

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:** Dianne O'Donnell and Crew
 - 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!*

2025 Officers

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Secretary

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Connie's Comments.

Hello, my fellow BPQG quilter friends!

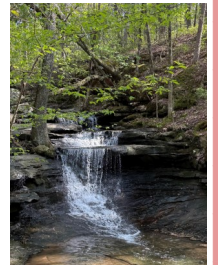
It seems so long since we met. I look forward to our April meeting. And just a reminder for May; we will not meet on the fourth Monday (due to Memorial Day), but on the third Monday, May 19, with class the next day, May 20.

I have been busy with very specific things since I last wrote: T-shirt quilt for my great-niece, Morning Glories client quilt, preparing mandalas for teaching the June class and an enjoyable three-day RV trip to Petit Jean State Park with Tim.



My sister, Deanna and my niece, Lora spent two nights with me and we worked on a t-shirt quilt for my great-niece

who graduates next month from Pea Ridge high school. It was great family fun! Spring rains bring additional waterfalls to Petit Jean State Park and makes for beautiful hiking.



I am very excited to teach the "Mandala Madness" class in June. We will be making a block from Rachelle Denney's Harmony Block of the Month. (More pictures on page 6). I have so much fun with this applique technique, especially playing with putting fabric pieces together ... just like a puzzle! I hope you can join us. **June 24th 9-3:00, Central Christian Church, FS. Sign up on our webpage or call Sue Anderson or Patty Dikeman.**

Have you been growing in your quilting skills this year!?! Remember G.R.O.W. ? Each of the guild classes taught this year has been on a different quilting technique. There is such great variety in quilting! I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting!!

Connie

Our Next Meeting

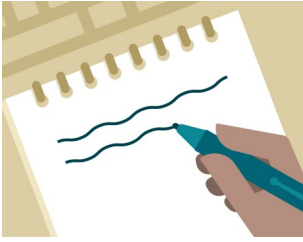
April 28, 2025

6:30pm

Cavanaugh Senior Center



Belle Point Quilters Guild March 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes



Connie Bailey called the March 24, 2025 regular meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Treasurer's Report – A motion was made by Reita Plummer and seconded by Debbie Chrisite to approve the treasurer's report. All were in favor and the report was approved.

February Minutes – A motion was made by Krissy Barnes and seconded by Lucy Bonnin to approve the minutes. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Chair Reports – Cozy Quilts -Lynn Meeks reported that the Crisis Center has asked for some twin-size quilts. Susan Lyon reported that we have 128 members, and the new director-

ies/updates will be sent out this week. Debbie Christie reported to be thinking of ideas and things to sell for the July fundraiser. Dianne O'Donnell had distributed slips of paper on the tables with her email for those not getting the monthly newsletter. Vi Brown had mailed several cards for Sunshine and Shadows. Genia Smith reported that the quilt camp will be September 4, 5 & 6th at Mount Magazine Lodge with lots of surprises. Mary Butler reported if you would like to chair a committee for the 2026 quilt show to see her. Christmas Party still needs a chairperson for this year. Patty Dikeman and Sue Anderson reported that there are two spaces for tomorrow's class with Dee Bushrod.

Announcements - Kim Kidder, 2026 President announced that she had the blocks for this year's quilt for President Connie Bailey and to see her for your block. Bring the blocks back by July. Shop Hop is going on now until March 29th. A new and larger storage building has been rented, and all items were moved this month by Tommy Sullivent and John Lyon.

Sixty-two members were present and one guest, Dawn Newsom.

Door prizes were awarded to Lisa Manis, Sue Anderson, Lynn Meeks, Susan Lyon and Patti Smith.

50/50 of \$38.50 was awarded to Susan Lyon.

Presenters of show and tell were Judy Garrett, Lula Hanson, Lucy Bonnin, Jennifer Cook, Tanya Phelps, Marilyn Lewis, Lona Jenkins, Maryann Boone & Sunni Rector and Lisa Manis.

After a break, **Linda Wight presented a member moment** with her journey as a quilter.

Sue Anderson and Patty Dikeman introduced the guest speaker, Dee Bushrod – Quilt Inspirations. Dee presented a very interesting talk into her journey of pixelated quilts along with a slide show. She will have a class at Mama's Log House Tuesday.

No other business, so the meeting adjourned at 8:31p.m.



Quilt Show Congratulations to BPQG Members!

The Oklahoma Home and Community Education (OHCE) organization recently hosted a quilt show in Sallisaw. Our guild members participated in the event and brought home honors! Be sure to ask them about their award winning quilts.

Brenda Gigliello: Peoples Choice and Best in Show

Patty Dikeman: Best in Show Reserve



March 2025 Budget News



	Mar-25	Mar-25	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	2025 Budget	2025 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Administration		138.64		234.88		700.00
Charitable Contribution						300.00
Christmas Party						800.00
Cozy Quilts						50.00
Donation Quilt	80.00	20.00	2490.00	20.00	3,340.00	500.00
Door Prizes	109.00		325.00	51.44	1,215.00	600.00
Equipment						100.00
July Fundraiser					4,100.00	400.00
Membership Dues	120.00	31.90	4030.00	291.40	4,830.00	50.00
Membership/Directory						100.00
Memorials						100.00
Name Badges			10.00	68.05	20.00	50.00
Newsletter		32.88		175.93		450.00
President Quilt						150.00
Programs/Workshops	400.00	900.00	1750.00	1,750.00	3,000.00	8,000.00
Quilt Camp					13,000.00	13,000.00
Quilt Show		1701.88		1,701.88		2,000.00
Senior Center						1,200.00
Storage Unit				765.00		780.00
Sunshine/Shadows						75.00
T-shirts						
Website						400.00
50/50	75.00		148.50		300.00	0.00
Totals	784.00	2,825.30	8,753.50	5,058.58	29,805.00	29,805.00

50/50 - 36.50 was donated by winner for March

Beginning Balance	26,563.83
February Income	784.00
February Expense	2,825.30
Ending Balance	24,522.53

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!

