

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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2024 Officers

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2024 Committee Chairs

2026 Nominating Committee:

Connie Bailey, Judy Dedmon, Gaylon Scharbor, Brenda Gigliello, Debbie Christie

Christmas Party: Meredith Muncy

Comfort Quilts: Lynn Meeks

Donation Quilt:

Genia Smith, Connie Bailey

Donation Quilt Tickets:

Freddia Sullivent, Joan Coffman

Hostess Desk:

Jan Enke, Linda Myers, Pat Starks

Membership: Susan Lyon, Lynn Rausch

Name Tags: Edwina Schwartz

Newsletter: Dianne O'Donnell

Publicity & Website: Brenda Gigliello

2023 Quilt Camp:

Judy Dedmon, Judy Cormack

2024 Quilt Show: Mary Butler

Sunshine and Shadows: Vi Brown

Hello Friends

I can't believe this is our last newsletter for 2024! We celebrated our 40th anniversary, had a great quilt show, a successful July fundraiser, enjoyed quilt camp and wonderful classes. Thank you to the officers and committee chairs; you out did yourselves. I have enjoyed being your President. Being President allowed me to get to know many of you who were familiar faces I now call friends.

Belle Point Quilters Guild is a special group of people sharing our quilting passion. We have the opportunity to learn new techniques and share knowledge. I hope we can expand sharing and with some beginning quilting classes, passing, our love of quilting on to the next generation.

Monday December 9, we celebrate our year end and Christmas. Our November meeting, 11/25 is the last day to RSVP for the party. Please bring new socks to be donated to our Sock Drive. If you have a left/right/center game, bring it along with 5 fat quarters for the game.

November 25th will be our annual meeting. Please make sure you sign in upon arrival. This list will be attached to our annual business meeting minutes. We will be voting on the Board recommendation regarding dues and choose a nonprofit/charity for our annual charity donation. Please be thinking of the nonprofit/charity you would like to recommend.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this year.

Hugs

Genia Smith



November is the time to remind ourselves of the many positive things happening in our lives.

Next Meeting

November 25, 2024

6:30 PM





October 2024 Financial Report				
Beginning Balance				\$41,700.38
	Income	Expenses		
Donation Quilt	\$453.00			
Door Prizes	\$106.00			
50/50	\$35.00			
Christmas Party	\$1,035.00			
Clearing House Donation	\$20.00			
Food/Lodging Judge		\$318.23		
Convention Center		\$6,160.05		
Show Ribbons		\$706.65		
Printing Instructions Pres Block		\$44.30		
Consumer Cellular		\$38.86		
Speaker Fee/Oct		\$802.92		
Door Prizes		\$47.27		
Quilt Camp Raffle		\$70.08		
Speaker Deposit 2025		\$200.00		
Newsletter Printing		\$41.40		
Deposit Mt Magazine		\$398.00		
Mt Magazine		\$7,609.61		
Decorations Mt Magazine		\$100.00		
Fabric Pres. Quilt		\$77.94		
Challenge Fabric Christmas		\$78.46		
Totals	\$1,649.00	\$16,693.77		
Ending Balance				\$26,655.61



2024 Community Services Clearinghouse Food Drive

Thanks and Congratulations to all who donated to our food and fund drive for the River Valley Clearing House.

Thanks to your generosity, BPQG donated \$545.00 and a van full of non-perishable food.

The Clearing House supports families and individuals in need in the River Valley and communities in Oklahoma. They are also the source of the area Back Pack Program. The Back Pack Program helps assure school age children who might otherwise go hungry, have food for the weekend.



BPQG October 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Genia Smith at 6:30

Officer reports:

Treasurer Reports: Brenda G made a motion to accept the treasurer report as printed in the newsletter, Lona Jenkins made a second. All voted to accept- motion carried.

Minutes- Sue Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the newsletter; Marcia Beat made a second; all voted to accept, motion carried.

Christmas party will be held on December 9th at 6:00 pm. Bring 5 fat quarters to play Left, Right, Center. \$23 is the cost for the food and when you pay you will receive your challenge fabric. Can make up to 5 blocks with the fabric but you can only win one set of blocks.

Sunshine & Shadow: Anne Bottorff lost her granddaughter, Riley in a motorcycle accident. Please keep her family in your prayers. Moving sale- Shirley Clark is moving and we sent out a blast thru email so people could shop her treasures.

Quilt Show: Mary Butler and Genia Smith will be chairing the show for 2026. It will be held September 30 thru October 3rd. Unfortunately, our 2024 show went into the hole due to poor attendance, increased prices for food and renting the facility. Genia and Mary are looking at options to offset the rent and will keep us informed. Genia presented Mary with a quilt top as a thank you for doing such a great job.

Unfinished business: Genia presented the slate of officers from the nominating committee for 2026: President- Kim Kidder; Co-Vice Presidents: Mary Butler and Genia Smith; Secretary- Jennier Cook; Treasurer- Freddia Sul-livant

New business: Genia explained again the Board recommendation regarding the increase dues but did not go into detail. She answered several more questions informing the membership that in the November meeting they would have the opportunity to suggest a different amount for the increase if the board recommendation did not pass. No one had anymore comments at this time.

The NWA Quilters were here selling tickets for their donation quilt.

Door Prizes were won by Marcia Beat, Susan Pate, Vi Brown, Susie Contrata, Sandra Orthman, and Verna Baker.

50/50 drawing for \$35 was won by Joanie Coffman

We had 7 people with show and tell and then we took a short break from 7 to 7:15.

