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# OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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Hello everyone,

Our March meeting was good. I was impressed by the presentation from Vine and Branches. I believe they are good stewards of the quilts they receive.

I attended the AQS quilt show in Branson, MO. There were a few more SCQG members who attended, but I didn't see them at the show. I did see Judy Anderson at a restaurant on the way up, but I missed her at the show. There were about 400 quilts on display, all beautiful, with amazing quilting. I didn't attend classes so I didn't learn anything new. I did love it, though.

I'm looking forward to Quilt Mania! I need to gather my quilting stuff so I won't forget anything.

I didn't check with Gwen after guild meeting, but I sure hope we had a good number of volunteers for our first showing of our 2024 "opportunity" (to win) quilt. That will be at The Church at Salt Creek on Salt Creek Road on April 20.

Enjoy quilts!

Sharon V.

## 2024 OFFICERS

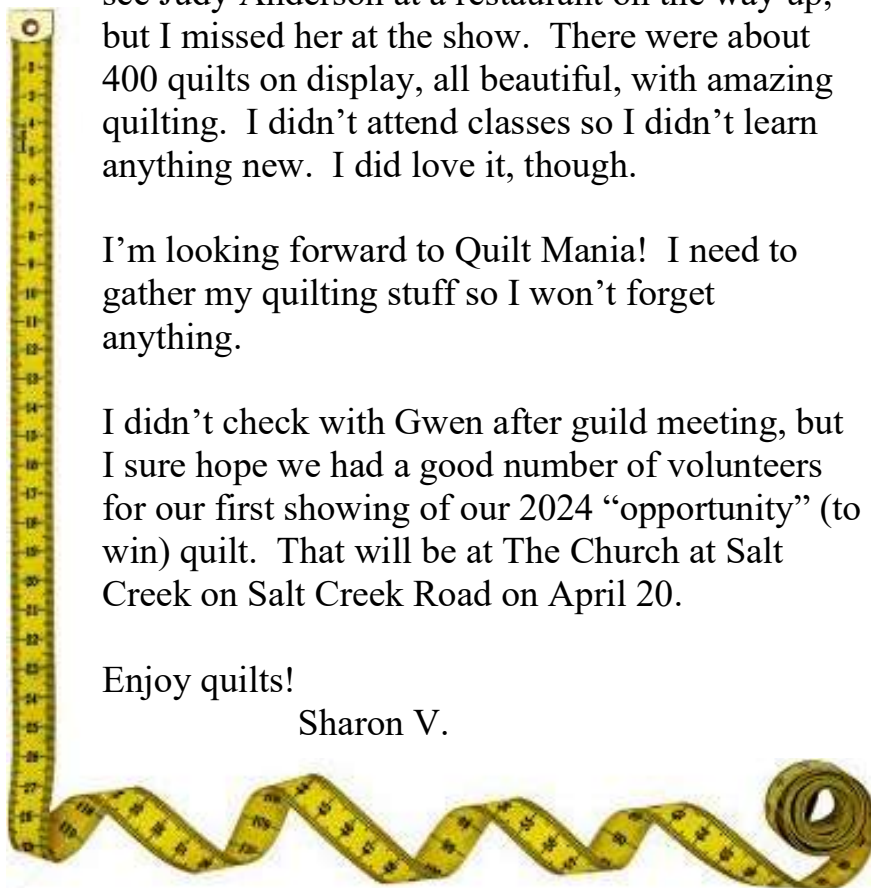
President: Sharon Vanover  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Cheri Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: LuAnn Baker  
Secretary: Jerri Puska  
(Alternate: Myrna Yandell)  
Treasurer: Pat Wade  
(Alternate: Toni Shockey)

### 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  
*1<sup>st</sup> 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



## April Calendar of Events

		Event
(Mar 31)	Sun	Happy Easter
11	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away
15	Mon	Guild meeting at Calvary Church. 5:30
19	Fri	Due date for articles for the newsletter to be sent to the editor.
22	Mon	Daytime Stitchers – meets the 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 9:30
24	Wed	QOV meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at Johnston's Home Center.
25	Thu	Charity Quilts at Sidney's Studio, Come work on quilts to be given away.
27	Sat	Applique and whatever you want to work on at Sidney's Studio.

