



## Notes from the President

Hello Quilting Friends,

Summer has come and gone and after enjoying the fruits and flowers from the gardens it is time to look forward to fall. I am writing this early as we will be leaving to spend time with our daughter, a son-in-law and grandson. Our son-in-law and his family are going to share their homes with us in Italy and Switzerland. I can't wait to hear their stories of their home. We hope to hike in the Swiss Alps and enjoy the country.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting in Hutchinson, Kansas. This meeting has been planned in the format of a sewing retreat. So bring your unfinished projects, your sewing supplies and be ready for a fun time. You can sew Thursday evening and Friday. Cottonwood Quilts will close for the public on Friday at 5:00 and be open to KQO members from 5:00 - 7:00 for a party and shopping. We will also have some mini-demonstrations during the day on Friday. Mini-demonstration presenters will be Pam Calhoun (Hexagon quick finish of raw edges), Nancy Swanwick (roses with finished edges), Jillann Mahoney-Dowdy (Coloring your fabric) and Diane Okeson (English Piecing). Saturday will be the regular meeting and trunk shows. So get your projects lined up and look forward to sewing and fellowship with fellow quilters.

KQO is your organization. I ask you to each consider carefully when being asked to serve over the next few months. As a relatively new member, I thank you for your encouragement to try new things and your support. As with anything, there are changes over time. Your positive attitude allows the group to grow and move forward. We have several board positions open due to the usual rotation and some illnesses and personal circumstances. Please consider serving.

It is always great to have fun and share sewing time with friends. So bring a friend, a new member or two, and join us for laughter and sewing. They say that laughter and friends are the best medicine in life.

See you in Hutchinson.

Diane Okeson

## Welcome to the Fall KQO Meeting 2018

Welcome to the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center; located at 1400 N. Lorraine Street, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. Hotel rooms may be reserved until September 12, 2018 at the special KQO rate of \$72. Call 620-669-9311 or 800-363-5018 for your room reservations. The Hotel serves a complimentary continental breakfast. All meeting and sewing rooms are also located at the Atrium Hotel and Conference Center.

The Fall meeting has been formatted to be a sewing retreat. Please bring your projects and enjoy sewing and fellowship with other quilters. You will be able to find help if you are stuck on a project or are needing some technique help. There will be cutting and pressing stations set-up around the room. Enjoy completing a project and seeing what others are sewing on.

Please have your goodie bag items to the hotel prior to 4:00 so the bags can be stuffed prior to registration. Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Door Prizes need to be brought on Saturday and a table will be available for them.

\$\$\$\$ Fund raising baskets containing donated items will be available. Tickets can be purchased with the drawing to be held on Saturday. Please thank the donors if you are so fortunate to be a winner. Thank you for your support of KQO. \$\$\$\$\$\$

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## Spring Meeting In September 28 - 29, 2018

**Room Reservations at Atrium Hotel and Conference Center**, located at 1400 N. Lorraine Street, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501. Call 620-669-9311 or 800-363-5018 for your room reservations. Hotel rooms may be reserved until September 12, 2018 at the special KQO rate of \$72.

### Items for Goodie Bags

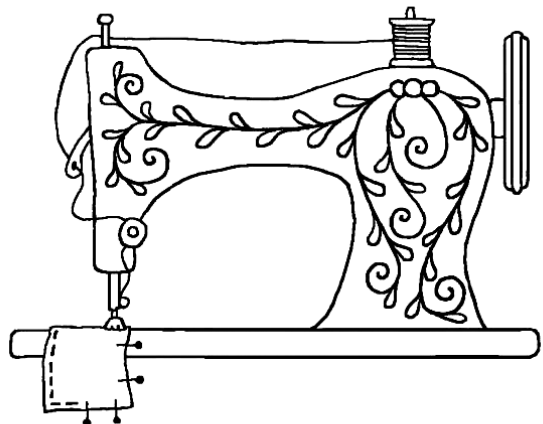
We will pack the bags at the hotel on Thursday, September 27, from 3 to 4, at the Atrium Hotel. Any guild or quilt shop having items to be placed in the goodie bags need to deliver them to Beth Coldwater prior to September 27 or to the Atrium Hotel no later than 3 p.m. Thursday, September 27. Any items not received by 3 p.m. Thursday will be given out at the registration table Friday and Saturday.

