

# Belle Point Quilt Guild Newsletter

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## 2025 Committee Chairs

**Comfort Quilts:** Lynn Meeks

**Donation Quilt:** Patty Dikeman,  
Susan Anderson, Connie Bailey

**Donation Quilt Tickets:** Freddia  
Sullivent, Judy Dedmon

**Hostess Desk:** Jan Enke, Linda  
Myers, Pat Starks

**July Fundraiser:** Debbie Christie

**Membership:** Susan Lyon

**Name Tags:** Edwina Schwartz

**Newsletter:** Dianne O'Donnell

**Publicity & Website:** Brenda Gigliello

**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

### President

Connie Bailey  
479-806-5272

### Vice & Co-Vice President

Sue Anderson  
619-701-5569

Patty Dikeman  
479-651-0477

### Treasurer

Freddia Sullivent  
479-430-1517

### Secretary

Judy Dedmon  
479-252-1265

## 2026 Officers

### President

Kim Kidder

### Vice & Co-Vice President

Mary Butler  
Genia Smith

### Treasurer

Freddia Sullivent

### Secretary

Jennifer Cook

## Connie's Comments

Hello, my fellow BPQG quilter friends,

Do you know that extra space is a good thing? Space in a room, space in your sewing area, white space on a page, space in your life for rest, space in your closet, and space on your walls are all good things. When there is extra space, there is less clutter. How I need to de-clutter and add blank space!

My clothes closet is way overdue for an over-haul. I need to make room for space between those hangers!

And my sewing projects ... how glad I am that we are challenged to finish some quilted projects this year. I wrote down ten projects on one page, and I have more I could add. My sewing room closet will be more spacious (and happy) when some of those quilts are sewn, quilted, and bound.

Wahoo! I have spent a few hours in the past month working on PHD's. How are you doing with your list?

Enjoy this extra white space. I am going to work on a project. See you at the next meeting; we will shop!

**KEEP SEWING AND GROWING!**

Fondly,

Connie



**Our Next Meeting  
Holiday Market**

October 27th, 6:00pm  
Cavanaugh Senior Center



## September 2025 Budget News

|                         | Sep-25<br>Income | Sep-25<br>Expense | Y-T-D<br>Income | Y-T-D<br>Expense | 2025 Budget<br>Income | 2025 Budget<br>Expense |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Administration          |                  | 38.63             |                 | 490.53           |                       | 700.00                 |
| Charitable Contribution |                  |                   |                 |                  |                       | 300.00                 |
| Christmas Party         | 900.00           |                   | 1573.22         | 430.76           |                       | 800.00                 |
| Cozy Quilts             |                  |                   |                 |                  |                       | 50.00                  |
| Donation Quilt          | 20.00            |                   | 3155.00         | 603.08           | 3,340.00              | 500.00                 |
| Door Prizes             | 122.00           | 49.11             | 807.00          | 358.50           | 1,215.00              | 600.00                 |
| Equipment               |                  |                   |                 |                  |                       | 100.00                 |
| July Fundraiser         |                  |                   | 3127.50         | 277.92           | 4,100.00              | 400.00                 |
| Membership Dues         |                  |                   |                 |                  | 291.40                | 50.00                  |
| Membership/Directory    |                  |                   | 4360.00         | 292.54           |                       | 100.00                 |
| Memorials               |                  |                   | 100.00          |                  |                       | 100.00                 |
| Name Badges             |                  |                   | 10.00           | 68.05            | 20.00                 | 50.00                  |
| Newsletter              |                  | 22.07             | 32.65           | 418.78           | 292.49                | 450.00                 |
| President Quilt         |                  |                   |                 |                  |                       | 150.00                 |
| Programs/Workshops      | 470.00           | 2,028.16          | 4667.00         | 9,259.64         | 3,000.00              | 8,000.00               |
| Quilt Camp              | 440.00           | 7,027.35          | 11,140.00       | 7,742.87         | 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                   | 28.00            |                   | 286.50          |                  | 300.00                | 0.00                   |
| PHD's                   | 66.00            |                   | 66.00           |                  |                       |                        |
| Totals                  | 2,046.00         | 9,165.32          | 29,324.87       | 22,478.05        | 25,558.89             | 29,805.00              |
| Beginning Balance       |                  | 34,794.55         |                 |                  |                       |                        |
| September Income        |                  | 2,046.00          |                 |                  |                       |                        |
| September Expense       |                  | 9,165.32          |                 |                  |                       |                        |
| Ending Balance          |                  | 27,675.23         |                 |                  |                       |                        |

