

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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2025 Committee Chairs

- Comfort Quilts:** Lynn Meeks
- Donation Quilt:** Patty Dikeman, Susan Anderson, Connie Bailey
- Donation Quilt Tickets:** Freddia Sullivent, Judy Dedmon
- Hostess Desk:** Jan Enke, Linda Myers, Pat Starks
- July Fundraiser:** Debbie Christie
- Membership:** Susan Lyon
- Name Tags:** Edwina Schwartz
- Newsletter:** Dianne O'Donnell
- Publicity & Website:** Brenda Gigliello
- 2025 Quilt Camp:** Joanie Coffman, Genia Smith
- Christmas Party:** ??
- Sunshine and Shadows:** Vi Brown
- 2026 Quilt Show:** Mary Butler, Genia Smith

Please speak to a committee chair or member of the board to find out how you can support these events!

2025 Officers

President

Connie Bailey
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Vice & Co-Vice President

Sue Anderson
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Treasurer

Freddia Sullivent
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Secretary

Judy Dedmon
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2026 Officers

President

Kim Kidder

Vice & Co-Vice President

Mary Butler
Genia Smith

Treasurer

Freddia Sullivent

Secretary

Jennifer Cook

Connie's Comments.

I am sitting outside on a sunny 75 degree day, thinking about which project to quilt next. I think it will be a lovely client quilt with multi-colored hearts ♥ perfect for February. I am thankful for times like this to ponder and soak up some healthy vitamin D.

"G" Grow: Did you accept the challenge to grow a little last month? I enjoyed a Stack & Whack class taught by Joan Miller at Mamas Log House. It was exciting to watch six wedges become totally new flowery hexagons!

"R" Re-visit: Did you revisit an already started project? The bag I started in December for my sister's birthday will get finally finished today. (I hope!)

"O" Organize: My bag making hardware got organized. It's much easier to wade through now! I love making bags almost as much as I love making a quilt!

"W" Work: Did you work on your quilting hobby? I just handed back two finished quilts today. The satisfaction of making something beautiful from start to finish is a great feeling! I hope you added to your list of accomplishments this month, and will share them at our next meeting!

Did you enjoy getting to know our 2025 officers at our last meeting? Do you remember who is nicknamed Skippy? How many of our officers met their husbands on a blind date? Who climbed the wall of the National Cemetery in the dark of night?

And who just went on a longarm quilting cruise? I did! Making new quilting friends, watching waves from our veranda, yummy evening meals and bicycling on the island of Saint Martin with my husband are memories I cherish! And of course, I loved the instruction and demos from three professional longarmers.

I encourage you to make it one of your 2025 goals to attend a quilting event to make cherished lasting memories!! **One great quilting event is the Belle Point Quilters Guild camp at Mount Magazine State Park, September 3-6.** Put it on your calendar!

See you at the next meeting!

Connie

Our Next Meeting

February 24, 2025 6:30pm
Cavanaugh Senior Center





Belle Point Quilters Guild January 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The BPQG regular meeting was called to order by President, Connie Bailey at 6:30 p.m. Connie welcomed everyone, returning members, visitors and guests.

Treasurers Report - A motion to approve the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter was made by Joannie Coffman and seconded by Krissy Barnes. Member Sarah Mong had a question about a discrepancy on October to November reports. Treasurer Freddia Sullivent stated there were a few issues on bookkeeping that have been resolved and corrected. Sarah was offered the opportunity to discuss at meeting or save and discuss at the Board Meeting. Sarah agreed to save for the next Board Meeting. All were in favor of motion and the report will be filed for audit. A motion to approve the proposed 2025 budget as printed in the newsletter was made by Krissy Barnes and seconded by Lucy Bonnin. All were in favor of motion and the report will be filed for audit.

Minutes - A motion to approve the annual meeting minutes as printed was made by Genia Smith and seconded by Sue Anderson. All were in favor and the motion accepted. Report will be filed for audit. A motion was made by Gaylon Scharbor to accept the November 2024 regular meeting minutes and seconded by Ann Akins. All were in favor and the minutes accepted. Report filed for audit.

