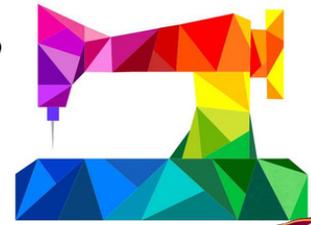


Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass

Monthly Newsletter

March 2026



Officers

President - Liz Kingsland

Liz.kingsland@uky@edu
QGBG.president@gmail.com

Vice President - Kellie Wade

kelliewade60@gmail.com
QGBG.vicepres@gmail.com

Vice President Elect - Mary Beth Dunn

xombdunn@hotmail.com

Secretary - Pam Johnston

Pam16johnston@yahoo.com
QGBG.secretary@gmail.com

Treasurer - Sarah Frye

sfrye@ckycs.edu
QGBG.treasurer@gmail.com

QGBG.Commteam@gmail.com

For Newsletter help or if you
are unsure who to contact



MARCH 10TH GUILD MEETING

- **6:00pm** -Refreshments: Nacho Bar
- **6:30pm** - Meeting
 - Quilty Minute: Sarah Frye
 - Speakers: Sierra Smith
 - Aunt Jane of Kentucky
by Eliza Calvert Hall 1898

• **Block of the Month Lotto:**

• **Show and Tell:**

- *Sharing First: Basketball themed or St. Patrick's themed*
- *Sharing Second: Any Quilts or Quilted Items*

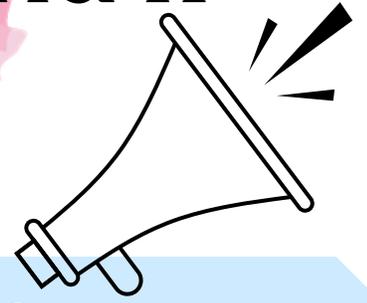


Looking Ahead

- March 13th - Sit and Sew; Sew Studies
- March 14th - Sit and Sew; Sew Studies
- April 10th & 11th - The Bluegrass Quilt Show
- April 14th - Guild Meeting
- May 30th - Community Quilts Event
- August 15th - Guild Yard Sale



Quilt April 10th and 11th SHOW 2026



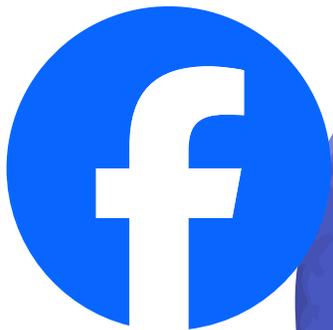
The Bluegrass Quilt Show Call for Entries

Guild members, it's time to shine! Entries are now open for **The Bluegrass Quilt Show**, and you are invited to share your work with our quilting community.

Whether your passion is traditional, modern, or art quilts, a wide range of styles and stories are welcomed. This show celebrates creativity, craftsmanship, and the many ways you Celebrate! stitched into every quilt.

➡ **Entry guidelines, important dates, and the entry form are available on The Bluegrass Quilt Show Facebook page.** Please visit Facebook for complete information and submission instructions.

We all look forward to showcasing the quilts being created within our quilting community and sharing the stories they tell!



Please Like and Share
The Bluegrass
Quilt Show
Facebook Page



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 included with this newsletter for sharing

Quilt SHOW 2026

April 10th and 11th

Volunteers
NEEDED



We need volunteers to make our quilt show a success. Sign up sheets will be available at the March guild meeting. Volunteers who work four hours at the show will receive free admission.

Please contact Lisa Thomas at Ltbetty11@gmail.com for more information

Quilt April 10th and 11th SHOW 2026

A Call to Enter

Celebrate: YOU

Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Quilt
Challenge

Sponsored by Thomas Sewing Center

Hi All,

Lissa is accepting entries now for the Celebrate: You challenge. If you don't have your quilt ready that is okay. But if you can fill out the entry form and turn it in sooner rather than later, it will help her get the signs done on time.

Please see pages 5 & 6 for
challenge rules, deadlines,
prize info and more.





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.

