HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Heartland Quilt Network Hybrid Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 29, 2025, 9:30am

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

Watch for more details and registration form in the Winter newsletter

Don't Forget to Check the Website for Upcoming Quilt Shows!

We have received information on several upcoming quilt shows and want to be sure to remind you to check the HQN website for those listings!

https://heartlandquiltnetwork.com/quilt-shows

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Message from the HQN President

I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying some kind of quilting adventure! I personally enjoy some kind of quilting every day. It just makes me happy! The idea behind HQN is to connect quilt guilds with professionals for lectures, trunk shows, and classes. It is a win/win for everyone. It has certainly helped me along my quilting journey.



The Spring Meeting allowed us to gather in person and with Zoom for those not able to travel. A big thank you to Mary Honas and Diane Murtha for spearheading this and making it happen. Being the first year, we did learn some things and plan to implement changes in the future to make it even better. It was great to have so many in attendance.

Several people on the board have been working to make the website more relevant and easier to maneuver. Please take a minute to enjoy these changes. We do appreciate their dedication!

Speaking of board members, have you ever considered being on the board. When I first joined, I thought the board was only professionals. Not so! All are welcome to participate. We need you and fresh ideas to help build this organization. Please give this some serious thought. If you have questions, please reach out to any current board member to discuss.

Yours in quilting,

Karen Hill, President

Did you know?

Did you know that every member within a "Member Guild" that has joined the Heartland Quilt Network has access to the information provided by 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!

Exciting HQN Website Updates

The pages with major changes are the three categories of memberships: Guilds, Professionals, and Supporting Members. The information for our active memberships can be found under the "Members Login" link on the menu bar. We ask that you review the data for your guild and/or business for any additional updates or inaccuracies and email me at HQNMembership@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for taking the time to assist me in making sure all of the information is up to date. With these updates, this process will be easier for us to manage going forward.

The other page you might want to check out is the "Events" page, which is the calendar of events for our active members: guild meetings, programs/lectures being presented by our member guilds, and your quilt shows. The "Events" calendar is offered on the public side of the HQN website, as we want to make it accessible to those quilters driving through an area who may want to find a local quilt guild meeting, quilt show in the area, AND a quilt shop or quilt museum. If you have programs/lectures or are working hard on a local quilt show and want us to put it on the HQN calendar, you can send all of this information to HQNWebmaven@gmail.com.

HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK

You don't see yourself listed? Has your membership expired? HQN's fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th and maybe your membership is expiring soon. If so, it is as easy as 1-2-3 to renew your membership at **Join Heartland Quilt Network**. Online payments can now be made by using a credit card **or** by making a payment directly from a bank account. But don't worry, mailing your membership form and check to HQN is still acceptable.

We all know that our guild boards are ever changing and we hear from our member guilds that they did not know their HQN membership had expired, as it had been three years since they had renewed their membership. To make membership renewals easier, as your current HQN membership expires, all renewals will now be annual with a membership fee of $25.

IMPORTANT*:** On July 1, 2024, the universal HQN username and password that has been used in the past was deactivated (**hqnetwork/sew4fun**). ***Active HQN members will need to establish their own username and password. We ask that you click on the "Member Login" link and establish your own username and password https://heartlandquiltnetwork.com/members-login/. A notice of a new account request will be emailed to HQN, the request will be approved, and an approval email will be sent to the email address on the new account. FOR EXAMPLE: ABC Quilt Guild may want their username to be: ABCQuiltGuild.

Please note: Each guild needs to create one username and password for their guild and then share that one account with all of your individual guild members. We ask that you do not have each member within your guild create their own account.

If you have any questions in regards to any of the above information, please feel free to reach out to me at HQNMembership@gmail.com.

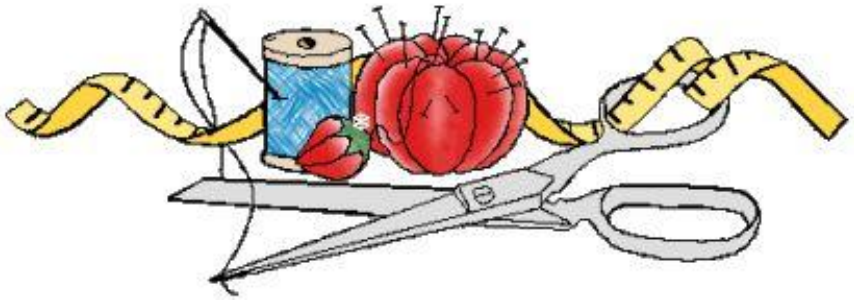
Kathy Limpic
HQN Membership Chair

Treasury Update: Membership reverts to single year

The main question HQN receives from guilds and professionals related to membership is, “when does our membership expire?” To simplify renewal for all parties the HQN board has chosen to return to single year memberships. Everyone—guilds, professionals and supporting members—needs to renew each year **after their current membership has expired**. The HQN fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. This change will help guilds to keep HQN membership as part of their annual budget process, an important step as many guilds change board members often. Professional memberships are typically an annual business expense.

