon

Please bring your sewing machine and basic sewing kits (thread, pins, seam ripper, scissors etc.)



## BOOKCLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday, at noon at the Extension Office.

For the January, we will be discussing:

### The Art Thief

By Michael Finkel

## Duffle Bag Service Project

Hosted by Sierra Smith

**January 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am.**

No child should have to put their possessions in a trash bag.

Come assist in making duffle bags for the children in the foster system. All skill levels are welcome. Fabric will be provided. There are opportunities for everyone to participate from ironing to sewing.



# Quilt SHOW 2026

April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>



## Opportunity Quilt

Please get tickets to sell our beautiful quilt from Mary Beth Dunn.

If you have a site where we can set up to sell tickets, let her know and we can make the quilt available.

A flyer for the quilt is at the end of this newsletter for sharing



## A Call to Enter Celebrate: YOU

Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass  
Quilt Challenge  
Sponsored by Thomas Sewing  
Center

Please see pages 6 & 7  
for challenge rules,  
deadlines, prize info  
and more



We are in need of committee members for the show.  
Please see Vickie Coleman for more information:  
[Vickiecoleman@aol.com](mailto:Vickiecoleman@aol.com)

## Community Outreach

With the generous donations of our members we were able to help serve two nursing home facilities residents. Our outreach efforts assisted over 250 nursing home residents. Thank to everyone that donated and those that came to Sayre Village to spread cheer. We will start donations for 2026 soon.

We are continuing to collect washed label free amber prescription bottles with lids

## 2026 One Hour Challenge



- Use the One Hour Challenge form\* to make a list of 12 projects you want to work on this year.
- Don't have 12 projects? No problem at all. You can add to your list throughout the year by emailing or texting Liz Kingsland
- Text or email Liz or post to the Guild Facebook page when you have worked on one project from your list for at least an hour during the month. You will be entered in a drawing at the guild meeting.
- Need a little bit more time? You are able to work on the same project over multiple months.
- Finished that project? You get two entries in the drawing!

\*Forms will be given out at the January meeting

## Block of the Month Lotto

by Lissa LaGreca

The Block for January is  
Football Four Patch



Celebrate the Big Game with your favorite team!!

Each bag will contain the pattern and football fabric for \$1. You supply the additional fabrics and represent your favorite football team (Pro, College, High School, or kid leagues) using fabric from your stash. You can use two or more colors, using solids, blenders or even team fabric!

GO SPORTS!!!



# Block of the Month Bee

A “Wrap it Up” lunch on January 30 at the Extension Office at 11:30.

Everyone who worked on this Block of The Month Bee (even if they did not finish) is invited. Liz will be providing a light lunch, so please send her RSVP by email or text to be counted.



## The Gina Andreoli Scholarship

**Applications are now open,  
Forms will be available at the guild meetings.**

**For more information please contact:**

**Eve Adams**  
**Adam's.eve@yahoo.com**  
**or**  
**Liz Kingsland**  
**Liz.kingsland@uky.edu**

# Volunteer Hours

The tallying of volunteer hours is the most important action you can do for our community. Why? Because each hour is converted into money and returned to our extension. What are volunteer hours?

Anything that would cost someone money if you didn't volunteer to do it. These services might include:

*Watching grandchildren*

*Volunteering at church*

*Helping a sick or shut in person*

*Pet watching*

*Sewing charity items*

*Attending homemaker or quilt guild meetings*

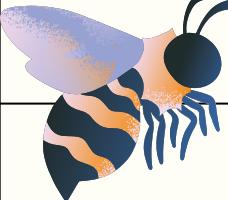
*Preparing for meetings or events*

Kellie Wade and Paula Markus, your Leadership Development Chairs are responsible for collecting and tallying your hours. So please try to turn them into Paula or Kellie each month. We will be using brightly colored sheets for

you to record your hours on. The extension year starts July 1, 2025 and ends June 30, 2026. By turning your sheets in every month will help us keep track of hours and not be bombarded with it all at the end of the year. Then we will recognize members for the services at the county, region and state levels.

Thank - you for your cooperation.

# Recognizing and Thanking Our Community Quilts Bee



To our incredible Community Quilts Bee: thank you for the dedication, creativity, and generosity you've poured into this year's work. Every quilt, every block, every hour of cutting, piecing, quilting, organizing, and delivering reflects your commitment to our community.

Your teamwork, your kindness, and quilting skills have made it possible for us to reach an extraordinary milestone —400 quilts!-- and to touch lives across every stage of life. A special thank you to each of our busy bees for the heart you bring to this effort. Your contributions matter, and they are deeply appreciated.

Fran O'Connor—my humble, tireless, generous and diligent partner!

