

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
 - 2025 Challenge:** Sue Anderson
 - 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!*

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Connie's Comments.

Hello to all! Happy March - what a windy typical March day it is as I write this.

First of all, thank you so much, Sunshine and Shadows, and everyone who sent thoughts, prayers and condolences upon the passing of my precious mother. I appreciated every one! I believe my momma was a wonderful lady and lived her 93 years to the fullest. Much of who I am today is because of her influence. I will miss her deeply. Many of you can relate, I am sure.

Last month I wrote about the satisfaction of attending a quilting event in which you will grow in your skills, challenge yourself (and make new friends!). I also mentioned our yearly guild quilting retreat. At that event, most of us bring small items to share with everyone else there. I want to say "Thank you" to a few creative thoughtful people - I am sorry I do not remember who contributed these items, but a few were given that I use almost daily! I LOVE the crocheted round towel holder that hangs from one of my kitchen drawers.

And speaking of kitchen towels, another I use all the time is the two white terry dish towels that were sewn on a little frock-looking fabric top and tied with ribbons. I love that it hangs off my stove handle and I dry my hands a lot on that too! So very useful! Another gift I love is the simple little scratchy orange sponge-type thing. It is perfect for rubbing across fabrics to get all the little strings and lint bits off. So, thank you to you who brought those useful items to quilt camp 2024. There were many others as well, and I look forward every year to goodies that are dropped in the special take-home container! What kind of container will show up at our sewing station at the 'Let's Go to the Movies' themed retreat?! In closing, I will share some of my mother's meaningful words that she wrote and were read at her memorial service last Saturday "find things that are meaningful to you and live a life of adventure Try to stay busy and trust.... the Savior's love is always sufficient. "

Keep quilting, GROWing, and I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Connie

Our Next Meeting

March 24, 2025 6:30pm
Cavanaugh Senior Center





Belle Point Quilters Guild February 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The BPQG regular meeting was called to order by President, Connie Bailey at 6:31 p.m.

Treasurers Report: A motion was made by Lucy Bonnen to accept the January treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter and seconded by Patti Smith. All were in favor. The motion was accepted.

Minutes: A motion was made by Krissy Barnes to accept the January regular meeting minutes as printed and seconded by Faye Miller. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Old Business: Voting of revision of bylaws regarding dues increase- Genia Smith discussed the changes being proposed and posted in the newsletter. Proposed change under membership added \$20.00 donation quilt ticket requirement, making the total due in January or any new members during the year, \$50.00. Under Quilt Ticket Sales added: The \$20.00 requirement will be included in the payment of dues in January for members renewing and when new members join. The amount due at the time of membership or renewal shall be \$50.00. \$30.00 annual dues, \$20.00 donation ticket requirement. All members are encouraged to sell additional donation quilt tickets above the \$20.00 requirement. A motion was made by Sue Anderson to accept the changes to the bylaws regarding dues increase and seconded by Reita Plummer. All were in favor and the revisions were accepted. Brenda Gigliello will add the revisions to the Website and Facebook page.

Chair Reports: Lynn Meeks reported about 50 donated quilts have gone to different organizations in December and January. Members are encouraged to keep making and donating quilts of different sizes.

Donation Quilt: Donation quilt displayed by Patty Dikeman and Sue Anderson. Donation quilt ticket sells handled by Freddia Sullivent and Judy Dedmon. The drawing is to be held at the end of the year.

Hostess Desk: Jan Enke, Linda Myers, Pat Starks were thanked for overseeing the hostess desk.

Membership: Susan Lyon reported paid membership for January was 79 and tonight was 36 for a total of 115 members.

July Fundraiser: Debbie Christie asked everyone to think about fundraiser items. This money goes to pay for presenters.

Newsletter: Dianne O'Donnell reported to let her know if not receiving newsletter.

Publicity: Brenda Gigliello reported nothing new.

Sunshine & Shadows: Vi Brown not present. President Bailey explained cards are sent to members for good times and not so good times.

2025 Quilt Camp: Joanie Coffman and Genia Smith reported the theme is "Let's Go to the Movies". The camp will be September 3, 4, 5 & 6th. Contact Mount Magazine Lodge for a reservation.

2026 Quilt Show: Mary Butler and Genia Smith reported nothing new.

Christmas Party: needs a volunteer

No new Business.

