

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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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



Our Next Meeting

April 27, 2026 - 6:30PM
Fort Smith
Senior Activity Center

President's Note

Hello everyone!

It's hard to believe we're already in mid-April. It feels like we were just talking about snow! I hope you're enjoying this beautiful spring. After a long, gray winter, the emerging colors always spark my creativity. I hope they're inspiring you too.

I've been channeling some of that creative energy into my Brown Bag Challenge project. Participants, remember to bring your finished piece to the May meeting for our "secret pal" exchange and Sew and Tell. I am eager to see everyone's creations!

Our group is so generous in sharing talents, skills, and time. Be sure to check out this month's community-minded opportunities in the newsletter, including nap quilts for toddlers and lap quilts for seniors. Also, Lynn Meeks with the Comfort Quilts committee always has quilt tops ready to finish for children in foster care. And don't forget to check the list for our monthly drive for quilting tools. Thanks to Connie Bailey for leading this important community education effort!

I hope you'll join us for the April meeting. We're excited to welcome Pam Goggans of Sager Creek Quilts as our speaker, with a Wing Clipper ruler class the following day. In May, Sharon Brewer will present a trunk show and collage class—***please let Genia Smith know your project choice for the collage class by the April 27 meeting.*** And please note that the ***May meeting will be held May 18 at Central Christian Church on Waldron Road in Fort Smith.***

I look forward to seeing you all soon! A little quilting humor I came across recently: "Is a nine-patch part of a twelve-step program?"

Kim Kidder



Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026



The regular meeting of the Belle Point Quilters' Guild was called to order by President Kim Kidder at 6:32 p.m. Attendance included 66 members and three guests.

Approval of Minutes/Financial Reports:

The February 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. Patti Dykeman made the motion to approve, Lona Miller seconded, and the motion carried without discussion.

The February 2026 financial report was approved as printed in the newsletter. Joanie Coffman made the motion to approve the report, Faye Miller seconded, and the motion carried without discussion. The report submitted for audit.

Officers Reports

Genia Smith: Nine people attended at today's class. Please sign up for April and May classes. See Genia for details and to sign up.

Committee Reports

Cozy Quilts (Lynn Meeks): No report.

Donation Quilt (Bobbi Lang)/Donation Quilt Tickets (Freddia Sullivent and Judy Dedmon): Bobbi made the beautiful donation quilt. All members have chances to win the quilt. More tickets can be bought from Freddia or Judy.

Hostess Desk (Debbie Christie, Lisa Manis, and Sandy Burch): No report.

July Fundraiser (Debbie Christie): No report.

Membership (Susan Lyon, Dianne O'Donnell - directory): Directory has been provided via email. Five new members have joined the guild. If your name is not in the directory or if any of the information is incorrect, please notify Dianne.

Name Tags (Edwina Schwartz): No new name tags are needed as of now. If you need a new name tag, contact Susan Lyon.

Newsletter (Dianne O'Donnell): If you do not receive the email with the newsletter, please notify Dianne. The newsletter typically comes out middle of the month. Sewing assistant of the month is needed. Send picture(s) and information to Dianne.

Publicity and Website (Brenda Gliello): No report.

2026 Quilt Camp (Ann Akins and Krissy Barnes): Quilt Camp at Mount Magazine will be Sept.10–12, 2026 (most arriving Sept 9)

Christmas Party: A chairperson is needed. Dianne O'Donnell will be happy to help.

Sunshine and Shadows (Vi Brown): Cards will be sent to Carol Johnson and Judy Sagely.

2026 Challenge (Mary Butler): Brown Bag Challenge starts tonight. Challenge is due back at the May Meeting. Don't forget to bring your PHDs to show and tell.

2026 Quilt Show (Mary Butler and Genia Smith): The theme is *Quilts of Our Heritage*. Everyone is encouraged to take flyers for the upcoming show to distribute. Michelle Hall is taking over publicity. Quilt show meeting will be Monday, April 13th, at 3:00 pm at the Fort Smith Main Library. A person is still needed to chair demonstrations. Vendors for the quilt show need to contact Sandy Birch for contracts.