### Door Prizes

Everyone looks forward to this part of our meeting. Anyone who received a door prize at a previous meeting is requested to bring one to the next meeting they attend. Please bring your donated item to the registration table on Saturday morning.

### Opportunity Quilts

Any guild having an opportunity quilt is allowed to bring it to display and gather donations. Each guild is responsible for displaying their quilt and collecting funds. These will be shown at the general meeting on Saturday.



# KQO Fall 2018 Schedule

## Thursday, September 27, 2018

Registration (Central Lobby Area of  
Atrium Conference Center) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Sewing (Endeavor Room) 5:30 - 11:00 p.m.  
Supper on your own.

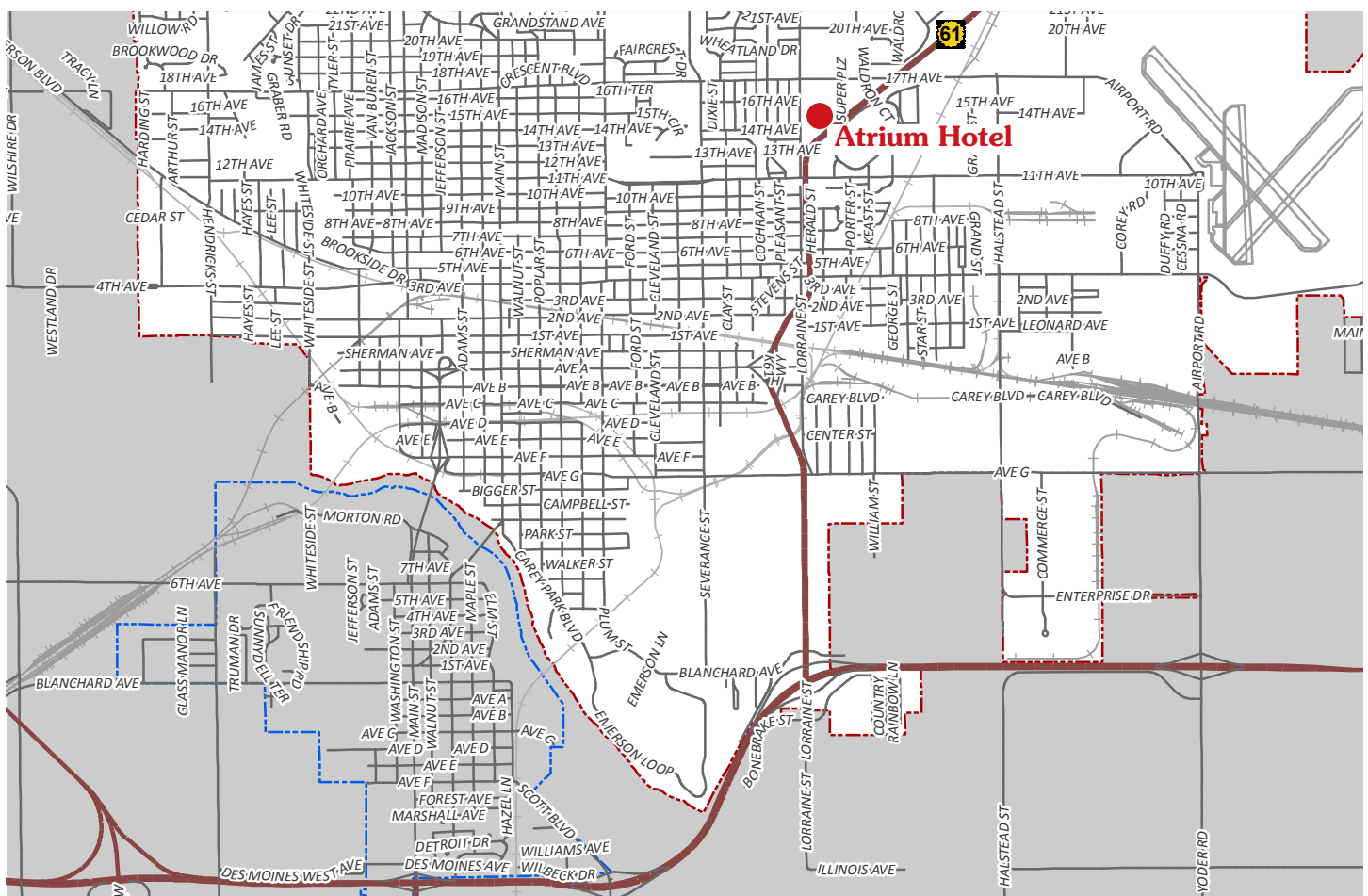
## Friday, September 28, 2018

Breakfast on your own.  
Registration (Central Lobby -  
Outside Endeavor Room) 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  
Sewing 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.  
Mini-Demonstrations 9:45 - 10:00 a.m.  
(Select two of the four each time) 2:30 - 2:45 p.m.  
Lunch (Endeavor 3) 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Cottonwood Quilts Party 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Supper on your own  
Board Meeting  
(Location to be announced) 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

## Saturday, September 29, 2018

Breakfast on your own  
Registration 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
KQO General Meeting 9:00 a.m.  
Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Basket Ticket  
Purchases, Early Bird Registration Drawing,  
UFO Show and Tell  
Trunk Show (Diane Okeson) 10:45 a.m.  
Lunch 12:00 - 1:00  
Trunk Show (Diane Okeson) 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.  
Door Prizes  
Basket Winners Announced  
Wrap-up  
Adjourn 3:00 pm

All meeting and sewing rooms are in the Atrium Hotel  
and Conference Center.



Room assignments for classes and lectures will be given at registration.

***Make your reservations by September 12, 2018 to receive special KQO rates.***

## *Fall 2018 Trunk Show—*

# Diane Okeson

Diane Okeson has taught classes, shown her quilts through trunk shows, judged quilt shows and served on various boards and organizations. She and her husband Dave have two married children, and three grandchildren. She is presently serving as the President of the Kansas Quilters Organization. She has held several positions on her local quilt guild including President. Diane and her family are very active in their church where she has been Vacation Bible School Director, taught Sunday School Classes, served as Bible study leader and chair for her circle, and held various offices on the District Board for LWML.