Announcements: Sue Anderson spoke about the Improv Rose Class at Mama's Log House February 25th, which will be taught by Sandy Birch. Challenge suggestions were on each table. One challenge we will do is the paper bag challenge. Put 3-5 fat quarters in a bag with your name on it. We will exchange them at the March meeting. You will make something with the fat quarters you received and return it to the owner within two months. Ann Akins reported on Airing of the Quilts in May at the pavilion in Greenwood for the South Sebastian County Historical Society. The deadline to enter quilts has been extended and quilts are needed. Krissy Barnes reported a miniatures class is held the 1st Saturday of every month at Mama's Log House. Sandy Birch reported on a three-day retreat at the Sebastian County Fairgrounds May 4, 5 & 6. Contact Sandy for more information.

Guests: Welcome Jessica Aquino, Jay Fox, Debra Weatherford, Connie Lee, Becky Eggers, Montea Wight, Glenda Harris.

Door prizes were won by Jeanne Schemel, Kay Voss, Sandy Birch, Nick Rosan & Michelle Rosan.

50/50 was won by Barbara Turner.

Show & tell - Dianne O'Donnell, Mary Ann Boone and Sunni Rector, Lona Jenkins, Brenda Gigliello, Denise Lusby, Sandy Birch, Sandy Cochran, Marilyn Lewis, Sue Weegee and Marcia Beat.

Sue Anderson introduced our speaker, Tim Jones. Tim is a sewing machine repairman and owns Jones Repair for Machines in Van Buren. Mr. Jones spoke about his 35 years of experience working on sewing machines and gave tips on general things as sewers you might be doing wrong. His presentation was informative with lots of advice and suggestions. He also sharpens scissors and offered \$2.00 off coupons for sharpening.

Member moment: Jennifer Cook Jennifer explained how she got her start in quilting and her quilting journey.

No other business, so meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

February 2025 Budget News

February 2025 Income Statement



	Feb-25 Income	Feb-25 Expense	Y-T-D Income	Y-T-D Expense	2025 Budget Income
Administration		57.37		96.24	
Charitable Contribution					
Christmas Party					
Cozy Quilts					
Donation Quilt	840.00		2,410.00		3,340.00
Door Prizes	123.00	51.44	216.00	51.44	1,215.00
Equipment					
July Fundraiser					4,100.00
Membership Dues	1,330.00	101.90	3,910.00	259.50	4,830.00
Membership/Directory					
Memorials					
Name Badges		41.47	10.00	68.05	20.00
Newsletter		70.05		143.05	
President Quilt					
Programs/Workshops	895.00	450.00	1,350.00	850.00	3,000.00
Quilt Camp					13,000.00
Quilt Show					
Senior Center					2,000.00
Storage Unit		165.00		765.00	
Sunshine/Shadows					
T-shirts					
Website					
50/50	46.00		73.50		300.00
Totals	3,234.00	937.23	7,969.50	2,233.28	29,805.00

2025 Budget Expense
700.00
300.00
800.00
50.00
500.00
600.00
100.00
400.00
50.00
100.00
100.00
50.00
450.00
150.00
8,000.00
13,000.00
2,000.00
1,200.00
780.00
75.00
400.00
0.00
29,805.00

Beginning Balance	24,267.06
February Income	3,234.00
February Expense	937.23
Ending Balance	26,563.83

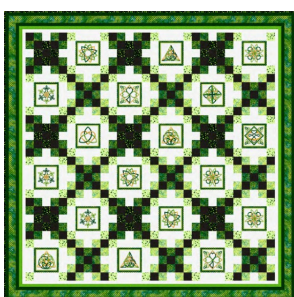
2025 Donation Quilt: My Sunshine Garden

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 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.



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

Planning for a Great Year!

Its 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.



A St Patrick's Day Riddle

(Answer on the last page!)

What's Irish and sits outside?



Upcoming Meetings and Classes

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 14 years learning quilting techniques and trying her hand at many patterns, Dee settled on Pixel Quilts as her favorite process and now exclusively focuses on this type of quilt.

Find out more about Dee 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.

This class is FULL! Please plan on sharing a table.

