



Kansas Quilters Organization

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Notes from the President

Happy Spring, quilters!

I'm excited about our Spring KQO meeting in Manhattan May 1-2, and hope you will join us there at the Holiday Inn at the Campus for a weekend of fun, learning, and fellowship!

Scott Flanagan is our featured presenter. I look forward to learning from him, as I enjoy seeing his patterns that are regularly published in Quilter's Newsletter magazine. Since so many of you had indicated interest in attending one of his workshops, we're having him present two full-day workshops on Friday and Saturday. You can choose one of his workshops, as well as two full-day workshops presented by KQO member Debbie Coddington on applique techniques. Of course, the UFO room will also be available.

Friday evening, Scott will present a lecture/trunk show, and we will also have Show & Tell. Because of time limitations, please limit your Show & Tell items to two that you are most proud of. I am always amazed by the creativity and talent of our members!

Due to having all-day workshops on both days, our general meeting will be held in conjunction with lunch Friday and Saturday. One of the items on the agenda is updating our By-Laws, so please review the proposed changes and be prepared to vote.

Opportunity quilts can be displayed on Friday evening. Buying tickets for these helps support each others guilds with their fundraising efforts.

Also, please bring a completed block for veterans' quilts. The blocks that you make are donated to various guilds that make quilts for veterans.

Our KQO Board members have worked hard to make this an informative and enjoyable weekend. The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday to fine-tune our plans.

Please mark your calendars for our Fall meeting which will be in Colby on September 25-27 at the City Limits Convention Center.

I look forward to seeing you all in Manhattan – we'll have a great time together!

Kathy Triplett, KQO president

KQO Spring Meeting, Manhattan KS

May 1 & 2, 2026

It's time to get your plans together to attend the 2026 Spring KQO Meeting in Manhattan, May 1st-2nd! We will be meeting at a familiar spot, the Holiday Inn near KSU campus.

The board has been working on new ideas to welcome more members. Realizing some members work all day Friday, we have been trying to find more ways to share our group and interests. One idea was to try offering full-day classes both Friday and Saturday. We are offering members our full registration which includes a KQO gift bag, a Friday full-day workshop or UFO room, Friday lunch, Friday evening trunk show/lecture with show & tell, the general meeting, and Saturday lunch. Wait, there's more! You can add another Saturday full-day workshop, or a full or half-day UFO project room. If a member cannot attend Friday during the day they can register for the Friday evening trunk show/lecture with show & tell, a KQO gift bag, general meeting, and Saturday lunch. They could then add a full-day Saturday workshop or the full or half-day UFO project room.

Scott Flanagan is teaching "Falling Stars" on Friday and "Linked Together" on Saturday. Debbie Coddington will be teaching the prepared edge Appliquick applique technique both Friday and Saturday. Be sure to read their bios and more about these wonderful workshops. Class space is limited so note your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for both Friday and Saturday.

Those attending the meeting whose last names start with letters from L through Z are asked to bring a door prize, with an approximate value of \$25. This should be something nice that you would be happy to receive as a gift yourself. Please wrap it attractively in paper, fabric or a gift bag. Door prizes will be given away at the Friday evening trunk show and lecture.

Don't miss out! Plan to join us. We will be looking forward to seeing you soon.

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<https://www.facebook.com/kansasquiltersorganization/>

Already a member:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1025298554167337/>

Spring 2026 Manhattan, KS

May 1 & 2, 2026

Room Reservations at the Holiday Inn

The KQO meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Campus, located at 1641 Anderson Ave, in Manhattan, KS. To make reservations with the Kansas Quilters Organization Rate call 785-539-7531. The room rate is \$119.00 plus tax per night, for 1 to 4 people. Remember to mention that you are with KQO, This group of rooms will be held at this price until April 3rd.

