# HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK

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## EXTRA! EXTRA!
## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

# Heartland Quilt Network Hybrid Annual Meeting

## Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9:30am

**Where:** Community Covenant Church
15700 West 87th St. Pkwy
Lenexa, KS OR via ZOOM

**Time:** Registration opens at 9:00am
Meeting begins at 9:30am
Check-in at main entrance
Look for the HQN sign
Adjourns at 2:00pm



Registration is OPEN!

**Deadline March 13, 2024**

**All dues must be paid by March 1, 2024 before your registration will be accepted.**

**(Registration form on Page 8)**

# The Heartland Quilt Network needs YOU!

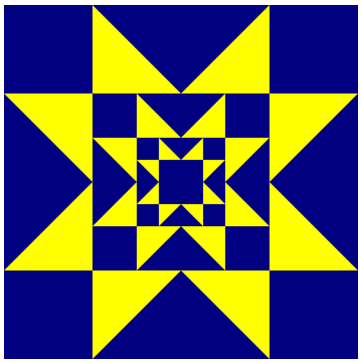
The following volunteer opportunities are open and we welcome any HQN guild member who is interested to step up and help keep our organization viable! Contact Julie Kiffin at HQNPresident@gmail.com if willing.

**Webmaven:** Keep the HQN website and associated online calendar updated with information from guilds and professionals as programs, quilt shows, and more are submitted.

**Membership:** Receive all membership registration and officer update forms and keep ongoing Excel list of members current. Send periodic emails to all members with the newsletters and details on the annual meeting. Coordinate with Webmaven to keep online information current.

## How Can You Support HQN?

- Send program and quilt show information to hqnwebmaven@gmail.com
- Update guild officer info – we want to be sure the newsletter and important details about the annual meeting will go to the proper person
- Spread the word!



## Did you know?

Did you know that every member of every guild who has joined the Heartland Quilt Network is actually also a member of the HQN?!? Guild representatives, please share this newsletter with your membership! The information contained herein isn't specific to the program chairs or guild presidents. There is information for everyone and we are endeavoring to add articles that will make this newsletter something everyone will enjoy reading!

## New and Improved HQN Logo

After years of not truly having an appropriate logo for our group, we now have a wonderful updated look. Our thanks to Stacey Maggiore for designing our new Heartland Quilt Network logo!

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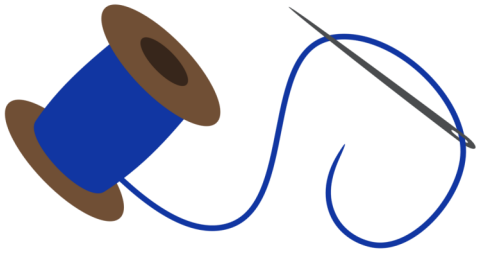
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## Hotels Near the HQN Annual Meeting



There are no rooms reserved at this time for the HQN members who wish to stay near the annual meeting location on Friday night. These are a few of the many options available with reasonable prices, all within 5 miles of the church. A quick Google search for hotels nearby the church offers more options.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Olathe
10360 S Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, KS 66061
(913) 541-9999

Radisson Hotel, Lenexa/Overland Park
12601 W 95th St, Lenexa, KS 66215
(913) 391-7749

Comfort Inn & Suites, Shawnee/Kansas City
16510 Midland Dr, Shawnee, KS 66217
(913) 962-5555

If there is interest in the future in reserving a block of rooms for those traveling, please indicate your interest on the evaluation form at the annual meeting and the topic will be revisited for future meetings.

# Treasury Update: EXPIRED MEMBERS TAKE NOTE

The Heartland Quilt Network is adjusting to our new normal post-pandemic. We are going through the membership list of both guilds and professionals & support organizations to see whose dues are current and whose have lapsed. We've let many slide during the last couple of years, but it's time to catch up and bring everyone current. Please check the website for your membership status. Guilds and professionals whose dues have lapsed, you will be contacted by either April Darnell, Membership Chair, or Julie Kiffin, President, to see if you want to continue your membership. If so, **please get your dues checks in by March 1, 2024**, so you can take part in the annual meeting!

