

# Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## 2025 Officers

### President

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### Treasurer

Freddia Sullivent  
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### Secretary

Judy Dedmon  
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## 2026 Officers

### President

Kim Kidder

### Vice & Co-Vice President

Mary Butler  
Genia Smith

### Treasurer

Freddia Sullivent

### Secretary

Jennifer Cook

## 2025 Committee Chairs

**Comfort Quilts:** Lynn Meeks

**Donation Quilt:** Patty Dikeman, Susan Anderson, Connie Bailey

**Donation Quilt Tickets:** Freddia Sullivent

**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

**2026 Quilt Show:** Mary Butler, Genia Smith

## Hello to all, and Happy New Year!

I hope this finds you well, and that you had a blessed holiday season.

I have been getting organized, mostly with my sewing room! It feels good to go through things and be reminded of what I have and what I no longer need.

I am excited about 2025 as a guild! We have great programs and classes lined up, thanks to Sue Anderson and Patty Dikeman. We should all be challenged and learn a lot! Which brings me to an acronym I would like to challenge *everyone* with this year.

**GROW!** Let's grow and better ourselves in 2025! We are never too old to learn and enjoy new adventures.

**G for GET:** Get geared up for a challenge. Try new projects, enjoy learning new and different skills.

**R for Re-visit:** Re-visit old projects you know, those UFO's!

**O for Organize:** Organize your creative area and yourself to be more efficient.

**W for Work:** Work! Don't settle for 'same old, same old' I appreciate you, Belle Point quilters!! Cheers to you and the new year!

Connie



## Our Next Meeting

January 27, 2025 6:30pm

Your 2025 Guild Membership form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

**BPOG December Financial Statement and 2025 Budget News**



November-December, 2024				
		Income	Expense	Balance
Beginning Balance				32,616.74
Administration			274.32	
Christmas Party	2030.00		2,615.65	
Senior Center Rental			1,200.00	
Charitable Contribution	20.00		320.00	
Door Prizes	105.00		139.22	
Programs/Workshops	200.00			
Quilt Camp			9,941.87	
Newsletter			69.00	
Donation Quilt	460.00		0.57	
President Quilt			77.94	
50/50	34.50			
Totals		2849.50	14,638.57	20,827.67

**2025 Proposed Budget**

	2025 Budget	2025 Budget
	Income	Expense
Administration		700.00
Charitable Contribution	-	300.00
Christmas Party		800.00
Cozy Quilts		50.00
Donation Quilt	3,340.00	500.00
Door Prizes	1,215.00	600.00
Equipment		100.00
July Fundraiser	4,100.00	400.00
Membership Dues	4,830.00	50.00
Membership/Directory		100.00
Memorials		100.00
Name Badges	20.00	50.00
Newsletter		450.00
President Quilt		150.00
Programs/Workshops	3,000.00	8,000.00
Quilt Camp	13,000.00	13,000.00
Quilt Show		2,000.00
Senior Center		1,200.00
Storage Unit		780.00
Sunshine/Shadows		75.00
T-shirts		
Website		400.00
50/50	300.00	
Totals	29,805.00	29,805.00

## BPQG 2024 Annual Business Meeting Minutes



### The annual meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Genia Smith.

The nominating committee slate of 2026 officers was presented: president Kim Kidder, Co-Vice Presidents Mary Butler and Genia Smith, Secretary Jennifer Cook, Treasurer Freddia Sullivent. The members were asked to make a motion to accept the slate as presented. Ann McEvoy made the first motion and Cindy Dorzab seconded the nomination. The motion passed all in favor.

Genia explained she was going to go to new business next- the charitable donation. Our guild members presented options for the \$300 donation. Discussion from the membership regarding splitting the amount and the charitable options. It was determined more can be done by not splitting it. There were three options voted on: the Farmers Food Pantry, Manes and Miracles, and the Good Samaritan Clinic. Nomination was made by Joanie Coffman to cease nominations and Seconded by Beth Corley. Votes were counted and the donation will go to the Good Samaritan Clinic.

