

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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2026 Board Officers

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2027 Board Officers Elect

President

Sue Anderson

Vice President & Co-Vice Presidents

Brenda Gigliello
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Pam Cannefax

Treasurer

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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

Name Tags: Edwina Schwartz

Christmas Party: Chair Open

Newsletter: Dianne O'Donnell

Publicity & Website:

Brenda Gigliello

2026 Quilt Camp: Ann Akins,

Krissy Barnes

Sunshine and Shadows: Vi Brown

2026 Quilt Show: Mary Butler,

Genia Smith

2026 Challenge: Mary Butler

Community Education:

Connie Bailey

President's Note

Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope your holiday season was everything you hoped it would be, and that you're as excited as I am to begin 2026 with the Belle Point Quilters' Guild. I truly missed not being able to gather with you all at the end of December. Being in a room full of quilters always fills me with creative energy, and I am eager to get back together.

Your board has already met for the first time this year, and I'm happy to report that our Vice Presidents have a wonderful year planned. Be sure to take a look at the list of presenters and classes coming up--you'll find some fantastic opportunities to learn, be inspired, and maybe even try something new. I know I'm especially excited about what's ahead!

As a friendly reminder, our annual dues are now due. The membership application form can be found on the last page of this newsletter and must be completed by all members, including returning members. Please be sure to use the **2026 form**, rather older versions. You may either mail in your completed form and payment or bring them with you to our January meeting.

Thank you all for being such a warm, talented, and supportive group. I'm looking forward to another creative and inspiring year with all of you. See you soon!

Kim Kidder



Our Next Meeting

January 26th 6:30PM
Cavanaugh Senior Center



Annual Business Meeting Minutes November 24th, 2025



The Business meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Connie Bailey. There were 57 members present and 1 visitor.

First on the agenda was election of 2027 officers. Slate of officers the nomination committee submitted were introduced.

President – Sue Anderson, Vice Presidents – Brenda Gigliello, Pam Cannefax and Kathy Hart, Secretary – Jennifer Cook and Treasurer – Freddia Sullivent.

There were no additional officer nominations from the floor. A motion to approve this slate of 2027 officers was made by Patty Dikeman and seconded by Debbie Christie. All were in favor by a show of hands and motion passed.

Next on the business agenda was to vote on the community donation to a charity of the members' choice in the amount specified in the budget of \$300.00. There were four nominations. Alma Outreach Center, Antioch Group in Fort Smith, Kids Backpack Program, part of the Clearing House and Hope Campus. Votes were counted on each charity. The vote amounts were Alma Outreach with 27 votes, Kids Backpack Program with 18 votes, Hope Campus with 8 votes and Antioch Group with 4. There was a second vote for the top three. Alma Outreach had 30 votes, Kids Backpack had 21 and Hope Campus had 6. Alma Outreach was the winner of the community donation.

There was no further business, so business meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Meeting Minutes November 24th, 2025

The November 24th, 2025, regular meeting was called to order by President Connie Bailey at 6:43 pm. Fifty-seven (57) members and 1 guest were present. A motion was made by Krissy Barnes and seconded by Sue Anderson to accept the October minutes. All were in favor, and the minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Gaylon Scharbor and seconded by Faye Miller to accept the financial reports. All were in favor, and the reports were accepted.

President Bailey asked for reports from committee chairs. Dianne O'Donnel reported on the Christmas Party and presented an example of the challenge block. She stated that the party was all set with catering and the left, right, center game. She also stated there were 16 foster kids' gifts and numerous pillowcases from the members to be picked up at the Christmas Party. Last month the Board recommended our organization becoming a 501c3. Mary Butler presented all the information about the formalities of becoming a nonprofit organization. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Sue Anderson and seconded by Patty Dikeman for our organization to become a 501c3 nonprofit organization. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Under new business, President Bailey wanted to express her passion for the younger generation to begin working with fabric and the art of quilting. She reported that our bylaws state in our objectives that "It shall also be the purpose of this organization to expand and to enrich the art of quilting for future generations." She further reported that there are two things in the works to promote this. One is to teach a class or two at the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education Pipeline program at the Health and Wellness Center. Part of their mission is "driving innovation and education for sustainable health and wellness through community engaged partnerships." Our guild could become a "partner" and have classes in the spring 2026 or a summer camp. We could display wellness related quilts in their event center gallery in spring 2027. Another idea is to teach/sponsor a beginning quilting class by our guild members and to introduce ourselves to interested Family and Consumer Science classes {Home Ec}. Mary Butler hopes to begin an after-school quilting club at the Muldrow High School Consumer Science classes. To fulfil our mission, we could volunteer and donate our excess fabric, scissors, cutters, rulers etc. There is sufficient room in the storage rental facility to store items. There will be more guidance on this next year. Kim Kidder, 2026 President, asked President Bailey if she would chair an unofficial committee for the next year to plan and work on this for our guild and maybe call it a Community Education Outreach Program? President Bailey has agreed to do so. There was no further old or new business, so door prizes and 50/50 were awarded, then show and tell was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 and a strip poker game was enjoyed!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!!



