

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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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

Hello everyone, and Happy March!

Although the calendar still says winter, it certainly feels like spring is here. I'm already looking forward to seeing flowers begin to bloom. I've even had to resist the temptation to visit the local garden center. It may feel like spring, but it hasn't quite arrived yet!

I'm happy to report our recent membership drive was a great success. As of this week's board meeting, we have **117 members** in our guild. That's a wonderful number of creative minds and talented quilters all coming together.

Speaking of talented quilters, while I couldn't attend our most recent class with Sandy Burch, *Around the Dresden Block*, I've heard from several members that it was a fantastic class and a lot of fun. I'm really looking forward to seeing all the beautiful projects that come from it. This month, we're excited to welcome **Lisa Erlandson** as our speaker. She will be sharing ideas on how to create our very best quilts. Lisa will also serve as the judge for our upcoming quilt show, so her presentation should give us great insight into what judges look for when evaluating quilts.

Lisa will be teaching a class the following morning, where participants can make their choice of adorable seasonal wall hangings. Be sure to check our Facebook page to see the available options and contact **Genia Smith** if you'd like to sign up. Also this month, we begin our super-fun brown bag challenge. Be sure to bring your fat quarters to participate! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Until then, keep creating!

Kim Kidder



Our Next Meeting

March 23, 6:30PM

Fort Smith
Senior Activity Center



Meeting Minutes February 23, 2026



The regular meeting of the Belle Point Quilters' Guild was called to order by President Kim Kidder at 6:30 p.m. Attendance included 66 members (including one new member) and two guests.

Approval of Minutes: The November 2025 Business Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Gaylon Scharbor made the motion to approve, Krissy Barnes seconded, and the motion carried without discussion.

The November 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Lula Hanson made the motion to approve, Ann Akins seconded, and the motion carried without discussion.

Approval of Financial Reports: The November and December 2025 and January 2026 financial reports were approved as printed in the newsletter. Genia Smith made the motion to approve all three reports, Patty Smith seconded, and the motion carried without discussion. The reports will be submitted for audit.

President Kim Kidder introduced the 2026 and 2027 officers. She also presented Past President Connie Bailey with the President's Quilt, "Grow Free Wildflowers." Blocks were made by various members, quilted by Joan Miller, with binding by Patti Dykeman.

Committee Reports

Cozy Quilts (Lynn Meeks): 47 quilts were donated over the holidays to the Children's Shelter, Hamilton House, and the Crisis Center.

Donation Quilt (Bobbi Lang): The 2026 Donation Quilt, a Double Wedding Ring, was presented. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the year, with the drawing held at the December Christmas Party. **Donation Quilt Tickets (Freddiea Sullivent and Judy Dedmon):** Members were reminded that \$20 of each membership fee goes toward donation quilt tickets.

Hostess Desk: Appreciation was expressed to outgoing members Jane Enke, Linda Myers, and Pat Starks. New committee members are Debbie Christie, Lisa Manis, and Sandy Burch.

July Fundraiser (Debbie Christie): Members were encouraged to save items for the July fundraiser.

Membership (Susan Lyon): Debbie Scott was welcomed as a new member. Dianne O'Donnell will assist with the membership directory.

Name Tags (Edwina Schwartz): No report.

Newsletter (Dianne O'Donnell): The newsletter is posted on the guild's Facebook page and website and updated during the second week of each month. It will be distributed electronically unless a hard copy is requested. Members are encouraged to submit photos of "sewing room assistants."

Publicity and Website (Brenda Gigliello): Upcoming classes, meeting dates, and newsletters will be published at www.bellepointquiltersguild.org (<http://www.bellepointquiltersguild.org/>).

2026 Quilt Camp (Ann Akins and Krissy Barnes): Quilt Camp will be held September 10–12, 2026 (most arriving September 9) at Mount Magazine Lodge. The theme remains a surprise. Activities will include a project, prizes, challenge block, and party events.

Christmas Party: A chairperson is needed.

Sunshine and Shadows (Vi Brown): A card was sent to Jane Enke following the loss of her partner, Elmer.

2026 Challenge (Mary Butler): The Brown Bag Challenge begins next month. Members should bring 3–5 fat quarters to exchange and create a project to return in two months.

2026 Quilt Show (Mary Butler and Genia Smith): The theme is Quilts of Our Heritage. Publicity efforts are underway, and hostess volunteers are needed.

Community Outreach (Connie Bailey): Volunteers are needed for youth education initiatives aimed at inspiring young people to create.

Old Business

501(c)(3) Update: The guild met with an accountant regarding nonprofit status. Filing fees will be approximately \$300. Paperwork will be filed in May, with anticipated approval by July.

New Business

2026 Budget: The proposed 2026 budget, published in the newsletter, was approved. Vi Brown made the motion, Dianna O'Donnell seconded, and the motion carried without discussion.

Lona Jenkins requested assistance through the Cozy Quilts program to create 127 baby quilts for Christ the King School.