### ~ April Birthdays ~

Name	Day
Amy Hoyt	1
Charlotte Williams	1
Sandra Bufford	3
Gail Lavender	4
Marcia Lasiter	8
Diana Wilks	12
Judy Peters	22
Alysia Powell	27

### ~ Programs ~

Month	Program
April	Share Your Quilting Journey Story
May	Pinwheel Fabrics
June	Orphan blocks auction
July	Teresa Moreno, Let Freedom Ring Quilters

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 ~

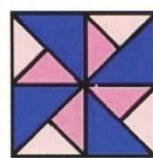
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### ~ Rada Sales ~

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## ~ Meeting Minutes ~ March 18, 2024

**5:30 Workshop** - Sandy Morris gave a brief report on the Beads of Courage Bags, explaining the purpose of the bags and how they are made. Children with cancer receive a marble for each treatment they receive. The child is given a bag to collect his/her marbles. The bag of marbles helps to mark their journey through the various treatments and serves as a reminder of how strong they are. SCQG members can contact Sandy for further information or for written instructions to make the bags.

**Guild Meeting Minutes** - The 2024 March meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Sharon Vanover called the meeting to order with 30 members and 2 guests attending.

### Announcements:

**Secretary's Minutes from February's meeting** - February minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** - Pat Wade, Treasurer, explained the updated format of this report, as she reviewed the amounts in several categories. The full report will be included with the newsletter.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Professional Workshops** - Cheri Johnson, absent - no report.

**SCQG Patriotic BOM for Quilts of Valor** - Karen Mitchell/Debbie Susky - Gwen Rogers explained that members who completed patriotic quilt blocks this month will place their names in a drawing for gift certificates. These gift certificates are provided by the local quilt shops. Patsy Freeman was the lucky winner of both prizes for this month. Members were reminded that if they complete or bind a charity quilt, they may also place their name in this drawing. Karen Mitchell handed out instructions and kits for next month's block which is the Lemoyne Star.

**Saturday Workshops** - Jerri Puska & Judy Anderson - Judy reported that plans are being made for upcoming workshops, dates will be announced as they are confirmed with the church.

**5:30 Workshops** - Debbie Susky - Volunteers are needed to provide brief demonstrations in the 5:30-6:00 pm time slot at an upcoming meeting. Please contact Debbie if you can assist.

**Fundraising Chairperson** - Vacant, need a volunteer to take over our fundraising efforts.

\* Gwen Rogers will be in charge of the SCQG's booth at the Salt Creek Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, April 20. Our booth will be inside the church building this year. Gwen circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work in the booth. Contact Gwen if you would like to volunteer or if you need further information on this project.

**Membership Report** - Toni Poe - 2024 membership lists will be ready this month and will be sent by e-mail.

**QuiltMania/Retreats** - Toni Poe - Excitement is building for QuiltMania, to be held April 2-4, 2024. 30 members have signed up. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the Charity Quilt Challenge (quilts must be completed) on Wednesday of the

retreat. A pajama competition will be held on Wednesday evening. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the retreat. Please contact Toni if you have questions or need further information.

**Programs** - Debbie Susky & Tammy Creed

- April - Quilt Journey Stories from some of our guild members. Please contact Debbie if you would like to participate.
- May - Charlotte Williams from Pinwheel Fabrics
- June - Orphan Block Auction - Toni Poe noted that the Guild has a variety of orphan blocks from previous members and prior projects. Members are encouraged to check their "stashes" to see if they have "leftover" blocks they might want to contribute to this silent auction. Blocks can be any size, any color, old or new. Blocks should be completed.

**Charity Quilts** - Sidney Morris - Thank You to all who help with the Guild's charity efforts. This group, open to all members, meets at Sidney's studio on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. The studio is open on the last Saturday of the month for members to work on any projects they choose, the studio is opened by 9:30 am.

**2023 - 2024 UFO Challenge** - Judy Johnson - Item #5 is due at April's meeting, and # 6 is due at June's.

**Daytime Stitchers** - Laura Todd - absent, no report.

**Sunshine** - Judy Anderson - Cards were sent to Sidney Morris, Fay Poe, Judy Johnson, and Cathy Gilmore.

**Hospitality & Door Prizes** - Cely Slover - Cely conducted the door prize drawing, winners were Sharon Vanover, Paulette Hutchings, Lisa Shulte, Alysia Powell, and Judy Huggins.

