

Belle Point Quilters Guild Newsletter

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2026 Board Officers

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Jennifer Cook

2026 Committee Chairs

Comfort Quilts: Lynn Meeks
Donation Quilt: Bobbi Lang
Donation Quilt Tickets:
Judy Dedmon, Freddia Sullivent
Hostess Desk: Debbie Christie,
Lisa Manis, Sandy Burch
July Fundraiser: Debbie Christie
Membership: Susan Lyon
Member Directory: D.O'Donnell
Name Tags: Edwina Schwartz
Christmas Party: D. O'Donnell
and Board
Newsletter: Dianne O'Donnell
Publicity & Website:
Brenda Gigliello
2026 QuiltCamp: Ann Akins,
Krissy Barnes
Sunshine & Shadows: Vi Brown
2026 Quilt Show: Mary Butler,
Genia Smith
2026 Challenge: Mary Butler
Community Education:
Connie Bailey

President's Note

Hello friends! It looks like fall has finally reached us with some much-anticipated cooler temperatures. Time to get sweaters out and mums on the porch! October started with a wonderful quilt show! I had a great time admiring the beautiful quilts and all the talent we have in our area. I thought the vendors were great with something for everyone, the special displays were fabulous, and I loved the addition of the scavenger hunt! Thank you to everyone who helped, including all who entered the fabulous quilts.

Make sure to read through this month's newsletter. In the section entitled "Keeping You Informed" you will find information about the proposed bylaw change, and the list of members the Nominating Committee found who are willing to serve in officer positions for 2028. We will be voting on these two items at our yearly business meeting in November, and taking nominations and voting for an organization to receive our yearly donation.

December will bring us the fun and fellowship of our yearly Christmas party. This year's theme is "Merry and Bright", and plans are underway for a nice meal, fun games, a chance to win a prize or two, and an opportunity to give back to our community. I'm hoping we have a full house for the fun and festivities.

I'm looking forward to hearing our October speaker Heather Cartwright, a Riley Blake representative, present her program "Behind the Bolt". I hope to see you all there! **Kim Kidder**



Our Next Meeting

October 26, 2026 - 6:30PM
Fort Smith Senior Activity Center
2700 Cavanaugh Road, Fort Smith
Hospitality Desk Opens at 6pm





Regular Meeting Minutes September 28, 2026

The regular meeting of the Belle Point Quilters' Guild was called to order by President Kim Kidder at 6:30 p.m. Attendance included 65 members and five guests.

Approval of Minutes/ Financial Report :

The August 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Genia Smith motioned to approve, Lula Hanson seconded, the motion carried without discussion. The August 2026 financial reports were approved as printed in the newsletter. Sue Anderson motioned to approve the report, Pam Cannefax seconded, the motion carried without discussion. The report will be submitted for audit.

Officers Reports: No reports

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

- Cozy Quilts (Lynn Meeks): Lynn displayed a quilt and reported what the committee does. We need cozy quilts to donate to the great causes.
- Donation Quilt (Bobbi Lang): Quilt is on display tonight. Please see Freddia for tickets at \$1 each or 10 for \$5. Drawing will be held at the December meeting.
- Membership (Susan Lyon, Dianne O'Donnell - directory): Susan reported that we have a few visitors that will be joining at the beginning of the year. Dianne reported that a revised directory will be posted in October.
- Newsletter (Dianne O'Donnell): If you are not receiving the newsletter, see Dianne. The newsletter is posted on the website as well.
- Publicity and Website (Brenda Gigliello): Nothing to report.
- 2026 Quilt Camp (Ann Akins, Krissy Barnes): Patti Dykeman (chair select) reported on fun had during quilt camp.
- Christmas Party (Dianne O'Donnell): Dianne reported everything is on track for the party. The theme is "Merry and Bright." We will sponsor names from the angel tree again this year for those who want to participate. Dinner is \$25. We will play Left, Right, Center. A block pattern will be available when money is collected for the dinner.
- Sunshine and Shadows (Vi Brown): Nothing to report.

2026 Quilt Show (Mary Butler and Genia Smith): Mary gave an update on quilt show preparations, including volunteer needs and show procedures. Bobbi Lang shared information about donations for the Country Store, and Susan Lyons reminded members about sleeve requirements for quilts entered in the show.