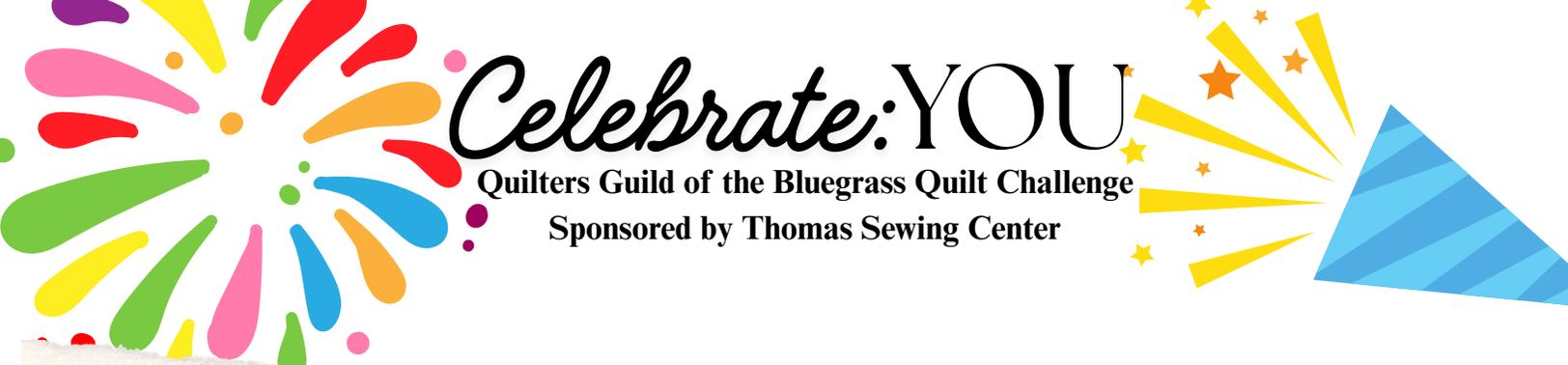
April 7th, 2026 - Entries close - all entries must be turned in to Lissa by this date.

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).





Celebrate: YOU

Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Quilt Challenge

Sponsored by Thomas Sewing Center

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.

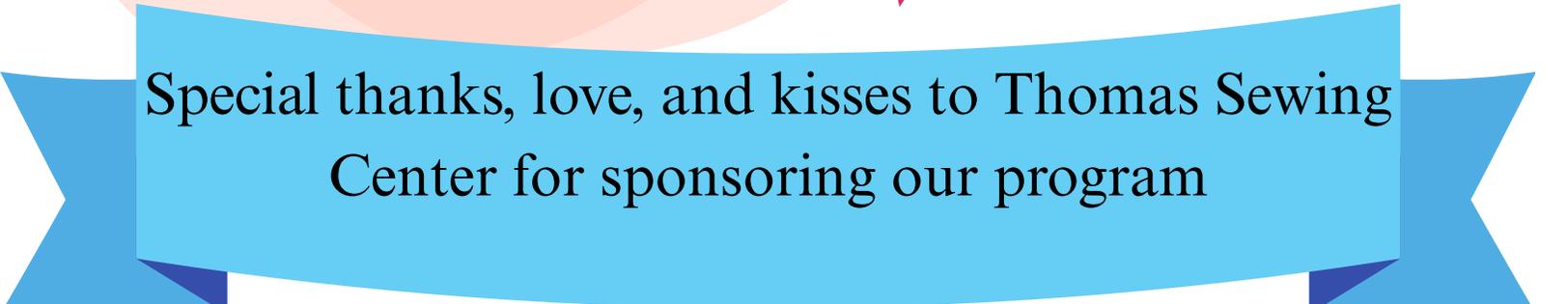


Questions regarding the Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Challenge should be sent to:
lovinglylissa@gmail.com

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

AQS Quilt show in Columbus Ohio Bus Trip



Itinerary

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

7 am Pickup: Extension Office
Lexington, KY 40503
10:30 am Arrive: 400 North High Street
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus OH 43215
Lunch OYO
5 pm Bus Pickup at Columbus Convention Center
5:15 pm Hotel

Thursday, September 24, 2026

8 am to 9 am Breakfast at Hotel or restaurant nearby
9:30 am bus to go to Convention Center
Lunch OYO
5 pm Bus Pickup at Columbus Convention Center
5:15 pm Hotel
Dinner 6 pm to 8 pm
Back to Hotel

Friday, Sept 25, 2026

8-9 am Breakfast Check Out Hotel
9:30 am to 3 pm Convention Center
3:15 pm Back on Bus
3:30 pm head Home
6:30 pm drop off Extension Office

Cost includes bus, Hotel for two nights, AQS Tickets for 3 days, AQS packets (comes with name badges),

Single \$830
double \$610
triple \$535
Quad \$500

These are double beds rooms.