**Publicity** - Debbie Susky - no report

**Technology** - Chair vacant

**Old /Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business**

**2025 Donation Quilt** - Lou Ann Baker has been making plans for the quilt and will report next month.

**Miscellaneous**

\* Illine Smith - Has an acquaintance with access to a large amount of fabric and sewing notions. They would be happy to donate all items to the Guild, if the Guild is interested and can assist with moving and storing. Details will be worked out and a report provided at a later date.

\* Sharon Vanover - Reports that the Sr. Citizens' Center has a quilt display stand to give the Guild, if we have a member who can store it. Pat Wade offered space to store it; Sharon will provide Pat's contact information to the Center.

**Program** - Tamara Gore, Chaplin with the Vines and Branches

Ms. Gore is a Chaplin, serving through law enforcement, with Vines & Branches, a 501(c)3 nonprofit. She is a first responder, someone to talk to, for victims of the tragic situations which can, and do, occur in the Benton/Bryant area. She has

responded to emergencies at Saline Memorial Hospital, AR Game & Fish, as well as the law enforcement offices. She told how the quilts we donate are used in some of these situations, explaining that our quilts are given to people who are experiencing loss in times of death, domestic violence, fires, and other types of accidents that happen without warning. Children, especially, benefit from a quilt to hold onto in the saddest of circumstances, even when the temperature is warm. The homeless and others staying in warming centers benefit from the donated quilts. She noted that Vines & Branches can use any and all sizes of quilts. She said they sometimes gather other necessary items, such as food and toiletries. They enjoy shopping for children at Christmas. On a personal note, she told us of her love for quilts and that she considered it an honor to distribute the quilts that our Guild donates. Following her informative program, six quilts were given to Ms. Gore for distribution.

Following Show & Tell, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Myrna Yandell, Alternate Secretary



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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.

Membership form and payment may be mailed to:

Toni Shockey  
1494 Gifford Road  
Malvern, AR 72104

## Linda Pumphrey's 10 Quilting Tips to Take Your Quilts from Good to Great:

- 1. Read directions first, cut later.** To help avoid mistakes down the line, always read the complete cutting instructions before you begin.
- 2. Make the most of your yardage.** Cut out the larger shapes before turning to the smaller ones. “Even though I try to be super careful and follow the ‘measure twice, cut once’ rule, mistakes can happen,” says Linda. “If I accidentally miscut a larger shape, it’s usually possible to cut a smaller shape out of that oops piece.”
- 3. Use tools wisely.** When rotary cutting, start with the blade about ½” up on the ruler, then cut it back to the tip and then cut forward. “If you always start cutting at the tip, the tip of your ruler will get chipped away from the blade over time and no longer be square,” says Linda.
- 4. Be precise.** To ensure points and seams match perfectly, you must cut correctly, sew accurately, and press precisely. “Pressing is an equal part of the three,” says Linda. “You cannot skimp on this step. Pressing seams flat, and open is a must.” Make sure to press each seam before moving onto the next step.
- 5. Press correctly.** Pressing is achieved by moving the iron up and down on the fabric rather than ironing, which moves the iron back and forth across the fabric. “Ironing can stretch the fabric and cause the shape to become distorted,” says Linda.
- 6. Prevent shadows.** To avoid shadowing when working with high-contrast fabrics, such as red and white, press the fabric seam toward the darker fabric or press seams open. “I prefer pressing seams open,” says Linda. “It takes a little more time and attention, but the results are definitely worth it.”
- 7. Trim loose threads.** “When working with high-contrast fabrics, the back of the quilt top is just as important as the front,” says Linda. She recommends clipping and removing loose threads because “darker stray threads will shadow through the lighter fabric once the quilt is quilted.”
- 8. Prevent appliqué from shifting.** For machine appliqué, Linda suggests using a small spot of washable fabric glue to hold the pre-fused appliqué shapes in place before pressing them to the background.
- 9. Choose the right stitch.** Linda’s go-to stitch for machine-appliqué is the double blanket stitch. But sometimes she likes to mix it up by using one of the many fun decorative stitches on her sewing machine. “Decorative stitches are an easy way to add dimension and flair to any quilt,” says Linda.
- 10. Coordinate the batting color.** Her advice: “If one of the fabric colors in the quilts is white, use a white batting. Do not use a cream or natural-color batting. It will muddy the white fabric once quilted.”

<https://www.quiltingdaily.com/10-quilting-tips-for-making-a-good-quilt-great/>

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