

# Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass

Monthly Newsletter

April 2026



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# QUILTING BEES



## APRIL 14TH GUILD MEETING

- **6:00pm** -Refreshments: Pasta and Salad
- **6:30pm** - Meeting
  - Quilty Minute: Mary Beth
  - Tool Time: Susan Gibson
  - Activity: Quilting Bees sign ups\*
- **Block of the Month Lotto:**
- **Show and Tell:**
  - *Sharing First: Bee Themed*
  - *Sharing Second: Any Quilts or Quilted Items*



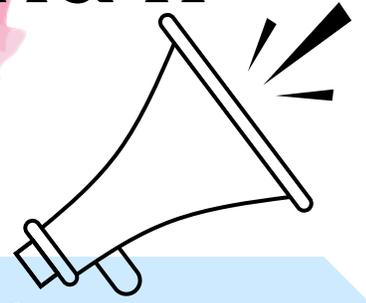
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## Looking Ahead

- April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - The Bluegrass Quilt Show
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Guild Meeting
- April 17<sup>th</sup> - Sit and Sew; Sew Studies
- April 18<sup>th</sup> - Sit and Sew; Sew Studies
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Community Quilts Event
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - Guild Yard Sale

# Quilt April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> SHOW 2026



## The Bluegrass Quilt Show Call for Entries

**Entry Deadlines is April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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.

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.

Entry drop off will start at 4pm on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Fayette County Extension Office



Please Like and  
Share  
The Bluegrass  
Quilt Show  
Facebook Page



### Opportunity Quilt

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

Please remember to turn in the ticket stubs for the drawing.

A flyer for the quilt is included with this newsletter for sharing

# Quilt SHOW 2026

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

*Volunteers*  
NEEDED



## **Volunteer need for the following positions:**

Entry Take In  
Bed Turning  
White Glove

Floating Quilt Show Helpers  
Quilt Show Take Down



We still need volunteers to make our quilt show a success.

Please contact Lisa Thomas at 859-629-2053

[Ltbetty11@gmail.com](mailto:Ltbetty11@gmail.com) for more information. Volunteers who work four hours at the show will receive free admission.

# Quilt April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> SHOW 2026

A Call to Enter

## Celebrate: YOU

Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Quilt  
Challenge

Sponsored by Thomas Sewing Center

Participants must email Lissa their artist  
statement by **April 7th**. Her email is  
[lovinglylissa@gmail.com](mailto:lovinglylissa@gmail.com)

Quilts can be dropped off on Thursday April 9th  
during set up starting at 4pm.

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





# Celebrate:YOU

Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Quilt Challenge  
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**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).





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## Prizes

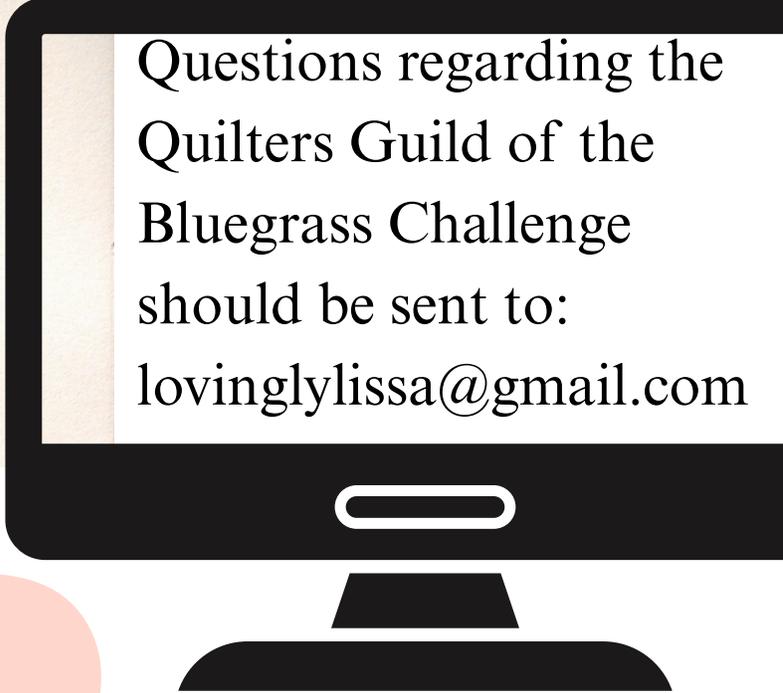
Prizes will be awarded through audience voting.

