

Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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July Fundraiser: Debbie Christie

Membership: Susan Lyon, Dianne O'Donnell

Name Tags: Edwina Schwartz

Christmas Party: Dianne O'Donnell and the Board

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

Greetings All and Happy June!

I hope everyone came through our recent storms without too much damage! Thankfully, we just had a limb or two down, and my flowers are *loving* all the rain.

Our newsletter this month is jam packed and includes photos of the beautiful ribbon-winning quilts from last month's Airing of the Quilts. Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who entered quilts – we have such great local talent. You will also find service opportunities, including assisting at upcoming classes at ACHE. I admire that our guild is so service-minded.

I really enjoyed seeing all of the creations from our Brown Bag Challenge at our last meeting. Sew many great projects were exchanged, and I am loving the bag I received from Lona Jenkins. I attended our class from May's presenter, Sharon Brewer, to learn the Laura Heine Collage process, and really loved it! Maybe we will see some of the finished projects at this month's Sew and Tell (unfortunately, mine is not yet completed). This month, we have a trunk show by Belle Brunner from Seams Sew Me with a class the following day on making a quilted journal cover. There is still space available, so contact Genia Smith to sign up!

We have lots to look forward to with this creative group, including our July sale and fundraiser in the silent-auction format (bring \$\$, I'm sure there will be cool stuff), Quilt Camp at Mount Magazine in September and our Quilt Show in October! Be sure to follow our Quilt Show Facebook page, which is "2026 BPQG Quilt of Our Heritage Quilt Show" and share to your profile to get the word out. See you all soon, and remember, quilting is cheaper than therapy.....or is it?

Kim Kidder



June 22, 2026 - 6:30PM

Fort Smith Senior Activity Center
2700 Cavanaugh Road, Fort Smith, AR



Meeting Minutes May 18, 2026



The regular meeting of the Belle Point Quilters Guild was called to order by President Kim Kidder at 6:30p.m. Attendance included 59 members and 2 guests.

Krissy Barnes made a motion seconded by Sue Anderson to accept minutes from the April 2026 meeting as printed in newsletter. Lona Jenkins made a motion seconded by Marcia Beat to accept the April financial report as printed in the newsletter. All in favor and motion accepted for both reports.

Officer reports – Genia Smith reported class will be tomorrow 9:30 – 3:00 at the Academy. Next month guest speaker is Belle Brunner and class will be making a composition notebook cover. Space still available.

Committee Chair Reports – Cozy Quilts Lynn Meeks reported she needs some quilts. Small needs to be no smaller than 1 yard by 45”, and she can use some larger ones too.

Donation Quilt – Bobbi Lang made the beautiful donation quilt. Membership of \$50.00 includes \$20.00 worth of tickets for the quilt. **Donation Quilt Tickets** – See Freddia Sullivent or Judy Dedmon.

July Fundraiser – Debbie Christie reported they will take anything you don’t use and will sell to raise money. Vegetables, jellies, cookies and cakes are all good sellers.

Membership – Susan Lyon reported we have 135 members as of today. Dianne O’Donnell takes care of the directory.

Name Tags – Edwina Schwartz – If you need a new name tag, the tag will be \$5.00 to replace.

Newsletter – Dianne O’Donnell was not present

Publicity and Website – Brenda Gigliello reported the web site includes meetings /classes and we have a Facebook page.

2026 Quilt Camp – Ann Akins and Krissy Barnes - Quilt camp dates are September 10-12, 2026, at Mount Magazine State Park. Camp forms will be at the June meeting. If you need a reservation, contact the Lodge and let them know you are with the Belle Point Quilters Guild.

Christmas Party – STILL NEEDS A CHAIR - Dianne O’Donnell will help whoever will chair.

Sunshine and Shadows – Vi Brown – Cards are sent to members in case of death/illness. A card was sent to Donna Moreton. Let Vi Brown know if a member is sick or a death.

