
OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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Saline County Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2023

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Website: www.quilttalk.org

Hello SCQG,

I am so grateful to the guild members for the support and volunteering that we, as a team, have provided to the guild and our community in this past year. We donated over 200 quilts to various charities. Fun was had at Quilt Mania, and visiting at the volunteers table.

We showed our “opportunity” quilt at several venues, spearheaded by Myrna Y. and Cellie S. The money from the tickets that were sold support activities that we are involved in, like programs, Quilt Mania, Christmas party, some supplies for the charity quilts, rent for the church rooms where we have meetings and Saturday workshops. While sitting at the volunteer table with other members, we visit and get to know other members. That helps the time pass. It’s been a good year. I’m sure It will be a good year in 2024.

We still have a couple of open chair positions, Fund raising, (think of that as FUN RAISING), and 5:30 workshops, for fun projects. You will not have to do either of those jobs alone. There is plenty talent and experience in our guild that will assist. We just need a person that will organize those activities.

I am so very grateful to Debbie S. and Tami C. for taking on the Program chair. And also thankful for all who contributed their input during the meeting. It was truly a good night.

Thanks
Sharon Vanover

2024 OFFICERS

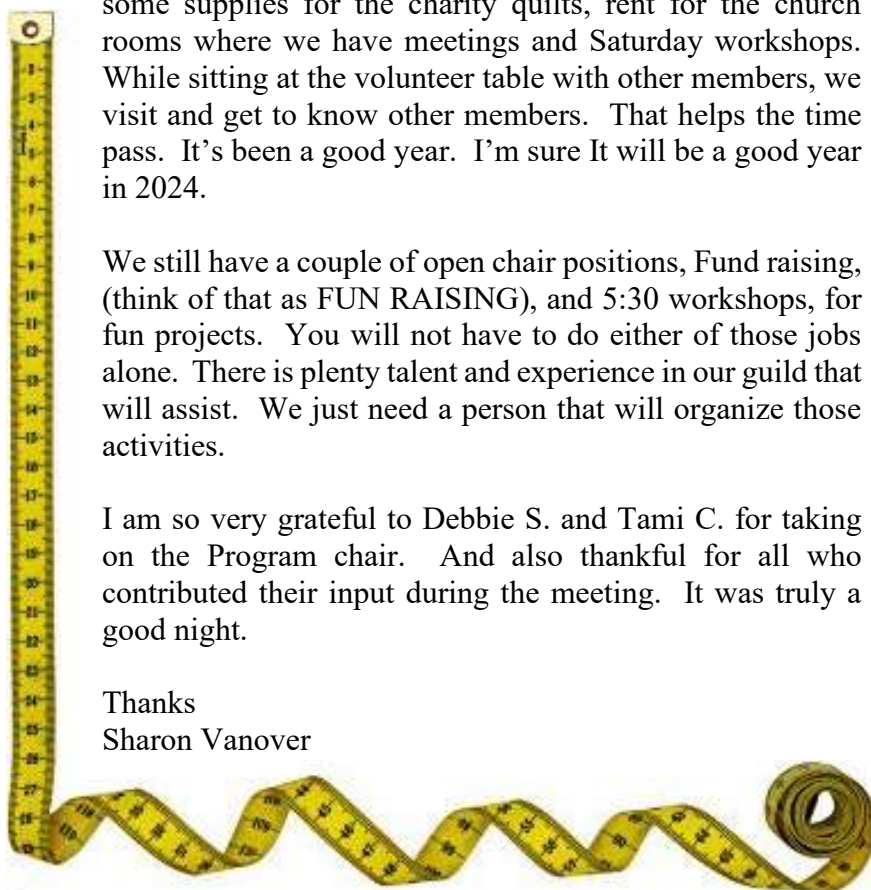
President: Sharon Vanover
1st VP: Cheri Johnson
2nd VP: LuAnn Baker
Secretary: Jerri Puska
(Alternate: Myrna Yandell)
Treasurer: Pat Wade
(Alternate: Toni Shockey)

Workshops:

Professional: Cheri Johnson
5:30: Guild Members

Committee Chairs:

