

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

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2026 Officers

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Secretary

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Our Next Meeting

August 25th 6:00pm

Cavanaugh Senior
Center

Connie's Comments

Hello, fellow BPQG quilter friends. This year is flying by! I think our guild year is going very well. I hope you do too! We had a successful Jackpot in July. Even though we did not bring in as much as we had hoped, we are still doing great financially! More importantly, we have had great speakers, meetings and learning opportunities this year.

Quilt camp is just weeks away. The 70 registered guests are going to have fun 'going to the movies' together and watching the creativeness go wild!! You should have received an email on Aug. 7th from Genia & Joanie, our camp directors, letting us know what to bring and what to expect. Remember to make a few 12 ½ inch blocks to put in the drawing. Each block you make increases your chance to win a bunch of blocks to create a snuggly movie-watching warm quilt! Wouldn't that be fun to have!?

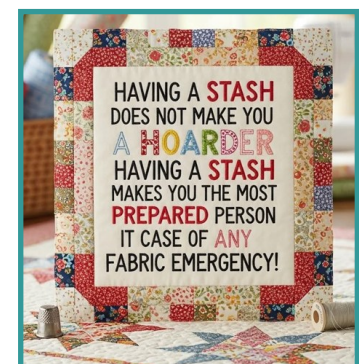
Are you affected by Back-to-School time? I have no children or grandchildren in local schools right now. But I am affected by 'Back-to-School.' I have been a mentor at Chaffin Middle School for about ten years. This is a program through the local Partners in Education organization of Fort Smith School System. I began doing mentorship there under the umbrella of 'Candy Craze' with my husband, Tim. Now I am my own partner under 'Creations by ConnieBee.' MENTORS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED, and you do not have to be a part of a business partnership. If you are interested in spending a couple hours a month with a student who needs someone to guide, care, listen and talk to, this could be you. A background check and short school district training is required. Two mentor/mentee meetings a month include a free meal (not cafeteria food). If interested, I would be glad to talk to you about the program, and put you in touch with the correct people at Chaffin to GET YOU INVOLVED. It's a great way to volunteer! Maybe BPQG could be a partner! We do have talent, resources, and education to share with area youngsters!

Stay cool at the spool!! See you at the next monthly meeting, August 25!

July 2025 Budget News

	Jul-25	Jul-25	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	2025 Budg	2025 Budget
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Administration		62.47		413.27		700.00
Charitable Contribution						300.00
Christmas Party			173.22	430.76		800.00
Cozy Quilts						50.00
Donation Quilt		349.83	3135.00	603.08	3,340.00	500.00
Door Prizes			580.00	196.92	1,215.00	600.00
Equipment						100.00
July Fundraiser	3,101.50	277.92	3101.50	277.92	4,100.00	400.00
Membership Dues					291.40	50.00
Membership/Directory			4360.00	292.54		100.00
Memorials	50.00		100.00			100.00
Name Badges			10.00	68.05	20.00	50.00
Newsletter		105.59	32.65	376.01	376.01	450.00
President Quilt						150.00
Programs/Workshops	789.00	1,001.18	4142.00	5,750.90	3,000.00	8,000.00
Quilt Camp	5,980.00	150.00	9580.00	715.52	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			231.00		300.00	0.00
Totals	9,920.50	1,946.99	25,445.37	11,660.35	25,642.41	29,805.00

Beginning Balance	26,639.92
July Income	9,920.50
July Expense	1,946.99
Ending Balance	34,613.43
July Fundraiser Income-\$2,823.58	
Donation Quilt Expense is for 2026 Quilt	
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Meeting Information

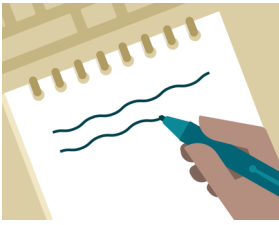
Members are encouraged to invite Guests to join Guild meetings!

Guild Meeting: Fourth Monday each month at 6:30 pm

Fort Smith Senior Activity Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road, Fort Smith AR 72908

Board Meeting: Second Monday each month at 6:00 pm, Fort Smith Library, Main Branch

Mailing Address: Belle Point Quilters' Guild, PO Box 3853 Fort Smith, AR 72913



June Meeting Minutes

Jackpot in July made up our July meeting! Hope you had a great time and found a jackpot or two to take home. June Meeting Minutes are shown.

The June 23rd regular meeting of the Belle Point Quilters Guild was called to order by President Connie Bailey at 6:30 pm. The May regular meeting was cancelled because of bad weather. A motion was made by Sue Anderson and seconded by Lona Jenkins to accept the April minutes. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

A motion was made by Krissy Barnes and seconded by Lucy Bonnin to accept the May budget as presented in the newsletter. All were in favor and the budget was accepted.

Chairman Reports: Lynn Meeks reported that the donated quilts go to the crisis centers, Hamilton House and other treatment and housing centers.

Susan Lyon reported that three new members joined after the April meeting and two joined tonight. We have 135 members now.

Debbie Christie reported that the July fundraiser will have bid sheets and you will bring them to the front to see if you are a high bidder after the bids have stopped. There will also be hotdogs, chips and a drink for \$5.00.

Dianne O'Donnell reported to email her if not receiving newsletters. Also, she reported that the Christmas Party theme will be "Gift of Friendship". The dinner is catered and will be \$25.00 per person on December 8th at the center.