### Meeting Information

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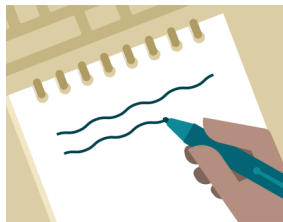
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**Autumn** is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Albert Camus



**BELLE POINT  
QUILTERS GUILD  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

## September Meeting Minutes

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting of the Belle Point Quilters Guild was called to order by President Connie Bailey at 6:30 p.m. President Bailey had new members that joined this year stand up and asked everyone to introduce themselves to anyone new at your table. A motion to approve the August financial report as printed in the newsletter was made by Krissy Barnes and seconded by Sue Anderson. All in favor and report was accepted. A motion was made by Marcia Beat and seconded by Faye Miller to approve the August minutes as written in the newsletter. All in favor and the report was accepted.

**Chair Reports: Cozy Quilts- Lynn Meeks** reported that Christmas is coming and if you have some quilts laying around to finish, please bring to donate. They are accepting all sizes.

**Hosted Desk:** Reported 70 members present and 6 guests.

**Sunshine & Shadows:** Vi Brown reported that Verna Baker had back surgery.

**2025 Quilt Camp** - A big shout out to Genia Smith & Joanie Coffman.

**2026 Quilt Show-** Mary Butler talked about PHD's (projects half done). She stated that she has forms to fill out with her and to have the projects completed by the quilt show 2026.

\$1.00 for each project entry. She also stated that there will be an appraiser at the quilt show and to get your quilts appraised. She still needs a few volunteers to help with the quilt show. It takes lots of help to put on a quilt show!!

**Christmas Party-** Dianne O'Donnell stated that the party is \$25.00 and the theme is "The Gift of Friendship". She talked about the gift to communities and Toys for Tots, an Angel Tree and a Magic Pillowcase. Toys for Tots doesn't need toys, they need volunteers in the distribution center for physical help. An Angel Tree for foster care children. Total gifts cannot be over \$100.00. She has sign-up sheets with her if you want to participate. Dianne showed a pillowcase and would help with a class to make pillowcases if needed. Kids love pillowcases. All gifts will be picked up at the Christmas Party.

The nominating committee of Kim Kidder, Judy Dedmon, Gaylon Scharbor, Joanie Coffman & Patti Smith has a slate of officers for 2027 to be presented and voted on at the November business meeting. Other nominations will be accepted at the meeting. No further old or new business.

Door prizes and 50\50 were awarded.

Member moment was given by Melissa Simpson. She talked about her quilting journey and how she got started.

**Show & Tell** - Those bringing items from guild classes were Susan Lyon, Genia Smith, Sue Anderson and Linda Wight. Those showing camp quilt were Debbie Christie, and Marcia Beat. Those showing other items worked on at quilt camp were Sue Anderson, Vi Brown, Krissy Barnes, Bonnie Turner and Connie Bailey. Those with other items were Lucy Bonnin, Anne Bottorff, and Peggy Myers.

After a short break, Sue Anderson introduced out speaker - Cyndi McChesney. Cyndi spoke on the good, the bad, the Ah Ha! Panel Palooza. She showed a slide show of quilts along with the showing of the quilt and talked about how she started doing panel quilts.

Also, her class is on Tuesday at Mama's Academy. She then answered a few questions.