# Hybrid Annual Meeting Preparations

## Guild Presidents, Program Chairs, other Guild Representatives:



The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Heartland Quilt Guild will be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom, offering guilds who are located farther away a chance to attend virtually. We welcome all guilds to send their representatives in person to network with other guilds and to meet individually with the HQN professionals in attendance. However, we understand there are guilds for whom it is not practical to send representatives due to the added cost of motels.

Given how our relationship with technology has evolved over the last couple of years since Covid, most of you are probably familiar with meeting virtually with Zoom. Those who wish to attend virtually may use a smart phone, tablet, or computer equipped with a camera and microphone. Guild officers may log in as a group or individually.

The links below are offered as a review of meeting virtually with Zoom. These alone should be enough to guide you in participating in a Zoom meeting.

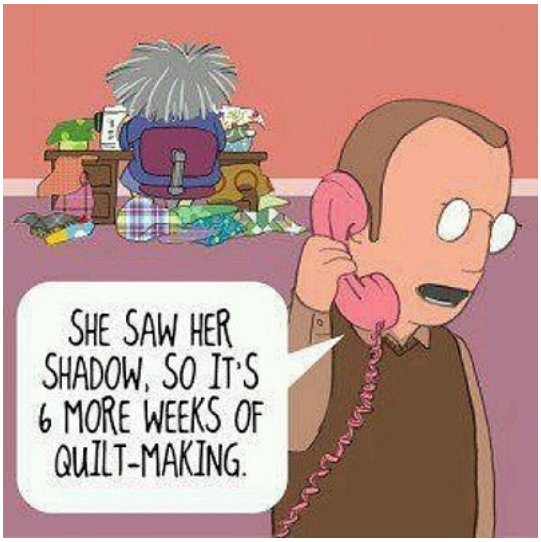
https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E Good intro to Zoom for 1st time users

https://nerdschalk.com/how-to-join-a-zoom-meeting-for-the-first-time/ A short zoom video - this one also has written instructions.

**Those attending in-person**: all registrations must be sent via USPS Mail, please, to Mary Honas at the address provided on the registration form. Each person planning to attend MUST register individually; however, multiple registrations may be mailed together if desired.

A box lunch from Panera will be served for $15 (reservations sent after March 13 will be $20 per person). Please indicate your meal choice on the registration form. Lunch will be served in the "fish bowl" where it was in the past. Complimentary bottled water will be available.

**Zoom registrations only** may be sent via email to Mary Honas at HQNTreasurer@gmail.com. Please include a scan of your registration form or all information as designated on the form in an email. Mary will compile a list of all names & emails from the registrations for Diane Murtha, our tech advisor. An email with the Zoom meeting link and passcode will be sent directly to the registrants the day before the meeting.




## To access the Heartland Quilt Network website:

http://www.heartlandquiltnetwork.com/

To access the Members Only portion (all lower case):

User name: **hqnetwork**

Password: **sew4fun**

# Meet the rest of the Board…

**Julie Kiffin, President:** I took my first quilting class in 1977 from Terry Thompson at her shop in Seville Square. She remained a friend for many years, and so many women have encouraged and inspired me in what became my lifelong passion. In 1992 I joined a friend in owning Liberty Quilt Shop. It was there that I met more women who shared a love of fabric and quilts. Someone asked if I have any friends who aren't quilters—I responded "a few." I currently live with my sister Tricia at the Lake of the Ozarks where I have time to sew almost all day. I've been a member of many guilds through the years, but my home guild has always been the Quilters Guild of Greater Kansas City. I also enjoyed my involvement with the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival. My commitment to Heartland Quilt Network is because I recognize the value guilds provide to their members, as well as providing a chance to support the work of our professional members. I welcome hearing from quilting friends from all over!