Other issues the HQN board needs to address regarding our budget are increasing costs. The church where our annual meeting has been held for many years realized they were subsidizing our facility rental fee. The doubled cost is more current and in line with fees at comparable facilities. An additional cost HQN had to address was the need to update our website. The needs of the organization and its membership and changes in technology made a complete overhaul necessary. Our website is much easier to navigate, and we have added online membership payment capability.

Annual membership is $25.00. Considering all the information available on the HQN website and at our annual meeting, HQN membership is still a bargain.



Digital Brochures for Professional Members



The Heartland Quilt Network is continuing to improve communications with Member Guilds and Professionals through our website. In lieu of providing HQN Professionals' paper brochures at the annual meeting, if a Professional has a brochure listing their classes, lectures, and/or workshops, when you click on the **Site Link** on a Professional's profile under the "Members Only" link, it will provide their digital brochure. We see this as a positive step in saving on printing and postage costs for HQN and Professionals alike.

Professionals that do not use digital brochures, their profile **Site Link** will direct guild program chairs/ officers to their websites or social media platforms, if they have one.

Professionals, please check the HQN website to let us know if your profile needs to be updated. If you would like to have a digital brochure or flyer linked to your profile, please send it in a .pdf format to HQNMembership@gmail.com.

Snowstorm, Program Speaker Cancels.

Now What? Try ZOOM

What do you do when Jack Frost dumps freezing ice and snow in the Midwest causing your speaker to cancel? Usually panic, right. Many of us have experienced this in Jan, Feb or even March. What if you eliminate that stress and plan on a Zoom program lecture or workshop for those months. Even if your guild isn't super keen on the Zoom idea, starting with one Zoom event during the winter months helps ensure an excellent program while everyone stays safe and toasty in their own homes. It also eliminates transportation costs AND allows you to reach teachers from around the globe you never would otherwise be able to get. Virtual events are NOT as scary as they sound. If your guild wants help getting geared up for a Zoom quilt guild meeting or program presentation, please contact me and I will work with you and your guild individually. Contact Diane Murtha at DLMurtha2018@gmail.com



It works! I, Liz Granberg-Jerome, received a phone call on a Wednesday evening asking if I could speak to a guild on Friday morning. That's short notice. However, the more we chatted, I learned that the guild was in Houston, Texas, and I was in Baldwin City, Kansas! My husband immediately wondered how I was going to get to Houston that quickly when the program chair stopped me and said, "No need to travel, it's by Zoom!" Well, that I could certainly do. I pulled together my zoom PowerPoint and two days later I was speaking to a guild in another state from my quilting studio. You'd be surprised how many quilting teachers/speakers are willing to be flexible and jump in where needed. Don't be afraid to reach out and ask!

Who are HQN "Supporting Members?

Originally, this category was "Shop Members" with the hope that member shops could support the guilds and professional members by holding workshops. Over the years, we realized that there are others who would benefit from belonging to HQN. Museums, quilting related businesses and retreat centers want to let our members know about the services they offer.

Listed below are the current HQN Supporting Members. You may also find them listed on the HQN website under "Members Only". We appreciate their interest and support!

Kansas City Quilt Museum – www.kcquiltmuseum.org

Kansas City Regional Quilt Festival – www.kcrqf.com

The Creative Place – www.creativeplaceretreats.com

Art Nest Retreat Center – www.artnestretreat.com

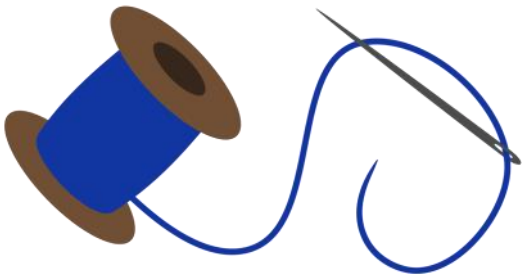
Batting By The Roll – www.battingbytheroll.com

Carmon's Machine Quilting – www.carmonsquiltshop.com

Missouri Quilt Museum – www.missouriquiltmuseum.com

Nebraska Quilt Company – www.nebraskaquiltcompany.com

Tricia's She Shed - Lake of the Ozarks – Facebook



2025 HQN Professionals Retreat

The Eighth Annual HQN Professionals Retreat is scheduled for January 9 - 11 (Thursday - Saturday), 2025 at The Creative Place, 118 S. Main Street, Spring Hill, KS. Arrival is 9:00 am or after on Thursday and we adjourn by 4 pm on Saturday. Past retreats have been fun, productive, and informative, allowing time for sewing, as well as time for discussion and sharing valuable information between professionals.