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.



Upcoming Meetings and Classes

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, 2025 - 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.



May 19, 2025 - 6:30PM BPQG Meeting

Speaker Belle Brunner - Her Quilting Journey and Trunk Show



Quilting began as a hobby during the 2020 pandemic and as a way to create joy for myself, and others by gifting them quilty goodness. I am a self-taught quilter thanks to YouTube University, a lot of trial, error and patience. I now design my own quilt patterns, teach workshops at local guilds and national shows, and consult to guild board of directors.

I am a Brand Ambassador for Benartex Fabrics, Arrow Sewing, Oliso and Daylight Company. I was on the 2022 Maywood Studio Maker Team and was a part time instructor for the American Quilting Society for AQS Quilt Week 2023 in Branson, MO., the Original Sewing & Quilting Expo in Nashville, TN and the International Quilt Festival in Houston. I hope to meet some of you at these amazing shows in the future!

I'm wife to a loving and supportive husband and bonus Mom of a sweet, resilient 13-year-old, who also enjoys creating. We reside in beautiful Ouachita National Forest with furbabies, Jax and Tripp.

You can read more about my quilting journey and check out patterns at my web-site: www.seamssewme.com.

May 20, 2025 - 9:30-3:00PM

Class - Easy Cathedral Windows by Belle Brunner

The Academy at Mama's Log House Class Fee \$35 + \$10 pattern fee

Lunch Provided

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



Events You Won't Want to Miss

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

Annual Airing of the Quilts May 8-9-10, 2024

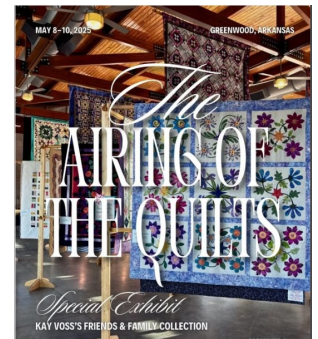
Greenwood, Arkansas 1050 Bell Park Road \$10 Admission

May 8th & 9th: 9am - 5pm May 10th: 9am - 3pm

Contemporary Quilt exhibit at Pavilion and Vintage Quilt display at historic church and 1848 log cabin. Quilts are displayed in charming settings - Contemporary quilts at the Senator Ed Wilkinson Pavilion and vintage quilts at the historic Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church and the 1848 Vineyard Cabin.

Miss Sue's Tearoom Luncheon at the Airing of the Quilts will be served from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. Luncheon cost is \$10.

Visitors can shop vendors, bid on silent auction items and enjoy special displays. Proceeds from this event benefit the Sebastian County Historical Society.



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ALI'S CLOSET Carol Hartsell Greenwood, Arkansas (479) 650-7200 charlselle@outlook.com	MAMA'S LOG HOUSE Huntington, Arkansas (479) 928-1600 or (479) 883-0254 mamaslogvalue@links.net www.mamasloghousequiltshop.com	THE PAINTED DOOR Barn Quilts by Deborah Cury Heber Springs, Arkansas (870) 835-2577 ThePaintedDoorAR@gmail.com
BELLE POINT QUILTERS GUILD bellepointquilters@gmail.com www.bellepointquiltersguild.org X (Twitter) & IG: bellepointquilters FB: Belle Point Quilters Guild	RIVER VALLEY STARS QUILTS OF VALOR Sue Anderson (619) 701-5569 RiverValleyQOV@gmail.com	EVENTS THURS, 9AM - SAT, 2PM Silent Auction THURS, 9AM - SAT, 3PM Meet & Greet: Arkansas Authors THURS-SAT, 10:30AM - 2PM Miss Sue's Tea Room SATURDAY, 3PM Raffle Drawing (see pg. #)
CENTRAL SEWING CENTER Fort Smith, Arkansas (479) 452-3256 www.sewto.com	SOUTH SEBASTIAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY info@histsoc@gmail.com greenwoodmuseumonline.com	
OLD JAIL MUSEUM COMPLEX 307 E. TOWN SQUARE		
DA' BAYOU SNOWBALLS (479) 420-9788 daboyousnowballs.com IG & FB: DaboyouSnowBalls	EVENTS THURS - FRI, 9AM - 5PM Guided Historical Tours SATURDAY, 10AM - 3PM Living War Museum: Meet Historical Figures Civil War Era violin music Reenactments with musket firing Civil War cannon firing	SATURDAY, 11AM The Vineyard Cabin <i>175th Birthday Celebration</i> Join us for a special ceremony, tours, and more!
DOOLY'S DOUGH (479) 586-4164 DoolysDough@yahoo.com FB & IG: DoolysDough		



Mandala Madness June 24th 9-3:00, Central Christian Church, Fort Smith taught by Connie Bailey

We will be making one of the blocks from Rachelle Denny's Harmony Block of the Month. Hope you can join us and explore this applique technique for making beautiful mandala blocks.

Sign up on our webpage or call:

Sue Anderson (619-701-5569) or Patty Dikeman (479-651-0477)

April and May Birthdays



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



Tammy Chavis	1
Paila Peacock	2
Sandy Burch	3
Shirley Lawson	4
Carol Mitchell	10
Debi MacLean	13
Donnett Williams	13
Michele Rosan	17
Karen Richardson	21
Kay Voss	30
Debbie Christie	31



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

So glad to report Kay Voss is home, on the mend and doing well after an emergent health concern and short hospital stay.

Our deepest condolences to Faye Miller on the recent passing of her sister.

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