Items for Goodie Bags

We will pack the bags at the a hotel on Thursday, April 30 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Any guild or quilt shop that has items to be placed in the goodie bags need to bring them to the hotel no later that 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30th. Any item not received by 3:00 p.m. Thursday will be given out at the registration table when registering.

Door Prizes - With a Twist!

You've all heard of mystery quilts -- well, these will be mystery door prizes! Those attending the meeting whose last names start with letters from L through Z are asked to bring a door prize, with an approximate value of \$25.00. This should be something nice that you would be happy to receive as a gift yourself. To keep your donated prize a mystery, please wrap it attractively so no one can peek inside. It can be wrapped in paper, fabric, or a gift bag as long as it is secured to keep the contents secret. Please bring your door prize to the Friday evening activities, as we will give them away then. Good luck quilters!

Opportunity Quilts

Any guild having an opportunity quilt is allowed to bring it to display and gather donations at our Friday evening activities. Each guild is responsible for displaying their quilt and collecting funds. The room should be open by 6:30 pm for quilt set-up. Everyone, please be prepared to support other guilds' fund-raising efforts by buying a ticket for their opportunity quilts.

Irons for Classes

We will again set up a large ironing station in each classroom. The number of electrical circuits available will determine if other irons will be able to be used. We apologize for any inconvenience but want everyone to be able to use their sewing machines without interruption.

KQO Spring 2026 Schedule

Thursday April 30, 2026

Registration (Holiday Inn at the Campus) 4-6 p.m.

KQO Board Meeting 6:30-9 p.m.

Friday May 1, 2026

Registration (Holiday Inn at the Campus) 8-9 a.m.

Workshops 9 a.m. -12 noon

Lunch provided
KQO General Meeting 12-1 p.m.

Workshops 1-4 p.m.

Dinner on your own 4-7 p.m.

Scott Flanagan trunk show/lecture 7-9 p.m.
"Show and Tell" (2 maximum)
Opportunity Quilts and Door Prizes

Saturday May 2, 2026

Registration (Holiday Inn at the Campus) 8-9 a.m.

Workshops 9 a.m. -12 noon

Lunch provided during
KQO General Meeting 12-1 p.m.

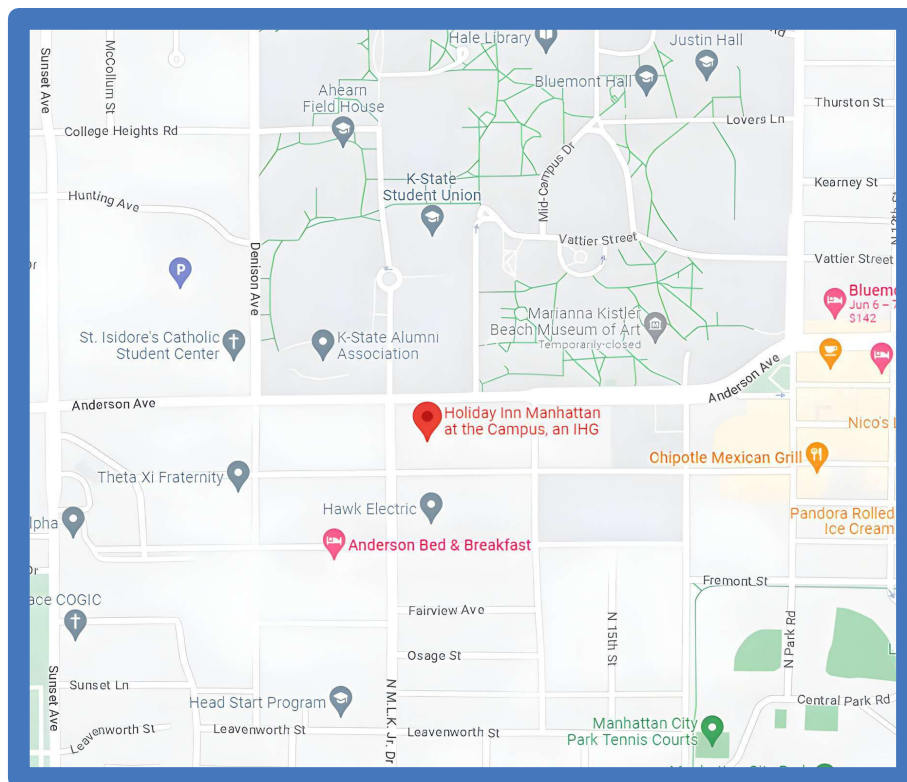
Workshops 1-4 p.m.