Barb McGovern

Charlene Clay

Cindy Maynard

Diane Fearn-Desrosiers

Jackie Scott

Lillian Matthews

Lisa Thomas

Marie Hancock

McCall Koerper

Nicole Kelleher

Pam Johnston

Paula Markus

Peggy Knapp

Rhonda Tiefert

Ruth Berry

Shirley Caldwell

Sue Lucas

Teri Cox

The benefiting organizations in our community represent the cradle-to-grave recipients:

Ronald McDonald House

The Nest

Methodist Children's Home

Eastern State Hospital

North Carolina Flood Relief

Taylor Manor

Fayette County Sheriff's Office

Chrysalis House

Homestead Post Acute Care



# Opportunity Quilt

presented by The Quilters Guild of the BlueGrass  
at The Bluegrass Quilt Show

Our Quilt will  
be awarded  
by drawing  
on Saturday  
April 11<sup>th</sup> at  
Fayette  
County  
Extension  
Building



Benefiting The Gina Andreoli  
Scholarship Fund for Nursing and  
the pursuit of Quilting Education



# Celebrate:YOU

Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Quilt Challenge

Sponsored by Thomas Sewing Center

**What makes you special?**  
**What is something you love and want to share?**  
**What do you enjoy in your life?**  
**Is there something that you just want to sing about to everyone?**

The 2026 quilt challenge is an opportunity to share with the world something that you find worth celebrating in your life.

It can be something personal about yourself, or it can be an event that you love to go to.

It can be enjoying flowers in the garden or listening to music. The possibilities are endless.

## Timeline

**November 6th, 2025** - Challenge announced

**January 13th, 2026** - Entry forms will be available.

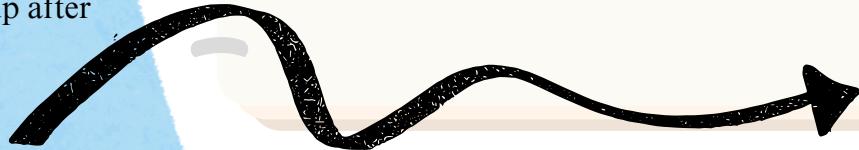
**February 10th, 2026** - Entries open - entries may be submitted starting at this meeting. Entries must be turned in to Lissa.

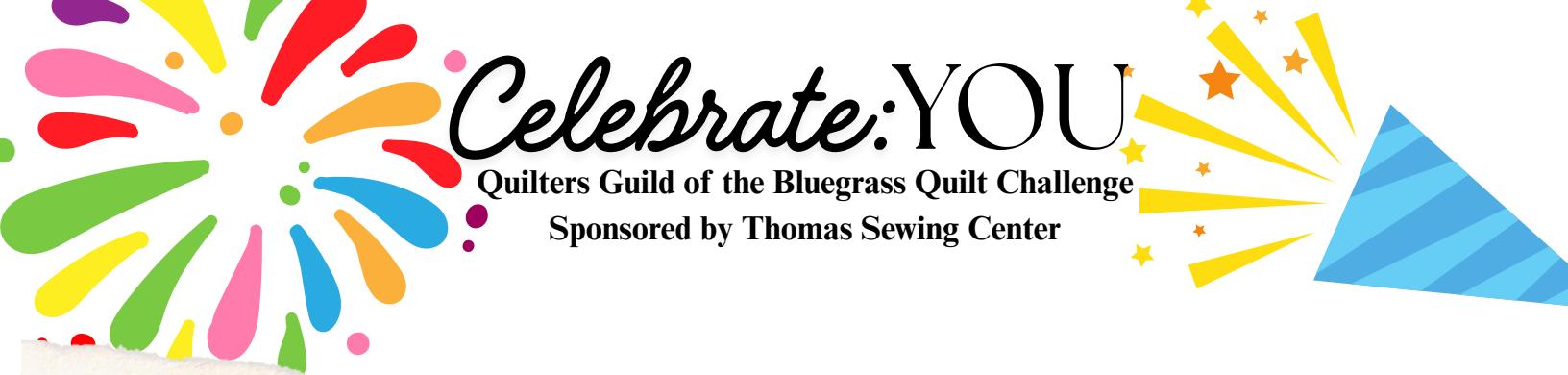
**April 7th, 2026** - Entries close - all entries must be turned in to Lissa by this date.

**April 14th, 2026** - All quilts will be returned at the April meeting if not picked up after the show. \*

## Challenge Rules

- Only members of the Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass are eligible to enter.
- Quilts must measure 30" wide by 40" long.
- Quilts must consist of three layers quilted together, a finished edge, and must have a hanging sleeve.
- Quilts must be made between January 2025 and April 7th, 2026.
- Quilts must be free from animal hair and odors and in a clean condition.
- Quilts must have a label on the back including the artist's name and contact information, name of quilt, and year it was made.
- The title of the quilt must start "Celebrate: (enter the celebration or the reason of the celebration)" Submissions must include an artist statement of no more than 100 words.
- All methods of quilt making are welcome (pieced, paper pieced, appliqué, hand stitched etc)
- Quilt must be made entirely by one maker (creation of top through quilting and finishing).





## Prizes

Prizes will be awarded through audience voting.

**1st Prize** - \$100 gift card to Thomas Sewing Center.

**2nd Prize** - \$50 gift card to Thomas Sewing Center.

**3rd Prize** - \$25 gift card to Thomas Sewing Center.

**Three prizes are being generously sponsored by Thomas Sewing Center.**

Questions regarding the Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Challenge should be sent to:  
[lovinglylissa@gmail.com](mailto:lovinglylissa@gmail.com)

## AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge

The top 8 voted quilts will be entered into the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge.

\*Quilts going to the Ultimate Guild Challenge will be turned over to the UGC coordinator by the April meeting.



Special thanks, love, and kisses to Thomas Sewing Center for sponsoring our program