November 2025

November/December 2025 Financial Statement

| | Nov-25 | Nov-25 | Y-T-D | Y-T-D | 2025 Budget | 2025 Budget |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | Income | Expense | Income | Expense | Income | Expense |
| Administration | | 38.68 | | 567.89 | | 700.00 |
| Charitable Contribution | | 300 | | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| Christmas Party | 250 | 14.27 | 2273.22 | 482.25 | | 800.00 |
| Cozy Quilts | | | | | | 50.00 |
| Donation Quilt | | | 3235.00 | 603.08 | 3,340.00 | 500.00 |
| Door Prizes | 93.00 | 37.96 | 1007.00 | 462.94 | 1,215.00 | 600.00 |
| Equipment | | | | | | 100.00 |
| July Fundraiser | 7.00 | | 3134.50 | 277.92 | 4,100.00 | 400.00 |
| Membership Dues | | | 4360.00 | 292.54 | 4,830.00 | 50.00 |
| Membership/Directory | | | | | | 100.00 |
| Memorials | | | 100.00 | | | 100.00 |
| Name Badges | | | 10.00 | 68.05 | 20.00 | 50.00 |
| Newsletter | | 29.56 | 32.65 | 479.38 | | 450.00 |
| President Quilt | | 646 | | 701.12 | | 150.00 |
| Programs/Workshops | | | 5177.00 | 9,259.64 | 3,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Quilt Camp | | 798.73 | 11140.00 | 8,698.10 | 13,000.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Quilt Show | | | | 1,701.88 | | 2,000.00 |
| Senior Center | | | | | | 1,200.00 |
| Storage Unit | | | | 765.00 | | 780.00 |
| Sunshine/Shadows | | 21.89 | | 21.89 | | 75.00 |
| T-shirts | | | | | | |
| Website | | | | 68.50 | | 400.00 |
| 50/50 | 31.50 | | 350.50 | | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| PHD's | | | 66 | | | |
| Totals | 381.50 | 1,887.09 | 30,885.87 | 24,750.18 | 29,805.00 | 29,805.00 |
| Beginning Balance | | 28,469.69 | | | | |
| November Income | | 381.50 | | | | |
| November Expense | | 1,887.09 | | | | |
| Ending Balance | | 26,964.10 | | | | |

December 2025



| | Dec-25 | Dec-25 | Y-T-D | Y-T-D | 2025 Budget | 2025 Budget |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | Income | Expense | Income | Expense | Income | Expense |
| Administration | | 246.28 | | 814.17 | | 700.00 |
| Charitable Contribution | | | | 300.00 | | 300.00 |
| Christmas Party | 90 | 2111.67 | 2363.22 | 2593.92 | | 800.00 |
| Cozy Quilts | | | | | | 50.00 |
| Donation Quilt | | | 3235.00 | 603.08 | 3,340.00 | 500.00 |
| Door Prizes | | | 1007.00 | 462.94 | 1,215.00 | 600.00 |
| Equipment | | | | | | 100.00 |
| July Fundraiser | | | 3134.50 | 277.92 | 4,100.00 | 400.00 |
| Membership Dues | | | 4360.00 | 292.54 | 4,830.00 | 50.00 |
| Membership/Directory | | | | | | 100.00 |
| Memorials | | | 100.00 | | | 100.00 |
| Name Badges | | | 10.00 | 68.05 | 20.00 | 50.00 |
| Newsletter | | | 32.65 | 479.38 | | 450.00 |
| President Quilt | | | | 701.12 | | 150.00 |
| Programs/Workshops | | | 5177.00 | 9,259.64 | 3,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Quilt Camp | | | 11140.00 | 8,698.10 | 13,000.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Quilt Show | | | | 1,701.88 | | 2,000.00 |
| Senior Center | | 1200 | | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 |
| Storage Unit | | | | 765.00 | | 780.00 |
| Sunshine/Shadows | | | | 21.89 | | 75.00 |
| T-shirts | | | | | | |
| Website | | | | 68.50 | | 400.00 |
| 50/50 | | | 350.50 | | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| PHD's | | | 66 | | | |
| Totals | 90.00 | 3,557.95 | 30,975.87 | 28,308.13 | 29,805.00 | 29,805.00 |
| Beginning Balance | | 26,964.10 | | | | |
| December Income | | 90.00 | | | | |
| December Expense | | 3,557.95 | | | | |
| Ending Balance | | 23,496.15 | | | | |