Community Outreach (Connie Bailey): No report. Volunteers are needed for a two session class November 13-14.

Unfinished Business

- 501c3 - Working towards this status.
- Nominating Committee - Committee met last month and will be presenting a slate of officers in October to be voted on in November for the 2028 board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Change to Committees - The board officially added the Community Outreach committee. The split of the Membership and Directory Committee will become permanently two committees.
- Proposed By-Law Changes - As of now the by-laws state changes can only be made in November. The board is recommending this is changed to allow changes throughout the year with a month's notice and voting procedure to approve any changes.

Door Prize Winners: Brenda Gigliello, Lisa Hacker, Peggy Weidler, Patti Smith, and Charlene Brown.

50/50 Drawing: Sue Reynold won \$34.50.

Sew and Tell: Mary Butler, Sandy Smith, Sue Anderson, Roxanne Kneessi, Charlene Brown, Peggy Weidler, and Lynne Lukas, and Linda Wight shared their beautiful projects.

Program: Genia introduced the speaker, Jennifer Basford of I'm Sew Jen. Jennifer presented a wonderful program and trunk show. She discussed her journey and process of becoming a pattern designer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by Kim Kidder.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cook

Financial News

The September financial report will appear in our next newsletter.

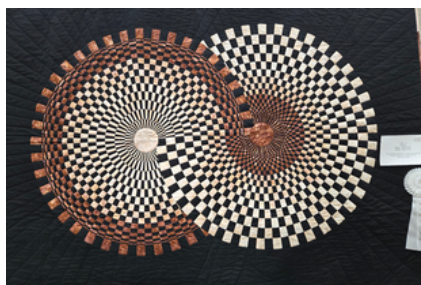
Please bear with us while our treasurer recovers from a nasty fall. Get well soon, Freddia!

2026 Quilts of Our Heritage Quilt Show

Congratulations to Mary Butler and Genia Smith on a wonderful 2026 quilt show!

If you were able to attend, we hope you had a great time. It could not have happened without the efforts of the Quilt Show Committee, guild volunteers, door prize donors, our vendors and of course, each and every quilter who shared their beautiful work with us and the Fort Smith community.

We had an excellent turnout of just under 400 attendees. Bobbi Lang ran a busy country store. Freddia Sullivent welcomed visitors and sold even more tickets for our donation quilt. Finally, our respected judge awarded ribbons to the talented quilters listed on the following pages.



2026 Quilts of Our Heritage Ribbon Winners



Award	Pieced by	Quilt Name
100 Large Pieced		
1st place	Marie Polk	Star Shells
200 Large Pieced Professional Quilter		
1st place	Linda Wight	Rose Pixel
2nd place	Fay Miller	Night and Day
3rd place	Marie Polk	Infinity
Hon Mention	Caitlin Yokum	Lucky Charm
300 Medium Pieced		
1st place	Leola Curtis	Vintage Moments
2nd place	Margie Love	unnamed
3rd place	Connie Lee	X-Mas Star
Hon Mention	Patty Dikeman	Cottage Romance
Hon Mention	Margie Love	Stars and Log Cabin
400 Medium Pieced Professionally Quilted		
1st place	Kori Ireland	Flower Stand
2nd place	Bobbi Lang	Shaw
3rd place	Susan Pate	Emma
Hon Mention	Krissy Akins	Flamingo Dance
Hon Mention	Anne Bottdorff	Finally
Hon Mention	Jennifer Dollarhide	London Town
500 Small Pieced		
1st place	Marie Polk	Wildflower Checkpoint
2nd place	Virginia Sory	Scrappy Flag
3rd place	Lula Hanson	Mani's Baby quilt
Hon Mention	Laura Moseley	Bows for Hattie
600 Small Pieced Professionally Quilted		
1st place	Krissy Akins	Mexican Stars
2nd place	Peggy Weidler	Which Way is Up?
3rd place	Cindy Workman	I Finished It
700 Large Hand Applique		
1st place	Jan MacFarland	Miss Ruby Red Dots
1000 Small Hand Applique Professionally Quilted		
1st place	Bobbi Lang	Old Uniontown
1100 Large Machine Applique		
1st place	Lisa Manis	Better Not Pout
1200 Large Machine Applique Professionally Quilted		
1st place	Debbie Christie	Spring Has Sprun
2nd place	Genia Smith	Honey Bee Garden
3rd place	Catherine Mendez	Phoenix
1400 Small Machine Applique Professionally Quilted		
1st place	Ann Akins	Welcome Home Summer
2nd place	Ruth Claussen	Doq Park



Meeting and Contact Information

Members are encouraged to invite guests to join Guild meetings.