2026 Challenge – Mary Butler – PHD – projects half done –You get a form from Mary and fill out for your project. Each project will be \$1.00 and when completed and shown at sew and tell , your name goes in for a drawing for the money.

2026 Quilt Show – Mary Butler and Genia Smith – Theme is “Quilts of Our Heritage”. Mary has been in contact with the Cherokee Quilt Show about some displays and they encourage us to display at their quilt show also. Do not have to be Cherokee to participate. Ann Akins talked about the challenge. They had a mystery bag of fabric to pick up, and the challenge is to make your own version of Quilts of our Heritage. Project is to be no smaller than 12X12 and no larger than 18X24. Your project will display at the Quilt Show. Jan McFarland has registration forms for your entry and August 24 is the deadline. She also stated a panel quilt challenge and a wearables category have been added to the entries. Michelle Hall and Lula Hanson reported on publicity for the quilt show. There is a Facebook page and to search for 2026 BPQG to find page. Please like, follow and share with friends. There will also be a scavenger hunt. Get a card with locations and at each location, get the card stamped. When filled, turn in for prizes. There will be 8-9 locations within the area, and a quilt block will be at each location to know where to get stamped.

Community Outreach – Connie Bailey – An outreach to young people and those interested in quilting at the ACHE Wellness. The center has classes on planting, cooking, exercise etc. and we are trying to get quilting started. There is an opportunity for two teaching/training classes in July: a tote bag and an intro. to quilt block making. Volunteers are needed and Connie would like to start an education committee to collaborate with classes. See Connie.

On unfinished business, Mary reported the paperwork has been filed for 501c3. When all completed and final hopefully we can get additional donations.

Christ the King project- Lona Jenkins is requesting assistance making nap quilts for Christ the King school.

Airing of the Quilts – Ann Akins reported a big THANKS to all that helped with the show. Genia Smith won the President’s Award, and a client of Brenda Gigliello’s won viewer’s choice first place, second went to Genia Smith and third went to Jodie Smith. Brenda Gigliello won the Mayor’s Choice Award. Congratulations to all.

There was no other old business and no new business.

Door prizes awarded to Tammy Chavis, Marcia Beat, Jan McFarland, Veronica Robins. 50/50 went to Barbara Warner.

Sew and tell participants: Kim Kidder, Karen Jones, Veronica Robins, Becky Eggars, Lucy Bonnin, Sue Anderson, Brenda Gigliello, Patti Dikeman, Lona Jenkins, Sandy Burch, Marcia Beat, Mary Butler, Linday Wight and Lynn Lukas. Several were from the brown bag challenge.

Genia Smith introduced Sharon Brewer. Sharon is a Laura Hines Collage instructor and will have a class tomorrow at the academy. Sharon displayed some of her beautiful collage projects and talked about patterns, tools and techniques for collage quilting. A short question and answer followed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted by Judy Dedmon



May 2026 Financial Statement

	May-26	May-26	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	2026 Budget	2026 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Administration		414.68		602.69		825.00
Charitable Contribution						300.00
Christmas Party						800.00
Cozy Quilts						75.00
Donation Quilt	337.00	100.76	3,052.00	124.56	3,000.00	550.00
Door Prizes	108.00		412.00	90.60	1,115.00	600.00
Equipment						100.00
July Fundraiser					3,000.00	400.00
Membership Dues	60.00	1.14	4,230.00	186.84	4,200.00	50.00
Membership/Directory				127.36		300.00
Memorials						100.00
Name Badges			20.00		20.00	50.00
Newsletter				192.08		600.00
President Quilt						655.00
Programs/Workshops	750.00	1,130.31	2,055.00	3,831.55	4,425.00	8,200.00
Quilt Camp					13,000.00	13,000.00
Quilt Show			200.00	108.41	10,000.00	10,000.00
Senior Center						1,200.00
Storage Unit				780.00		780.00
Sunshine/Shadows						75.00
Website				440.50		400.00
50/50	32.50		141.50	40.00	300.00	
PHD's	53.00		53.00		150.00	150.00
Totals	1,340.50	1,646.89	10,163.50	6,524.59	39,210.00	39,210.00



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 on: Facebook:** Belle Point Quilters Guild Group **Web Site:** Bellepointquiltersguild.org

Airing of the Quilts 2026

We hope you were able to make it to the 15th Annual Airing of the Quilts. If not, here are a few pictures of ribbon winners! Congratulation to Ann Akins and crew for once again producing a beautiful show. Special thanks to the many volunteers who supported the event. And a very special thanks to every quilter who shared their craft with the community.