No further business, so meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

**Lauren DeStefano**

## Planning for a Great Year!

Its 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.



**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. A few examples: Kim's Pantry, Sweet Sewing Notions, Candy Craze, John Lyon and Zinna Wagner wood beads and ruler stands, Sydney Hockaday: Massage by Sydney, Quilts of Valor



**November 24th**

### **Annual Business Meeting and "Strip Poker" Night**

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All you need to bring to "ante up" is five 2.5 inch WOF strips either cut from your stash or orphan jelly roll strips will be perfect. And if you have a deck of cards bring that as well. Don't miss out!



**December 8th Holiday Party - The Gift of Friendship**

### **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 to reserve your seat or 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.**



### **The Gift Of Friendship Holiday Dinner - December 8, 2025**

#### **YES I want to attend!**

Dinner and festivities cost per person is \$25.00 Registration will close October 27th.

Complete this form with your name and present it to any board member with your payment.

Dianne O'Donnell or a board member can accept your registration and payment by check (preferred), cash, or Freddia Sullivent can accept your credit card.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Received by committee member (initials) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Meetings and Events



### October 27th Annual Holiday Market 6:00 PM

Fall weather, pumpkin spice everything, Halloween décor in all the stores can only mean ONE THING: The holidays are almost here! Join us for a fun way to get your holiday shopping in gear. **Guests are especially welcome** for this fun event. Vendors will be offering goodies of all sorts. A few examples: Kim's Pantry, Sweet Sewing Notions, Candy Craze, John Lyon and Zinna Wagner wood beads and ruler stands, Sydney Hockaday: Massage by Sydney, Quilts of Valor. Come shop local and get your festive on!



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### The Gift of Friendship: Giving to Our Community

As in the past, we have used the season of giving as a reason to reach out to our broader community. This year, we are supporting the Arkansas Family Alliance and Toys for Tots. Our members have **THREE** options!

**Please contact Dianne O'Donnell to get additional details on these events and sign up to make the holidays a bit brighter for kids in foster care.**

# 1

### Foster Kids Angel Tree

In partnership with the Arkansas Family Alliance, we are supporting holiday gifts for area foster kids. We will be provided with Wish Lists, age and gender information for area foster kids mid-month October. Several Guild members have already signed up as teams or you can sign up as an individual to help fulfill a child's Christmas Wish List.

# 2

### Foster Kids Magic Pillowcases

What could be better than making a little holiday "magic"? Magic Pillow Cases that is. Foster kids often arrive into the system with little more than what they can pack into a plastic trash bag. One way to give them something that is their own, is custom pillow cases. Several tutorials for the "magic pillowcase" can be found online. The project is quick and requires minimal fabric. Make as many as you like—a great way to de-stash!

# 3

### Toys for Tots Volunteers

Toys for Tots is asking for volunteers to assist eligible families as they "shop" the toy donation site. Volunteers would meet at a designated distribution site for 2-4 hour time blocks. Tasks include helping parents locate items, sorting donated toys and re-stocking gift tables. Various days and times will be available starting in November. You should be able to interact with parents/families, stand, lift, carry, and sort items. Toy donations are **NOT** needed, but will be accepted.

### November 24th Vote for 2026 Slate of Officers

Our 2026 Board membership will take over in January. The proposed slate of officers listed here are individuals who said YES to taking on important roles for 2027.

The slate of officers YOU approve for 2027 will learn their roles by participating in meetings in the coming year. Please consider these nominees in preparation for a vote on November 24th.

Guild members may also offer to take on a board role or nominate another Guild member. Nominees must be members in good standing.

