HEARTLAND QUILT NETWORK

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Summer 2026

Heartland Quilt Network 2026 Annual Meeting Roundup



The Heartland Quilt Network (HQN) Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Hillside Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. The day brought together quilt guild representatives, professionals, and quilting enthusiasts from across the region for a meaningful time of connection, education, and inspiration.

This year's meeting saw strong participation with 140 attendees joining in person and an additional 5 participants connecting via Zoom.

The annual meeting serves as a cornerstone event for HQN, offering attendees the opportunity to network with fellow guild members, exchange ideas, and strengthen the quilting community throughout the Heartland.



The next annual meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2027 at Hillside Christian Church.

A special note of appreciation goes to Pam Palmer who stepped in to help with the registration desk to help ensure a smooth and welcoming check-in experience!

2026 Annual HQN Meeting

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Treasury Quickbooks Upgrade

HQN recently transitioned to QuickBooks to streamline invoicing and payments. Annual invoices were issued on May 2, providing members with a 60-day payment window ahead of the July 1 due date. Accounts with outstanding balances will be deactivated on September 1, 2026. Members have the option to pay online, with no additional bank or credit card processing fees added to the amount due.

For added security, HQN does not store any bank or credit card information.



Website Updates

Did you know?

Officer updates can be submitted directly through the HQN website or via email to the HQNWebmaven. New this year, we are requesting the guild treasurer's contact information to support the updated billing process.

Profiles for professional and supporting sponsors will be available on the updated website, which will officially launch on July 1.

Reminder: Each guild has a unique login and password—please be sure to share this information with your guild members.

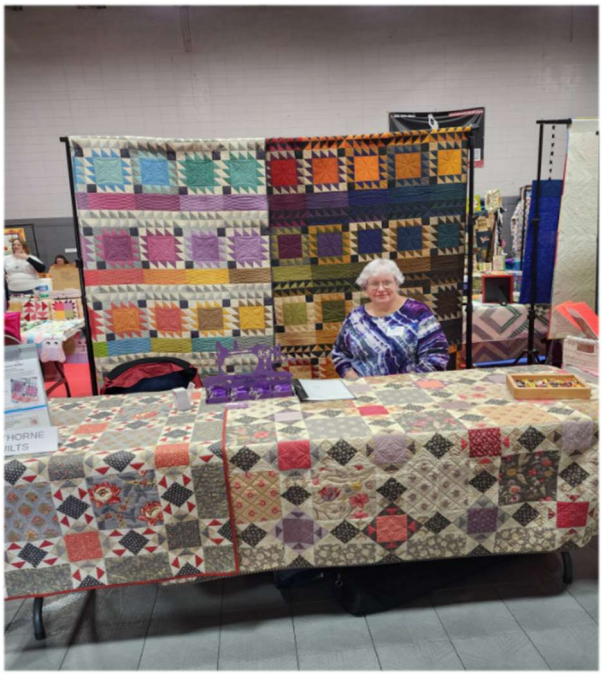
2026 HQN Annual Meeting Photos



Jessica Drugg



Amy Barickman



Karen Kaczor



Denise Stahl

2026 Wakefield Grant

This year's Wakefield Grant was awarded to Wamego Kaw Valley Quilt Guild during the March 28, 2026 annual meeting at Hillside Christian Church. The guild has scheduled Cheri' Hanschu, Your Jacket Your Way for our August 18, 2026 Guild Program. Congratulations Wamego Kaw Valley Quilt Guild!

The Wakefield Grant is named after Nancy Wakefield, one of the founding members of the Heartland Quilt Network. Without Nancy, who held almost every position on the Board of Directors, HQN would not be the organization it is today. In 2019, the HQN Board chose to honor Nancy by offering an annual award to help the smaller guilds in our membership. The requirements for the award are listed on the application form on the website.