Adjournment 4 p.m.

Holiday Inn at the Campus
1641 Anderson Ave
Manhattan, KS 66502

Hotel has a block of rooms
Held until April 3rd
Identify as KQO
Call 785-539-7531

KQO Room rate \$119.00
Per night for 1-4 people



Spring 2026 Featured Speaker -

Scott Flanagan - Bio

Scott Flanagan began his quilting journey with roots tracing back to childhood days spent sewing alongside his grandmother, at age 7. From these creative beginnings, he founded 4th and Main Designs in 2011.

Since its inception, 4th and Main Designs has been a beacon of creativity and innovation in the quilting community. Scott's patterns have graced the pages of esteemed publications such as Quiltmaker, McCalls Quilting, and Fons & Porter magazines, earning him a reputation for excellence and craftsmanship.



Embedded within Scott's work are two guiding principles that shape his approach to quilting:

A quilt is only hard if you've been told it's hard beforehand. With this belief at the core, Scott strives to write patterns that are accessible to quilters of all skill levels. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a confident beginner, Scott's patterns are crafted with clarity and precision, ensuring that every quilter can embark on their own creative journey with confidence.

You learn some of the best lessons from the mistakes made along the quilting journey. Embracing imperfection is an essential part of the creative process, Scott encourages quilters to view mistakes as opportunities for growth and learning. Through trial and error, we refine our skills and deepen our appreciation for the artistry of quilting.

At 4th and Main Designs, Scott's mission is clear: to inspire and empower quilters to explore the endless possibilities of their craft. Every pattern is a testament to his dedication to excellence, with meticulous attention to detail and a commitment to fostering a community of creativity and collaboration.

Spring 2026 Featured Speaker - Friday Full Day Workshop

Scott Flanagan - "Falling Stars"



"Falling Stars"

72" x 96"

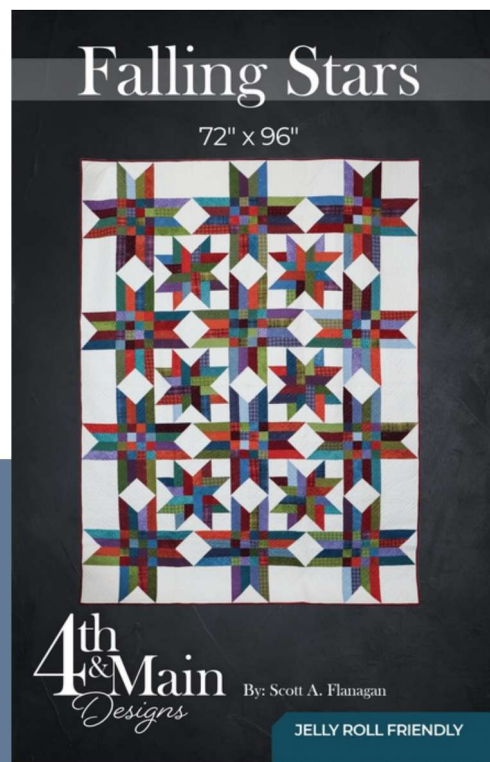
Class Supply List

General Supplies Needed

- Falling Stars Pattern (Available at Class \$12)
- Thread for Piecing
- Sewing Machine (with foot pedal and power cord)
- Cutting Mat
- Ruler (Scott's favorite 6-1/2 or 8-1/2" x 12-1/2")
- Rotary Cutter
- General sewing Basket (Marking tools, Scissors, Pins, Pencil, Paper)