Viewers Choice First Place Winner

Cardinal in My Garden

Pieced by Kim Crane

Quilted by Brenda Gigliello pictured with Kay Voss



Mayor's Choice Award Winner

Lydia's Promise - 2025 Shop Hop Quilt

Pieced and Quilted by Brenda Gigliello



Viewers Choice Second Place Winner

President's Choice Award Winner

Honey Bee Garden

Pieced by Genia Smith pictured with Kay Voss

Quilted by Judy Dedmon



Viewers Choice Third Place Winner

Jane Austen Quilt

Pieced by Jodie Smith

Quilted by Judy Dedmon

Upcoming Meetings and Classes



Belle Bruner: Seams Sew Me Trunk Show

Cavanaugh Senior Center - June 22nd 6:30pm

Belle joins us from her studio and quilting retreat in beautiful the Ouachita National Forrest. She was chased away by nasty Arkansas weather on her last visit, but she's ready to come back to share a beautiful trunk show and a special class.

Belle is a self taught quilter and graduate of YouTube University, a lot of trial, error and patience. After graduating from a pattern writing course in the fall of 2021, she now designs quilt patterns carried by four major distributors. She teaches workshops for guilds, at national shows, and at her retreat center. Belle is also a fabric designer for Benartex Fabrics, and ambassador for Arrow Sewing, Havel's Sewing, Oliso and Daylight Company.

You can find out much more about Belle and her quilting journey at her website: www.seamssewme.com

Class: June 23rd, 9:30am The Academy at Mama's Log House

Join Belle to make something beautiful. Learn how to construct a Quilted Journal Cover for yourself, a loved one, or for friends.

Registration is \$40 and seats are limited. Lunch is included.

Supply list will be provided upon registration. Contact Genia Smith for more information.



Jack Pot in July - July 27th

What Have We Got? What Are You Bringing??

We all have that pattern or fabric that looked perfect when we bought it, but doesn't seem to have found a home in any project. The pre-cut that makes us scratch our head and wonder *what WAS I thinking?* Perhaps even a finished project (table runner, tote, throw) you loved less once it was done. None of those?

How about your to die for brownies, cookies, quick bread, muffins, granola or salsa everyone raves about? Or perhaps you have been blessed with a bumper crop of tomatoes, zucchini, berries or beans? Or maybe you have another craft you can share?

Pretty wreaths, soaps or candles, fabric bowls or baskets?

Pull together a basket on your own or with a group: kid's summer fun, pampered pet, coffee & chocolate, lazy day puzzle books in a cute tote!

Help us grow our 2026 budget by contributing your *giftable quality* goods and goodies to our **Jackpot in July** event. Then join us in July to bid on and take home your own Jackpot.

See Debbie Christie for more information!



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

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 Merry and Bright 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



Sewing Room Assistant of the Month

Quilting beautiful things can be exhausting. Just ask Brenda Gigliello's assistant, Freddie, seen here after a long quilting session having a well deserved snooze in the batting scraps. Freddie, of course, consulted extensively on Brenda's recent Ribbon Winning (congratulations!) Airing of the Quilts entries.

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 card accepted).

Contact Freddia Sullivant or Judy Dedmon to get yours.

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



2026 Quilts of Our Heritage Quilt Show Its Closer Than It May Appear on Your Calendar! October 2-3, 2026

We Need Your Help!