Fund raising:
Door prizes: Cely Slover
Membership: Toni Shockey
Programs: Debbie Susky,
Tammy Creed
Website: Eddie Landreth
1st Wednesday: Judy Huggins
Charity Quilts: Sidney Morris
Sunshine: Judy Anderson
Newsletter: Eddie Landreth
Hostess: Twyla Moore
Publicity: Debbie Susky
Quiltmania: Toni Shockey,
Barbie Small,
Kris Boulton



December Calendar of Events

		Event
14	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away
18	Mon	Guild meeting at Calvary Church. 5:30
22	Fri	Due date for articles for the newsletter to be sent to the editor.
25	Mon	Daytime Stitchers – meets the 4 th Monday of each month at 9:30 Cancelled for December
25	Mon	Merry Christmas!
27	Wed	QOV meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Johnston's Home Center.
28	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away.
30	Sat	Applique and whatever you want to work on at Sidney's Studio.

~ December Birthdays ~

Name	Day
Patsy Freeman	1
Paulette Hutchings	14
Norma Welch	25
Jane Hammonds	26
Susan Morrow	29
Barbie Small	30

~ Programs ~

Month	Program
December	Christmas Party
January	Shellie Blake from The BedWarmer
February	The Auffle (auction/raffle)

A huge thanks to Eddie for showing us some of his beautiful quilts!

Gwen Rogers

~ Recipes ~

Please email or text a picture of any recipes you'd like to have included in our cookbook to Gwen Rogers.

~ Name Tags ~

Name tags can be ordered directly from the vendor, using the below contact information.

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Saline County Quilters' Guild

~ 5:30 Workshop ~

Thank you for the great participation in the row quilt project. We need a chair person to take over this job.

Gwen Rogers

~ Quilt of Valor Quilt Blocks ~

I'm happy to inform you that we have decided to continue making these blocks for the two QOV groups in Saline County. In January there will be kits available that you can take home and complete and turn in at the February meeting. Two gift certificates will be given away each month. Another way to earn a gift certificate is to take home a charity quilt and bind it. For every charity quilt that you bind and turn in, you may enter your name to win a gift certificate.

~ Rada Sales ~

Rada Sales- catalogs are available at Guild meetings. You may fill out an order form and turn into the Treasurer (Pat Wade) or order online at the following link and it will be mailed to your home. <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3431709.dde2cc>

~ Meeting Minutes ~ November 20, 2023

5:30 Workshop - Row Quilts – Sidney has made another row quilt and displayed it to the group. Her original row quilt will be raffled away at the December Christmas Party, Dec. 18th. Tickets are \$1.00, see Gwen Rogers. No Row quilt blocks provided this month.

Guild Meeting Minutes - The 2023 November meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Sharon Vanover called the meeting to order with 29 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

Announcements

Secretary's Minutes from prior meeting - October minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report will be distributed with the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Professional Workshops – Cheri Johnson No report

SCQG Patriotic BOM for Quilts of Valor – Cheri Johnson/Debbie Susky - This month the guild has completed 35 blocks; the two Saline County Quilt of Valor groups will receive the blocks. Thank you all for your participation, this additional influx of blocks has boosted the productivity of the local QOV effort tremendously. Gift certificate winners this month are Alysia Powell and Sandy Morris. The quilt shops of Saline County are donating gift certificates for this patriotic BOM challenge to support QOV in Saline County. This QOV support effort has been very successful and we would like

to continue it in 2024. Kits will be distributed in Jan. and Feb. will have the first drawing for gift certificates.

Saturday Workshops – Jerri Puska & Judy Anderson - Saturday Workshops schedule - Jerri will contact the church 1st week of December to schedule 2024 dates. Focus for 2024 – seasonal pillow wraps & sell items (table runners, small items, etc.) These Saturdays Sew Days will be open to our members and the public with the goal of sharing our craft and knowledge with potential new members who have an interest in quilting. We may also utilize these sew days to create items to sell at the events we attend.

5:30 Workshops – Need a chairperson to fill this vacancy! - Members have volunteered to fill our calendar for 2023! Please consider being the chairperson of this effort for 2024. We need a coordinator to remind and help assist those who have volunteered to present a workshop!