Here's the scoop: Thursday during the day is "open sew" time. No "official business" such as organized discussions will happen until after 7pm on Thursday evening, allowing those unable to be in attendance during the day on Thursday to be present for sharing of information. I will provide bottled water, drip coffee, & tea bags. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BREAKFAST FOOD. There is also a Keurig, so feel free to bring your favorite K-cups! The Bean Coffee Company is right next door to The Creative Place. In addition to coffees, teas, and other beverages, The Bean serves a few breakfast options including pastries, a few lunch options, and some snacks and desserts. The Bean is wonderful, and we're so happy having them for neighbors!!

I will provide lunch for Friday, and Saturday only. Previously, we have had lunches such as baked potato bar, hearty soup, etc., and this retreat's lunches will be quite similar! You are welcome to bring any snacks, drinks (including alcohol, if you wish - a corkscrew and wine glasses live at TCP), and other food items if you desire. We will plan to eat out (or carry in) for Thursday and Friday evening meals. Bring your sewing machine and/or handwork for some enjoyable and productive stitching time! Bring your ideas, and feel free to offer topics for discussion before the event! You may email discussion topics to me at kelly@kellyquilter.com. The Creative Place sleeps 15. Linens, including pillows and towels, are provided. Please bring a quilt for show and tell (and to sleep under), if you wish. Of course, you can bring your own pillow or anything else for your comfort! Also, I suggest planning "layers" of clothing as we are a group of (gulp) "middle-aged" women: some will be hot; some cold; some just right.....no matter where the thermostat is set!



The cost for the 2025 retreat is $175 per person and includes some beverages plus two lunches and two nights' stay. If you wish to commute (going home each night to sleep), the cost is $110 (this still includes daytime sewing for 3 days, beverages and the meals previously mentioned.) If you'd like to add -on to your retreat, you may add Wednesday, 1/8, with the additional fee of $70 for arriving Wednesday and sleeping over or $32 for arriving Wednesday as a commuter. No deposit is required; however, **you must reserve your spot by emailing me at creativeplaceretreat@gmail.com**, and reservations are taken on a "first come, first-served" basis. I hope you'll be able to attend, and please don't hesitate to email with any questions! I look forward to a fun, informative, creative time together!

Kelly Ashton

Kellyquilter Designs and owner of The Creative Place

Wakefield Grant Update

Congratulations to the newest recipient of the HQN Wakefield Grant! As announced at the 2024 HQN annual meeting, a grant of $500 was awarded to Town & Country Quilters in Smithville, MO.

The Wakefield Grant was created to honor former president Nancy Wakefield and assist smaller guilds in HQN in providing quality programs.



The 2025 Wakefield Grant awardee will be announced at the annual meeting and published in the Summer 2025 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 September 30, 2024.

Questions: Email Karen Hill at hqnpresident@gmail.com

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.

To access the Heartland Quilt Network website, go to:

http://www.heartlandquiltnetwork.com/

To access the —Members Only— section, please note that we have changed access to this section. Instead of a shared User Name and Password, EACH member guild, professional or supporting member should register for a specific User Name and Password. Refer to instructions provided by the Membership Chair for the procedure.

Be sure to "Like" and "Follow" 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/

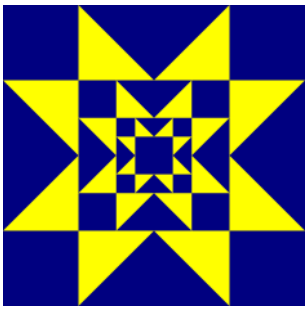
Julie Kiffin, HQN Webmaven

Annual Meeting 2024 – Guild Breakout Session

During the lunch break, the member guilds gathered to discuss items of interest and concern. This was a lively conversation, including the following topics: How to get young people involved in quilting; How to increase guild membership; and How to secure volunteers and officers.

"How Can We Get Young People Involved in Quilting?" It is agreed that for our craft to continue, we need to inspire the younger generation. Suggestions:

- Life skills classes
- Younger quilters are using social media, including TikTok Quilt Fest 2024, Quilters of TikTok
- 4H Clubs
- Quilt Camp
- County Fairs — Kids Corner
- Discount guild membership for age 18 and under
- K State Innovation lab — set up with machines and supplies
- Children's Festivals
- Sponsoring youth categories in fair quilt shows
- Contact home schooling groups



Time was coming to the close, but we quickly touched on how to increase guild membership. One suggestion was to grant a free membership to anyone 80 years of age or above. We also wanted some ideas for securing officers and committee people. Below are a few suggestions:

- Ask a member to serve on a committee; a positive experience will lead to serving in another capacity.
- Ask two people to co-chair a position.
- One guild said they break the program responsibilities into four groups — each group would arrange the programs for three meetings that year
- Offer a free membership to the person serving as president.