Fabric Requirements - Large

- (75) 2-1/2" x WOF Strips
- Background 4-1/4 yards
- Binding 3/4 yards
- Backing 6 yards
- Batting 82" x 108"



Cutting Instructions & Class Prep:

- From Background Cut:
 - (168) 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" Squares (A)
 - (24) 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" Squares (B)
- From Border/Binding Fabric Cut:
 - (9) 2-1/2" x WOF Strip
- From the (75) Assorted Strips Cut a total of:
 - (192) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" (C)
 - (24) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" (D)
 - (48) 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" (E)
 - (216) 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" (F)

NOTE: start with "F" and work down in size

Please do not start sewing prior to class.

Scott Flanagan - "Linked Together"



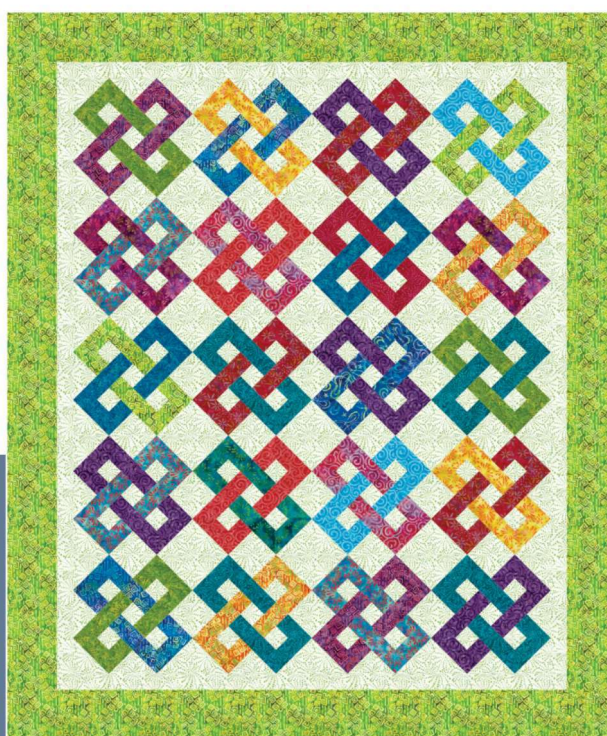
"Linked Together"

74" x 88"

Class Supply List

General Supplies Needed

- Linked Together Pattern (Available at Class \$12)
- Thread for Piecing
- Sewing Machine (with foot pedal and power cord)
- Cutting Mat
- 6-1/2" x 6-1/2" Square up ruler
- 6" x 12" **or** 6" x 24" Ruler
- Rotary Cutter
- General sewing Basket (Marking tools, Scissors, Pins, Pencil, Paper)



Fabric Requirements - Large

- (40) 2-1/2" x WOF Strips
- Background 3-1/2 yards
- Outer Border 2-1/4 yards
- Backing 5-1/3 yards
- Batting 84" x 98"

Cutting Instructions & Class Prep:

- From Background Cut:
 - (20) 7" x 7" Subcut in half diagonally both directions corner to corner to make (80) QSTs (E)
 - (49) 5-1/4" x 5-1/4" subcut in half diagonally once from corner to corner to make a total of (80) HSTs (D)
 - (100) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" (A)
 - (7) 2-1/2" x WOF (Inner Border)
- From **Each** of the (40) Assorted Strips Cut:
 - (4) 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" (A)
 - (2) 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" (B)
 - (2) 2-12 x 6-1/2" (C)
- From Border/Binding Fabric Cut:
 - (4) 6-1/2" x LOF (Border)
 - (4) 2-1/2" x LOF (Binding)

Please do not start sewing prior to class.

