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President's Message

January has come in with a bang! The meeting Monday night was a good beginning to the new year. It was cold so I know that is why attendance was down. Still, we had 22 members and 3 visitors come. Two of the visitors joined. Welcome to them.

We had our business meeting and show and tell and ended the night with a fun game thanks to Debbie Suskey. Check out Facebook for pictures. I hope everyone stays warm and maybe we will have better weather for our February meeting.

There will be a Board Meeting in February and anyone who is interested is welcome to come. It will be at 4:30 at the church.

Remember to get your "Awful" items (quilt related) together and bring money for tickets to bid on the items. We will have a short business meeting and no Show and Tell so we will have time for the Awful Program.

Brenda Wall,
President

2025 OFFICERS

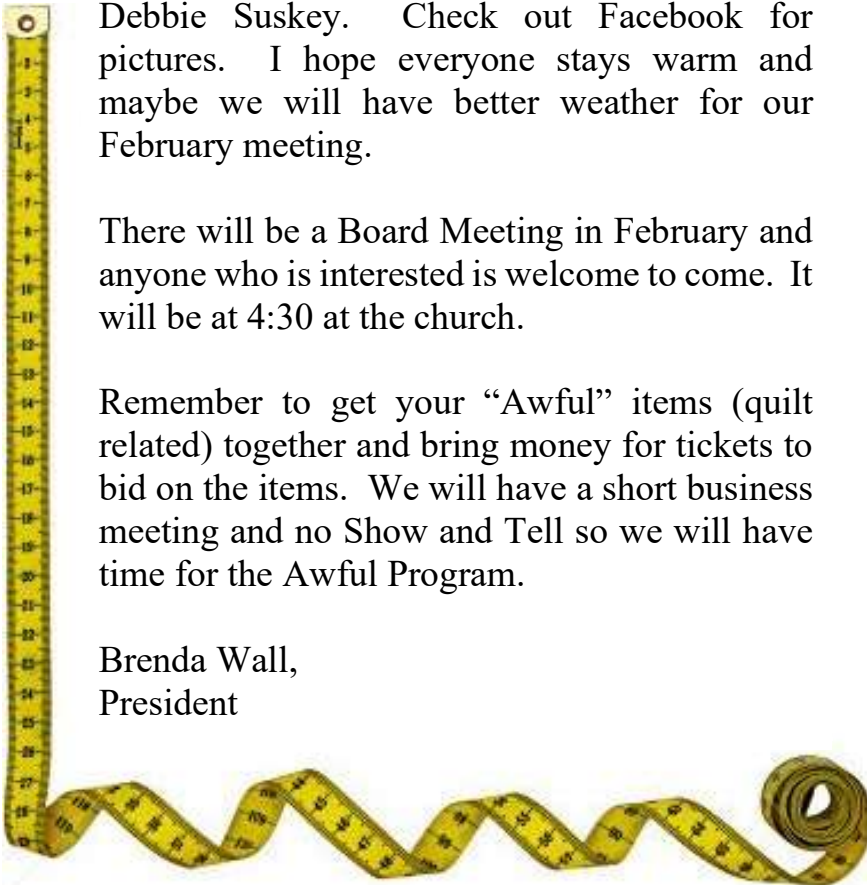
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1st VP: Judy Johnson
2nd VP: Illine Smith
Secretary: Jerri Puska
(Alternate: Tammy Creed)
Treasurer: Pat Wade
(Alternate: Toni Poe)

Workshops:

Professional: (open)
5:30: Judy Jackson
Saturday: Jerri Puska
Judy Anderson

Committee Chairs:

Fund raising: (open)
Door prizes: Gwen Rogers
Membership: Alysia Powell
Programs: Debbie Susky,
Tammy Creed
Website: Eddie Landreth
Charity Quilts: Sidney Morris
Sunshine: Judy Anderson
Newsletter: Eddie Landreth
Hostess: Gwen Rogers
Publicity: Debbie Susky
Quiltmania: Sharon Vanover
Daytime Stitches: Laura Hamm



February 2025 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Charity quilts at Sidney's	14 Happy Valentines Day!	15
16	17 Guild Meeting	18	19	20	21 Articles for Newsletter to Editor	22 Sew Day at Sidney's Studio
23	24 Daytime Stitchers	25	26	27 Charity quilts at Sidney's ----- Quilt of Valor, Never Forgotten	28	

Calendar Notes:

1. Charity Quilts to be given away are worked on at Sidney's Studio on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Come work on quilts to be given away!
2. Guild meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month at Calvary Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m.
3. Quilt of Valor Never Forgotten in Arkansas meets the 4th Thursday of the month at EHC Kitchen. Contact Karen Mitchell for details.
4. Due Date for articles for the Newsletter is the Friday after the guild meeting
5. Sew day for whatever you want to work on is at Sidney's Studio on the 4th Saturday of the month
6. Daytime Stitchers meets the 4th Monday of each month at The Quilted Chicken on Highway 5 at 9:30 a.m.

