

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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2025 Quilt Camp: Joanie Coffman,
Genia Smith

Christmas Party: Dianne O'Donnell
and Crew

Sunshine and Shadows: Vi Brown

2025 Challenge: Sue Anderson

2026 Quilt Show: Mary Butler, Genia
Smith

*Please speak to a committee chair or
member of the board to find out how
you can support these events!*

2025 Officers

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Our Next Meeting

June 23, 2025 6:30pm
Cavanaugh Senior
Center

Connie's Comments –

Hello, my fellow BPQG quilter friends!

Wow, I was disappointed we had to cancel our last meeting due to weather. We hope that's all behind us now, and we can meet each month as usual for the rest of 2025.

I have had an emotional week as our last Papillon pup was very sick and had to be put down. He was the last of four of these pets we owned, and we thoroughly enjoyed them all. I miss him when home alone; he was my daily companion, and loved all the creative projects that were constructed here.

But I am excitedly preparing for June's presentation "If Quilts Could Talk." I will have surprise guests here to help present on Monday, June 23rd, and to assist with the Mandala Madness class the next day. To those attending, if you have a light box, you may bring it (not a requirement). Also, your iron needs to be the small type, and you may need to share with someone as we are unsure about the breaker load capability in the classroom. (hoping for the best!) If unable to attend this month, please sign up for the July 12th class. **REMEMBER – this class will be at Central Christian Church, 400 North Waldron, Fort Smith.** Look for the barn quilt! Can't wait to see the fabrics you have chosen to create your one-of-a-kind mandala.

Fun events are coming up! Please plan to take part in the July fundraiser (baskets or bundles), and quilt camp in early September. Our year is half over! Vice Presidents, Sue and Patty, have done a great job choosing guest teachers and we look forward to those who will be here later this year!

I hope your summer plans and travels bring you great enjoyment. If you are inside when it's hot and humid, try to GROW in your quilting journey!

G is for Get Geared up for a challenge, try new projects, and learn new and different skills.

R is for Re-visit old projects to complete them (you know, those UFO's!)

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

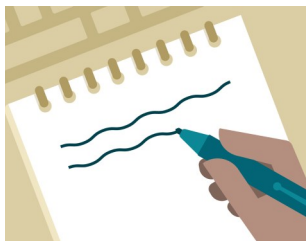
W is for Work, don't settle for 'same old, same old'

I look forward to seeing you Monday, June 23rd!

Remember to bring your finished project for your 'brown bag secret pal.'

Connie

Belle Point Quilters Guild May 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes



The Guild May Meeting was cancelled due to weather!

Hoping you and yours stayed safe. Thank you to our presenter Belle Brunner for opting to keep everyone at home on Monday night. And especially thank you Belle and all our attendees for braving the elements to attend a wonderful Cathedral Windows class at the Academy on Tuesday.

Cathedral Windows Class at the Academy



Belle Brunner of Seams Sew Me

Look what we made in our Cathedral Windows class with Belle! If you couldn't make it, you can go to her web site for information, tips and tutorials. Hope to see you at the next class!

www.SeamsSewMe.com



Brown Bag Challenge: We did NOT forget!

Did you take home a "brown bag" challenge? Because of crazy weather last month, you had a whole extra MONTH to turn 5 fat quarters into a secret pal surprise! Be sure to bring your finished project to the June meeting! We can't wait to see what you creative folks made!



May 2025 Budget News

	May-25	May-25	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	2025 Budget	2025 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Administration :		38.64		312.16		700.00
Charitable Contribution :						300.00
Christmas Party		173.22		173.22		800.00
Cozy Quilts						50.00
Donation Quilt :	425.00	150.00	3015.00	170.76	3,340.00	500.00
Door Prizes			451.00	196.92	1,215.00	600.00
Equipment						100.00
July Fundraiser					4,100.00	400.00
Membership Dues :			4180.00	292.54	291.40	50.00
Membership/Directory						100.00
Memorials			50.00			100.00
Name Badges :			10.00	68.05	20.00	50.00
Newsletter		32.65		208.58		450.00
President Quilt :						150.00
Programs/Workshops :			2405.00	3,327.13	3,000.00	8,000.00
Quilt Camp		394.25		394.25	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						75.00
T-shirts						
Website :				68.50		400.00
50/50			189.50		300.00	0.00
Totals	425.00	788.76	10,300.50	7,678.99	25,266.40	29,805.00

Beginning Balance	23,813.68
May Income	425.00
May Expense	788.76
Ending Balance	23,449.92

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

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Hints and Hacks!

Here is a Money Saver: Home Made Spray Baste

From String and Story with HollyAnne Knight

Spray baste can be EXPENSIVE. Here is a cheaper and less toxic option for basting your quilts!

1. 3 cups water
2. 1 tsp salt
3. 3 heaping TBSP flour
4. 1 cup rubbing alcohol or vodka

Some important tips from HollyAnne!

- Once basted, be sure your quilt is completely dry before storing to prevent molding.
- Your spray bottle nozzle may get goopy. Just prime the bottle with several pumps or run the nozzle under water until it sprays freely.
- You can reposition your quilt while the baste is damp but once dry it would be a mess to pull apart.
- Vodka is an odorless alternative to rubbing alcohol. Buy the cheapest available.
- Shake well before each use.



Steps

1. Combine 2 cups water with salt and bring to a boil.
2. While waiting for the water to boil, mix 1 cup water with flour in a sealed container. Shake well to blend.
3. When water/salt boils, reduce heat to a gentle boil and whisk in flour mixture.
4. Cook and continue to stir on low to medium heat until mixture thickens to a gravy consistency. Remove from heat and allow to cool.
5. Once cooled, pour mixture into clean spray bottle and add alcohol. Shake well to mix.

