



**2026 Red, White, and Route 66
Challenge Registration Form**
 June 11 - 13, 2026
 Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex - Springfield, MO

****Open to Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild (OPQG) Members Only****

Entrant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Quilt Name: _____

Check One: _____ Route 66 Challenge _____ America's Beauty Challenge

Quilt Story: Limit your story to 255 characters including letters, spaces, and punctuation. America's Beauty - If your quilt is not an original design, please give proper credit to the designer and/or pattern source here. Continue on another piece of paper if needed. _____

Registration Guidelines:

1. Registration window opens **January 1, 2026** and closes **March 1, 2026**.
2. **Attach** a photo to your registration form, no smaller than 4" x 6". Photo is for identification purposes only.
3. Mail registration form and photo to Mary Loker. OPQG members may also give registration form/photo to Mary.

Delivery:

_____ I will bring quilt to Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex on Monday, June 8, 2026 between 3 PM and 7 PM.

Mailing Address:

Mary Loker
 139 Somerset Rd
 Buffalo, MO 65622

Direct registration questions to:

Mary Loker
 417 733-3146
mtloker@gmail.com

Direct Challenge questions to:

Sandy Sanders
 248 783-6647
ibthechange@gmail.com

Quilt Pick-up: (Check one)

_____ I will pick up my quilt on Saturday, June 13, 2026 between 5 PM and 6:30 PM from the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex.

_____ I authorize _____ to pick up my entry.

Hold Harmless Agreement: I have read, accept and understand the OPQG 2026 Quilt Entry Rules, and that my entry or entries must be available for display from June 8, 2026, through June 13, 2026. I understand that every effort will be made to protect my entry, however, neither OPQG nor the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds & Event Center E*Plex (including their members and associates) can be held liable for loss or damage to my entry. My entry will be insured per the guidelines specified per the OPQG 2026 Quilt Entry Rules. If you challenge the default value, a copy of an appraisal by a certified quilt appraiser, *issued within the last five years*, must accompany the registration form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for participating in our guild challenge!

Dual Challenge – Commemorative Red, White, and Route 66

In 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and another milestone: the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the historic Mother Road of the United States. Our commemorative challenge, Red, White, and Route 66, celebrates it all.

This challenge gives you **two options** - or you can do one of each 😊

Option one: Route 66 - memories and milestones – all entries 20”X 20”

Option two: America's Beauty – our land of the free - any size/shape, perimeter is not to exceed 180”

Entry Deadline: submit paperwork – Jan 1, 2026 - March 1, 2026

Quilts Due: June 8, 2026

Eligibility: Must be an Ozark Piecemakers Quilt Guild member to enter the challenge.

Prize: Aurifil 12-spool thread pak. The winners will be decided by viewers' choice voting. One winner will be chosen for each challenge option (one and two).

Option one- Route 66 Challenge

The finished entry should be 20” X 20.” Must be an original design.

Route 66, one of the first national highways in the United States, runs from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California. It was created in 1926 and decommissioned in 1985. During those nearly 60 years, it symbolized American individualism, travel, and freedom. In 1992, Springfield, MO, was designated the official *Birthplace of Route 66*.

As you design your Route 66 Challenge quilt, consider the route, the cities, the countryside, automobiles, businesses, tourist destinations, gas stations, signs, and the movement of goods and people. Maybe a favorite memory from a Route 66 landmark will give inspiration.

Option two- America’s Beauty Challenge

The finished entry can be any size or shape, but the perimeter is not to exceed 180.”

Original designs are encouraged, but you can vary an existing pattern (make it your own). NO kits.

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we will celebrate the land of the free and all its beauty. This theme is open to your interpretation of America’s Beauty and our freedom: Scenery, Patriotism, Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Details - both options

- All techniques are allowed: piecing, appliqué, and surface embellishment, but surface dimension should not exceed .25” and must maintain integrity when handling.
- Finished quilt should have a sleeve for hanging.

Have fun... Quilting is a journey we love!