Diane has taught and worked in the field of nursing for over 35 years. She served on the State Board of Nursing and the National Council of Nursing and as an item writer for the National Licensure Exam. She has articles and research published as well as chapters in nursing texts. She was honored to be selected as the key-note speaker for several nursing conferences. Students

always commented on her ability to explain difficult skills in understandable and simplistic terms and demonstration. She brings that same enthusiastic love of teaching to her quilt making and quilt teaching. She began “sampling” quilting about 20 years ago but has become an accomplished quilter in the last few years. She enjoys reading and studying about tips, techniques, patterns and the history of quilt making, as well as making quilts, usually for family and friends or for special occasions. She likes to try new techniques, color variations, and adapt patterns or designs with the addition of her own personal touches. She loves to travel and tries to stop at new quilting stores along the way. She finds it fascinating how each shop has its own personality. She enjoys visiting with fellow quilters and learning about people and their quilting stories. The memories and stories attached to quilts are what make them each such a treasure.

Her most popular trunk shows are: one entitled “Piecing Memo-

ries” where she shows some quilts over 70 years old and tells the family stories behind them. She also shows her quilts and shares her story of her quilting history. Another popular trunk show is entitled “Christmas Traditions and Memories”. During this show the audience views her many Christmas Quilts and other family Christmas articles and hears the family story of their Christmas traditions. Who doesn’t want to go to Hawaii? She has a popular trunk show that includes her many examples of Hawaiian applique as well as other quilts utilizing different types and techniques of applique. She also does a trunk show of the “Quick and Magnificent” showing quick quilts and how to do them, and utilize color to make them interesting.

Her quilts have earned her blue and purple ribbons, special applique awards and Best of Show. She has taught multiple classes on a variety of topics such as piecing, appliqué, Hawaiian Applique, stained glass quilts, mariners compass, and a variety of quick projects. She has several original designs and teaches the process for making your own pattern. During her workshops and classes, she enjoys sharing tips that you don’t always find in print anywhere. Quilting and being active in her organizations is a great way to meet and make new friends! Happy Quilting.