Joanie Coffman reported on quilt camp. Theme is "Let's go to the Movies". Registration is open and the fee is \$150.00. Registration closes August 4th. Camp is at Mt. Magazine and officially starts on September 4th. You can come on the 3rd after 2 p.m. Call Mt. Magazine Lodge to make your reservation and tell them you are with the Belle Point Quilters Guild.

Vi Brown reported that she has not received any emails. If you have tried to send something to her, check with her on email.

There were 14 guests in attendance and 78 members.

Member Moment: Dianne O'Donnell spoke on her quilting journey and how she got started quilting.

Five-door prizes were awarded and the 50/50 of \$41.50 went to Lula Hanson.

Show & Tell: The January class participants showed their projects, and the May class showed their projects, then the other show & tell participants displayed their projects.

After a short break, our speaker, **Connie Bailey gave a presentation** on "If Quilts Could Talk". Her beautiful quilts talked to us and explained how they came to life and who their maker was.

Sue Anderson announced that the **Holiday Market will be in October** instead of November.

There was no further business, so the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.

Sewing Room Assistant of the Month:

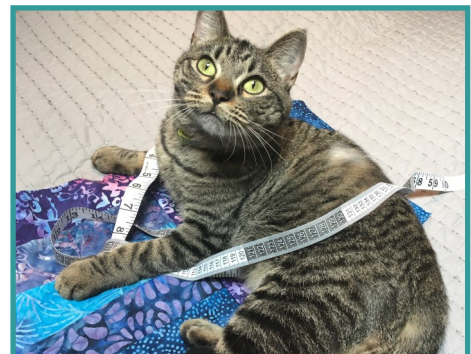
Max, short for Maxwell Edison, AKA Ditch Kitty

Kim "Skippy" Kidder and her assistant Max agree:

Its too HOT to be outside and these batiks are beautiful.

Let's stay in and quilt!

If you have a furry assistant you would like to see featured in our newsletter, please send Dianne a sewing room photo!



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.



September 3rd - 6th

Let's Go to the Movies! Quilt Camp at Mt Magazine

It's three glorious, glamorous Hollywood inspired days at Mt Magazine. Games, give aways and good friends. Buddy up and book your rooms early for this best time of the year.



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.



December 8th Holiday Party - The Gift of Friends

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 Classes

**Don't
Forget!**

August Meeting Special Show and Tell

Did you participate in the Brown Bag Fat Quarter Swap?

If so, we want to see what your Secret Quilting Pal made for you! Please bring your Brown Bag gift so we can all see what was created and perhaps get inspired



BPQG Meeting August 25, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Speaker Tara Miller - The Magic of Mixing Prints

Mixing prints doesn't have to feel overwhelming; in fact, it can be the most joyful part of the process. I'll show you how to break out of the "matching" mindset and combine fabrics from different designers, collections, and eras with ease. You'll learn how to mix color, scale, and motif in a way that feels intentional, personal, and a bit daring. Let's turn fabric chaos into quilt magic—together.



Tuesday Aug 26th Class - Legacy Wheel by Tara Miller

The Academy at Mama's Log House 9:00-3:00 Class Fee \$45 Lunch Provided

Non Members \$10 Additional fee Class Size limited to 15 Reserve Early

Gentle curves, bold blocks, and endless possibilities. The curved seams in Legacy Wheel are soft, approachable, and perfect for anyone new to curved piecing. If you're already comfortable with curves, you'll love how smoothly these blocks come together—no stress, just rhythm and flow. Each block finishes at a striking 24 inches, so you can create a statement-size quilt in surprisingly little time.

September 22, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Speaker Cyndi McChesney - Panel Palooza

Cyndi is quilt artist, long arm quilter, teacher and lecturer who revels in finding simple solutions to complex questions about quilt making and quilt design. She is the author of *Fun With Panels and Playful Panel Quilts* C&T Publishing. You can find out more about her quilting journey and see examples of her work on her website www.cedarridgequilting.com



September 23, 2025 - 9:00-3:00

Class Panel Palooza by Cyndi McChesney

The Academy at Mama's Log House Class Size limited to 15 Reserve Early
Class Fee \$45 Lunch Provided - Non Members \$10 Additional Fee

In this workshop quilters will take that panel they fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique. We'll discuss how to square up your panel segments, add interesting block treatments and borders and we'll cover the basics of graphing, adding coping strips and more, all guaranteed to make your panel project a success. There will be an overview of other techniques to create a beautiful project and time to begin designing your quilt!



Guild August Member Moment

Peggy Meyers will share her quilting journey with us.



August and September Birthdays



Faye Miller	7
Sunni Rector	7
Lois Witt	7
Doris Williams	11
Patti Dikeman	15
Kris Solik	18
Genia Smith	22
Becky Harkey	26
Carole Johnson	27
Lucy Bonnin	28



Sandy Smith	3
Kay Meyers	8
Anne Bottorff	10
Debbie Gray	13
Patti Smith	14
Lizzie Tetrick	14
MaryAnn Boone	18
Judy Cornack	18
Peggy House	21
Sarah Mong	30



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

Our condolences and prayers for Barbara Warner on the loss of her grandson Cody who passed in July as the result of a tragic accident.

Wishing Freddia Sullivent a speedy recovery after a recent hospital stay.

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

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.