President Genia Smith reminded the membership what the board recommended for increasing the dues for 2025. To add the required \$20 and increase to \$55 for a total of \$75, paid in 3 months if needed. Discussion began with the question posed by Cindy Dorzab to explain the expenditures in 2024- all bills are in except classes and figure out how much is spent at camp and how much are people donating. Genia explained the guild lost money on the quilt show and finding a venue for the 2026 quilt show was going to be even more expensive. The cost of quilt camp was brought up by Sandy Birch and Genia informed her and all members none of camp was paid for by the guild, so that money was not included in the budget except for as a line item. Kathy Hart and Joanie Coffman both encouraged the combining of the required donation with the dues for many reasons but mainly because there are too many people who are not paying their portion and it is increasingly difficult for members to remember if they paid the dues. Ann McEvoy suggested not raising it to \$55 but add the donation fee. Genia said we needed to vote on the recommendation at hand first. Genia asked if there was anymore discussion and Vi Brown said many members said they would not join with dues that high. Sarah Monk also stated surrounding guilds were not as high. Genia informed the membership we bring in speakers and it is getting increasingly expensive to bring them in and pay all their fees. The guild covers the fee when classes do not fill up as part of the contract each speaker requires the guild to complete. Lynn Meeks questioned how we lost money on the quilt show. Genia explained to her attendance was down by 200 from last year. Vi Brown asked if we ever considered getting a sponsor. Genia informed the guild we have looked into it. For 2026, the quilt show committee is working on ideas to have the Cherokee and Choctaw tribes help underwrite the show. The thought is to have the quilt show be called Quilts of our Heritage and have a special exhibit where they provide quilts, blankets and other crafts. They are also considering doing a 4x6 card with a QR code with a pattern attached. One of the visitors suggested having college students do the cards to save money.

A motion was made by Joanie Coffman to stop discussion and vote; 2<sup>nd</sup> was Cindy Dorzab. The motion did not pass. A new motion was made by Joanie Coffman to increase the dues to \$35 and add the \$20 donation fee for a \$55 total. Patty Dikeman seconded. Discussion was again started and Lynn Meeks mentioned there were some that considered the donation gambling. Beth Corley stated the by-laws were clear all members were required to purchase or sell \$20. Genia also informed the membership the people who considered it gambling have usually given the \$20 and not taken the tickets. Genia called for a vote. 32 for and 45 no; the motion did not pass.

Gaylon Scharbor suggested keeping the dues at the current rate but adding the \$20 required fee; due in the January meeting and updating the by-laws. Genia made the membership aware if passed, the bylaws would be re-written. One member asked if they could still have three months to pay the dues. Genia asked Gaylon if she wanted to amend her motion to allow a payment option for the \$50 combination; Gaylon did not want to amend her motion to allow payment options since we have the ability to pay by card. Motion was made to vote by Beth Corley and seconded by Cindy Dorzab. Motion carried and the annual meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Joanie Coffman, Secretary.

## BPQG November Meeting Minutes 11/25/24

The regular meeting was called to order by Genia Smith at 7:16pm. The treasurer's report was asked to be filed for audit as printed in the newsletter. Motion made by Sue Anderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vi Brown. All in favor so motion passed. The minutes for the October meeting were asked to be approved as printed, Motion made by MaryAnn Boone and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Dedmond. All in favor so motion passed.

Chairman reports: Meredith Muncy was back and let everyone know if they wanted to go to the party they needed to turn in their \$23 tonight. She reminded us to bring socks for the homeless shelter and 5 fat quarters for the left-right-center game. She also gave us the menu for the party.

Sunshine and shadows: Sandy Cochran lost her sister, Dianne O'Donnell lost her brother and Brenda G is having cataract surgery. Please keep all of our quilting sisters in your prayers.

It was brought to our attention that Quilt Congress is still on our website and needs to be removed.

Door Prizes: winners were Beth Corley, Sandra Cochran, Lula Hansen, Tammy Chavez, Judy Garrett, and Gaylon Scharbor. 50/50 in the amount of \$34.50 was won by Debbie Christie.

