

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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BPQG is hosting in-person meetings. We hope you will join us if you feel comfortable doing so. Masks are recommended and non immunized/at risk individuals are encouraged to practice social distancing.

2023 Officers

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479-650-1212

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2023 Committee Chairs

Christmas Party: Debbie Christie

Comfort Quilts: Lynn Meeks

Donation Quilt: Becky Harkey, Virginia Sory, Connie Bailey

Donation Quilt Tickets: Kathy Hart

Fabric Exchange/Challenge: Suzanne McPherson

Hostess Desk: Jan Enke, Linda Myers, Pat Starks

July Fundraiser: OPEN

Membership: Sue Lyons

Name Tags: Edwina Schwartz

Newsletter: Dianne O'Donnell

Publicity & Website: Brenda Gigliello

Quilt Camp: Beth Corley

Sunshine and Shadows: Vi Brown

Happy New Year!

It is my pleasure to write a President letter once again and I thank you in advance for giving me this opportunity! I am looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year ahead of us.

The board members worked hard on coming up with an accurate budget. You will see our expected income does not quite meet our expected expenses. We struggled with options to balance the budget.

We are still looking for someone to host the July fundraiser. This is our second largest money raiser. A lot of people have offered to help but no one to chair. Please call me if you think this is a good fit for your talents! Both of these opportunities keep 100% of the funds in our guild.

I am excited for all the programs Gaylon and Nancy have in store for us this year! I plan to attend as many workshops as possible and encourage everyone to do the same. Workshops are a great way to meet more guild members other than just your tablemates and I have always learned a new trick or hack with each instructor.

My thanks to Becky Harkey and Virginia Sory for making the 2023 donation quilt. It is beautiful on its own and the quilting makes it a masterpiece! Connie Bailey did an amazing job on the quilting.

With the help of all my "sewing sisters" I know 2023 will be a great year!!

See you at the meeting!

Joanie

2024 Officers

President

Genia Smith

Vice President

Beth Corley

Treasurer

Sandra Cochran

Secretary

Joanie Coffman

Famous January Birthdays

Isaac Newton (4)

Elvis Presley (8)

Stephan Hawking (8)

Alexander Hamilton (11)

Ben Franklin (17)

Cary Grant (18)

Dolly Parton (19)

Volodymyr Zelensky (25)

Mozart (27)

Our Next Meeting

January 23, 2023

6:30PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR



December 2022 Financial Report

December, 2022					
		Income	Expense		Balance
Beginning Balance					24,810.99
Administration			241.00		
Christmas Party			1,849.12		
Sunshine/Shadow			5.48		
Charitable Contribution			300.00		
Door Prizes			41.25		
Quilt Racks			850.00		
Quilt Show	35.00		122.73		
Quilt Camp			100.00		
Holiday Market		255.00			
Donation Quilt		290.00			
Totals		580.00	3,509.58		21,881.41

Proposed 2023 Budget

2023 Budget						
	2022 Budget	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Administration		400.00		475.90		600.00
Charitable Contribution		300.00		300.00		300.00
Christmas Party	1,000.00	800.00	1,760.00	1,849.12		1,000.00
Donation Quilt	2,600.00	600.00	2,854.00	325.00	3,000.00	600.00
Door Prizes	500.00	400.00	799.00	385.56	850.00	600.00
Equipment		500.00				
July Fundraiser	2,500.00	250.00	3,487.00	477.67	3,500.00	250.00
Membership Dues	4,800.00	300.00	4,519.00		4,500.00	50.00
Newsletter		300.00		292.72		300.00
President Quilt		100.00				100.00
Programs/Workshops	3,500.00	8,000.00	870.00	3,739.81	900.00	12,000.00
Quilt Racks	850.00	850.00		850.00		
Quilt Camp	9,500.00	9,500.00	6,871.00	6,392.92	9,500.00	9,500.00
Quilt Show	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,346.00	7,063.29		
Senior Center		1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00
Storage Unit		360.00	50.00	360.00		600.00
Sunshine/Shadows		100.00		5.48		50.00
Website		200.00		284.50		300.00
50/50	300.00		196.50		200.00	
MSQC Trip			7,180.00	6,289.28		
Totals	31,700.00	31,160.00	35,933.00	30,291.25	22,450.00	27,450.00

Upcoming Programs and Events

January 23 Program



Join us in January for a Quilters Fun Night hosted by our very own Joan Coffman! A fun night with “As the Thread Turns,” strip poker, and snacks! Look forward to a fun night with lots of laughs.