**Martha Ethridge, Vice President:** I started sewing with my grandmother. She had me cutting patterns out of brown paper. We also did some simple quilts with scraps. I still have some crazy quilts we made. Then, in high school, I made many of my clothes, even a few formals. When I had daughters I made clothes for them. My mother took the scraps to make quilts for my girls with fabrics from their clothes. I took some classes in a local quilt shop to learn new tools – rotary cutter. Then I taught in that same shop. I joined the local guild and went to many quilt shows taking more classes. I enjoy learning about new techniques. Often, I learn I don't want to do that again. I created some patterns and published in NQA Quarterly. Teaching at guilds and shops has been helpful and enjoyable. I took classes from Marci Baker and Sara Nephew. They asked me to make samples for their books. I have 3 quilts in their new C&T book, Simple Blocks – Striking Quilts. I also enjoy using and teaching EQ8 for quilting. Most of the quilts I make are for my family. My grandchildren and even nieces and nephews seem to enjoy them. Lately, I find I enjoy making my own purses.

**Kelly Ashton, At Large:** As a self-described "pragmatic quilt-maker", Kelly Ashton approaches quilt design and construction with a knowledge of and appreciation for the theoretical while searching for and developing skills and short-cuts that are practical. Kelly is passionate about patchwork! She is the author of *Hexagons, Diamonds, Triangles, and More: Skill-Building Techniques for 60-Degree Patchwork* and *Spinners, Spirals, & Stars: Hexagons WITH Movement and WITHOUT "Y-Seams"!* Post-COVID, Kelly has adopted the mantra, "Flexibility is the key to a happy life", so she continues to travel to quilt guilds "in-person" when able, and she also "travels" and teaches (presentations and workshops) via Zoom, as well as some classes on the new Craftsy website. Kelly has taught at a variety of national and regional shows including Houston Quilt Festival, AQS Quilt Week, Vermont Quilt Festival, and the Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival, and she has taught in-person and/or virtually (via Zoom, Craftsy, and National Quilters Circle) to quilters and quilt guilds across the country and around the world. She loves nothing more than to visit guilds or shops - in person or virtually - to talk and teach about quilts! Additionally, Kelly owns and operates The Creative Place, a retreat for quilters and other artists located in Spring Hill, KS.

**Deb Dukes, At Large:** My grandmother made quilt tops, then hand quilted them in the winter. I was never much interested in sewing, but as my kids grew up I knew that I needed an additional hobby to keep me occupied. I took a beginner quilting class when my two youngest boys were in high school and before the end of the class I bought a new sewing machine and never looked back. I have been a member of the Prairie Star Quilt Guild in Manhattan, KS, since about 2003-04, holding several positions in the guild and expect further participation after I retire from my day job.

## Wakefield Grant Update

Congratulations to the newest recipients of the HQN Wakefield Grants! As announced at the 2023 HQN annual meeting two grants of $500 each were awarded to these two guilds: Stitch by Stitch Quilt Guild in Marshall, Missouri and Platte Prairie Piecers of Platte City, Missouri.

The Wakefield Grant was created to honor former president Nancy Wakefield and assist smaller guilds in HQN in providing quality programs. The 2024 Wakefield Grant awardee will be announced at the annual meeting and published in the next newsletter.



The committee is accepting applications for the 2025 award. The application form can be found on our website under the Members Only section. Deadline to be considered for next year's grant is July 31, 2024.

Questions: Email Julie at hqnpresident@gmail.com

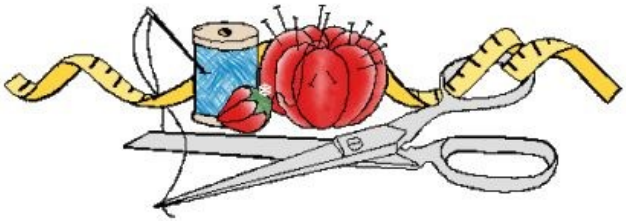
## HeartlandQuiltNetwork.com

Have you checked the HQN website lately??? Our new logo is up, calendar updates are posted as they are received, and you can now join or renew your membership, including online payment, through the website! Details about each of the professionals are in the Professional Members list in the Members Only section, as well as digital brochures provided by many of the professionals for you to download for review when considering speakers. To access the Members Only section use: User name: **hqnetwork,** Password: **sew4fun.** Be sure to check out all the updates!