A Little about Debbie Coddington

Debbie did not come from a family of quilters. But when she was in grade school she lived next door to a church where the ladies quilted all day on a large floor frame once a week. After much pestering she was allowed to take a few stitches after a well supervised handwashing (those stitches were surely removed when she left)!

As time passed Debbie continued to admire quilts and even went to a few quilt shows. In the interim Debbie raised two children, went back to school and earned a degree in Occupational Therapy and then a certification for hand therapy. Then in the late 1990's she signed up for an eight-week beginning quilting course that was offered by JCCC and taught by Terry Clothier Thompson. By the end of the course Debbie was thoroughly infected with the quilting bug!



The first guild Debbie joined was the Olathe Quilt Guild. At this time she is an active member of the Eudora Quilt Guild, Kaw Valley Quilt Guild, the Kansas Quilters Organization, and Golden Oldies (an off shoot of KQO). She participates in several small groups and attends retreats frequently. Both of her sisters think she never stays home!

Debbie is great at taking classes, starting new projects, and collecting fabric and patterns. Unfortunately, she tends to fall behind on finishing everything she starts. Currently the UFO list is over 30, but the intentions to finish are there. There are at least a dozen tops that are waiting to be quilted.

Debbie enjoys all aspects of quilting. She quilts by hand, machine and check. In the most recent years, wool appliqué and embroidery have taken center stage. She has won ribbons at the Kansas State Fair and in the judged section of KCRQF.

Spring 2026 - Friday or Saturday Full day Workshop

Debbie Coddington - “Prepared Edge Applique”

Class description

Do you *love* the look of needle turn applique but struggle with making perfect points, sharp valleys and smooth curves? Then this is the class for you. Learn to do prepared edge applique using the Appliquick technique which allows you to prepare all your pieces ahead of time. Once the pieces are prepared, they can be stitched in place either by hand or by machine.



Supply list

- 10” x 10” piece of fabric to use for learning the technique
- Appliquick tools if you have them or 3 or 4 manicure orange sticks
- Glue sticks – either Sewline or school glue
- Micron pen
- Small serrated scissors
- Fat quarter for background
- Sufficient fabric to produce project
- Class kit for \$2 – includes precut Appliquick fusible shapes for practicing technique (mandatory)
- Matching threads for hand applique along with sharp strong needles and thimble if you plan to stitch by hand or sewing machine with matching threads if you plan on stitching by machine.

I will have available the applique pattern of my own design which includes the Appliquick fusible for \$8. If you prefer you can use a small applique pattern you already own, just be sure it includes points, deep valleys and curves. FYI – hearts include all of those! I will have the Appliquick fusible available at 2 cents per square inch for you to purchase if you plan on using your own pattern. You can google online if you want to purchase your own Appliquick tools.

Treasurers Report

Balance as of 9/25/25			\$19,395.44
Deposits : Dues	+\$0.00		
Spring Mtg	+\$0.00		
Fall Mtg	+\$65.00		
			\$19,460.44
Expenses: Spring Meeting		-\$0.00	
Fall Meeting		-\$6,475.13	
Operational		-\$115.00	
CK Balance as of 12/31/25			\$12,870.31
CD Balances as of 1/5/26			
14 Month - Maturity 1/5/28	4.00%		\$6,007.89
24 Month - Maturity 11/5/26	4.05%		\$5,892.34

Golden Oldies Save the Date!

Golden Oldies will hold our summer retreat

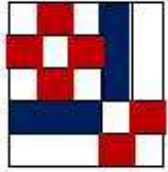
July 17-19, 2026

July 16-18, 2027

We will meet at the same location,
Webster Conference Center, 2601 N. Ohio, Salina.
More information, including registration forms,
will be distributed at the Spring KQO Meetings.
(For current and former KQO Board Members)

Veterans Quilt Block

We are asking everyone to make a veterans block. It is to show our appreciation for their service. Please feel free to turn in more than one block. We would love to see everyone participate. Let's share our love of quilting with those in Kansas that have given us our freedom! Thank you to all those who participate!