Fundraising –Chairperson - Vacant, need a volunteer to take over fundraising.

- **New SCQG t-shirt** – Pat will have shirts in Dec. This shirt is similar to the Quiltmania one with the Sewing machine that has been requested. Please note: this is not a fund-raising opportunity, the shirts are being sold just a few cents over cost making them very reasonable. Shirts are available in long or short sleeve in multiple color options.
- **T-shirt Licensed to carry** – Have a few of the “licensed to carry” available. Bargain price of \$15. See Myrna for a shirt tonight. Shirts are Comfort Color brand, limited sizes.
- **RADA cutlery fundraiser** – The Cutlery is selling; we will be placing another order. These American made knives and cutlery are wonderful. Great stocking stuffers. In stock we have paring knives and vegetable peelers and a couple of tomato slicers. Contact Myrna Yandell or Pat Wade.
- **Opportunity/Raffle quilt** – Myrna Yandell - The 2024 quilt is ready to be quilted, Amy Snodgrass will be quilting when she gets caught up.

- Currently the Opportunity Quilt & Stand are housed at Cely's home, we need someone else to take charge of the quilt and stand. Just need a volunteer to keep up with it, you do not always have to be the person taking it somewhere. We need a gatekeeper!
- SCQG cookbook – We are continuing to collect recipes for the cookbook. Send recipes to Gwen Rogers.
- Auffle – Barbie Small - After the success of our 1st Auffle (Auction/Raffle combined), we have another one scheduled for Feb. 2024. Don't forget to be setting aside your Auffle donations for Feb.

Membership Report – Toni Shockey - 2024 Membership forms available, \$20 for membership due in Feb. for current members renewing. For new members, joining tonight until the end of the year will not have to renew, the new member will get membership for the rest of 2023 and all of 2024.

Programs – Gwen Rogers & team (Sondra C., Judy J., Diane E., Kris B.) -

- 2024 Program Team – Debbie Susky and Tammy Creed

December – annual Christmas party, Dec 18th - Christmas Party coordinators - Lisa Schulte and Judy Johnson - Doors open at 5:00 pm, EAT at 6:00 pm, will have some type of gift exchange. To participate, provide a gift of \$20 that is sewing/quilting related. Meal will include Ham and Turkey. Members are asked to bring sides and desserts. Please sign up for Christmas party attendance and if you know what you plan to bring. Set up volunteers are needed, 10 volunteered. Need to email out Christmas Party information as attendance tonight is light.

Charity Quilts – Sidney Morris - Congratulations SCQG – Almost 200 Charity Quilts have been distributed this year. Thanks to all members who have participated in this effort, it has been a great year for charity quilts. Cooper Anthony Center sent a very nice thank you note for the quilts provided and the opportunity to attend our meeting and share information about their work in our

community. If you need fabric for donation quilt, contact Sidney and she will meet you at the studio on Alcoa. Regular sew days are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, and the last Saturday of the month, meeting around 9:30.

Beads of Courage – Sandy Morris - Sandy has some Beads of Courage kits and labels for those needing labels for bags they have made. AR Children's Hospital gives colored beads to patients for each procedure they have done. One of the donation items requested by AR Children's Hospital, is bags to hold the beads collected by the patients.

2023 UFO Challenge – Judy Johnson - Item #1 is due in December. Info about the annual UFO challenge: select 6 projects that you have not worked on in the last 3 months, number them 1 – 6 with 6 being the largest/most difficult project and submit your form. Judy will track your projects and their associated UFO #. For each UFO completed, you will receive an entry for the drawing at the end of the challenge.

QuiltMania/Retreats – Toni Shockey - QuiltMania - April 2–4, 2024. Ferncliff Signup forms available. ½ of cost is due with your registrations form. Balance is due by March. There is a \$17 fee per day, and there is a \$7 fee, everyone will be required to pay if you attend, whether staying overnight or not. So far, we have 16 signed up. A challenge for Quiltmania will be to make a charity quilt, must be at 36" x 36". Judging will be on Wednesday of retreat. There will also be a Pajama contest. Reminder: Quiltmania door prizes, bring something in a brown paper bag, all items will look identical from the wrapping. To participate you must bring a gift. Possible retreat in the fall, if you are interested, please let Toni know.