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## The Web Connection to KQO

Website:

[www.ksquilter.org](http://www.ksquilter.org)

Facebook general:

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

Already a member:

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



# Report of Kansas Quilters Organization

## Nominating Committee

The Board appreciates six years of service from Delia Harder, Joyce Hicks, Sue Roy and Dorothy Stevenson and three years of service from Diane Okeson. All of these members will be leaving the board. In addition, we appreciate the service of Kathy Law who served for two years and Diane McKoon and Pam Calhoun who served for one year. We appreciate the willingness of Rose Mary Cantrell and Bernice Bounds to continue serving after completion of a three-year term.

There are currently seven open positions on the board which must be filled as well as two terms which need to be completed. The committee has made numerous phone calls and written contacts and to date have only found five people willing to commit to serving a three-year term.

Members may make additional nominations from the floor at the meeting and the committee may receive acknowledgment of additional members who are willing to serve after receipt of this newsletter. If you are making a nomination from the floor be sure you have received the acceptance of the person being nominated.

The following members have agreed to nomination:

**Rose Mary Cantrell** and **Bernice Bounds** to serve a second three-year term. (Not included in the seven open positions.)

**Nancy Arnoldy** to serve a three-year term, her bio follows:

My 30-year career in the quilting

industry began very inauspiciously. After an eight-year stint in law enforcement in Hays, I took up quilting to keep my hands busy while I quit smoking. Within months, I opened the Prairie Sampler Quilt Shop in 1988 and promptly became acquainted with KQO through Norma Chestnut and Carolyn Peterson. My first KQO meeting was in Paola with the main speaker being Barbara Brackman. Now I live in Lawrence four doors down from Barbara Brackman's former residence. Small world.

While raising two kids with my husband, Doug Weller, I worked part-time at Sew Easy Bernina Center and Quilt Cottage in Hays before getting my own long-arm machine in 1999 - from long arm of the law to long-arm quilter, as I like to say. During that time I self-published two machine quilting books while doing quilting for designers Lynne Hagmeier and Jo Morton. After moving to Salina in 2004, another opportunity occurred at a KQO meeting in Lindsborg which led to seven years as a fabric sales rep for Blank Quilting, Hoffman, and P & B Fabrics, travelling to quilt shops in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri. Tough job but somebody has to do it.

We moved to Lawrence two years ago and live happily with our cat, Gus, while our children pursue careers in Seattle and New York. I spend as much time as possible in my sewing loft over the garage and growing stuff in the yard and community garden. I find weeding, and quilting, very therapeutic.

**Debbie Coddington** to serve a three-year term, her bio follows:

Hi, my name is Debbie Coddington and I have been a member of KQO for several years and have previously served on the board. I have enjoyed the many friendships that are the result of having been a member of this group and look forward to having even more opportunities to expand that circle of friends through work on the board.

I have lived in Eudora for the past three years after having lived in Olathe for 43 years. I am a member of the guild in Eudora as well as the Kaw Valley Quilters in Lawrence. I love all aspects of quilting with the exception of frog stitching, which unfortunately I have to occasionally do. I enjoy learning new techniques and being challenged to try new things. I try to take advantage of as many workshops as I can which has resulted in having a rather large pile of UFOs! My challenge to myself is to get a lot of those completed.

In the past three or four years I have been trying my hand at machine quilting and am currently working to perfect my ruler skills.

I retired two years ago as an Occupational Therapist for Research Medical Center in KCMO where I had worked as a Certified Hand Therapist. I really miss my co-workers and all my patients/friends, but not so much the paperwork! My husband Alan and I will have been married for 48 years by the time you read this. I have two grown children, with my son being the father of my

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two grandchildren, ages 10 and 13. We have two small crazy rescue dogs which add to the liveliness of our home.

**Sharon Hughes** to serve a first three-year term:

I have been quilting off and on for many years but have seriously been sewing quilt tops for the last four years during my recovery from cancer treatment. I have sewn extensively for over 60 years making my children's and my own clothes. My family had quilters in generations before me so I have quite a few vintage quilts. I belong to the Kansas Prairie Quilt Guild in Manhattan. I am married with two adult children and two granddaughters. I am 78 years old and grew up near Centralia, Kansas so a lifetime Kansas resident. Before retiring I was Office Manager at a law firm here in Manhattan for 34 years.