VALOR SQUARE

Unfinished block 13"sq Block Designed by Denise Siegel, QOVF Member



Materials

- 1 fat quarter* solid or dark print (blue in example)
- 1 fat quarter* solid or medium print (red in the example)
- 1 fat quarter* solid or light print (white in the example)

*fat quarter = 18" x 20"

Cutting

Measurements include ¼" seam allowances

- From solid or dark print, cut (2) 3"x 8" strips
- From solid or medium print, cut (6) 3"x 3" squares
- From solid or light print, cut (2) 3"x 8" strips and (7) 3"x 3" squares

Block assembly

1. Sew (9) 3" squares alternating colors to create 9 patch square
2. Sew (4) 3" squares alternating colors to create 4 patch square
3. Sew (2) 8" strips of alternating colors together
 - a. Make two (2) alternating color strip units

Referring to Diagram

1. Sew 9 patch block to one of the 2 strip blocks
2. Sew 4 patch block to the other 2 strip block
3. Assemble the two units as shown

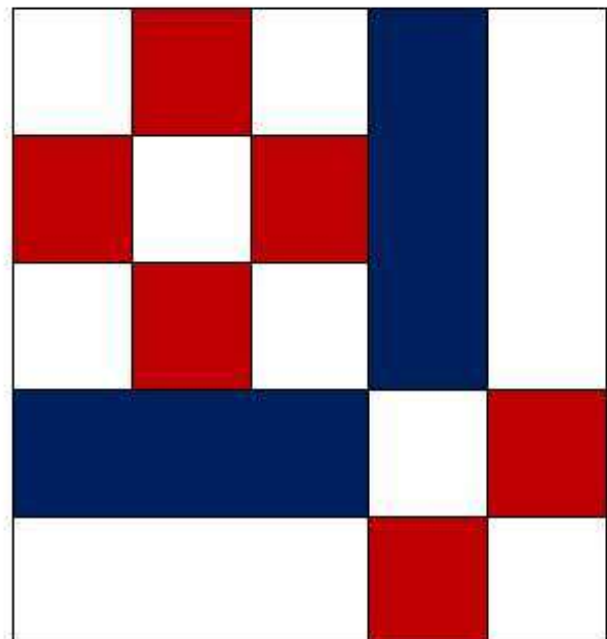
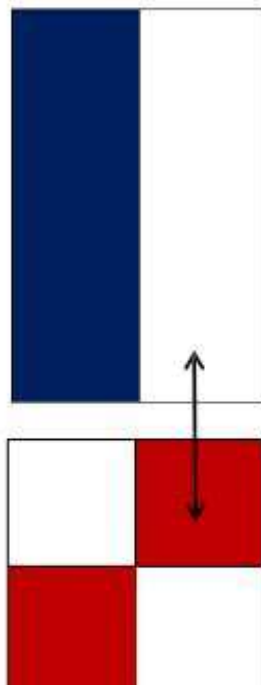
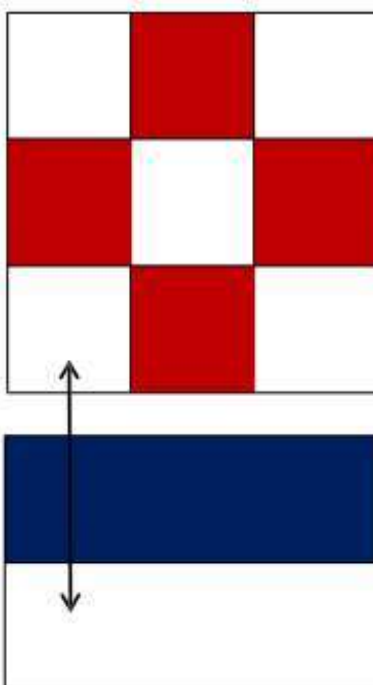
Guidelines for QOVF Blocks