Guild Meeting: Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Hospitality desk open at 6:00pm. Fort Smith Senior Activity Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road, Fort Smith

Board Meeting: Second Monday each month, 6:00 PM, Fort Smith Public Library, Main Branch

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

Find us on: Facebook: Belle Point Quilters Guild Group // Web Site: Bellepointquiltersguild.org

2026 Quilts of Our Heritage Ribbon Winners



Award		Pieced by	Quilt Name
1500 Group Quilt			
	1st place	Susan Lyon	No Throw Pillows Needed
	2nd place	Ann Akins	Rosie the Quilter
	3rd place	Celebrating America	Sue Anderson
	Hon Mention	Sarah Mong	Critters Attack
1600 Panel Quilt			
	1st place	Pam Cannefax	Windswept
	2nd place	Lula Hanson	Snow Dahlia
	3rd place	Lula Hanson	Quilty Girls
	Hon Mention	Kathy Hart	Give Thanks
1700 Large Mixed Technique			
	1st place	Linda Wight	Warm Heart
	2nd place	Linda Manis	Ageless Hippie
1800 Large Mixed Technique Professional Quilter			
	1st place	Connie Bailey	Little Moments
	2nd place	Sheri Blaho	I Had to Pull Some Strings
	3rd place	Mandy Robins	Rise and Shine
	Hon Mention	Pam Gavitt	Pretty Petals
1900 Small Mixed Technique			
	1st place	Jan McFarland	Nancy's Challenge
	2nd place	Gail Bradney	Ninny's Girls
2000 Small Mixed Technique Professionally Quilted			
	1st place	Ann Akins	Prairie Star
2100 Miniature			
	1st place	Cindy Dorzab	Spring Laundry
2200 First Quilt			
	1st place	Cindy Cotner	First Show
2300 Specialty Techniques			
	1st place	Linda Wight	Bushels and Baskets
	2nd place	Cindy Workman	Mom's Passion
	3rd place	April Ford	Winter Spice
2400 Art Quilt			
	1st place	Gail Bradney	Lucy
	2nd place	Michael Roland	Gracie
	3rd place	Gail Bradney	Jane's Piece
	Hon Mention	Emalie Russell	Jonah 1:17
2600 Modern			
	1st place	Sheri Blaho	Perfect Path
	2nd place	Jan McFarland	David
	3rd place	Jen Basford	Never the Same
2700 Youth			
	1st place	Natalie Churchman	Farm House Runner
2800 Wearables			
	1st place	Pam Gavitt	Jacket
	2nd place	Mary Butler	Little Girl Blue
	3rd place	Mary Butler	Birds of a Feather
	Hon Mention	Kathy Hart	Cadence Quilted Coat
Best in Show			
Best Machine Quilting		Connie Bailey	Viewers Choice
Best Hand Quilting		Jan McFarland	Challenge
Judges Choice		Susan Lyon	Memorial Award
Mayor's Choice		Lisa Manis	1st place Virginia Sory
		Ann Akins	2nd place Lula Hanson

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Oct 26 Heather Cartwright - Riley Blake Rep: Behind the Bolt

Nov Meet Our Community Partners

BOO! Why Should the Kids Have All the Fun??

Before you hand out treats to those little goblins, come treat yourself to a one-day Spooktacular Shop Hop. All the goodies, surprises, and a chance to win a Grand Prize. So grab your favorite Pumpkin Spice whatever and join the fun!



Sewing Room Assistant of the Month

Lula Hanson's encountered her assistant "Trouble" at a guild board meeting in 2018. Clearly, Lula just knew Trouble was perfect for her sewing room. In addition to careful inspection of all things bag related, Trouble is in charge of general quality control.

Do you have a Sewing Room Assistant? If so, snap a picture and send it to Dianne O'Donnell . Be sure to include your assistant's name and their particular talent.

**Merry and Bright Holiday Party
Dec 14th - Ft. Smith Senior Activity Center**

6:00pm - Dinner served at 6:30pm

Dinner cost per person is \$25. Guests are welcome.

