
OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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Hello to all,

It seems that I took a two month leave without any real intention to do so, but the Christmas party, then that snow, frigid weather knocked out the January meeting, I didn't even think about the newsletter continuing without interruption, thanks to Eddie L. we did have the newsletter (who knew). So now we are BACK with an expectation of a great new year.

Jerri Puska and Valarie Nichols organized a daytime only sewing retreat TRIAL. A number of members attended. I haven't seen their evaluation yet. We had two days at the Carter Farm venue. The facility was very nice, large and the price was good, \$25 a day. I needed extra light, but there were enough electrical plugs for everyone's machine and lights. We fed ourselves and as always there was plenty. We didn't eat everything. The only concern I had is, for me, it was a bit of a drive on twisty roads. It is about 17 miles from my house. But I think it was a success and we should think about this for the proposed fall retreat.

The first chance to show and sell tickets for our 2024 "opportunity" quilt is coming up April 20. Gwen Rogers will be in charge of this event. I know we can get plenty of helpers to set up, help at the show and take down. The venue is at the Church at Salt Creek in Benton. We have been there for the last couple of years. This year we have a space inside!

Quilt mania is getting closer and closer! Toni is doing a great job getting that retreat organized. I am participating in the quilt challenge. I really have serious trepidation about the PJ party event. We only have the March meeting then it will be April and QUILT MANIA.

We had a great response to the Auffell! Barbie was the leader, and she and her helpers did a very good job doing a lot of work to make this event happen. I had fun and came away with a lot of 'stuff'. I hope you found some treasure.

Sew happy,
Sharon V

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

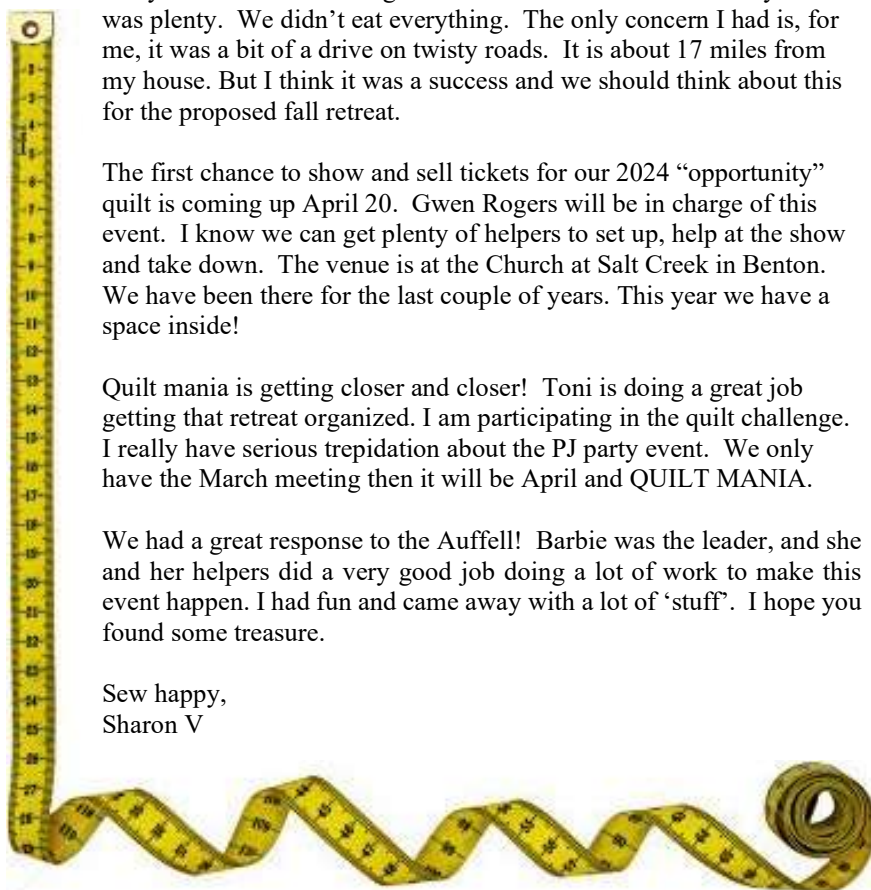
Sunshine: Judy Anderson

Newsletter: Eddie Landreth

Hostess: Twyla Moore

Publicity: Debbie Susky

Quiltmania: Toni Shockey,
Barbie Small,
Kris Boulton



March Calendar of Events

		Event
14	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away
15	Fri	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
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
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.

