HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK

www.heartlandquiltnetwork.com

Fall 2025

Message from the President



Can you believe we are marching toward the end of Summer 2025? I hope besides spending time with family and friends enjoying time together or maybe taking a dream vacation, you have been able to spend a little time in your sewing room/studio making that next new quilt project or finishing a UFO. My sewing room is my "happy place" and where I go to rejuvenate my soul.

The Heartland Quilt Network Board has seen some changes as of July 1st (please see the list of the 2025-2026 HQN Board of Directors on the following page). However, as we work to grow the organization, we are always looking for members who might be looking to be more involved.

DID YOU KNOW that the HQN Bylaws provide that any "member in good standing shall be eligible to serve as Officers, Members of the Board, Committee Chairperson, Committee Members"?

The Nancy Wakefield Grant awards one (1) $500 Grant to a small member guild (membership less than 50 members) annually. One of the HQN Board's goals is to improve upon this benefit provided to our membership. How do we do this? 1) Grow the HQN membership and/or 2) find alternate ways to raise the funds needed to award additional or new types of grants. We would love to have you join us as a Ways and Means Committee Chairperson or Committee Member to assist HQN with this objective.

If you are interested in joining this active Board of Directors or one of the new committee initiatives, I would enjoy the opportunity to visit with YOU! Please email me at HQNPresident@gmail.com and I will follow up with you.

And one last item....look for the information about the 2026 HQN Annual Meeting included in this newsletter. We hope you will add the date to your calendar and join us at the new location on March 28, 2026.

Kathy Limpic, HQN President

Expired Memberships

As a reminder, our membership year runs from **July 1st to June 30th**, and membership fees were due on **July 1st** for members whose memberships expired on June 30th. If you have not yet renewed your membership, your payment is overdue.

We kindly ask you to submit your dues as soon as possible to continue enjoying the valuable benefits of being part of the Heartland Quilt Network and the access to the "Members Only" section of the HQN website.

For the members whose membership expired on June 30th, paper statements were mailed to you this week.

Heartland Quilt Network has recently updated our accounting processes and payments can be paid through the link provided on your last invoice with a debit/credit card or through your bank account. (**NOTE**: This is a "free service" and no additional fees or charges will be applied to your payment using this method. Did you know that a standard, regular size envelope costs you $0.78 to mail now? Paying online is cheaper than snail-mailing a payment to HQN!)

We've received heartfelt feedback from many of you, both in writing and through personal interactions, emphasizing how much your membership means to your guilds and businesses. HQN appreciates all of the kind words and your support as we strive to strengthen the quilting community across the midwest. Let's keep the Heartland Quilt Network vibrant and thriving together!

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RENEWING HQN MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICER UPDATES

It is so easy to send in your renewal membership and/or send in the guild officer update information!

These forms may be accessed on the HQN website.

The membership renewal form may be printed and mailed with a check to the Membership Chair OR it may be completed online with payment made by credit card or bank draft. So Easy! Here is the link: Join HQN | Heartland Quilt Network

We ask that our Member Guilds update us when officers change so that we can make sure they receive notices and the newsletter. The Officer Update Form is located in the Members Only section of the HQN website.



Applying for the Nancy Wakefield Grant: Supporting Your Guild's Growth



The Nancy Wakefield Grant, named in honor of a pivotal figure in the Heartland Quilt Network's (HQN) history, supports small quilt guilds by funding visits from HQN professionals for workshops, lectures, or programs. This grant celebrates Nancy Wakefield's dedication to fostering the art of quilting and strengthening guild communities across Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

The $500 grant is awarded each year at the HQN's annual meeting. To apply, guilds must submit an application by January 31st of each year. The application, found on our website at heartlandquiltnetwork.com, requires details about your guild's planned program, including the proposed teacher or instructor, event goals, and how the grant will benefit your members. Ensure your guild is an active member with HQN before applying. A copy of the application can also be found on page 8.

Applications are reviewed by the HQN board, with recipients announced at the annual meeting. For questions, contact Kathy Limpic at HQNPresident@gmail.com. Don't miss this opportunity to enrich your guild's quilting experience!

Heartland Quilt Network Membership Referral Program

Refer a Friend, Win a Free Membership!