We need your hand made things for the Country Store at the quilt show! We need old patterns, fabric, 1/2 made UFOs... What ever you have extra, we would LOVE to feature it for sale in our Quilt Show Country Store. It's a great way to clear out your sewing space and make some \$\$\$ for our Guild. Thank You! Bobbie Lang



AND We Need Your Quilts!

The 2026 Quilt show entry form is on the final page of this newsletter. The kids just got out of school, but **AUGUST 24th** will be here before you know it! Completed quilts with hanging sleeve are due at the Fort Smith Convention center on **SEPTEMBER 30th**.

Questions: Please call or email **Jan McFarland** 832-654-8865 or janRmcfarland@gmail.com.



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Hope your June
hums with
hummingbirds
and bursts with
butterflies. Have
a great month.



Thinking About the Next Generation of Quilters

Upcoming Events at ACHE

Looking for 4 - 6 volunteer helpers for summer classes at ACHE!

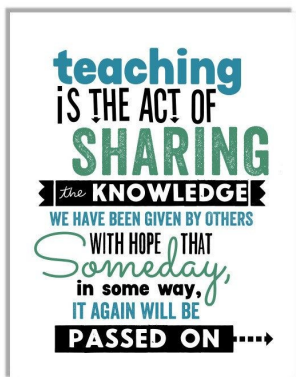
- **June 30-July 2** - Tote Bag Class, 9-noon (8 students already registered)
- **July 7-9** - Intro to Quilt Blocks, 9-noon (awaiting more sign-ups)

Contact Connie Bailey for more information. Background check required which will be sent to you by ACHE staff.

In 2026, under the guidance of Connie Bailey, our guild is offering programs and classes to spark interest and creativity in a new generation of sewists. You can help grow this program by volunteering to help with a class and/or supporting our 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



Belle Point Quilt Guild By-Laws

It shall also be the purpose of this organization to expand and to enrich the art of quilting for future generations

June and July Birthdays



Renee Allison	1
Cynthia Dorzab	8
Cynthia Mathis	8
Gail Bradney	9
Angie Michael	15
Sarah Buckaleu	22
Krissy Barnes	29
Cindy Ashley	30



Nancy Locovare	1	Janie LyBrand	24
Marilyn Lewis	2	Cathy Henry	25
Bonnie Turner	3	Melody Schwarz	25
Paula LeBlanc	7	Kathy Thomas	26
David Corely	7	Leica Grosskreuz	26
Pam Glass	9	Kathy Hart	29
Joan Coffman	11	Ann McEvoy	30
Freddia Sullivent	13	Charlotte Nelson	31
Stephanie Moore	14	Reita Plummer	31



Sorry If We Missed Your Birthday!

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



Sunshine and Shadows



Wishing Donna Moreton better days ahead after a major fall resulting in a head injury and fractured pelvis. Donna spent time in the hospital, in rehab and is now recuperating at home.

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 injury, 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.



Belle Point Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2026
REGISTRATION FORM
Deadline AUGUST 24, 2026
 Please use INK and PRINT
 Use a separate form for **EACH** entry

For Office Use: Entry Number _____ _____ Judged _____ Non-judged Date Received _____

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Member of Belle Point Quilters Guild YES _____ NO _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Quilt Title _____ Top Pieced by _____

Quilted by _____ Machine Quilted _____ Hand Quilted _____

Size of Quilt: Width _____ Length _____ Perimeter: width + length times 2 = _____

Description (35 words or fewer) _____

Design Source: (check all that apply) _____ Original Design _____ Purchased Kit _____ Pre-cut Design (die-cut & fusible pieces) _____ Class/Workshop (list) _____ Book/Magazine/Pattern _____ Other _____

Category (Submit one form for each quilt) (Measure perimeter of quilt to determine size. Width + Length times 2)

* **Professionally Quilted** is defined as being quilted by a quilter who accepts payment for quilting