Chairman Reports - Lynn Meeks, Cozy Quilts chair was not present. President Bailey explained about Cozy Quilts. Donation Quilt was presented by Patty Dikeman and Sue Anderson. Quilt was pieced by Patty and Sue and was quilted by Connie Bailey. The \$20.00 donation for the quilt is included with the yearly dues and you receive your ticket from Freddia Sullivent with yearly registration. Hostess desk is manned by Jan, Linda and Pat. Membership is done by Susan Lyon. She reported two new members signed up tonight. July fundraiser by Debbie Christie had nothing to report. Dianne O'Donnell, newsletter editor was not present. Brenda Gigliello, publicity chair reported that classes and supply lists are on website and a laptop or computer is much more user friendly than on your phone. Joanie and Genia reported that Quilt Camp will be September 3 - 6th at Mount Magazine and the theme is "Let's Go To The Movies". Mary Butler and Genia Smith had nothing to report for the 2026 Quilt Show. A volunteer is needed for the Christmas Party, but no one has volunteered. Sue Anderson and Patty Dikeman reported that class Tuesday at Mama's Academy taught by Joan Miller is a stack and whack class and a couple spots are still open. Fee for the class is \$35.00 and lunch is included. Next month will be an Improv Rose class taught by Sandy Burch at the same place and same price.

Unfinished business : Bylaws- Verbiage regarding dues is being updated by Genia Smith. New directory was discussed by board and decided to print only copies for new members. New members' contact information will be printed and made available to add to your directory. You can also print a directory from the website.

New Business - Connie asked for help to stay and help clean up after meetings. Ann Akins reported forms for the Airing of the Quilts, May 8-10th, are on the tables and need to be turned in by February 19th. Any questions, see Ann. Krissy Barnes reported a miniature sit and sew class will be the 1st Saturday of every month at Mama's Academy. No charge for class. Gaylon Scharbor displayed her miniature. Krissy also reported that a flyer on the tables are about a super bowl sale at Mama's Log House February 7th & 8th.

Two guests were welcomed: Bette Wessel and Cheryl Davis. Door prizes were awarded to Karen Ward, Kathy Hart, Dawn Denny, Barbara Warner and Susan Lyon. 50/50 was won by Vi Brown. Show & tell was presented by Ann McEvoy, Judy Garrett, Lucy Bonnin, Roxanne Kneessi, Gaylon Scharbor, Lona Jenkins, Sarah Mong, Susan Lyon, Sue Anderson, Linda Finley and Peggy Weidler.

Sue Anderson reported she would like to start a UFO challenge. Different challenge ideas were suggested. A challenge may be in September for the 2026 quilt show.

Connie offered a get acquainted with the 2025 officers and a by-laws quiz with candy prizes for correct answers. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. If a name is misspelled, please let me know.

Minutes presented by Secretary, Judy Dedmon

January 2025 Budget News



	Jan-25	Jan-25	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	2025 Budget	2025 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Administration		38.87		38.87		700.00
Charitable Contribution						300.00
Christmas Party						800.00
Cozy Quilts						50.00
Donation Quilt	1,570.00		1,570.00		3,340.00	500.00
Door Prizes	93.00		93.00		1,215.00	600.00
Equipment						100.00
July Fundraiser					4,100.00	400.00
Membership Dues	2,580.00	157.60	2,580.00	157.60	4,830.00	50.00
Membership/Directory						100.00
Memorials						100.00
Name Badges	10.00	26.58	10.00	26.58	20.00	50.00
Newsletter		73.00		73.00		450.00
President Quilt						150.00
Programs/Workshops	455.00	400.00	455.00	400.00	3,000.00	8,000.00
Quilt Camp					13,000.00	13,000.00
Quilt Show						2,000.00
Senior Center						1,200.00
Storage Unit		600.00		600.00		780.00
Sunshine/Shadows						75.00
T-shirts						
Website						400.00
50/50	27.50		27.50		300.00	0.00
Totals	4,735.50	1,296.05	4,735.50	1,296.05	29,805.00	29,805.00



Feed the Kitty 50/50

As the New Year begins the “Kitty” is hungry as ever. Take an extra moment as you sign in to add a buck or two to the 50/50 drawing.

