

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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2026 Board Officers

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2027 Board Officers Elect

President

Sue Anderson

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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, Dianne O'Donnell

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

President's Message

What a beautiful February we're having so far. My spring tulips are already peeking through the ground! I did regret having to cancel January's meeting, but I'm glad everyone stayed home—warm and safe.

This month, Genia and Mary have a fun program planned to help you get to know your board members and committee chairs. If you're service minded and would like to get involved, tune in to learn what each committee does and find one that sparks your interest or taps into your skill set. Many hands make light work!

It's also time to pay annual membership dues. Please complete your membership application in advance and bring it, along with your payment, to the meeting. And remember—your dues include \$20 worth of chances to win the beautiful Donation Quilt made by Bobbi Lang. That's 40 tickets!

I also encourage you to check the newsletter for this month's tool drive items being collected for the Community Education Committee. Connie Bailey has outlined specific items for each month of the drive through July. Of course, I'm sure she would gladly accept any tools at any time to support this important effort to share the art of quilting with future generations. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Kim Kidder



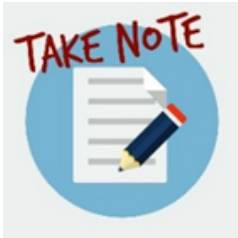
Our Next Meeting

February 23, 6:30PM

Fort Smith
Senior Activity Center

Annual Business & Regular Meeting Minutes

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				

January 2026 Financial Statement

	Jan-26	Jan-26	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	2026 Budget	2026 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Adminstration		39.69		39.69		825
Charitable Contribution						300.00
Christmas Party						800.00
Cozy Quilts						75.00
Donation Quilt	180.00		180.00		3,000.00	550.00
Door Prizes					1,115.00	600.00
Equipment						100.00
July Fundraiser					3,000.00	400.00
Membership Dues	270.00		270.00		4,200.00	50.00
Membership/Directory						300.00
Memorials						100.00
Name Badges					20.00	50.00
Newsletter		45.33		45.33		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		780.00		780.00		780.00
Sunshine/Shadows						75.00
T-shirts						
Website						400.00
50/50					300.00	
PHD's					150	150
Totals	450.00	865.29	450.00	865.29	39,210.00	39,210.00
Beginning Balance	23,496.15					
Income	450.00					
Expense	865.29					
Ending Balance	23,080.89					

All you
need is love.
But a little
chocolate
now and then
doesn't hurt.

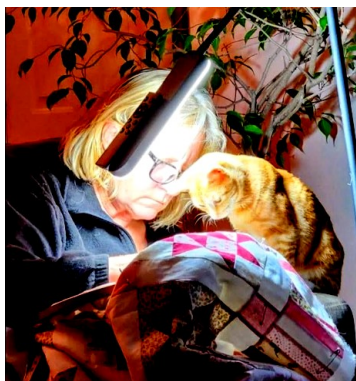
CHARLES M. SCHULZ



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	1,115.00	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		780.00
Sunshine/Shadows		75.00
T-shirts		
Website		400.00
50/50	300.00	
PHD's	150	150
Totals	39,210.00	39,210.00



Sometimes a change of perspective
is all it takes to see the light.

Dan Brown

Upcoming Meetings and Classes



January Meeting Cancelled!

Baby, It was WAY TOO Cold Outside! Our regular meeting was cancelled due to extreme cold and risky travel conditions! Sorry to miss you, but glad we all stayed safe and warm.

February & March Meetings and Classes

Who Is In Charge Here? - February 23, 6:30pm

Welcome back. Join us to kick off the year by meeting and getting to know your 2026 Guild Board and Committee Chairs.

Class: February 24, 930am at the Academy at Mama's Log House

Sandy Burch will lead this class on making this cute and scrappy Around the Dresden table topper.

Registration is \$35 and seats are limited. Lunch is included. Supply list will be provided upon registration.

Contact Genia Smith for more information.