Community Outreach (Connie Bailey): Outreach to young people and also to those who are interested in quilting in general was discussed. The first class will be Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th at ACHE (1000 Fianna Way, Fort Smith). Assistants are needed to help provided workable machines and assist students/participants. The Girl Scouts class that was scheduled for April 4 has been cancelled. Two other classes are scheduled for June 29-30 and July 7-9.

Unfinished Business

Lona Jenkins requested assistance again through the Cozy Quilts program for 127 napping quilts for Christ the King school. Pam Cannefax introduced Casey Parsons, a nursing home occupational therapist. Casey asked if we would donate time to complete the lap quilts by putting backing on tops (no quilting, no batting). Those willing to help out see Pam for the tops.

No New Business

Hostess Desk Headcount of Members and Guests. Introduce any guests.

Door Prize Winners: Lucy Bonnin, Jeanne Schemel, Shareen Hobbs, and Sarah Buckalew

50/50 Drawing: Leola Curtis won \$30.

Sew and Tell: Barbara Warner, Faye Miller, Mary Ann Boone, Judy Garrett, Sara Ming, Peggy Myers, Lona Jenkins, Lynn Lucas and Patti Dikeman shared their beautiful projects.

Program: Mary introduced our guest speaker, Lisa Erlandson. Lisa is a teacher, quilt judge, and quilt appraiser. She gave a fantastic program regarding "Making YOUR Best Quilt." Lisa shared a wealth of helpful insights and practical tips to help us improve and refine our quilting skills while showing us some beautiful quilts that would and would not make the cut as "best quilt."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by Kim Kidder.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Cook





March 2026 Financial Statement

| | Mar-26 | Mar-26 | Y-T-D | Y-T-D | 2026 Budget | 2026 Budget |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Income | Expense | Income | Expense | Income | Expense |
| Adminstration | | 39.69 | | 148.34 | | 825.00 |
| Charitable Contribution | | | | | | 300.00 |
| Christmas Party | | | | | | 800.00 |
| Cozy Quilts | | | | | | 75.00 |
| Donation Quilt | 500.00 | 20.76 | 2,575.00 | 23.80 | 3,000.00 | 550.00 |
| Door Prizes | 90.00 | | 186.00 | | 1,115.00 | 600.00 |
| Equipment | | | | | | 100.00 |
| July Fundraiser | | | | | 3,000.00 | 400.00 |
| Membership Dues | 750.00 | 31.14 | 3,960.00 | 185.70 | 4,200.00 | 50.00 |
| Membership/Directory | | 60.00 | | 76.99 | | 300.00 |
| Memorials | | | | | | 100.00 |
| Name Badges | 10.00 | | 15.00 | | 20.00 | 50.00 |
| Newsletter | | 87.82 | | 171.93 | | 600.00 |
| President Quilt | | | | | | 655.00 |
| Programs/Workshops | 1,185.00 | 1,654.83 | 1,185.00 | 1,845.73 | 4,425.00 | 8,200.00 |
| Quilt Camp | | | | | 13,000.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Quilt Show | | 108.41 | | 108.41 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Senior Center | | | | | | 1,200.00 |
| Storage Unit | | | | 780.00 | | 780.00 |
| Sunshine/Shadows | | | | | | 75.00 |
| Website | | 372.00 | | 440.50 | | 400.00 |
| 50/50 | 31.00 | | 71.00 | | 300.00 | |
| PHD's | | | | | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Totals | 2,566.00 | 2,374.65 | 7,992.00 | 3,781.40 | 39,210.00 | 39,210.00 |
| Beginning Balance | 27,515.40 | | | | | |
| Income | 2,566.00 | | | | | |
| Expense | 2,374.75 | | | | | |
| Ending Balance | 27,706.65 | | | | | |



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

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 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 out more about her Siloam Springs shop at:

www.sagercreekquilts.com



Class: April 28th, 9:30am 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.

Sharon Brewer: Laura Hines Collage Instructor

Note our location change for this meeting!

Central Christian Church, 400 N Waldron Road, Fort Smith 72903

May 18th 6:30pm

Sharon joins us from Little Rock to share a trunk show and an introduction to collage quilting.

Class: May 19th, 9:30am

The Academy at Mama's Log House

Attendees: Genia needs to know which pattern you will be making no later than our April meeting.

Join Sharon Brewer to learn the basics of collage quilting as you create this 16x20 version of Laura Heine's Sewing Machine or Pin Cushion.

