

OQSO Spring Retreat Newsletter



Message from our President

Hoping everyone is having a wonderful early spring! It's going to be 80ish on Christmas Day! I'm thinking smash burgers instead of turkey and dressing!

Speaking of food, I need to inform everyone about the meal situation at the state lodges.

The restaurants are closed in all of the state lodges. It's out of our control so we are going to make the best of a bad situation.

The meals will be catered by The Red Rooster, out of Wagoner. We have used them a couple times before and the food has always been great. There will be no breakfast offered. There are re-

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If you have any questions please email through the website, OQSO.com.

See you at retreat.
Carol Capshaw, President



"Every quilter has a masterpiece inside"

Greetings and salutations to all you quilters! I hope you're sewing away in your warm and cozy sewing areas with plenty of fabric and thread to last you through this cold spell! Our spring retreat at beautiful Sequoyah State Lodge will be here before you know it. We have a special speaker/teacher arranged for you. Allie McCathren of exhaustedoctopus.com will be coming to us from Houston, Texas to share her knowledge and skills. Her use of color is inspiring and she's an outstanding human being, too. The block for our annual block lottery is called "Cross plus", and you can find the pattern on the OQSO website. The pins that each registered quilter will receive are patterned after this block. For every block you complete you receive one ticket for the lottery drawing.

We are so happy that the lodge has reopened after the devastating fire of a year ago. Staying in the cabins was fine, but I'm glad for the comfort of the lodge again! The rest of the story is that the restaurant is not open. We will have meals catered from the same restaurant that we used a year ago. Their food was good, reasonably priced, and the ladies were very pleasant to work with.

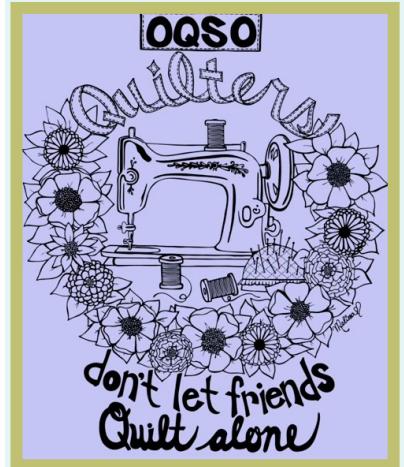
On a personal note, I just became engaged last week! My fiancé is a widower of 5 years who I met at church. His wife was a quilter so he understands the routine! We are planning to be married in September.

Phyllis Enos will be coordinating quilters craps again, so come prepared to play, if you wish. Stay warm and we will see you soon!

Mary Ann Campbell

Spring Retreat 2026

Message from the OQSO Vice President



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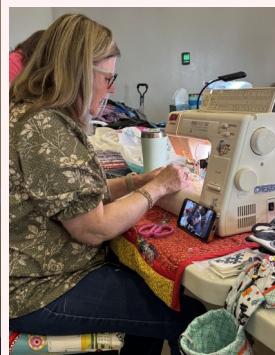
Hi! I'm Allie. I love to make things. Mostly I use fabric and thread, but sometimes I play with paper, paint, pen, and other random things I find.

Our Special Guest Allie McCathren

Allie McCathren is an artist with a background in marine biology. She lives in Houston, TX with her three sons. Her love of science and nature tends to find its way into her work, whether she intends it or not.

Allie works primarily with fabric and thread, but also enjoys painting with acrylics and watercolors. She uses fabric as if it were paint, working with color arrangement and texture to create her art quilts. Allie is a modern quilter who uses improv techniques and color flow in her work. She teaches classes on various techniques, including her Seaglass Quilting method.





OQSO Spring Retreat

March 27–29, 2026

Sequoia State Park Lodge

918-772-2545

Rooms are \$99 per night+tax

Check in time is 4pm. If your room is ready, you may be able to get in earlier.

Open Sewing is available starting Thursday at 1p.m.

No restaurant service



FOOD CATERING UPDATE

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We won't be catering breakfast, so if you require breakfast you may want to pack a few breakfast items you enjoy. There are small refrigerators in the rooms.