We had four guests: Jennifer Mills, Amy and Will Sanford and Bonnie Stacey.

Beth let everyone know Kristie Coburn is having a stocking class. The cost is \$35 which includes your lunch and kit. Sign up with Beth if you want to go. We had show and tell with many people showing their latest quilts. So much talent in our guild.

After a short break, our speaker Linda DeGray gave us a wonderful show and was also a vendor for the guild. Linda showed so many variations of quilts and classes she had at her shop. She also showed us things she wished she did a little differently.

Annual Business Meeting Minutes follow. Respectfully submitted, Joanie Coffman, Secretary.

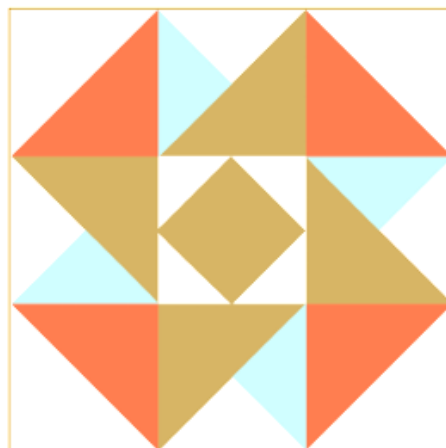


**I love finding free stuff!**

FREE clearly illustrated blocks.  
Includes cutting & sewing info  
in multiple sizes!

Type *Scissor Tail Quilting* in  
your browser to have a look!

## Air Castle Quilt Block Pattern



**You will need 4 fabrics ranging from very light to dark.**



Use the chart below to determine what size to cut your patchwork pieces. For example, if you want a 6" block, you would use the measurements given in the highlighted column below. The chart may also indicate that some of your squares may need to be subcut either once or twice on the diagonal.

To view more Quilt Block Patterns like this one, visit  
<https://scissortailquilting.com/Quilt-Block-Library/>

 *ScissortailQuilting.com*

## BPOG By-Laws and 2025 Budget News

Happy New Year to all my Belle Point Quilters Guild brothers and sisters.  
I am so looking forward to this wonderful new year.



As agreed and voted upon in our November 2024 meeting, your **Membership Fee/Donation Quilt contribution of \$50 is due in January.** Guild dues will be collected at our January meeting, payable by cash, check or credit card.

Your dues include \$30 for annual membership and  
+ \$20 contributed to our 2025 Donation Quilt.

You may mail your \$50.00 dues to:

**BPQG/Membership, P.O. Box 3853, Fort Smith, AR 72913.**

Looking forward to seeing you at our January meeting.

Susan Lyon, Membership Chair

### 2025 Guild By-Laws Update

How well do you know the ins and outs of your own quilting guild? Check out our By-Laws on our Facebook or Guild Website. Quiz coming soon!

If you have questions or comments regarding the By-Laws, please direct them to Connie Bailey or Genia Smith. Once updated, Guild members will be asked by hand vote to accept, reject or request additional changes. Your board anticipates a By-Laws vote will take place at our February 2025 meeting.

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### Feed the Kitty 50/50

As the New Year begins the “Kitty” is hungry as ever. Take an extra moment as you sign in to add a buck or two to the 50/50 drawing.

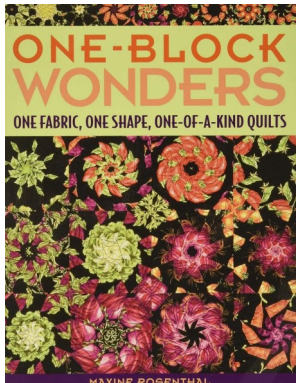
Your dollar (or dollars) combined with every other 50/50 player, supports our guild. And as the name says, each dollar you contribute increases your chance to win 50% of the kitty.



**“Doing and making are acts of hope,** and as that hope grows we stop feeling overwhelmed by the troubles of the world. We remember that we – as individuals and groups – can do something about those troubles.”