## Membership Updates

The Heartland Quilt Network website, Facebook page, and newsletter aren't just for your guild presidents and program chairs. Once a guild joins the HQN, all members of the guild are considered members and may have full access to all of our resources. All members are also welcome to "Like" the HQN Facebook page to see updates as they are posted.

Guilds and professionals, alike, need to keep their memberships current. The respective lists are available in the Members Only section in PDF format. Membership expiration dates are included next to the names. Please check these lists and if your membership has expired or is due this year, **pay your dues by March 1, 2024, to be included in the annual meeting**. The HQN Officer Update form (page 8) and HQN Membership form for renewals (page 9) are both included in this newsletter for your use. Don't forget to send officer updates in so we can keep our guild contact information current.



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# GUILD MEMBERS AND PROFESSIONALS

## PLEASE SEND PROGRAM UPDATES FOR THE HQN WEBSITE ONLINE CALENDAR & FACEBOOK

Our mission is to keep those who visit the HQN website informed about the activities of our members—guilds and professionals, alike! As speakers, workshops, or events like quilt shows are scheduled or cancelled, please let us know. The more details we can provide on the website, the better! This benefits guilds by publicizing programs, quilt shows, and attracting new members. It also benefits the professionals by letting guilds know where they will be presenting programs and workshops. Quilt shows and other special events may also be shared on the HQN Facebook page!




Send information about guild programs and workshops, quilt shows, and shop hops to our webmaven, Julie Kiffin at HQNwebmaven@gmail.com. Any information sent with officer updates our Membership Chair will be forwarded to our webmaven to add to the web calendar.

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Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page. It is intended to work along with our website in spreading the word about networking between professionals, quilt guilds, and shops. Remember to send updated calendar info to HQNwebmaven@gmail.com to keep the website and FB page current.

https://www.facebook.com/heartlandquiltnetwork/

*Julie Kiffin, HQN Webmaven*

## Digital Brochures for Professional Members




The Heartland Quilt Network is continuing our bold action to improve communications with member guilds and professionals through our website. In lieu of providing HQN Professionals' paper brochures at the annual meeting, digital brochures are now available in the Members Only section of our website. Our hope is to make this information available to all of our member guilds, as well as helping program chairs access information when new officers come on board. We see this as a positive step in saving on printing and postage costs for HQN and professionals alike. We welcome your comments and suggestions to keep our network active.

We will still maintain the website document listing all Professional Members, along with links to their websites if they have one, letting guilds know how to contact a speaker/instructor. Professionals, please check the website to let us know if this information needs to be updated.

**If you would like to have your digital brochure or flyer posted in the Members Only section of the HQN website, please send it in PDF format to HQNwebmaven@gmail.com by March 10.**

# Heartland Quilt Network
# Annual Meeting Registration Form

## In-Person or ZOOM Hybrid Meeting to be held
## Saturday, March 23, 2024 — 9:00 Registration, 9:30 meeting

COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH • 15700 WEST 87TH ST. PKWY, LENEXA, KS

All in-person registrations must be via USPS Mail please. Each person planning to attend MUST register individually; however, multiple registrations may be mailed together if desired.

**I/We will be attending ☐ In person OR ☐ via Zoom**

**Guild/Organization/Business:** _____

Name: _____

Position held: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

## Send registrations no later than March 13, 2024 to:

**Mary Honas, HQN Annual Meeting**
7236 Goodman Street
Overland Park, KS 66204

**Zoom only registrations**
may be emailed to
HQNTreasurer@gmail.com

A box lunch from Panera will be served for $15 (reservations sent after March 13 will be $20 per person). Lunch will be served in the "fish bowl" where it was in the past. Bottled water will be available.