For strip poker, please bring five (5) 2 ½ inch strips width of fabric. Fabric strips do not have to come from the same piece of fabric, but they do need to be blue and/or white prints or solids.

If you have a deck of cards that you are willing to bring, please contact Gaylon at 479-518-5196.

February 27 Program

February will bring us a night of Skills, Demos, and Tips from our talented community of members - an educational evening of even seam allowances, Dresdens, baskets, and more! Maybe something said by the instructors or bystanders will help you along your quilting journey or at least give you a good laugh.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Ewing at 479-246-8130.



Welcome Back to Another Year !

Our annual Membership renewal begins NOW! Attached to this newsletter is the membership form we ask all new and returning members to complete. This bit of record keeping helps us with accurate information and membership counts.

Please take a moment to complete the form and either mail it or bring it to the next meeting along with your check made out the BPQG for \$30. Membership dues must be received no later than the February meeting (Feb 27)

If you have questions, feel free to text, call, or email:

Susan Lyons

2023 Membership Committee Chair

1-479-806-1892

iambloomingstitches@gmail.com



And Now That You're Here—Don't Forget to Feed the 50/50 Kitty!

Well maybe not pizza, but you can help feed the Guild Kitty by participating in our 50/50 drawing offered as you sign in each month. Your \$1 entry along with every other \$1 entry feeds the “kitty” and a lucky winner gets to take home half.

The 50/50 is a great way to support the Guild and offset the rent for the facility! We need your help!

Please take a minute to enter the 50/50 drawing and maybe take home a little extra fabric cash!

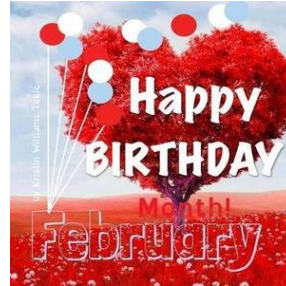


January and February Birthdays



January Birthdays

01-01 Linda Finley
 01-04 Jan Enke
 01-05 Linda Myers
 01-07 Jeanne Schemel
 01-10 Sheryl Smith
 01-12 Sallie Schmidt
 01-14 Sharon Bartow
 01-16 Deb Varney
 01-23 Connie Bailey
 01-24 Sally Matthews
 01-25 Ann Sutter
 01-29 Linda Wight



February Birthdays

02-02 Louise Jenkins
 02-02 Lorraine Steinburger
 02-04 Leola Curtis
 02-07 Lona Jenkins
 02-08 Heather Cannefax
 02-09 Dona Schnaidt
 02-11 Treva Mathis
 02-19 Beth Corley
 02-21 Ann Akins
 02-23 Mary Hufstetler
 02-28 Sue Scifres



If we missed you ...

Please let Dianne O'Donnell know so we can
 update our birthday list!

dianne.odonnell.78@outlook.com

Sunshine and Shadows

Wishing Phyllis Housh a speedy and restful recovery after a small stroke resulting in a short hospital stay.

Please contact Vi Brown. Please leave a voice message at 479-785-1499, or send text to 479-650-900 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



2023 Donation Quilt Fund Raiser – Oh My Stars!

Tickets are attached to this newsletter and will appear each month for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. This quilt has been pieced in creamy neutrals by Becky Harkey and Virginia Sory and quilted by Connie Bailey.

Our annual donation quilt is a major fundraiser for the Guild. All members are required to purchase or sell \$20 in tickets.