Lisa Erlandson: Making Your Very Best Quilt - March 23, 6:30pm

Lisa Erlandson is a quilt appraiser, lecturer, teacher, judge and owner of L.E. Quilts in her hometown, Gainesville Texas. Lisa will be sharing her insights about making your very best quilt. Since she will be our 2026 quilt show judge, we will certainly want to benefit from her insights. Find out more about her at her website www.lequilts.com.

Class: March 23, 930am at the Academy at Mama's Log House

The Skinny 12x30 Seasonal Wall Hanging

This class will be held on MONDAY 3/23 at the Academy at Mama's Log House. Registration is \$50 and seats are limited. Lunch is included. Supply list will be provided upon registration.

Contact Genia Smith for more information



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

Feb 23	Who's in charge here? Let's learn about our Guild board and what's ahead in 2026 Join Sandy Burch and make the Around the Dresden Block Feb 24 - Class: Table Topper/Wall-hanging	\$35.00
March 23	Lisa Erlandson Making Your Very Best Quilt Brown Bag Challenge March 23 - Class: The Skinny 12" x 30 Seasonal Wall-hanging	\$50.00
April 27	Pam Groggins A Sampling of Samplers April 28 - Class: Getting to Know - Wing Clipper	\$50.00
May 18	Sharon Brewer Laura Heine Collage Instructor/Trunk Show Brown Bag Challenge Return and Show and Tell May 19 - Class: Collage Mini Quilt Antique Sewing Machine or Tomato Pin Cushion	\$60.00
June 22	Belle Brunner - Seams Sew Me Trunk Show June 23 - Class: Quilted Journal Cover	\$40.00
July 27	July Fundraiser	
Aug 24	Cynthia England Creating a Pictorial Quilt August 25 - 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 the Tuesday following our 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!



On to 2026 and Our Annual Membership Renewal

Each year, whether you are a returning or 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. Total cost for membership renewal is \$50.00

Membership renewal must be completed no later than the February meeting. Cash, check or credit card accepted. If you wish to renew your membership at the upcoming February meeting, Sue will have a drop box available to **drop off your completed form with payment attached.** 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**

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 it's me! It only takes one winning ticket.

ALL members automatically get \$20 worth of tickets upon payment of membership dues and can easily purchase more (more tickets = more chances to win!) We encourage friends and family to participate as well.

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

Contact Freddia Sullivant or Judy Dedmon to get yours.

Sewing Room Assistant of the Month - Sallie
Lona Jenkins relies on Sallie to make sure her blocks are arranged just right. Good girl, Sallie.

Send Dianne O'Donnell a picture of your furry quality control, point inspector, binding monitor, sewing room buddy. Please include their name and note their particular skill.





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.

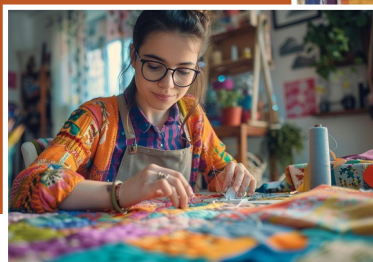
Check your sewing space. Most of us have duplicates of the most common tools. You can de-clutter your space and create a meaningful, life long skill for the next generation of quilters.

BPQG Quilting Tools Monthly Drive

February	Fabric, rotary cutters (45 mm ideal) and replacement blades, good quality scissors and mats; 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



February and March Birthdays



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



Gaylon Scharbor	1
Karen Jones	4
Marcia Beat	6
Elaine Justman	8
Peggy Weidler	11
Cindy Workman	11
Martha Samuels	12
Tonya Phelps	13
Sandy Beaty	15
Kinda Porter	17
Cheryl Morris	20
Dawn Denny	22
Jean Newton	22
Susan Lyon	27
Veronica Robins	27
Kim Vest	28



Sorry If We Missed Your Birthday!

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



Sunshine and Shadows



Our condolences to Jan Enke on the recent passing of her husband, Delmar.

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 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 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, 6:00 PM, 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



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, 2026 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. _____