Daytime Stitchers – Laura Todd - no report. Routinely meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:30, yellow house out highway 5. Bring hand work; contact Laura for more information at thequiltedchicken@gmail.com.

Sunshine – Judy Anderson – Card sent to Sue Richards, loss of her brother. Please send any requests for cards to Judy at 501.743.1076 Call or Text.

Hospitality & Door Prizes - Cely Slover. Cely conducted door prizes activities!

Publicity – Debbie Susky – no report.

Technology - Chair vacant

Old/Unfinished Business -

- **Officers for 2024** – Cheri Johnson, nominating committee representative:
 - Sharon Vanover – President
 - Cheri Johnson - Vice President
 - LuAnn Baker - 2nd Vice President
 - Jerri Puska - Secretary
 - Pat Wade - Treasurer

Note: the committee acknowledges that LuAnn Baker does not have the length of time in the guild to hold an office. Since becoming a member, LuAnn has been very active in the guild and wants to be more involved. The committee recommends that the years requirement be waived to allow her to hold the office of 2nd Vice President. A motion was made and seconded to approve the officers nominated and allow the waiver of the guild membership years requirement on behalf of LuAnn Baker. Motion Passed.

- **Website** - Our website is very outdated and will not generate new interest, needs to be updated. Jerri Puska will do some research and investigate possibilities/options. Looking into software to design new website, would like a committee to work with Jerri. Contacted Eddie and have received additional information about the hosting vendor and the current software. To be continued...

None discussed this month.

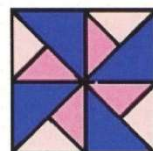
New Business

No new Business

Program – Arkansas Man Quilter, Eddie Landreth - Eddie is a local to Benton and has been a member of SCQG for about 10 years. He has been quilting since 2009. His mother was an artist and instilled an interest in art, so he had an art background and had been painting for years. He attended a quilt exhibit and the colors, pieces of fabric and designs created fascinated him. Decided he thought he might like to do that, so bought some ugly fabric and bought a \$300 sewing machine and started piecing. Created an ugly quilt disappearing 9-patch that his daughter still has. Machines have been upgraded since then and he discovered long-arm quilting in 2010. Started his quilting business in 2012, has done over 900 quilts to date. Has a love of raw edge applique, uses Shade’s Soft Fuse. Displayed multiple quilts, some patterns from Blackbird Designs. Designed numerous intricate borders to enlarge some of the patterns into a king size. All quilting is free motion, very beautiful, talented work!

Meeting adjourned.

See you next month,
Jerri Puska, SCQG Secretary



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 Phone: (501) 282-2291

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April 2-4, 2024 Quiltmania Registration Form

ARRIVAL 9:00AM Tuesday, April 2nd
ROOM CHECK-IN 3:00PM Tuesday, April 2nd
ROOM CHECK-OUT 10:00AM Thursday, April 4th
DEPARTURE 3:00PM Thursday, April 4th

Direct any questions to Toni Shockey: 870-403-4465

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT/PHONE _____

ROOMMATE _____

DAY USERS MUST ALSO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM by March 18th

Diabetic menu or allergies _____ Handicap room _____

			TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	LINE TOTAL
Room w/ roommate	\$58				N/A	
Private room	\$116				N/A	
Breakfast 8:00AM	\$13	N/A				
Lunch Noon	\$14					
Supper 6:00PM	\$17				N/A	
Meeting room	\$17					
One time sustainability fee					\$7	\$7
Total for stay						

No refunds after March 18, 2024. Half payment is due with this registration form and final half payment is due by March 18, 2024.

Make check payable to: **Saline County Quilters' Guild**

Please bring to the Guild meeting or mail to:

Toni Shockey
 219 Cynthia Circle
 Hot Springs, AR 71913

Saline County Quilters' Guild
2024 Membership
Dues \$20.00

Name _____

Address _____

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Month and Day of Birth: _____

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Reminders:

1. The membership list will be sent out with the newsletter following the February meeting. A few hard copies will be available at the March meeting.

2. No additional funds are due if you joined the Guild in October, November, December 2023.

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