Participants need not be a Guild member to win. This quilt will be displayed at various times and locations during the year. The quilt will be awarded to a lucky winner at our 2023 Christmas Party.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5.00. Checks made out to BPQG may be given to Kathy Hart at a Guild meeting or may be sent to Kathy at :

3416 Sturbridge Place, Fort Smith, AR 72903

A Charmed Exchange

Remember as a child, decorating a shoe box to take to school for Valentines?

Or collecting Easter eggs in a basket, or having treats placed in your pumpkin? How about collecting something better than cards and candy...FABRIC!

Four times this year, you will have a chance to exchange 5 inch charm squares. **Registration ends at the January meeting so I can get an accurate count of how many charms to bring. If you wish to participate but can't attend the meeting, email me at thimbles54@gmail.com.** I will let you know before February how many charms to bring and the approximate yardage you will need.

The first exchange will be at the February meeting. Bring a Valentine box or paper sack (decorated would be fun)—with your name is on it. We will have tables for the boxes. At break, you will put one of your charms in each box, and at the end of the meeting you will take home all the charms placed in your box.

Be sure to cut your squares precisely and on grain. While the color for each exchange fits the season, the fabric you cut for charms (solids or prints) does not have to be holiday themed.

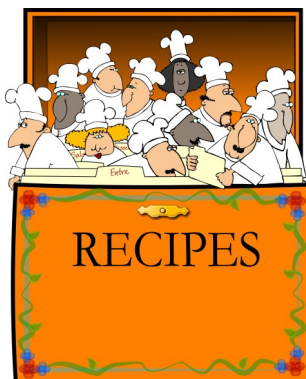
February: bring red or pink charms

April: bring blue or purple charms

June: bring green charms

October: bring orange, gold, or yellow charms

Wouldn't it be fun to have the charm quilts displayed in the 2024 quilt show?



Creative in the Sewing Room.... How About the Kitchen?

Creative people often use their talents in multiple ways. I'm betting you spend time in the kitchen coming up with some wonderful dishes. Would you like to share?

Do you have a favorite desserts, soup, main dish, chili everyone raves over? Send them in and we will send them out to over 140 of your closest friends! And you can take all the credit!

Send your recipe to dianne.odonnell.78@outlook.com

2023 Belle Point Quilter's Guild Donation Quilt

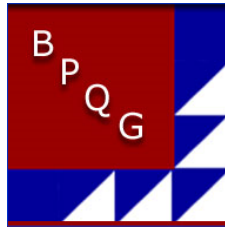
The annual donation quilt winner is selected by random drawing at the 2023 December Guild meeting. Enter as often as you like and offer friends and family the chance to win this unique quilt.

To Enter: (1) Print as many tickets as you wish. Fill in your name and phone number. Each sheet of 10 is \$5. Include your check made out to BPQG in the appropriate amount. Sending cash is discouraged.

(2) Please cut your tickets sheet into individual tickets prior to mailing. A rotary cutter makes this a quick task.

(3) Mail your tickets and check to Kathy Hart, 3416 Sturbridge Place, Fort Smith, AR 72903

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Belle Point Quilters Guild Membership Application

Whether you are a returning or new member, please print, complete, and return the application to **Susan Lyon** at the next BPQG meeting or mail it to **Susan Lyon, Belle Point Quilters Guild, PO Box 3853, Ft. Smith, AR 72913**

A new application must be completed each year. To continue your monthly newsletter and link to any Zoom meetings we may have, **your dues of \$30.00 must be paid by the February meeting.**

Also, if you would like an updated photo in the directory, please email me an updated photo of yourself, and I will do my best to update it. Please include your name in the email with your photo because often email addresses do not match our names in real life.

If you have any questions, feel free to text, call, or email:

Susan Lyons

2023 Membership Committee Chair

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Check # _____ Date Received _____ Status _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Main phone where you can be reached: _____

Birth Month and Date: _____

Payments may be made by cash or check. Please **do not** mail cash.