Previous winners of the Wakefield Grant include:

- Maple Leaf Quilters Guild in Baldwin City, KS (2021)
- Pieces & Patches in Garnett, KS (2021)
- Stitch by Stitch Quilt Guild in Marshall, MO (2022)
- Platte Prairie Piecers in Platte City, MO (2023)
- Town & Country Quilt Guild of Smithville, MO (2024)
- Sunflower Quilter's Guild of Junction City, KS (2025)



Tia *Curtis at the Wamego Kaw Valley Quilt Guild*

The Sunflower Quilter's Guild sent a beautiful thank you letter to HQN:

Dear Heartland Quilt Network, On behalf of the Sunflower Quilters Guild, Junction City Kansas, THANK YOU for the generous grant. We are a small but mighty guild that will celebrate our 30th birthday year. With assistance from this grant, we were able to invite Tia Curtis to come speak to us and share her journey through quilting. Tia shared her inspiration and creativity throughout her quilting journey. The creativity that was sparked will make its mark on our members.



Tia Curtis visiting the Wamego Kaw Valley Quilt Guild



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!

KANSAS CITY QUILT MUSEUM

Plans for the Kansas City Quilt Museum of 40,000 square feet continues to move steadily ahead as the vision for a nationally significant quilting museum takes shape in the tourist destination area of The Legends, Kansas City, Kansas.

Under the leadership of Founder and CEO Linda Houston, the museum has received approval from the Wyandotte Kansas County Planning Department and Board of Commissioners as of September 2025. With this approval, the project has moved forward to establish branding (logo), hiring an Executive Director Mark Zimmerman, and finalizing the Business Plan.

The museum's prestigious location is in the #I-435 and I-#70 corridor. The Kansas City Chiefs recently made the decision for their new Arrowhead Stadium to be located at State Ave. and 126th Street, KCKS. The location of KCQM will be at State Ave. and 94th Street….just down the street! The Legends area of 12 million visitors per year includes the Kansas Speedway (NASCAR), Sporting KC (Soccer), Monarchs baseball fields, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Bass Pro Shops, plus extensive shopping, dining and hotels.

A Director of Development (Fundraising) will be hired during the summer of 2026. KCQM anticipates announcing a projected opening date of 2029. A database is currently being developed with listing all of the quilt guilds in the USA. Currently, Alabama to Ohio (halfway through) is approximately 1,500 guilds. This will establish a national network of supporters, collaborators and future visitors. We look forward to keeping you updated on this highly anticipated quilt museum.

New Grant Announcement!

Your HQN Board has voted to award an additional grant in 2027!
This "Founder's Grant" will be given to one of our Supporting Sponsors. Details will be released in the near future.

At the Annual Meeting, President Kathy Limpic surprised Julie Kiffin by announcing this new benefit to HQN members. Kathy explained that it was in honor of Julie's length of service.

Julie says: "I am so appreciative of this honor. I would like to acknowledge all of those who were there at the beginning! We've gone through some lean years, but so many still believe that what HQN offers is important in the quilting community. It is very exciting to see HQN continue to grow. HQN can only succeed with the commitment of many volunteers. Many have served on the board through the years, and we must continue to nurture the interest of those who believe in quality programs for guild members."

Heartland Quilt Network came about after Julie and her longtime quilting friend Marsha Struby heard about a quilt network in Iowa. Working as program chairs in their guild, they knew the challenges that office presented in finding presenters and workshop leaders. Following a visit to an Iowa network meeting, they recruited other guilds to work together to form Heartland Quilt Network.

Five years ago, Nancy Wakefield's long-time service as president of HQN was recognized with the establishment of the Wakefield Grant given to small guilds to assist them in presenting a program by one of our professional members. Giving back to our members will strengthen the mission of Heartland Quilt Network.



at Julie Kiffin, Board Member and Kathy Limpic, HQN President the announcement of the Founders Grant

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 their support of our organization, and we hope you will support their businesses!*

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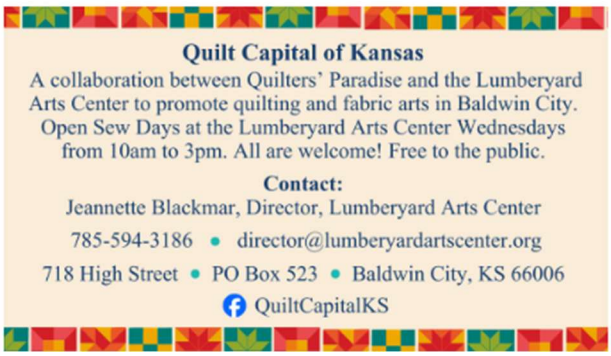












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QUILTING SERVICES











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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