I recently enjoyed the KQO meeting in Emporia, especially practicing sewing circles and curves. I am relatively new to your organization but would serve on your Board if needed.

**Doris Santee** to serve a three-year term:

My quilting story starts with 4-H sewing as a child. Piecing quilt tops became a part of my life in 1972 after I embroidered "pixie blocks" from a *Workbasket Magazine*. My mother had become an avid quilter by then – even doing machine quilting on a long arm machine along with piecing and hand quilting. I soon became "hooked" as well! I am now excited to be attending "Kids Quilt Camp" with my oldest granddaughter this summer!

Four years ago my husband and

I moved to Wichita having retired after 35 years of working in education in Kansas schools. We are now living closer to our three daughters and their families which include a total of five grandchildren. We enjoy assisting with some of the needed child care for the children and attending their activities. Of course there is still time to shop and quilt!

As a current member of three quilt guilds and a former KQO Board Member, I am aware of the need for members to step up and serve in this capacity in order to promote and build our organization's future. It is now my turn to once again volunteer to serve this group.

**Beverly Holdren** to serve a three-year term:

I was raised in Syracuse which is in Western Kansas near the Colorado line. I married Charles R. Holdren and we raised twin sons, Terry and Larry. I enjoy my four grandchildren, two in Kansas and two in Colorado.

I was a bank teller and Charles and I owned and operated the Syracuse

Journal. Charles passed in 1990 and it wasn't fun running the paper by myself so I sold the business and served as the Hamilton County Clerk for eight years. I moved to Topeka to be closer to children and worked at the Capital for seven years. I'm currently living in Manhattan and love being a Cats fan. My hobbies include sewing, Anstey (genealogy) and family. I began sewing in 4-H. I was tall and thin so my mother and I made my clothes. After moving to Manhattan I became interested in quilts and have enjoyed it very much.

If you are willing to serve please contact Karen Scott at 620-481-9571 or KarenScott51@gmail.com. We will be happy to add your name to the ballot.

YOUR HELP IS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE ORGANIZATION FUNCTIONING.

Karen Scott, Rachel Moreland, Mary Pacey, Elaine Boese and Debbie Coddington, Nominating Committee members.



## Thank You *Merci Gracia*

*A special thank you to those who provided items for the fundraising baskets.*

The following donated items:

Field To Fabric 907 Main Winfield, Kansas 67156

Calico Rose Fabrics and Quilts 319 Broadway Cottonwood Falls, Kansas

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Anonymous Donors

# Meeting Minutes From Emporia

## **General Meeting Kansas Quilters Organization June 9, 2018 Emporia, Kansas**

The meeting was called to order by President, Diane Okeson. Greetings were given to members and participants of the workshops on Friday.

Thank you to Kathy Law and Karen Scott for arranging the venue and Dorothy for arranging the speakers. All board members were recognized. Diane reminded people of the need to volunteer to fill positions on the board.

Goodie Bag gifts from Emporia Regional Quilters Guild were batik lanyards sewn by Kathy Law and Karen Scott. The nine patch pin cushions were courtesy of the Flint Hills Regional Quilters Guild. Glenda Mark made the finger pin cushions and bottle cap containers.

Opportunity quilts available for ticket purchases are Farmhouse Stars quilt from Hutchinson, Log Cabin from Country Quilters from Topeka and Central Kansas Thread Benders from Great Bend.

Diane reported that the Fall Meeting will be at the Atrium in Hutchinson September 27, 28 and 29, 2018. This will be a retreat format with 4 mini demonstrations, sewing Thursday as late as you want. There will

be sewing all day Friday followed by a party at Cottonwood Quilts probably from 5 to 7 p.m. Return to sewing as late as you like Friday evening. Hotel contact information will be forwarded via email.

Diane announced that Wichita, Kansas, June 21 to 23, 2018 will hold its Quilt Show.

Betty Simmons won the blocks from this meeting.

Needle in a Haystack, our vendor, was given applause and thanks of the group for coming to the meeting.

Diane advised that Jennifer Stevens has agreed to take over the job of Web Master.