We must have your paid registration no later than Nov 30th.



Nothing rounds out a great year like a holiday party! We hope you get your Merry and Bright on and join us for the fun and festivities. Registration begins at our October meeting and will close on November 30th.

You can also register by mail! Send your check with HOLIDAY PARTY noted on the memo line (DO NOT SEND CASH) to:

**Belle Point Quilters Guild/Treasurer
PO Box 3853
Fort Smith AR 72913**

The Menu - Catered by Mountain Top Catering

Baked Ziti (Vegetarian)
Grilled Chicken and Bacon with Spinach and Sundried Tomatoes
in Garlic Cream Sauce served over Pasta
Bread Spill with Dipping Oils
Italian Salad
Pie Buffet
Sweet and Unsweet Tea

The Challenge Block - The first 65 individuals with paid registration will receive a Challenge Block Kit containing background fabric and illustrated instructions. You may make as many additional blocks as you like (the more you make the more chances you will have to win enough blocks to make something adorable. Additional blocks should be made using solid white or tone on tone white background.

Arkansas Family Alliance Angel Tree

The Arkansas Family Alliance will be on hand to collect our Angel gifts for delivery to area families. Look for email information about how you can be an Angel for a child in need.

Big Winners

- It would not be a party without a fast paced game of Left-Right-Center. The lucky winner takes home a stack of fat quarters
- Someone (maybe two or three someones) will take home a set of those challenge blocks!
- We will draw the name of our Donation Quilt winner (so exciting - I hope its ME!)





Keeping You Informed

BPQG Board members are tasked with making many decisions. So you can stay informed, look for this feature “ Keeping You Informed” in future newsletters.

Please Note: Changes to our by-laws require a vote to approve or decline the proposed change. Policy and procedure changes DO NOT require a membership vote. See any board member if you have a question or concern you wish to have brought before the board.

Proposed Update to Bylaws – Current wording around proposed change on page 6, Article X:

“Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the membership at large and/or by the Board. Amendments to the Bylaw shall be adopted and/or amended by a majority of the members present **at any business meeting** if at least thirty days’ written notice is given of the amendment. Bylaws should be reviewed every five years, by a committee appointed by the President, for issues relevant to current organization.”

The wording change to “**any regular meeting**” would allow Amendments to be proposed during the Guild year rather than only at the annual November business meeting.

Board Officer Nominees for 2028

The Nominating Committee has identified individuals willing to serve on the 2028 Board. At our November business meeting, Guild members may nominate others, or volunteer to personally fill a role on the board.

The nominees are:

- President – Patty Dikeman
- VP – Michelle Hall
- Secretary – Genia Smith
- Treasurer – Freddia Sullivent

Upcoming Community Events & Education at ACHE!

Two Day Class at ACHE in November

We will be helping students, ages nine through adult, sew a seasonal table runner. This will include three large quilt blocks, sashing, and borders. Students are required to have some sewing experience.

Dates: November 13 and 14

Place: ACHE center, 1000 Fianna Way

Times: Friday evening - 5:30 to 7:30 PM; Saturday morning - 9 AM to 1 PM

Looking for ten to twelve guild helpers who can bring their own sewing machines for students to use. Contact Connie Bailey (479-806-5272) for more information or to sign up!

October and November Birthdays



Denise Lusby	1	Linda Core	13
Brenda Gigliello	3	Dianne O'Donnell	14
Michelle Hall	3	Belinda Jones	17
Debbie Scott	4	Barbara Holcomb	20
Kerstin Austen	9	Denise Jones	24
Cheryl Davis	10	Virginia Sory	29
Bobbi Lang	12	Judy Garrett	30



Donna Hardin	5
Martha Renfro	9
Leana Harper	12
Mary Butler	19
Lula Hanson	20
Peggy Meyers	21
Donna Harris	23
Laura Moseley	23
Susan Pate	29



Sorry If We Missed Your Birthday!
Please let Dianne O'Donnell know so we
can update our birthday list!



Sunshine and Shadows



Wishing a speedy recovery to Freddia Sullivent who is recovering from a fall resulting in a fractured femur requiring surgery to repair. Freddia will be transferring from Mercy hospital to an area re-hab facility.

To contact Vi Brown, 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 injury, 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.