We will need to get a deposit from anyone who is planning to go - **\$150 at the March meeting**, with the remaining balance due about 30 days in advance.

We will offer any extra seats to other local guilds if we don't fill up. There will 45 seats on the bus.

Accommodations

Hilton Hotel downtown Columbus.

Sew Studies

Taught by
Mary Beth



The Free class will be held at the FCEO on Friday, March 13th, and Saturday, March 14th, Sit N Sew and start at 9:30. It's a one day class, so you don't need to come both days.

The supply list and prep work instructions were previously sent out to the guild members via an email.

We are excited to see how everyone's toppers turn out.

Cranberry Crockpot Hot Tea



Ingredients:

- 48 oz cranberry juice
- 1 C boiling water
- 6 tea bags
- 1/2 C sugar
- 1/2 C dried cranberries
- 1 orange sliced
- 1 lemon sliced
- 4 whole cinnamon sticks
- 6 whole cloves
- 4 whole cinnamon sticks

Instructions:

Steep the tea in the slow cooker by pouring boiling water over bags. Cover; steep 10 minutes. Combine ingredients. Remove, discard tea bags. Stir in cranberry juice, dry cranberries, sugar, slice lemon and oranges, cinnamon sticks, and cloves. Cover, cook on low 2-3 hours or high 1-2 hours. Serve in mugs with fresh cinnamon sticks, lemon, oranges, for garnish.



The Gina Andreoli Scholarship



BOOK CLUB

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

The Book Club will be meeting on
March 16th, Monday, at noon at the
Extension Office.

For March, we will be discussing:

**We're On Our Way USA (The
Tailspin Travelogues)**
by Andy C. Wareing.

Community Outreach

**Joy of Giving items requested for
donation for March are:**



- Readers (all strengths)
- Large Print Word Search Books
- Pens
- Body Wash (men and women both)

**Looking ahead Joy of Giving requested
items for April donation are:**



- Gloves
- Neck Scarves
- Toboggans
- Houseshoes (both men and women)

If you would like more information about Joy
of Giving or Military Missions please stop by
the Joy of Giving table or contact, Pam Pfister
pam.pfister@gmail.com

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

Block of the Month



Bee 2025

**The rescheduled final meeting
is on March 6th at 10am at the
Extensionoffice.**

**Everyone is welcome to join in
whether finished with the
blocks or not. Light lunch will be
served**

**Please RSVP to
Liz**

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
- 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 are in the monthly guild emails

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.



Community Quilts



Spring is at our doorstep, and our Bee group has been busy!

We delivered 23 quilts in February to Ronald McDonald House and 15 to Chrysalis House. 10 quilts in total were given to the Nest, Methodist Children's Home and Eastern State Hospital at the February meeting.

We have 7 quilt top kits ready for assembly and 29 tops that need to be matched with batting, backing & binding before looking for some longarm love.

If you still have Rail Fence blocks, please bring them to the March meeting. We are focusing on larger quilts this year and exploring new ways to increase our quilt sizes while using these versatile blocks. We would **appreciate donations of solid or "reads solid" quilting fabric** as these work well to stretch our blocks for the larger quilt sizes.

We are excited to host a **Community Quilts Sew Day on Saturday, May 30th from 9:30-3:00.** We are in the planning stages now and appreciate your suggestions!

Thank you so very much for your support of our Community Quilts! Your attention to 1/4" seams really shows and the Rail Fence blocks look great!

Gratefully,
Jennifer Olsen
jjolsen83@gmail.com

Block of the Month Lotto

by Lissa LaGreca

The Block for March is Tiles



For \$1 participants will receive the pattern and the center block. Background and accent colors will come from your stash. All blocks turned in at the April meeting will be put into a drawing. The creator of the block drawn will receive all the blocks to make a quilt with!