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

April 28, 2025 - 6:30PM BPQG Meeting

Speaker Candace Hassen - Inspiration Trunk Show

Join us and Candace as she features a trunk show of 20 mostly bed sized quilts. Candace will share how she was inspired to make each one along with strategies she uses to stay organized, get things finished, and have fun while doing it. Her objective in sharing her work is to help others see the world around with fresh eyes. Candace loves hearing from those who have seen her program; that they are inspired and feel like they could do it! You can find out more about Candace and her quilting journey at her website: <https://quiltdesignsbycandace.com>



April 29, 2015 - 9:30-3:00PM

Class - Let's Polka by Candace Hassen

The Academy at Mama's Log House Class Fee \$40 + \$7 pattern Fee - Lunch Provided

Non Members \$10 Additional Fee Class Size limited to 15 **Reserve Early**

This wonderful sampler class uses simple blocks, such as half and quarter square triangles to make a beautiful contemporary design. We will discuss different ways of laying out these blocks and fun ways to make them more unique, with the use of color placement, stripes or other directional prints.



Have You Signed Up for a Class ?

They fill up quickly. We had a terrific time making Improv Roses with Sandy Burch in February! Look for a "Show and Tell" of our scrappy roses in the near future.

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



Events You Won't Want to Miss



It Wouldn't Be Spring Without

Girl Scout cookies, Easter candy, and
SHOP HOP!

Get ready to shake off winter and venture out to 8 participating shops for the

22nd ANNUAL Shop Hop
March 21-29



Itchin' to be Stitchin' Quilt Retreat

May 4,5,6 2025

Sebastian Country Fairgrounds 530 E Knoxville, Greenwood, AR

\$75 fee includes 2 catered lunches, retreat t-shirt, materials for a Make and Take project and a Free PDF Quilt Pattern. This is a "day retreat". The room will be available from 7am to 7pm daily. **The retreat is limited to 50 participants.**

For more info and a link to the registration form: email info@sebastiancountyfair.com



Sue Anderson has a Challenge! Its in the Bag!

If you went home from our February meeting with a Paper Bag, you accepted the Paper Bag Challenge!

Your assignment:

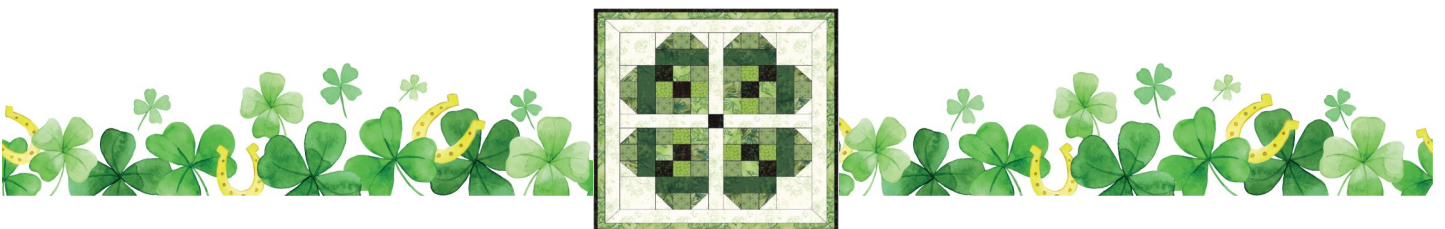
1. Put 2 to 5 fat quarters in the bag. Put your name on the bag.
2. Bring Your Bag to the March Meeting with your NAME ON IT!
3. We will mix up and trade bags.
4. Take home a bag of Fat Quarters from our March meeting. Use the Fat Quarters to create something for that person. The maker may add a neutral light or dark but not both.
5. Return your finished object in the bag at the May guild meeting.

OH NO! Did you miss the meeting or not get a bag?

Sue will bring extra bags to the March meeting. Just bring your Fat Quarters (be sure your name is on them; just a slip of paper will do) and you can join in.



Fat Quarters Only!
No cats please!



March and April Birthdays



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



Lynn Meeks	2
Carolyn Phillips	3
Edwina Schwarz	3
Donna Moreton	6
Verna Baker	7
Jan McFarland	9
Pat Starks	10
Rowena Campbell	13
Lynn Rausch	13
Barbara Warner	13
Sandra Cochran	17
Susan Contaratto	20
Pam Cannefax	22
Judy Dedmon	24
Sue Anderson	26
Judy Mosley	26
Elisa Cossey Brock	30



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

Gina Millican and Connie Bailey have both recently lost their mothers. Our thoughts, prayers and heartfelt condolences to you both.

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.

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Paddy O'Furniture!