~ March Birthdays ~

Name	Day
Judy Johnson	4
Tiffanee Noack	11
Helen Matthews	12
Jerri Puska	16

~ Programs ~

Month	Program
March	Vines and Branches
April	Share Your Quilting Journey Story
May	Pinwheel Fabrics

Debbie Susky,
Programs Coordinator

~ Recipes ~

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

~ Name Tags ~

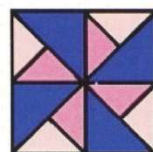
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Saline County Quilters' Guild

~ 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.
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~ Meeting Minutes ~
February 20, 2024

5:30 Workshop - No workshop

Guild Meeting Minutes - The 2024 February meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Sharon Vanover called the meeting to order with 29 members and 3 visitors in attendance.

Announcements

Secretary's Minutes from prior meeting - November minutes were approved as written. Note: January 2024 meeting was cancelled due to snow & ice and the December meeting was the Christmas party.

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 - The 2023 QOV support effort has been very successful and we would like to continue it in 2024. Kits were distributed, March will have the first drawing for gift certificates. In addition, for every charity quilt made or bound, a ticket will be received to participate in the drawing for the gift certificates. The two Saline County Quilt of Valor groups receive the blocks. Thank you all for your participation, this additional influx of blocks has boosted the productivity of the local QOV effort tremendously. The quilt shops of Saline County are donating gift certificates for this patriotic BOM challenge to support QOV in Saline County.

Saturday Workshops – Jerri Puska & Judy Anderson - Saturday Workshops schedule – The church has a new secretary and she did not have the church’s calendar completed when contacted. It was noted that the Men’s breakfast has been moved to the 4th Saturday, which will block some Saturdays. Jerri will contact the church again and attempt to set up a workshop for March and a couple more through the year. Several pillow wraps were displayed in various stages of development. There is interest for a workshop. 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 – Debbie Susky - Debbie Susky has volunteered to be the chairperson.

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

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.

Membership Report – Toni Shockey - 2024 Membership forms available, \$20 for membership due in Feb. for current members renewing. Before Monday night’s meeting there were 36 members who had not paid 2024 dues. Please get your

membership dues in shortly, the membership roster will be published in March.

Programs – 2024 Program Team – Debbie Susky and Tammy Creed.

February – Auffle sale

March – Vine and Branch

Charity Quilts – Sidney Morris - Congratulations SCQG – 2023 stats: 164 quilts, 82 misc. items, 111 beads of courage bags, 10 dog pillows were distributed in 2023. Thanks to all members who have participated, it was a great year for charity quilts. Quilts to bind were distributed.

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.

2022 UFO Challenge – Judy Johnson - Item #4 is due in tonight, #5 due in April. Judy is absent, just send her a pic of your completed #4 and she will log it. 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. 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 thequiltedchicken@gmail.com.

Sunshine – Judy Anderson – no report. Please send any requests for cards to Judy at 501.743.1076 Call or Text.

Hospitality & Door Prizes - Cely Slover - no activities.

Publicity – Debbie Susky – no report.

Technology - Chair vacant

Old/Unfinished Business -

Retreat option – Member Valarie Nichols is a member of the Carter Family who own Carter Farm. Their barn has been offered to us for day retreats at a very reasonable price per person. A small group of folks did a trial of this site January 11-12, some had not ever attended a retreat or cannot spend nights. We had a couple of concerns (chairs, lighting, power); however, they proved to be unfounded. The location worked very well; everyone wants to do it again.

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

Benton Chamber of Commerce renewal – Motion made and approved not to renew our chamber of commerce membership.

Craft/Market booth opportunity - Chapel at Salt Creek will be having another market on 4/20/2024, booth cost is \$35. A motion was made and approved to participate. We will have a booth inside but it will be smaller than the outside location. Gwen will chair, committed to work booth. Will have space for Quilt and some small items, kitchen boas were mentioned.

Program – Auffle Sale is this month’s program.
- The fun of swapping each other’s “treasures” generated \$503 to the guild. Thanks to all who participated in the fun and those who did the setup and teardown for the activity.

Meeting adjourned. See you next month, Jerri Puska, SCQG Secretary



Saline County Quilters' Guild

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 _____

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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

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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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