It was agreed that brainstorming on topics of interest to guilds is a valuable tool. We encourage guilds to submit challenges and their solutions to us for featuring in a future newsletter and for access on the Members Only section of the website!

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The Heartland Quilt Network needs YOU!

We are in search of guild and professional members who have a strong belief in the mission of HQN to serve on the Board. Other than the Annual Meeting, our board now meets a few times a year by Zoom to eliminate traveling to meetings. If you have skills you'd like to share, and a desire to work with others committed to connecting quilters through our network, contact President Karen Hill, at HQNPresident@gmail.com.

2024 Annual Meeting in Photos

The 2024 Annual Meeting was a great success! We are learning as we go along how best to manage the in-person and zoom. With time and practice this, too, will get smoother and better for everyone. During the meeting, many of our professionals had tables with their specialties displayed where guild members could stop by and visit, ask questions, and even book programs. What a great showing we had!

Sharon Cook & Jackie Farley—SJ Quilt Patterns



Jane Deskis—Coloring with Fabric



Amy Bradley—Amy Bradley Designs



Lori Lee Triplett—Quilt & Textile Collections



Denise Stahl—Curious Kansas Quilter



Rhonda Denney—Cap Rock Inspirations



Karen Hill—Granny K Quilts



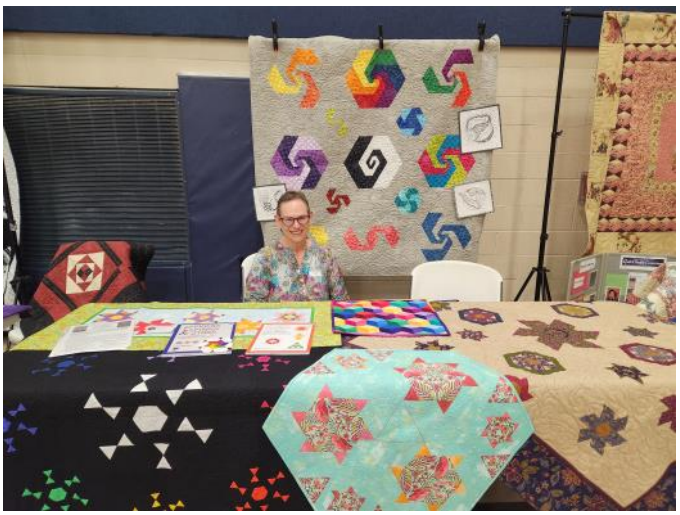
Becky Cogan



Theresa Ward—Always Quilts



Kelly Ashton—KellyQuilter Designs



Vicky Beasley—Scrappy Farmer



Linda Bratten—Linda Bratten Creations



Laura Piland—Slice of π Quilts



Dorie Hruska—Forever Quilting



Roberta Giebler—Undercover Quilter



Dawn Heese—Linen Closet Designs



Judy Lyon—Meadowlyon Designs



Tia Curtis—Tia Curtis Quilts



Martha Walker—Wagons West Designs



Liz Granberg-Jerome—Gypsy Dreamer Quilts



We also had a variety of gorgeous opportunity quilts displayed where everyone could purchase tickets!








Miami County
Quilt Guild










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HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK ~ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP = $25/ANNUALLY ☐NEW MEMBER ☐ RENEWAL

mail payments to: Kathy Limpic, 4308 NE 70th St, Kansas City, MO 64119

DATE:_____

GUILDS: 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 HQNMembership@gmail.com OR use the HQN Officer Update form on the HQN website.

Guild Name: _____
Meeting Place: _____
Meeting Address: _____
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Meeting Time: _____
Exceptions: _____
Guild Mailing Address: _____
_____
Website: _____
Facebook:_____
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President: _____
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VP/Program Chair:_____
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PROFESSIONALS:

Name: _____
Company Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
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Website: _____
Business Brochure attached: ☐Yes ☐NO

Phone: _____
Email: _____
Please attach a summary of your classes/specialty. Also, please provide your upcoming schedule of lectures and workshops for the HQN website. All information is welcome.

SUPPORTING SPONSOR:

Business Name: _____
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Business Email: _____

YES _____ NO _____ I would be interested in serving on the HQN Board.

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. The website will now list your contact info, as well as a link to either your website or social media page if you have one, or a digital brochure that you may provide. This will insure that up-to-date information is available to our guild members. Please send any updates to HQNMembership@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.

Calendar listings for scheduled programs and workshops, as well as quilt show information, should be sent to HQNwebmaven@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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