_____ Lunch $15.00 per person Please circle your choice: Chicken Turkey Vegetarian

If you have other dietary restrictions, please note that here:

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**We need a count on the number of tables/spaces needed**. **Professionals:** We invite all professionals to bring samples of their work to set up in the gym for networking after lunch. Remember there are **no sales** at this meeting. There are 25 tables available for professionals on a first come, first served basis. **Quilt Guilds:** Reserve a space to display your opportunity quilts. Please bring your quilt, quilt stand, and a small table—chairs will be provided.

_____Professional quilter display table _____ Guild opportunity quilt

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# Heartland Quilt Network

## Officer Update Form

Use this form to update officers during active membership, between renewals.

Mail to: Heartland Quilt Network
April Darnell, HQN Membership Chair
13420 Cottonwood Lane
Wamego, KS 66547-8983

Date: _____

**Guild Name:** _____

Guild Mailing Address or In Care Of: _____

_____

_____

Guild Email: _____

Guild Website/Facebook: _____

**President:** _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**VP/Program Chair:** _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**Newsletter Editor:** _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**Longterm Contact:** _____

Email Address: _____

Confirm meeting location, time/day, including any exceptions:

As new programs are scheduled, please send information to update the HQN calendar.

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# THE HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK

Memberships run from July 1 through June 30. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HQN.**

NEW MEMBER ☐ RENEWAL ☐ One Year $20 ☐ Three year $40 ☐

Return entire form and check to:
April Darnell, HQN Membership Chair
13420 Cottonwood Lane, Wamego, KS 66547-8983
or contact April at HQNMembership@gmail.com or 937-838-3760

**GUILDS**

**Guild Name**: _____

Meeting Place/Address & Time:_____

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Exceptions:_____

Guild Mailing Address (or in care of):_____

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Guild Website: _____

Guild Email: _____

**President:** _____

Phone:_____

Email: _____

**VP/Program Chair:** _____

Phone:_____

Email: _____

**Newsletter Editor:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Long-term Contact Name:** _____

Email: _____

Please attach a list of upcoming speakers, programs, and dates. Also include special projects, quilt shows, or community activities your guild sponsors. As officers change during your membership, please send updates to Membership Chair using the HQN Officer Update Form.

**PROFESSIONALS**

**Name**: _____

Company:_____

Address: _____

_____

Website: _____

Phone:_____

Email: _____

Please attach a summary of your classes/specialty. Also provide your upcoming schedule of lectures and workshops for the website. All information is welcome.

**SUPPORT MEMBERS**

**Business Name**: _____

Owner: _____

Address:_____

_____

Business Phone:_____

Personal Phone/Cell: _____

Business Email: _____

Shop Website: _____

☐ Yes, I would be interested in serving on the HQN Board.

Date: _____

## Professionals:

Please take a few minutes and go to the Members Only portion of the website and open the Professional Members file. Read through your information to assure it is current. We realize our offerings evolve over time and want to be sure everyone is happy with the information available to our guild members. Please send any updates or changes to our webmaven at HQNWebmaven@gmail.com.

## Member Guilds:

Please review your guild's information on the Member Guilds list in the Members Only portion of the HQN website. Having current officers with their contact information, as well as accurate time and place of your meetings is essential. Be sure to send any officer changes or updates to our membership chair at HQNMembership@gmail.com.



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**PLEASE NOTIFY THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR WHEN A NEW PROGRAM CHAIR TAKES OFFICE.**
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES: 1/15; 5/15; 8/30**

**GUILD PRESIDENTS AND CONTACT PERSONS**
We send digital copies of the newsletter to the guilds—to the president, program chair, or contact person. Because guilds change officers at different times of the year, we try to reach at least one person who can pass the newsletter to the current officers. Please help us by submitting the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of new officers as soon as you can. It's easy! Just send them to our website where they'll find the Officer Update Form!

If your guild has a digital mailing list, please feel free to send our newsletter out to the members of your guild.

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