Dear Heartland Quilt Network Members,

We're excited to announce the Heartland Quilt Network **Membership Referral Program**! The Heartland Quilt Network thrives because of passionate quilters like you, and we want to grow our community across the Midwest..

How It Works:

- **Refer a Friend**: Invite a quilt guild, a quilting instructor/teacher, or a quilting business to join the HQN.
- **They Join**: When your referral signs up for a HQN membership, make sure they mention your name or your guild's name as the referrer.
- **You're Entered**: For every new member referred and they join HQN, you'll be entered into a drawing for a **FREE 2026-2027 HQN Membership**.
- **Membership Year**: A membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th. Invoices are emailed to members for renewal of their membership year and payment is due by July 1st of each year.



How to Refer:

1. Spread the word at your guild meetings, quilt shops, or online.
2. Ask your referral to include your name or your guild's name when they submit their membership application at https://heartlandquiltnetwork.com/join-hqn/.
3. Each successful referral earns you one entry into the drawing!

Drawing Details:

- **Deadline**: Referrals must join by **January 31, 2026**, to qualify.
- **Drawing Date**: Winners will be announced at the March 28, 2026 HQN Annual Meeting.
- **Prize**: 2026-2027 HQN membership.

Let's grow our quilting community together! Your referrals provide your or your guild with a chance to enjoy a year of HQN membership on us.

Happy Quilting,
The Heartland Quilt Network Team
www.heartlandquiltnetwork.com
Connecting quilt guilds, professionals, and shops in the Heartland area.

KANSAS CITY QUILT MUSEUM

The Kansas City Quilt Museum (KCQM) will be erected at the NE corner of 94th Street and State Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

The Foundation behind this fabulous project has provided Heartland Quilt Network (HQN) with the following details of this amazing project:



- There was over a year and half delay because of a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) / Land Swap / adjusting property lines to the benefit of the adjoining property owner and KCQM. That has recently been completed. During this time period, development of both properties was stalled.
- Once the documents of the LLA were mutually signed in May, KCQM could then start moving forward.
- KCQM made the decision to move forward with a new architect—DRAW Architecture, Kansas City, Missouri. In fourteen (14) business days, KCQM was able to achieve what had been lacking for years with the previous architects.
- KCQM has responded to the Staff Report, Planning Department. Unknown at this time as to the Planning Department's approval of building elevations.
- Application approval has been made to the United Government, Wyandotte County. The Commission hearing / vote will take place September 25, 2025. As the WyCo Commission has been very supportive of KCQM, the decision has been made to remain low-key at the Commission hearing.
- See the "sneak preview" of floorplans and elevations that has been shared with Heartland Quilt Network.

HQN is proud to have the Kansas City Quilt Museum as a Supporting Sponsor of our organization and to have the KCQM here in the "Heartland". As more information is available, we will be sure and update our HQN members.

Best Wishes KCQM,

From all of the Members of Heartland Quilt Network

Submit your Guild's Story!

Has your guild held a special fundraiser? How about an interesting challenge! Share your guild stories with us to add inspiring ideas for other guilds on how to grow their membership, support their greater communities, and more!



Did you know???

There are images you can download on the HQN website members only section that guilds, professionals, and supporting members can use on their own websites and social media indicating their participation in HQN!



QGofGKC Celebrates 50 Years! – Personal Memories by Julie Kiffin

As a beginner quilter in 1977, I was introduced to the wonderful world of quilt guilds! My quilting teacher, Bev Goebel, took me to a meeting of the Quilters' Guild of Greater Kansas City and I immediately became a member. I thought: "What an inspirational group of women, so willing to share their talent!" I've belonged to several quilt guilds through the years, but my "home" guild was always the Kansas City guild.

The first meeting of QGGKC was organized by Terry Clothier Thompson in 1975. Terry was also my very first teacher, and the owner of The Quilting Bee in Westport. The shop was moved to Seville Square on the Country Club Plaza and renamed Quilt Country. I remember spending many happy hours there, taking classes, looking at patterns and fabric, and just enjoying the social time with other quilters.