Your dollar (or dollars) combined with every other 50/50 player, supports our guild. And as the name says, each dollar you contribute, increases your chance to win 50% of the kitty.

2025 Donation Quilt: My Sunshine Garden

Made by Sue Anderson and Patty Dikeman and quilted by Connie Bailey of Creations by Connie Bee. This 90 x 90 quilt is bright, happy and beautifully quilted. Every ticket you buy increases the chance this quilt will be yours! Members are also encouraged to get friends and family in on the fun.

Tickets are available via Belle Point Quilters Guild. Contact Freddia Sullivant or Judy Dedmon via email or at a regular meeting.

Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$5.00

Drawing for this gorgeous quilt will be held at our annual holiday party.



January 2025 By-Laws Revision News

Recent changes in Guild membership requirements necessitated a revision to our By-Laws. Revisions regarding membership are posted here with changes noted in red. The by-laws are available on the guild Website and on our Facebook page should you wish to read them in full. Updates will be made when revisions have been approved.

Facebook: *Belle Point Quilters Guild Group* **Website:** *www.bellepointquilters.org*

A voice vote to accept or further revise these bylaws will be taken at our February meeting. Only those present at the meeting may vote.

Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of Belle Point Quilters Guild.

Please note: Changes are in red.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Membership - third paragraph page 7, currently reads:

Membership dues are \$30.00 per year. Charter members (founding mothers) have been granted lifetime membership and do not pay annual dues. They include *Maxine Adney, Aundria Carlton, *Billie Carter, Cindy Dorzab, *Flora Mae Doville, *Kola Fortune, *Phyllis Lukas, Carolyn McChristian, *Shirley Nicholson, Cissy Rose, Judy Sagely, and Bonnie Turner (*Deceased)

Proposed Change:

Membership dues are \$30.00 per year, **plus \$20.00 donation quilt ticket requirement, making the total amount due in January or any new members during the year, \$50.00.** Charter members (founding mothers) have been granted lifetime membership and do not pay annual dues. They include *Maxine Adney, Aundria Carlton, *Billie Carter, Cindy Dorzab, *Flora Mae Doville, *Kola Fortune, *Phyllis Lukas, Carolyn McChristian, *Shirley Nicholson, Cissy Rose, Judy Sagely, and Bonnie Turner. (*Deceased)

Quilt Ticket Sales: page 8 currently reads:

Have tickets printed for the December drawing and distribute tickets to all members. Collect tickets and money from members; turn money into Treasurer as collected. Retain tickets in a secure location until drawing at Christmas Party. Arrange for the quilt to be at appropriate locations to sell tickets to the public. Price of tickets to be decided by the Board of Directors. Belle Point Quilters Guild Members are required to purchase, sell, or donate \$20.00 in support of the Donation Quilt project.

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Planning for a Great Year! Events You Won't Want to Miss

It's never too early to start planning for a great year at the Guild. In addition to speakers and classes, fund raising events help our Guild continue to grow. And they don't happen without your involvement! Mark your calendars and please consider stepping up to lead or support an event committee.



July 28th

Jackpot in July: Annual Fundraiser

One of our **BIGGEST** fund raising efforts! Join us and snag a jackpot basket of goodies, a cache of fabric, patterns, crafts and other donated goods.



September 3rd - 6th

Let's Go to the Movies! Quilt Camp at Mt Magazine

It's three glorious, glamorous Hollywood inspired days at Mt Magazine. Games, give aways and good friends. Buddy up and book your rooms early for this best time of the year.



November 24th

Holiday Market: Vendors, Members and Businesses

Add unique gifts and crafts to your holiday shopping list with local businesses, Guild members and other vendors.