Proposed 2026 Budget



| | 2026 Budget | 2026 Budget |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Income | Expense |
| Adminstration | | 825 |
| Charitable Contribution | | 300.00 |
| Christmas Party | | 800.00 |
| Cozy Quilts | | 75.00 |
| Donation Quilt | 3,000.00 | 550.00 |
| Door Prizes | 1,100.00 | 600.00 |
| Equipment | | 100.00 |
| July Fundraiser | 3,000.00 | 400.00 |
| Membership Dues | 4,200.00 | 50.00 |
| Membership/Directory | | 300.00 |
| Memorials | | 100.00 |
| Name Badges | 20.00 | 50.00 |
| Newsletter | | 600.00 |
| President Quilt | | 655.00 |
| Programs/Workshops | 4,425.00 | 8,200.00 |
| Quilt Camp | 13,000.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Quilt Show | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Senior Center | | 1,200.00 |
| Storage Unit | | 765.00 |
| Sunshine/Shadows | | 75.00 |
| T-shirts | | |
| Website | | 400.00 |
| 50/50 | 300.00 | |
| PHD's | 150 | 150 |
| | | |
| | | |
| Totals | 39,195.00 | 39,195.00 |

January is the
month to be
brave, be bold
and believe in
yourself.



2026 is Going to be a Great Year! Upcoming Meetings and Classes

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|-----------------|---|---------|
| Jan 26 | Who's in charge here? Let's learn about our Guild and what's ahead in 2026 | |
| Feb 23 | Demo Night Learn new techniques and refresh your skills | |
| | Join Sandy Burch and make Around the Dresden Block Class: Table Topper/Wall-hanging | \$35.00 |
| March 23 | Lisa Eralandson Making your very best quilt | |
| | Class: The Skinny 12" x 30 Seasonal Wall-hanging | \$50.00 |
| April 27 | Pam Groggins A Sampling of Samplers | |
| | Class: Getting to Know - Wing Clipper | \$50.00 |
| | Brown Bag Challenge | |
| May 18 | Sharon Brewer Laura Heine Collage Instructor/Trunk Show | |
| | Class: Collage Mini Quilt Antique Sewing Machine or Tomato Pin Cushion | \$60.00 |
| | Brown Bag Challenge Return | |
| June 22 | Belle Brunner - Seams Sew Me Trunk Show | |
| | Class: Quilted Journal Cover | \$40.00 |
| July 27 | July Fundraiser | |
| Aug 24 | Cynthia England Creating a Pictorial Quilt | |
| | Class: Small Landscape | \$60.00 |
| Sept 28 | Meet our Charity Partners Learn about our Non-Profit Partners | |
| Oct 26 | Heather Cartwright - Riley Blake Rep Behind the Bolt | |
| Nov 23 | Jen Basford - Pattern Designer Fabric First | |
| Dec 14 | Christmas Party | |

With the exception of MARCH, all classes will be at the Academy at Mama's Log Cabin on Tuesday following the regular meeting. Classes start at 9:30AM. The March class will be held March 23, the morning of the Monday meeting. Lunch is included in the cost of the class. Seating is limited and details, including a supply list will be provided upon registration. Contact Genia Smith to register!

2026 Donation Quilt: What Could Be Lovelier than a Beach Wedding?



Bobbie Lang pieced and quilted this gorgeous quilt. Can't you just hear the waves on the sand and smell the salt air?

This gorgeous quilt will be gifted to the lucky holder of the winning ticket at our December 2026 holiday party. Is that you? Actually, I hope its me! It only takes one winning ticket.

ALL members are required to sell or purchase \$20 in Donation Quilt tickets or make a donation in the amount of \$20 in support of this important fund raiser. Our 100% membership participation represents over \$2,800 of our annual budget. We encourage you to invite friends and family to participate as well.

Tickets are available at our regular meetings (cash, check or credit cards accepted).

Contact Freddia Sullivant or Judy Dedmon to get yours.

Tickets are: 1 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$5.00

Do you have a Quilting Buddy?

Looking for Sewing Room Assistants of the Month! Send Dianne O'Donnell a picture of your furry quality control, point inspector, binding monitor, sewing room buddy. Please include the partner's name and note their particular skill. This pup seems to be in charge of keeping those blocks in place! What a good puppy!



Meeting and Contact Information

Members are encouraged to invite guests to join Guild meetings.