The first QGGKC quilt show was held at the Garden Center in Swope Park. I had never attended a quilt show before and was immediately hooked. In 1980, the guild was fortunate to hold its show at Crown Center, enjoying the ambience and beauty of this location for many years. Members worked together to demonstrate the art of hand quilting, talking to visitors about quilts, and raising money for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

I am forever grateful for the friends I made in and through the guild and for the inspiration I received from wonderful programs.

For more information on the guild and how it is celebrating this milestone, visit their website, www.qggkc.org or their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/quiltersguildofgkc.





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MEMBER GUILD OFFICER UPDATE FORM

PLEASE PRINT

MAIL TO: Heartland Quilt Network
Karen Kaczor, Membership Chair
5156 Cottonwood Road
Stover, MO 65078-1392

DATE: _____

If your Guild has a change in Officers after you submit your Renewal Membership Form as of July 1st of each year, please use this form to update the following contact information.

Guild Offical Name: _____
Guild Mailing Address: _____
_____
Guild Email: _____
Guild Website URL: _____
Guild Facebook URL: _____

President (First and Last Name): _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

VP/Program Chair (First and Last Name): _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Newsletter Editor (First and Last Name): _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Long-term Contact (First and Last Name): _____
Cell Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

CONFIRM MEETING LOCATION, DAY / TIME, INCLUDING ANY EXCEPTIONS:

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As new Programs/Workshops are scheduled, please send your guild's information to HQNWebmaven@gmail.com in order for HQN to update the website calendar.

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MEMBER GUILD NANCY WAKEFIELD GRANT APPLICATION

Please find below the information and application to apply for the Member Guild $500 Nancy Wakefield Grant. See Grant specifications listed below.

MEMBER GUILD INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT

Name of Guild _____

Location (City) _____ (State) _____

Meeting Time: _____

Guild President _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Program Chair _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

GUILD BACKGROUND (Attach a separate page with this information.)

- Please attach a list of programs offered by your guild from the last two (2) years.
- What are your guild's annual membership dues?
- What is the average membership of your guild from the past three years (# of members)?
- **Please specify how your guild wishes to use the Nancy Wakefield Grant to accomplish your goals. (Ex: *build up membership, improve the quality or quantity of programs, bring in a requested teacher/instructor, etc.*)**
- Please describe your proposed event.
- Which HQN Professional would you request as a teacher/instructor to provide a lecture/workshop?
- What is your guild's preferred date(s) for using the Grant?

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The guild is required to choose a HQN Professional.
- The guild must be a member of HQN for at least two (2) years before they are eligible to apply for the Nancy Wakefield Grant. The Grant is intended for small guilds with limited membership (less than 50).
- The event should be planned and money spent within a year of receiving the Grant. If there are scheduling issues, please contact the HQN Board of Directors.
- The guild must send a brief update to the HQN President indicating how the Grant was used. Extra money may be kept by the guild for "programming use only".
- If the event is canceled or postponed, the guild must notify the HQN Board of Directors with an alternate plan for the funds or date of the rescheduled event.
- A guild may be granted the Nancy Wakefield Grant once in any three (3) year period.
- Guilds may work together to sponsor a joint event to use the Grant funding.
- Grant applications must be post-marked by January 31, 2026.

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Signature of Guild President or Program Chair ***Date***

Mail application and requested documentation to: Wakefield Grant, % HQN President, 4308 NE 70th St, Kansas City, MO 64119.

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2026 HQN Professionals Retreat



The Ninth Annual HQN Professionals Retreat is scheduled for Thursday—Saturday, January 8-10, 2026, 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 and 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 as 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 can accommodate up to 15 overnight guests. 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 Creative Place can accommodate up to 30 persons in the sewing studio, each with their own table. The cost for the 2026 retreat is $175 per person and includes some beverages plus two lunches and three sewing days plus 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, January 7, 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**. All 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

HQN Supporting Sponsors











You will find ads for the Supporting Sponsors scrolling on the HOME page of the HQN website (www.heartlandquiltnetwork.com). You will also find all of our Supporting Sponsors' contact information, including links to their websites, listed in the "Members Only" section of the HQN website.

HQN appreciates the support these sponsors of our organization and we hope you will support their businesses!















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Professionals:

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HQNMembership@gmail.com
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.

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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