Use red, white or cream, blue and gold fabrics in solids, prints or tone-on-tone

Make 1 block, make ten or as many as you would like

Your completed block must measure – with raw edges – 13" **DO NOT trim blocks**

Finished blocks when sewn together will measure 12 ½"



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stitchesquiltshopmcp.com



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Paola, KS
www.lilredhenquiltshop.com



Newton, KS
www.SewNatural.com



Oakley, KS
www.laquilt.com

Spring KQO 2026

Meeting Registration Form

May 1-2, 2026 – Manhattan, Kansas

This form must **not** be postmarked prior to March 13, 2026. Registration deadline is April 10, 2026. Early-bird registration closes on March 20, 2026. LATE FEE of an additional \$15 will be added after April 10, 2026. All fees are non-refundable. If you are not able to attend, you may transfer your registration to another member, however it is your responsibility to find your replacement and to collect your fee from them. Hotel reservations are made by the individual. The contact information for the Holiday Inn at the Campus is found on page 3 of this issue. Don't forget to mention KQO. Please check with the hotel for accessibility needs when you register.

Make checks payable to Kansas Quilters Organization. Mail Registration Form and Check to:
Christina Bloom, 416 W Pine St, Junction City, KS 66441. Or, you can now pay with venmo then email registration form to kqonews@gmail.com. Questions call 785-209-2630.

Choose how you want to receive your conformation information:

_____ Email the information to _____ (Do not send in a SASE with registration)

_____ Mail the information to the address below. (Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope included with this form.)

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please indicate any special accessibility/nutrition needs

Full Registration:

Includes KQO Gift bag, Friday full-day workshop, Friday lunch, general meeting, Friday evening trunk show/lecture, show & tell, and Saturday lunch

_____ @ \$140 = \$ _____

Full Registration with Friday UFO Room:

Includes KQO Gift bag, Friday full-day UFO room usage, Friday lunch, general meeting, Friday evening trunk show/lecture, show & tell, and Saturday lunch.

_____ @ \$110 = \$ _____

Friday evening & Saturday Registration:

Includes KQO Gift bag, Friday evening trunk show/lecture, show & tell, Saturday lunch and general meeting.

_____ @ \$75 \$ _____

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS - Full Registration

Please note your 1st, 2nd and 3rd workshop choice as classes are filled on a first come first served basis.

_____ Scott Flanagan - "Falling Stars"

The presenter requires pattern

_____ Debbie Coddington - "Prepared Edge Applique"

The presenter requires class kit

_____ UFO Area

**ADDITIONAL SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

(Must be registered for one of the three above options)

Please note your 1st, 2nd and 3rd workshop choice as classes are filled on a first come first served basis.

_____ @ \$40 Scott Flanagan - "Linked Together"

The presenter requires pattern

_____ @ \$30 Debbie Coddington - "Prepared Edge Applique"

The presenter requires a class kit

_____ @ \$25 UFO Full Day _____ @ \$15 UFO Half Day

Saturday WS \$ _____

KQO DUES

Membership must be current to attend meetings.

_____ One Year @ \$30 = \$ _____

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Late Fee (if applicable) (Registration after April 10, 2026)

_____ @ \$15 = \$ _____

TOTAL COST

\$ _____



Kansas Quilter's Organization



Membership Registration

One year membership in the Kansas Quilters Organization (KQO) runs from January 1 to December 31.

_____ 1 year = \$30.00

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Have you previously been a member of KQO? _____ Yes _____ No

_____ My information has changed

Pay dues by check or venmo:

Make check payable to Kansas Quilters Organization. If you are unable to attend the upcoming meeting, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for sending your membership card. Mail form and check to our KQO Treasurer: Christina Bloom, 416 W Pine St, Junction City, KS 66441

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Pay with venmo then email membership form to kqonews@gmail.com

Questions call 785-209-2630 or email kqonews@gmail.com