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Retreat Menu

Friday evening meal

Meat Patties on a Brioche Bun

Variety of Sliced Cheese Platter

Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, Chipotle Mayo, BBQ Sauce
Tomato, Lettuce, Onion, Jalapeños, Bacon, Sautéed Mushrooms

Baked potato salad & seasonal fruit

Saturday lunch meal

Seasoned Ground Beef

Flour Tortillas and Hard Taco Shells

Condiments:

Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Guacamole, Sour Cream

Mexican rice & street corn

Saturday evening meal

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce with Grilled Chicken Strips

Caesar Salad & Bread Sticks

Sewing Room Etiquette:

1. Do not hang anything on the walls.
2. The tables in the open sewing room have been arranged to make navigation easier and safer.
3. Please leave the tables as they are situated.
4. If you have a personal sewing table, please make sure it does not block an aisle.
5. Two people per table.
6. Let's be courteous to our fellow quilters. If you enjoy listening to music or videos while sewing, please use your headset.
7. Lets all have a good time at retreat!

Future OQSO Teacher**Fall 2026**

Susan Braverman

[https://](https://www.wildpoppyarts.com/)www.wildpoppyarts.com/**Spring 2027**

Lynne Hagnier

Kansas Troubles

Fall 2027

Diane Harris

Spring 2028**Get your tickets for this amazing Raffle**

Get your tickets from OQSO Ways & Means - Sue Roy

Slimline Floor light**OR*****Set of Karen Buckley Scissors*****Cross Plus Block**

The Spring Retreat Block Lottery will be a 12 1/2" Cross Plus block using a bright white background and bright colors for the block.

Spring Contest

This years Spring Retreat Contest will be a mug rug with a water theme. Use your creativity and technique.

Vendor bucks will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

My soul is fed by needle and thread

Quilters Craps



For all those who would like to play Quilters Craps, our theme is Patriotic. You will need to bring (12) 2 1/2" strips. We'll play four games Saturday evening following the meeting.

Checklist for Retreat

(So you don't forget something) An iron, a large ironing surface and large cutting mat will be in the common sewing area for everyone to use.

Make sure you bring the following:

* Sewing Machine	* Marking Pencils
* Pedal	* Iron
* Sewing light	* Ironing surface
*Fabric and class supplies	* Sewing Supplies
* Rotary Cutter	* Anything special for class
* Small cutting mat	* Neck Wallet for name tag
* Thread	* Power Strip
* Pins	* Surge protector
* Seam ripper	*Jacket for your personal

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Oklahoma Quilters' State Organization

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Registration Deadline August 23, 2025!

No refunds after registration deadline.

Classes:

Friday PM Classes: 1:30-4:30

Allie McCathren, Foundation Paper Piecing

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Joan Ballew, Baby Sampler

Friday Night Late: After our Feature Teacher

Ann Underwood, Mystery Quilt

Saturday All Day Classes 8:45--11:45 - 1:30-4:30

Allie McCathren, Scrappy Color Flow Workshop

Class Pictures:

Scrappy Color Flow

Full Day Class

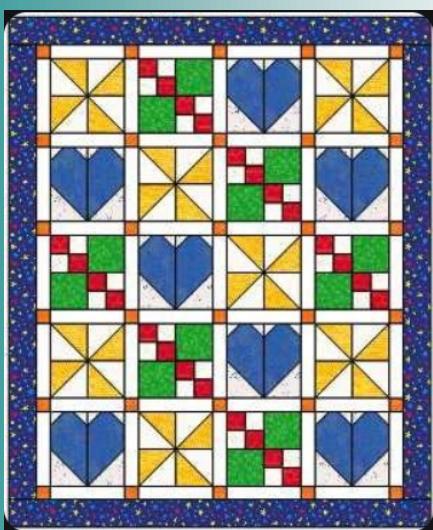
You won't want to miss this one. It's a really fun one that teaches about using color in unexpected ways, learning how to combine and blend fabrics that don't seam like they would work together..



Fun Foundation Paper Piecing

Half Day Class

This class uses tradition piecing with a modern twist. Allie showcases fun designs with the addition of hand quilted stitches and thread color.



Baby Sampler

Half Day Class

Learn to make this fun and colorful baby quilt

Registration Deadline February 27, 2026

Spring Retreat March 27-29, 2026

No Refunds after deadline, Feb 27, 2026

Name _____ Phone () _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Email address _____

Newsletter Via Email/ YES () (NO ()

Membership Fee..... New _____ Renewal _____ \$15 _____

Registration Fee..... \$30 _____

Catered meal..... \$67 _____

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Ann Underwood, Friday Night Mystery Quilt \$25 _____

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Allie McCathren, Scrappy Color Flow \$45 _____

Supply lists will be sent by email....(look for email in your inbox from sewinsue@ymail.com)

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