CHECK ONLY ONE CATEGORY

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Pieced (more than 325 inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Pieced, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium Pieced (200 – 324 inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium Pieced, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Pieced (Less than 200 inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Pieced, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Hand Applique (greater than 240 inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Hand Applique, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Hand Applique (240 inches or less)
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Hand Applique, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Machine Applique (greater than 240 inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Machine Applique, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Machine Applique , (240 inches or less)
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Machine Applique, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Quilt (any size) Three or more worked on the quilt, including the quilter.
<input type="checkbox"/> Panel Quilt , (any size) using preprinted panel at least 20"x36" | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Mixed Technique (greater than 240 inches)
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Mixed Technique, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Mixed Technique (240 inches or less)
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Mixed Technique, Professionally Quilted*
<input type="checkbox"/> Miniature , blocks less than 4 in (96 inches or less)
<input type="checkbox"/> First Quilt (any size) Started and completed in the last 4 years.
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Techniques (any size) includes embroidery, heavy embellishments, yo-yos, whole cloth, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Quilt (any size, any techniques)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wool (any size, any techniques) includes wool applique.
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern (any size, any technique) inspired by clean, modern design, including focus on negative space, bold or solid colors and / or improvisation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth 18 years & under
<input type="checkbox"/> Wearables -Quilted Jackets, Bags, Hats, etc. |
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CHECK THE DIVISION IN WHICH YOU ARE ENTERING THIS QUILT

Professionally Judged Division (fee required) \$10 per quilt **Non-judged** Division (fee required) \$5 per quilt

*It is the responsibility of the person entering this quilt to correctly fill out this form and send the form and entry fees to **Jan McFarland, 19857 E Wilderness Rd, Cookson, OK 74427** postmarked by August 24, 2026. All quilts must be delivered to the Ft. Smith Convention Center on **WEDNESDAY, September 30** between **8am – 9:30am**, and picked up (must have receipt) between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm on Saturday, October 3, 2026.*

Date _____ Signature _____



Belle Point Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2026

Fort Smith Convention Center
55 South 7th St, Fort Smith, AR

Friday, October 2, 9am-7pm – Saturday October 3, 9am-4pm

Deadline to enter: August 24, 2026

Complete one entry form for each quilt entered and send completed forms and fees to:

Jan McFarland, 19857 E Wilderness Rd, Cookson, OK 74427.

ONLY PREREGISTERED QUILTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SHOW. Please call or email questions 832-654-8865 or janRmcfarland@gmail.com.

Entry Fees: Professionally Judged Division; \$10 per quilt
Non-Judged Division; \$5 per quilt
Make checks payable to BPQG.

BPQG Quilt Show Rules

- Limit of **THREE** quilts, completing a separate form for each quilt. Quilts previously entered in a BPQG show are not eligible.
- Professionally Quilted is defined as being quilted by a quilter who accepts payment for quilting (regardless if you paid). Please choose category accordingly.
- Quilts must be completed, clean, free of smoke, odor & pet hair.
- Quilt must have a 4-inch **sleeve** and **identification label sewn** on the back of the quilt. If the quilt is over 94 inches long, please measure and place the TOP of the sleeve at 94 inches from the bottom.
- Art quilts and miniatures do not need a sleeve.
- The entrant must select one category on the entry form. The category may be changed by the Quilt Show Chairperson or the judge.
- The Quilt Show Chairperson may have to limit the total number of quilts entered because of space limitations. If necessary, quilts will be accepted by earliest registration dates.
- Entrants are responsible for insuring their entries.
- Other awards may be presented: Best of Show, Mayor's Choice, Viewer's Choice, Best Hand Quilting, Best Machine Quilting, etc.

It is the responsibility of the person entering this quilt to correctly fill out the entry form and send the form and entry fees to:

***Jan McFarland, 19857 E Wilderness Rd, Cookson, OK 74427.
(832-654-8865).***

You must have the quilt at the Convention Center on WEDNESDAY, Sept 30, between 8am and 9:30am and pick up the quilt (must have receipt) between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

Quilt Show Chairpersons: Mary Butler, 918-315-0108 mrbttr@gmail.com
Genia Smith, 479-414-5957 gsmith822@aol.com