Registration is \$50 and seats are limited. Lunch is included.

Supply list will be provided upon registration.



In the spring, at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt.

Margaret Atwood

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

May 18 Sharon Brewer - Collage Quilting

Laura Heine Collage Instructor/Trunk Show
Brown Bag Challenge Return and Show and Tell

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| May 19 - Class: Collage Mini Quilt Antique Sewing Machine or Tomato Pin Cushion | \$60.00 |
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June 22 Belle Brunner - Seams Sew Me

Trunk Show

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| June 23 - Class: Quilted Journal Cover | \$40.00 |
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July 27 July Fundraiser

Aug 24 Cynthia England

Creating a Pictorial Quilt

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| August 25 - Class: Small Landscape | \$60.00 |
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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

Unless otherwise noted, classes will be at the Academy at Mama's Log Cabin on the Tuesday following our regular meeting. Classes start at 9:30AM. 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!



Nap Pads for Christ the King Toddlers /Lap Pads for Seniors

Looking for a quick little project and a great way to use up scraps?

Lona Jenkins has asked for our help making toddler nap pads. Pads should be 36 x 45 approximately, quilting cotton, with batting and just enough quilting to hold the pad together (or more if you want a bit of free motion practice).

Lona is glad to collect donations at upcoming meetings or answer questions at 479-221-4040



Pam Cannefax has asked for help in turning over 100 HAND STITCHED lap quilt tops into light weight drapes for seniors. A nursing home resident who loves hand piecing, created these tops and would like to offer them to fellow residents. All they need is a cotton backing (no batting /quilting needed) and a simple closure (right sides together, stitch, turn out, and top stitch the border. Easy peasy!



Community Education and Outreach at ACHE



Orphan Block + Old Jeans: A Perfect Creator’s Combo

Congratulations to Connie Bailey and all the “creators” who participated in our first Community Outreach class at ACHE. This Friday/Saturday event welcomed five participants who learned how to use orphan quilt blocks to embellish a favorite pair of jeans. Two of our “students” had never sewn before. And thanks to our assistants Lula Hansen, Shareen Hobbs, Genia Smith, Charlotte Nelson, Leola Curtis, Lynn Meeks, and Cheryl Davis.

If you missed out on this event, look for more opportunities in the future. And to find out more about a variety of community classes offered at the ACHE Health and Wellness Center, type **ACHE Community Classes** in your online browser

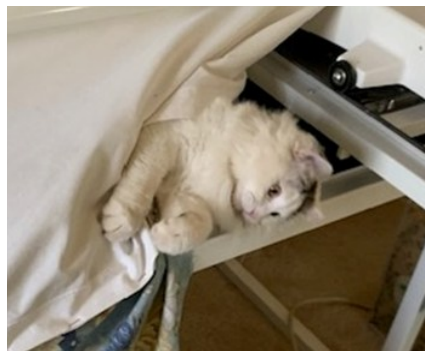
2026 Donation Quilt: What Could Be Lovelier than a Beach Wedding?



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, credit cards accepted).**

Contact Freddia Sullivant or Judy Dedmon to get yours.



Sewing Room Assistant of the Month

Not every quilter is lucky enough to have a personal long-arm technician. Shareen Hobbs has Spook, seen here hard at work making sure everything is just right.



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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| 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



April and May Birthdays



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| Lynn Meeks | 2 |
| Edwina Schwarz | 3 |
| Donna Moreton | 6 |
| Verna Baker | 7 |
| Jan McFarland | 9 |
| Pat Starks | 10 |
| Rowena Campbell | 13 |
| Barbara Warner | 13 |
| Susan Contratto | 20 |
| Sue Weege | 21 |
| Pam Cannefax | 22 |
| Catherine Mendez | 23 |
| Judy Dedmon | 24 |
| Sue Anderson | 26 |
| Becky Eggers | 26 |
| Lisa Manis | 27 |



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| Tammy Chavis | 1 |
| Sandy Burch | 3 |
| Kay Voss | 30 |
| Debbie Christie | 31 |



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 founding member Judy Sagely on the recent passing of her husband.

Wishing better days ahead for Peggy Weidler who had back surgery in Tulsa and Carol Johnson who is receiving stem cell treatment for a recurrence of cancer.

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.