### 2027 Board Nominees

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>President</b>       | Sue Anderson      |
| <b>Vice Presidents</b> | Brenda Gigliello  |
|                        | Pam Cannefax      |
|                        | Kathy Hart        |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | Jennifer Cook     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | Freddia Sullivent |



### BPQG Charity Donation for 2025

One more important decision to be made at our November meeting is selecting the community charity to receive our annual \$300 donation. **This is a budgeted cash donation independent of other holiday drives.**

Past recipients have included area shelters for women and families, food banks and food security programs for children. Members may wish select more than one organization. **Our experience has been that a single donation of the entire \$300 has more impact for the selected charity.**

**Please consider how you would like to see these funds used. We will take nominations and conduct a voice vote at our November meeting.**

### Lets Go to the Movies 2025 Quilt Camp Winners

If you haven't been yet, one more reason to plan on being at the 2026 Quilt Camp: GREAT PRIZES! This years big Winners! Left to Right:

**Sandy Burch:** Tula Pink Olisa Iron; **Mary Butler:** Kimberbelle kits and goodies, **Kathy Thomas:** A tote full of notions, **Karen Jones:** Serger Basket of Notions and Goodies from Sew Sweet Sewing



## Mary Butler is Looking for Your PHDs!

We are one year and one month from our 2026 Quilt show!

Its time to get those PHDs (Projects Half Done) completed and ready to show off. At the end of this newsletter you will find a PHD sign up sheet. Please list your name and the name(s) of the project you intend to complete. Feel free use as many sheets as you need to list your pending pretties then return your list to me.

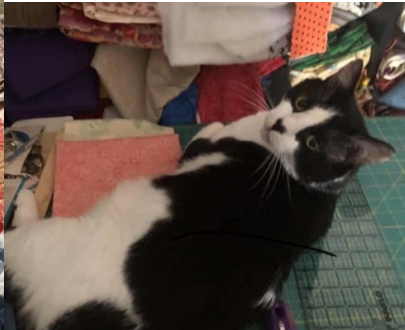
**For each project you list, you will need to give me \$1.** As you bring your **COMPLETED (Quilted and Bound)** projects to Guild for Show and Tell, I will check off the entry and your dollar will go into the pot for a drawing at our September 2026 meeting. You may sign up as many PHDs as you wish between now and our August 2026 meeting.

Mary Butler

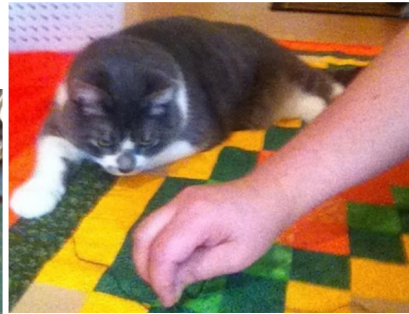


## Sewing Room Assistants of the Month:

Turns out when you are as busy a quilter as Krissy Barnes, you need a TEAM of “assistants”.



Socks: Ruler Manager



Piper: Hand Quilting Quality Control and Fabric Warmer



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## October and November Birthdays



|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Denise Lusby     | 1  |
| Brenda Gigliello | 3  |
| Cheryl Davis     | 10 |
| Bobbi Lang       | 12 |
| Brenda Browning  | 13 |
| Linda Core       | 13 |
| Dianne O'Donnell | 14 |
| Barbara Holcomb  | 20 |
| Denise Jones     | 24 |
| Virginia Sory    | 29 |
| Judy Garrett     | 30 |



|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Martha Renfro | 9  |
| Leanna Harper | 12 |
| Mary Butler   | 19 |
| Peggy Meyers  | 21 |
| Lula Hanson   | 26 |
| Susan Pate    | 29 |



Sorry we missed your September birthday!  
Kathy Davis, September 28th!



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

Sending our condolences to Veronica Robins on the recent passing of her mother.

Get well wishes to Verna Beck after back surgery and Dona Hardin after heart problems.

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](mailto: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

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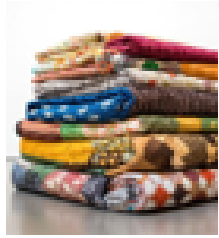
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### BPQG 2025-2026 PHD Requirements

1. \$1 entry fee per quilt
2. Submit as MANY as you like
3. All entries received no later than Guild Meeting August 2026
4. All entries must be QUILTED AND BOUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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