December 8th

Annual Holiday Party

This event needs a leader and support committee. Round out your Guild year with festivities and fellowship at our holiday party. Challenge block give aways a chance to win a **BIG** bundle of Fat Quarters and a yummy dinner. It's a fun and easy event to host. Talk to any member of our board if you are interested.

How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Guild Members?

Plan on getting to know more about them and their quilting journey during our monthly Member Moment.



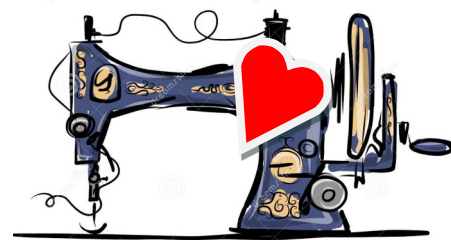
February is the border between winter and spring.

Upcoming Meetings and Classes

February 24, 2025 6:30 PM BPQG Meeting

Speaker Tim Jones – Show Your Machine Some Love

Tim Jones, a machine care and maintenance pro, will give us helpful information about keeping your machine in top working condition.



February 25, 2025 9:00–3:00

Class at Mama's Log House Academy

Improv Rose Quilt Block class By Sandy Burch

Class Fee \$35 includes lunch. Non Members \$10 Additional fee.

Class size is limited to 15 people. Reserve Early

This improv method of creating a block is FUN and ADDICTIVE! Individual blocks can be used solo to create a pot holder, sewn into a Frankenbag, used to create a "mini quilt" OR wall hanging, a table runner or a quilt any size you choose. Make them all the same color: red, yellow, peach, purple....or make several blocks in different colors. This project is a stash buster! A supply list will be supplied upon registration.

March 24, 2025 6:30PM BPQG Meeting

Dee Bushrod Quilt Inspirations

Dee is the driving force behind Pixel Quilts, an idea she dreamed up after realizing how much she loved the process of creating this particular type of quilt. A self-taught quilter of 17 years with a background in Marketing and Design, Dee made her first pixel quilt in 2008: a Super Mario quilt for her nephew. After spending the next 14 years learning techniques of quilting and trying her hand at many a pattern, Dee settled on Pixel Quilts as her favorite process and now exclusively focuses on this type of quilt.

Find out more about Dee and her quilting journey at her website: <https://www.pixelquilts.com>



March 25, 2025 Class at Mama's Log House Academy 9:00-3:00

Pixilated quilts by Dee Bushrod

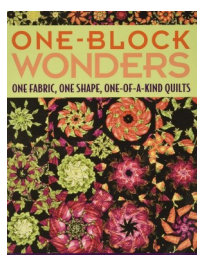
Dive into pixel quilting with Dee and discover the endless possibilities of pixel art transformed into quilts. The 4 hour class is a variation of the cherry blossom Dee is doing for Quilt Con 2025. Participants can purchase for \$25.00, a kit with fabric, pattern and grid smart interfacing. A supply list is available for participants who want to supply their own.

Class Fee \$45 and includes lunch. Non Members \$10 Additional Fee Class Size limited to 15 Reserve Early



Have You Signed Up for a Class ?

They fill up quickly. Here is our own Connie B turning fabric wedges into beautiful kaleidoscope hexagons in a recent class hosted by Joan Miller. We can't wait to see some finished tops from this group later this year.



If you missed the class, look for Stack and Whack ideas on line or in great resources like this book.

And for inspiration and new ways of creating in your sewing room, sign up for a class in 2025.

Oh, Before I Forget!

From My Sewing Room to Yours

As the song says: Let It Go! Let It Go!

Its time to *let go* of fabric I feel confident needs a new and loving home in YOUR stash. So a CRATE full of mostly prints from scrap size to yardage will be posted at the rear table at the upcoming Guild meeting. Lots of kid fabrics, sparkly unicorns, super heroes and a couple of baby panels. **And its all for the LOW, LOW price of FREE!** When is the last time you brought home fabric and could say “scout’s honor, it was FREE!”