- **Guild Meeting:** Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm
Fort Smith Senior Activity Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road, Fort Smith
- **Board Meeting:** Second Monday of each month, Fort Smith Public Library, Main Branch
- **Mailing Address:** Belle Point Quilters Guild, PO Box 3853 Fort Smith AR 72913
- **Find us: Facebook:** Belle Point Quilters Guild Group/ **Web Site:** Bellepointquiltersguild.org



Thinking About the Next Generation of Quilters

An important objective in our Guild by-laws reads: *It shall also be the purpose of this organization to expand and to enrich the art of quilting for future generations.*

In 2026, under the guidance of Connie Bailey, our guild will undertake programs to reach out to a new generation of sewists with classes and demos to spark interest and creativity.

Connie will share more information at upcoming meetings. You can help grow this program by supporting our monthly tool drive.

Check your sewing space. Most of us have duplicates of the most common tools. You can de-clutter your space and create a meaningful, life long skill for the next generation of quilters.

BPQG Quilting Tools Monthly Drive

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|----------|--|
| January | Rotary cutters, mats (45 mm ideal) and replacement blades and good quality scissors; totes to keep supplies in |
| February | Fabric plus totes to keep supplies in |
| March | Thread, seam rippers and irons |
| April | Pins and needles, and pin cushions (holders); clips; and thimbles |
| May | Fabric Marking tools (chalk, blue washable pens, air-erase and SEWING MACHINES |
| June | Rulers to use with rotary Cutters (various sizes, but especially 24") |
| July | Fabrics and any other useful quilting essentials |

Learning is a treasure that follows its owner everywhere.

Chinese Proverb



Holiday Party 2025: Celebrating the Gift of Friendship and the Angels Among Us



The guild year wrapped up with our Gift of Friendship holiday party. Dianne O'Donnell was our hostess. Once again, Mountain Top Catering brought us a delicious meal. The evening included lots of laughter and the arrival of our Family Alliance of Arkansas partner Heather Sanders. Our guild angels made Christmas a bit brighter for 16 area foster children. And we gifted Heather with 80 + pillow cases and several items of small luggage (so important to a foster child).

Our beautiful 2025 donation quilt was awarded to Anne Bottorff. And a few lucky winners went home with enough cheery holiday blocks for a quilt top, table runner? We will look for them in 2026 Show and Tell. Thank you to everyone who made the evening wonderful! And if you have ideas about the 2026 Christmas Party, that committee position is open!



On to 2026 and our Annual MEMBERSHIP Renewal

Each year, whether you are a returning member or a new member, we ask you to help us update our files by completing a membership application. Susan Lyon is once again heading up this important committee. The 2026 form is included in the newsletter.

In 2025, we elected to hold our dues to \$30 and include the \$20 contribution for the 2026 Donation Quilt in the membership fees.

Membership can be renewed at the January meeting and must be completed no later than the February meeting. Cash, check or credit card are accepted. You can also renew by completing the membership form and mailing it with your check (NO CASH PLEASE) to

Belle Point Quilters Guild/Susan Lyon

PO Box 3853

Fort Smith, AR 72913

We can't do it without you! Its going to be a great year, especially if you are part of it.



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 |
| Sally Matthews | 24 |
| Ann Sutter | 25 |
| Linda Wight | 29 |



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|---------------------|----|
| Louise Jenkins | 2 |
| Leola Curtis | 4 |
| Lona Jenkins | 7 |
| Heather Cannefax | 8 |
| Treva Mathis | 11 |
| Jennifer Robertson | 12 |
| Jennifer Dollarhide | 15 |
| Melissa Simpson | 17 |
| 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!



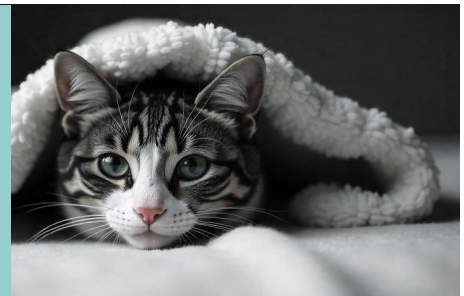
Sunshine and Shadows



To contact Vi Brown, leave a voice message at 479-785-1499 or send text to 479-650-9001 or email 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.

The only thing new in January is my commitment to staying warm.





Belle Point Quilters Guild Membership Application

2026

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, **Belle Point Quilters Guild, c/o Susan Lyon, PO Box 3853, Ft. Smith, AR 72913.**

A new application **must** be completed each year to continue your monthly newsletter and receive the 2026 directory.

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 26, 2026, and no later than the February meeting.

Also, if you would like an updated photo in the directory, please text 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. **Ticket #** _____

Susan Lyon, 2025 Membership Chair **#** _____
iambloomingstitches@gmail.com

Name: _____ New Member this year? Yes No

Address: _____ Is this a new address? _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Is this a new email? _____

Main phone where you can be reached: _____ Cell# _____

Birth Month and Date: _____

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

Membership Rep. Only

Date: _____ () Cash () Card () Check # _____ Amt. _____