Charlotte Nelson announced the 45th Sequoyah County Quilt Show, April 17–18, 2026. Entries are due by April 3. Luncheon tickets, program advertisements, and quilt drawing tickets are available.

Ann Akins shared that the Airing of Quilts entry deadline has been extended to February 27, 2026. The show will be held May 14–16, 2026 in Greenwood and will include lunches, silent auctions, a special exhibit, and vendors. Volunteers are still needed.

Veronica Robbins announced that Sweet Sewing Notions will be open during Shop Hop with door prizes and giveaways.

Door Prize Winners: Krissy Barnes, Tammy Chavis, Anne Bottdorff, Brenda Gigliello, Patti Smith, Linda Meeks, and Mary Anne Boone.

50/50 Drawing: Peggy Myers won \$38.00.

Sew and Tell: Lulu Hanson, Sandy Burch, Lucy Bonnin, Bobbi Lang, Vanna Harper, Patti Dikeman, Jan McFarland, Connie Bailey, Ann Akins, and Lorna Jenkins shared projects.

Program: "Who's in Charge Here," presented by Genia Smith in a talk show format, featured Mary Butler, Krissy Barnes, Ann Akins, and Connie Bailey. Upcoming programs and classes were discussed. Members were reminded that the May meeting will be held May 18 (third Monday).

Joan Miller moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Patti Smith. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Cook



February 2026 Financial Statement

	Feb-26	Feb-26	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	2026 Budget	2026 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Adminstration		68.96		108.65		825
Charitable Contribution						300.00
Christmas Party						800.00
Cozy Quilts						75.00
Donation Quilt	1895.00	3.04	2075.00	3.04	3,000.00	550.00
Door Prizes	96.00		96.00		1,115.00	600.00
Equipment						100.00
July Fundraiser					3,000.00	400.00
Membership Dues	2940.00	154.56	3210.00	154.56	4,200.00	50.00
Membership/Directory		16.99		16.99		300.00
Memorials						100.00
Name Badges	5.00		5.00		20.00	50.00
Newsletter		38.78		84.11		600.00
President Quilt						655.00
Programs/Workshops		190.90		190.90	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
Sunshine/Shadows						75.00
T-shirts						
Website		68.50		68.50		400.00
50/50	40.00		40.00		300.00	
PHD's					150	150
Totals	4,976.00	541.73	5,426.00	1,406.75	39,210.00	39,210.00
Beginning Balance	23,081.13					
Income	4,976.00					
Expense		541.73				
Ending Balance	27,515.40					

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 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



Upcoming Meetings and Classes



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



Pam Goggans: A Sampling of Samplers, April 27th 6:30pm

Cliff and Pam Goggans opened Sager Creek Quilts in the fall of 2000 with a goal to provide the local, and online, quilters with a one-stop shopping destination. Pam has been an avid stitcher, crafter, and quilter for many years and enjoys teaching and sharing her skills. Her husband, Cliff, makes the shop samples, while assisting customers and fitting in time for machine quilting. Pam also designs patterns (available for sale in the shop), and custom quilts using a hand guided machine.

Pam is enthusiastic about tools designed by Deb Tucker from Studio 180 Design and is a certified instructor. Many of Pam's patterns use Deb's tools.

Find our more about her Siloam Springs shop at:

www.sagercreekquilts.com



Class: April 28th, 930am Getting to Know the Wing Clipper 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.



A St Patrick's Day Riddle

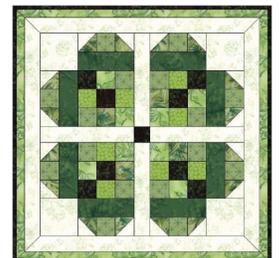
What's Irish and sits outside?

(Answer on the last page of your newsletter)

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

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 Goggans 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!



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 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.

Donations for Community Education and Outreach

It was awesome to see all the generous donations at the February meeting to use in future educational community events. Please continue your donations! For our April ACHE "Jeans Embellishment" class, bring more fabrics, rotary cutters (45 mm) with extra blades and mats.

Also, if you have poor little orphans hanging out in a tub somewhere, please donate those blocks as well, if you would like; someone may love them and want to add them to their jeans.

Thank you all!!!

Connie B.



Sewing Room Assistant of the Month

We all know Bobbi Lang is incredibly talented! Rumor has it, she gets a lot of piecing help from Shaw. Good kitty.





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 & 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



March and April Birthdays



Gaylon Scharbor	1
Marcia Beat	6
Tonya Phelps	13
Sandy Beaty	15
Susan Lyon	27
Kim Vest	28



Lynn Meeks	2
Edwina Schwarz	3
Rowena Campbell	13
Sue Weege	21
Pam Cannefax	22
Catherine Mendez	23
Judy Dedmon	24
Sue Anderson	26
Lisa Manis	27



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 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.

A St Patrick's Day Riddle

What's Irish and sits outside?

Paddy O'Furniture!