A lady never discusses the size of her fabric stash

Inspirations and Ideas

Looking for something new? Maybe just something to get you inspired to dig into that stash! Here are 18 companies offering FREE on-line, printable patterns.

1. **Robert Kaufman Free Quilt Patterns:** 26+ pages of free patterns you can filter and sort.
2. **Moda Fabrics:** A great section of inspiration and resources, including their popular blog “The Moda Bakeshop”. Well written with extensive instructions and photos.
3. **Art Gallery Fabrics Free Patterns:** An incredible collection of modern designs, including a foundation piecing pattern for an Art Quilt of a deer.
4. **Marcus Brothers Fabrics Free Quilt Patterns:** Many pages of patterns, traditional and modern. Unfortunately, there is no way to filter or sort them.
5. **Henry Glass Fabrics Current Projects & Henry Glass Fabrics Archived Projects:** Free projects using current Fabric lines and projects from past fabric lines.
6. **RJR Fabrics Basic Free Patterns:** A good mix of traditional and modern patterns for beginner and experienced quilters.
7. **Northcott Fabrics:** A mixture of quilting patterns, garment and small sewing projects.
8. **Michael Miller Fabrics:** LOTS AND LOTS of patterns here!
9. **Benartex:** A LONG list. Most designs are traditional, a few modern options.
10. **Andover Fabrics:** Over 600 patterns. Many created for specific quilt panels which may no longer be available, a lot of unique ideas.
11. **Accuquilt Free Patterns:** The site requires you to create an account before downloading, but offers over 700 free patterns. Lots here to keep you busy!
12. **Riley Blake Fabrics :** FABULOUS projects on this site! Be patient as the site loads VERY slow. (Someone needs to tell them how to optimize a PDF for web viewing.)
13. **Maker UK:** Simply a treasure trove of free downloadable quilt patterns.
14. **Oakshott Fabrics:** Nice selection of modern trendy quilt designs and a few bag projects.
15. **P&B Textiles:** 11 pages of designs, including great designs for kids.
16. **Windham Fabrics:** Windham shows patterns prior to release of fabrics lines. A good spot to see what’s new and coming.
17. **Ruby Star Society Blog :** Cute trendy projects, updated regularly
18. **Cloud 9 :** A few clothing and bag patterns, including pajama pants and a cute doorstep.

February and March Birthdays



Louise Jenkins	2
Leola Curtis	4
Lona Jenkins,	7
Heather Cannefax	8
Janet Bott	9
Treva Mathis	11
Jennifer Robertson	12
Beth Corley	19
Ann Akins	21
Mary Hufstetler	23



Gaylon Scharbor	1
Marcia Beat	6
Elaine Justman	8
Tracie Rebaman	8
Peggy Weidler	11
Cindy Workman	11
Martha Samuels	12
Tonya Phelps	13
Sandy Beaty	15
Linda Porter	17
Cheryl Morris	20
Jean Newton	22
Veronica Robins	27
Susan Lyon	27
Kim Vest	28



Sorry if we missed your birthday!
 Please let Dianne know so we can update
 our birthday list!
dianne.odonnell.78@outlook.com

Sunshine and Shadows

To contact Vi Brown, please leave a voice message at 479-785-1499 or send text to 479-650-9001 or email Pentaxfox@aol.com

It is the policy of BPQG to send get well/sympathy cards to MEMBERS in the event of illness or surgery and/or the loss of immediate family member (child, spouse, parent). Members may wish to respond to other life events and are encouraged to send cards or other remembrances as they feel appropriate.

Meeting Information

Members are encouraged to invite Guests to join Guild meetings!

Guild Meeting: Fourth Monday each month at 6:30 pm

Fort Smith Senior Activity Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road, Fort Smith AR 72908

Board Meeting: Second Monday each month at 6:00 pm, Fort Smith Library, Main Branch

Mailing Address: Belle Point Quilters' Guild, PO Box 3853 Fort Smith, AR 72913

