

OPQG Quilt Show - June 11-13, 2026

## 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 (see entry form for details on delivery of quilts)

**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 250<sup>th</sup> 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!**