Nominations to the board were discussed. Diane appointed Karen Scott, Chair and Rachel Moreland from the Board and members Elaine Boese, Mary Pacey, and Debbie Coddington to serve as the Nominations Committee. Diane encouraged everyone to consider serving on the board. Mary Pacey addressed the group about serving on the Board of KQO.

Show and tell from Patti Pearce's class was held and everyone discussed their vintage items.

Show and tell from Karla Alexander's class was held and everyone displayed their progress on circles and ovals. Karla discussed some of the new circle techniques learned by the students.

The early bird drawing was won by Gwen Rankin. She will get \$40 off her next registration.

Lunch will be from 12 to 1 p.m. with Karla giving her second lecture beginning at 1 p.m.

Jeannine talked about Golden Oldies a group composed of current and past board members. This year's retreat July 20-22, 2018 will be held at Webster Conference Center in Salina. Check-in begins Friday at 2 p.m. and members will be sewing on projects of their choice. Sometimes there are demonstrations and you may participate in making and signing autograph quilts and also quilt blocks selected by Jeannine which are string pieced foundation cut 13 inches, these can be done in patriotic colors to assist with Quilts of Valor if you like. Jeannine will have information, see her if needed.

Door prizes were begun and continued to be distributed throughout the meeting.

Break.

Dorothy introduced Karla Alexander who presented a lecture and trunk show of her work.

Show and Share was held.

Break for shopping with Karla Alexander and Needle in a Haystack.

Lunch was served.

The meeting was reconvened and a second lecture was given by Karla Alexander.

Diane announced that there would be an additional board meeting and nominating committee meeting held following adjournment.

Tony moved for adjournment, the motion was seconded by almost everyone, and the motion carried.

Karen Scott, Secretary



# Kansas Quilters Organization



## Membership Registration

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

☐ 1 year -> \$20.00      ☐ 3 years -> \$50.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Previous KQO member? \_\_\_\_\_

Is any of the above information a change from your previously submitted contact information?

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**Send this form and any changes to:**

**Treasurer Rose M. Cantrell**

**812 Maine St.**

**Lawrence, KS 66044**

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[rosemcan1204@gmail.com](mailto:rosemcan1204@gmail.com)

**Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the mailing of your updated membership card.**

**Make checks payable to Kansas Quilters Organization.**

*Please copy and give this form to a friend who is not a member of KQO.*

Store small leftover fabric by color in a bin separate from large pieces and force yourself to use those pieces first in your next scrap quilt.

Put metallic thread spools in the freezer overnight and it won't break (or not as likely to).

Don't be afraid to try different colors and patterns out of your comfort zone. Some of the prettiest quilts come from someone taking a risk and trying new things.



# KQO 2018 Fall Meeting Registration Form

September 28-29, 2018

Atrium Hotel & Conference Center • 1400 N. Lorraine • Hutchinson

Phone 620-669-9311

This form must not be postmarked prior to Aug. 17th. Final registration deadline is Sept. 7th. Early-bird registration closes on August 24th. LATE FEE of an additional \$10 will be added after Sept 7th.

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. Call (620-669-9311) to reserve your room. Cost is \$72.00 per night. Don't forget to mention KQO. Please check with the hotel for accessibility needs when you register.

Mail Registration Form and Check to: Rose Cantrell, 812 Maine St, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Choose how you want to receive your confirmation:

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.)

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Please indicate any special nutritional needs.

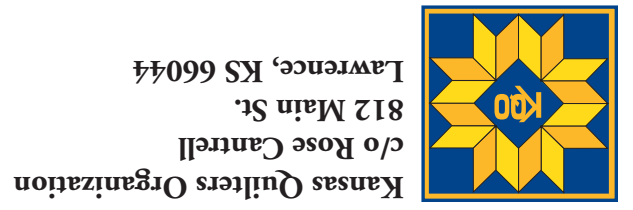
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## MEETING REGISTRATION FEE:

**Entire weekend activities from Thursday evening to Saturday. Friday and Saturday lunches are included. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70.**

**Saturday only registration: Includes general meeting, trunk show and lunch.  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.**

**You must be a current member to attend. Membership form enclosed.**



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