**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.**

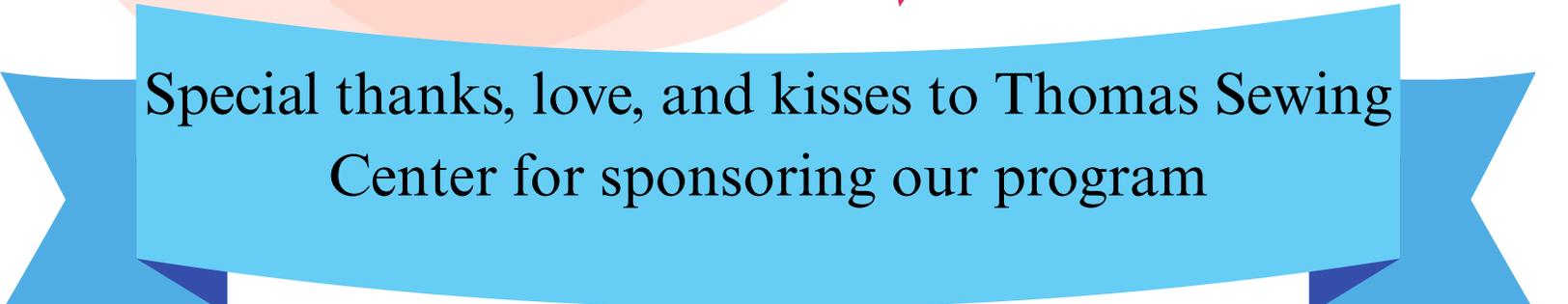


Questions regarding the Quilters Guild of the Bluegrass Challenge should be sent to:  
[lovinglylissa@gmail.com](mailto:lovinglylissa@gmail.com)

## 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

# 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

5:15 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

5:15 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 - **\$100 minimum at the April meeting**, (you are able to make multiple payments to spread out the cost) 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**  
Hyatt Regency downtown  
Columbus.



# QUILT BEES



## 2026

Spring is here which means it's time for the Quilt Bees to buzz to life.

This year the guild has 5 new bees. Community quilts bee which was formed last year will be continuing to buzz forward as well.

The Bees forming are:

Modern Mystery Quilt

with Sarah Frye

Panel Palooza

With Mary Beth Dunn

Black, White, and Bright

Block of the Month

With Lilly Mathews



ROW BY ROW

With Kellie Wade

Community Quilts

With Jennifer Olsen

Bag a Month Club

With Liz Kingsland



# KEHA Quilt Square Showcase and Auction

The KEHA Quilt Square Showcase and Auction is back for the 11th year at the KEHA State Meeting. Anyone wishing to participate should make a 12-inch finished quilt square. (Finished means piece the square, put in the batting, put on backing, and finish the edges just like you would a complete quilt. Finished appliqué squares also are eligible.)

Bring the 12-inch finished square(s) to the KEHA State Meeting in Lexington. Please write your name and county on a small slip of paper and attach to the back of the square.

If you would like to make one and are not attending get block to Kellie Wade by May 11th.



# 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  
Adams.eve@yahoo.com  
or  
Liz Kingsland  
Liz.kingsland@uky.edu

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

For April, we will be discussing:  
**The Funeral Ladies of Elliere  
County**  
by Claire Swinarski

## Community Outreach

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



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

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



- Lotion (both men and women)
- Costume Jewelry
- Chip clips
- items for grandkids: toys, stuff animals,  
coloring sets etc.

Please remember to bring the items to the  
Monthly meeting for collection. We haven't had  
many donations as of yet and would appreciate  
any contribution.

Thank you to those who have donated

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](mailto:pam.pfister@gmail.com)

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

## Sew Studies

Taught by Kellie and Roxy

## Working with Hexi's

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at  
10am - Noon

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at  
10am - Noon

# 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



We are gearing up for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bluegrass Quilt Show and hoping for a great turnout! Community Quilts will be selling bottled water to build up our batting fund (“Bottles for Batting”). I hope you will be thirsty!

We are excited for our Community Quilts Sew Day! Scheduled from 9-3:00 on May 30<sup>th</sup>—Please add it to your calendar and plan to attend. We will ask you to RSVP at a later date. We will have goody bags, refreshments, hands-on instruction and lots of fun as we work our way through the quilt creation process.

If you are willing to take a quilt sandwich for either long-arm or domestic quilting, please call or text Jennifer Olsen, 859-300-2016. I have small tops and some very large ones that will be ready to go out on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and I can deliver them to you. We are getting a bit of a backlog, so your help is greatly appreciated!

I appreciate you all “SEW” much!  
Jennifer

## Block of the Month Lotto

by Lissa LaGreca

### The Block for April is Spring Flowers



Participants will receive instructions and precut shapes to be appliqued for \$1.