Sister Corita Kent

## Upcoming Meetings and Classes



### January 27, 2025 6:30 PM BPQG Meeting

Get to Know your new Board Members and Committee chairs. Welcome back to an exciting New Year. We will get started by meeting our new board and committee members.

### January 28, 2025 9:00-3:00 Class at Mama's Log House Academy

Ever wanted to create a kaleidoscope in fabric? Join us to find out how you can make your own unique Kaleidoscope Stack and Whack quilt

The class is presented by Joan Miller

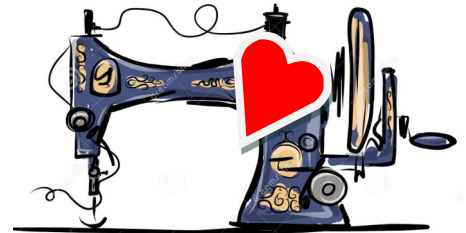
Class Fee: \$35 and includes lunch. Supply list provided upon registration.

Non Members \$10 Additional fee. **Class limited to 15 people. Reserve Early!**

### February 24, 2025 6:30 PM BPQG Meeting

#### Speaker Tim Jones - Show Your Machine Some Love

Tim Jones, a machine care and maintenance pro, will give us helpful information about keeping your machine in top working condition.



### February 25, 2025 9:00-3:00

#### Class at Mama's Log House Academy

Improv Rose Quilt Block class By Sandy Burch

Class Fee \$35 includes lunch. Non Members \$10 Additional fee.

**Class size is limited to 15 people. Reserve Early**



This improv method of creating a block is FUN and ADDICTIVE! Individual blocks can be used solo to create a pot holder, sewn into a Frankenbag, used to create a "mini quilt" OR wall hanging, a table runner or a quilt any size you choose. Make them all the same color: red, yellow, peach, purple....or make several blocks in different colors. This project is a stash buster! A supply list will be supplied upon registration.



## January and February Birthdays



Linda Finley	1
Nick Rosan	2
Jan Enke	4
Linda Myers	5
Barbara Cole Turner	5
Jeanne Schemel	7
Sallie Schmidt	12
Sharon Bartow	14
Deborah Varney	16
Connie Bailey	23
Shirley Clark	23
Ann Sutter	25
Linda Wight	29



Louise Jenkins	2
Leola Curtis	4
Lona Jenkins,	7
Heather Cannefax	8
Janet Bott	9
Treva Mathis	11
Jennifer Robertson	12
Beth Corley	19
Ann Akins	21
Mary Hufstetler	23



**Sorry if we missed your birthday!**  
Please let Dianne O'Donnell know so we can update our birthday list!

### Sunshine and Shadows

To contact Vi Brown, please leave a voice message at 479-785-1499 or send text to 479-650-9001 or email [Pentafox@aol.com](mailto:Pentafox@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



**Belle Point Quilters Guild Membership Application**

Whether you are a returning member or a new member, please print, complete this application, and return this form to **Susan Lyon** at the January BPQG meeting or mail it to c/o **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 receive the 2025 directory additional members pages.

**As of January 2025, membership dues are \$50 per year (\$30 yearly membership fee plus \$20 toward this year’s donation quilt tickets). This \$50 will fulfill the required BPQG’s bylaws. Total BPQG dues are to be paid January 27, 2025, and no later than the February meeting.**

Also, if you would like an updated photo in the directory, please email me an updated photo of yourself, or get someone at the meeting to take a new photo and text it to 479-806-1892. Please include your name in the email or text with your photo.

If you have any questions, feel free to text, or call 479-806-1892.

Susan Lyon

[iambloomingstitches@gmail.com](mailto:iambloomingstitches@gmail.com)

2025 Membership Committee Chair

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) NEW MEMBER ( ) RETURNING MEMBER

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a NEW address? \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this a NEW email? \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number to reach you : \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket # \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Month and date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership Rep Only

Date:      Paid by ( ) Cash ( ) Card ( ) Check #      Amt      Status