**A video tutorial is available on-line.
Just Google Home Made Spray Baste**



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Planning for a Great Year!

It's never too early to start planning for a great year at the Guild. In addition to speakers and classes, fund raising events help our Guild continue to grow. And they don't happen without your involvement! Mark your calendars and please consider stepping up to lead or support an event committee.



July 28th

Jackpot in July: Annual Fundraiser

One of our BIGGEST fund raising efforts! Join us and snag a jackpot basket of goodies, a cache of fabric, patterns, crafts and other giftable quality donated goods.



September 3rd - 6th

Let's Go to the Movies! Quilt Camp at Mt Magazine

It's three glorious, glamorous Hollywood inspired days at Mt Magazine. Games, give aways and good friends. Buddy up and book your rooms early for this best time of the year.



October 27th

Holiday Market: Vendors, Members and Businesses

Add unique gifts and crafts to your holiday shopping list with local businesses, Guild members and other vendors.



December 8th Holiday Party - The Gift of Friends

Dianne O'Donnell and Crew are hosting our annual holiday party.

Round out your Guild year with festivities and fellowship at our holiday party.

Challenge block give aways, a chance to win a BIG bundle of Fat Quarters and a yummy dinner. Talk to any member of our board if you are interested in helping out!

Catering from Mountain Top Caterers. Per Person cost \$25.00

Our Menu: Roast Pork Loin in Plum Sauce, Baked Chicken Breast, Roasted Potatoes and Green Beans, Green Salad, Desserts and Beverages.

Registration will begin at our August meeting and close October 27th.



How Well Do You Know Your Fellow Guild Members?

Plan on getting to know more about them and their quilting journey during our monthly Member Moment. This month, the spotlight is on Dianne O'Donnell.



Upcoming Meetings and Classes

June 23, 2025 - 6:30 PM
 Speaker Connie Bailey and Guests
 If Quilts Could Talk

MANDALA MADNESS June 24, 2025 9:00am—3:00pm

Full-day class: \$35; plus \$12 Mandala kit of pre-cut Hugs n' Kisses Applique papers. NO sewing machine needed. Additional \$10 fee for non-members. Class size limited to 25. Reserve Early!

Lunch & Location - Lunch Provided

Central Christian Church, Teen Center, 400 N Waldron, Fort Smith



When finished with one-of-a-kind 16" mandala, sew it on a bag, jacket, placemat, pillow, quilt block or whatever you want! The mandala will be constructed with glue, then applied with small zig-zag stitch using Monofilament thread (or however you want), stitching from inside piece through all outside pieces. For more photos, see #harmonyBOM2022 ; class material taken from Rachelle Denenny, Harmony 2022 Block of the Month course.

Due to overwhelming demand, a second Mandala Madness class has been added (same time and location) on Saturday, July 12. Sign up deadline is July 1st. Contact Sue Anderson or Patty Dikeman to reserve your spot.

Get Ready to Hit the JACKPOT

July 28th Jackpot in July

Can it be JULY already! Its just around the corner and this event is one of our biggest fundraising efforts.

We all have books, kits and patterns we KNOW are going nowhere. Not to mention fabric we loved once but love less now. And of course, notions, tools, rulers and other quilting goodies just taking up space in your sewing room.

But its not JUST quilting! You can bake up a batch of your favorite brownies or to die for bread. Bring a few jars of your home made salsa. Put together a selection of summer games and goodies for kids or a pampering basket for an at home spa day (human or pooch!)

The items you donate should be of giftable quality. A basket sample at our June meeting will help you come up with your own ideas! So, start now to plan a basket or bundle on your own or with a group. Then join us in July to find a treasure



"I have heard it said that winter, too, will pass, that spring is a sign that summer is due at last. See, all we have to do is hang on."
 Maya Angelou

Have you Got a Sewing Room Companion?

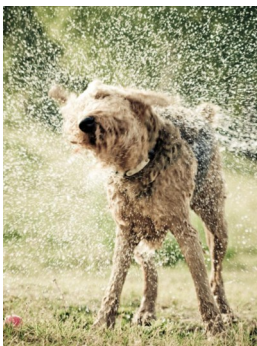


Share a photo of your Quilt Quality Control Monitor

Nothing beats having the support of a pal in the sewing room. Especially one who NEVER criticizes or reminds us of the UFO we are ignoring while we dive into a new project. Send your photos to Dianne O'Donnell and we can all share in the love (less the pet hair) of your favorite helper.



From Connie Bailey our sweet boy Rafael who recently left us.



“Stop a minute, right where you are. Relax your shoulders, shake your head and spin like a dog shaking off cold water. Tell that imperious voice in your head to be still.” – Barbara Kingsolver



June and July Birthdays



Renee Allison	1
Cindy Dorzab	8
Cynthia Mathis	8
Gail Bradney	9
Gina Millican	11
Angie Michael	15
Linn Smith	21
Sherry Finch	25
Krissy Barnes	29
Cindy Ashley	30



Nancy Locovare	1
Marilyn Lewis	2
Bonnie Turner	3
Ellen Arnett	5
David Corley	7
Pam Glass	9
Joan Coffman	11
Freddia Sullivent	13
Janie LyBrand	24
Karen Ward	24
Melody Schwarz	25
Leica Grosskreuz	26
Jennifer Cook	29
Kathy Hart	29
Ann McEvoy	30
Charlotte Nelson	31
Reita Plummer	31



Sorry if we missed your birthday!

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

dianne.odonnell.78@outlook.com

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 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.