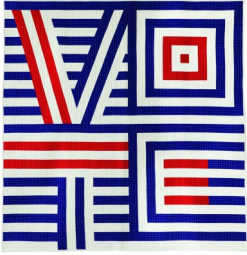
Beth Corley introduced our guest speaker- Vicky Beasley aka the Scrappy Farmer. Vicky showed us her many quilts that use the same block just turned or cut in different ways. Vicky entertained us with a trunk show of her fabulous quilts.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm

Respectfully submitted- Joanie Coffman



2026 Belle Point Quilters Guild Board Nominations



The Nominating Committee is charged with identifying and nominating individuals to the 2026 Board (President, Vice President, Treasure and Secretary).

The Nominating Committee members are: *Connie Bailey and Judy Dedmon* from the board and *Gaylon Scharbor, Brenda Gigliello, and Debbie Christie* from membership.

You are encouraged to consider serving in a Board role. In 2025, elected members attend board meetings to learn about their role. In January 2026, they assume the role when 2025 Board members step down.

For anyone wanting to offer a candidate for consideration, you must have that person's permission prior to nominating them. Nominees must be a member for at least one year, be in good standing (paid their dues and attended the majority of meetings for the year), and must be willing to agree to a 2 year commitment and regular board meeting attendance.

A voice vote to accept or amend the proposed 2026 board is held in November. Only members present at the meeting may vote.

Its Getting Harder and Harder to Make It All Add Up ... Back in 2011....

1 dozen eggs cost \$1.66 today \$3.77

1lb hamburger cost \$3.10 today \$7.77

1 gallon of milk cost \$3.11 today \$5.68



2011 is also the year the Guild last raised membership dues.

The price of everything we do is going up. Our Guild and Guild activities are in need of a financial boost. Your board members welcome your input at our October meeting to discuss increasing annual dues.

The Guild Board has Recommended for Calendar Year beginning January 1, 2025:

- Increase annual dues to \$75.00 Annual dues consisting of general membership (\$55) and donation quilt (\$20) requirement.
- Dues are to be payable no later than the regular January Guild meeting
- **OR** Dues may be made in three (3) monthly installments of \$25.00

A voice vote to accept or amend the proposed change will be held at our November meeting.

Only members present at the meeting may vote.

LAST CHANCE to purchase your Donation Quilt Tickets is at the November meeting!

Be sure to get your name in the drawing for the opportunity to win our beautiful Quilt. The winner's name will be drawn at our Christmas party. Payment can be made at the meeting or by mailing a check made out to BPQG to

Freddia Sullivent at 1409 North Arkansas Ave., Alma, AR 72921.



Upcoming Programs and Events



November 25, 2024 6:30pm

Our November speaker is **Linda DeWater**, owner of **Cozy Quilts and More** near Mulberry. She is a prolific and talented quilter. Cozy Quilts and More will also be vending that night.

Class: Tuesday Nov 26th Kristi Coburn will be teaching a Christmas Stocking Class at Mama's Log House Quilt Shop, 9:30 to 2:00.

Cost: \$32.00

Kits will be available or you can bring your own fabric. The pattern can be adapted for different looks.



December 9th, 2024 6:00pm Cavanaugh Senior Center
Holiday Dinner and Party: The Stockings Were Hung!



It's been a busy year, but before you settle your head for a long winter's nap, join us for dinner, fun and festivities.

The cost for dinner and all the festivities to follow is **\$23.00**, and includes a packet and instructions for creating our challenge block.

Dinner is catered by Chef Betsy Joannides.

Reservations and payment must be received no later than November 25th.

- * **Remember to bring 5 fat quarters** (any style) for the Left-Right-Center game. (If you have a set of L/R/C dice, please bring them along!)
- * **In keeping with our Stockings Were Hung theme, we ask all party goers to bring a new pair or pairs of warm socks** (men's, women's or kids') to be donated to those who may not have cozy feet this winter.



See you in the New Year!

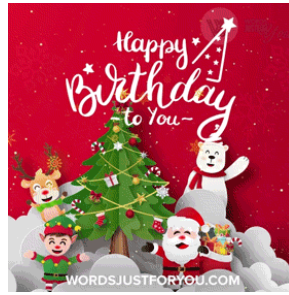
January 27th, 2025



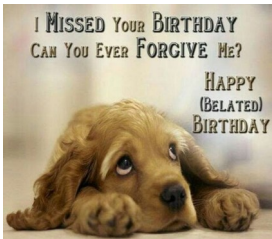
November and December Birthdays



Helen Heathman	4
Donna Hardin	5
Shelley Hunt	5
Martha Renfro	9
Mona Wolfe	11
Mary Garman	12
Leanna Harper	12
Letha Wilson	14
Rosezanna Webster	15
Lula Hanson	16
Mary Butler	19
Peggy Meyers	21
Susan Pate	29



Carolyn Jones	2
Joan Miller	5
Connie Crotts	7
Shirley Franz	7
Sharon Lowe	12
Viola (Vi) Brown	13
Anne Sneed	16
Barbara Gottshalk	17
Mary Yates	18
Nancy Wald	19
Kim Kidder	19
Roxanne Kneesi	21
Phyllis Housh Pettway	26
Shareen Hobbs	30



Please let Dianne O'Donnell know so we can update our birthday list and we PROMISE not to miss you next time.

dianne.odonnell.78@outlook.com

From My Sewing Room to Yours

Virginia Sory is offering to re-home 3 SewEzi portable tables for \$40 each

- Sew Ezi for a featherweight
- Sew Ezi for Bernina series B430 to B640
- Sew Ezi for Bernina 300 series.
- Cabinet insert for the B560 Bernina (should fit B430 to B640). \$50

Call Virginia Sory at 479-438-0395, leave a voice message if interested.



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 Kavanaugh 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