~ February Birthdays ~

Name	Day
LuAnn Baker	1
Judy Huggins	5
Valerie Nichols	14
Cheryl Eubanks	18
Sue Richards	24

~ Programs ~

Month	Program
February	Auffle (combination auction and raffle)
March	
April	

Debbie Susky and Tammy Creed,
Programs Coordinators

~ Name Tags ~

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

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 Little Rock, AR 72209
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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 or order online at the following link and it will be mailed to your home.
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~ Recipes ~

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

~ **Guild Meeting Minutes** ~
January 20, 2025

5:30 Workshop - Judy Johnson

Heart Table runner – pattern provided

Judy presented the block assembly to create the heart shaped blocks and provided her almost complete table runner.

Guild Meeting Minutes -

The 2025 January meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Brenda Wall called the meeting to order with 23 members and three visitors present.

Announcements

The 1st quarter board meeting planned for today was rescheduled due to the extreme cold weather. Officers, please plan for a board meeting prior to the February meeting, 2/17 at 4:30.

Welcome visitors: Brenda Womack, Cindy Davis, and Venus Thomas.

Secretary's Minutes from prior meeting – Jerri Puska, secretary

November minutes were approved as published. The December meeting was our Christmas party and had no minutes published. Motion made to approve by Sharon, second by Barbie, passed.

Treasurer's Report – Pat Wade, treasurer

The year end 2024 Treasurer's report reflecting the whole year was sent out by Eddie Landreth. Toni Poe, alternate treasurer, will be taking over some of the treasury activities as Pat plans to retire from the role. As of this month, Toni will begin paying bills and reimbursing anyone as needed. Treasurer report was approved as published.

Officers Reports

Raffle Donation Quilt – Iline Smith, 2nd Vice President

Quilt 2025 – Completed and on display at the January meeting. Iline will begin selling tickets in February, drawing for quilt will be at Benton Old Fashioned Day in October 2025.

Quilt 2026 – A pattern has been selected; it will use batik fabrics and has 16" blocks. Currently is still a work in progress in EQ8.

Committee Reports

Professional Workshops – currently no chairperson, working on this.

5:30 Workshops – Judy Johnson. This year's focus will be on table runners.

Saturday Workshops – Jerri Puska & Judy Anderson.

Saturday, January 18th a Sew/Social day was held. While 12 signed up, we had an attendance of closer to 18. Some brought hand work, some with machines with a project, some just to visit and get to know one another better and gain knowledge, tips and tricks from more experienced members. Valarie and Jerri did a demo with our projector, connecting to a laptop to view a YouTube video. Testing the concept of using this equipment for potential classes and sew along projects.

February's Sew/Social Day is scheduled for 2/15. Please note this Saturday is the one *before* the monthly meeting. Attendance is \$5 per member. Money is used for supplies, coffee, etc.

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

Hospitality & Door Prizes - Gwen Rogers

Change to the Door Prize methodology. Tickets are now \$1 each, 4 prizes each meeting. Tonight's winners: Pat Wade, Jerri Puska, Neveah Powell (twice).

Membership Report – Alysia Powell

Currently have 80 members, 42 have paid 2025 so far. Dues are due by February Meeting, please get your \$20 annual membership due to Alysia. Those who have not paid yet will receive an email.

Programs – 2025 Program Team – Debbie Susky and Tammy Creed

- January – Game night, Strip Poker, using 2.5 inch WOF (width of fabric) strips
- **February – Auffle** (combination auction and raffle) Bring sewing/quilting related items that you no longer want. They will be redistributed into groups. Tickets will be purchased for \$1 each. You bid on a group of items by putting tickets in that group cup. The winning ticket is drawn from the cup. If a group of items has no tickets bid, then all non-winning tickets from all cups on the table are combined to choose a winner for the remaining group of items. Last year this event generated \$430 for the guild. **HELPERS are needed! Contact Barbie at 360-440-8780 for more details. Please have items delivered by 4:30, February 17th. There will be no 5:30 workshop and no door prizes or show & tell, giving more time for the 3rd annual Auffle.**
- Future programs: Finish your unfinished item Alabaster Quilts

Charity Quilts – Myrna Yandell & Amy Snodgrass in Sidney Morris' absence. 3 yard quilts handed out and several in need of binding. Sidney is currently in the hospital, she does not text or email, please send her some cards & notes. Myrna and Amy will be at the shop for the regular sew days.

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 until about noon.

Amy suggested that any long arm quilters check out the WAWAK Company at www.WAWAK.com. She has purchased some thread from them at good prices and is happy with the quality. She also purchased their tape measure that has English measurements on both sides.

Sunshine – Judy Anderson

Cards sent to Sidney Morris – get well, and Sue Richards – sympathy. Please send any requests for cards to Judy at 501.743.1076 Call or Text.

QuiltMania/Sewing Retreats – Chair – Sharon Vanover

QuiltMania – Ferncliff has been reserved for this year's retreat, Dates: April 8 – 10, 2025 (Tues, Wed., & Thur.). Need sign up by February, with Money by 3/17. To have food provided we must have a minimum of 15 sign up to eat. Please note the meal prices have increased. Contact Sharon Vanover for more information and to sign up. Like last year, there will be a charity quilt challenge, the quilt must be complete to quality for prizes.

A Class will be provided if there is enough interest. Quilt a Beginning Quilt, cost \$10.

The cost of Ferncliff is escalating, we are looking for new retreat options.

Daytime Stitchers – Laura Hamm
Will meet at the Quilted Chicken Monday, 01/27. Gwen Rogers will provide a pin cushion demonstration. 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

Publicity – Debbie Susky
Facebook followers is increasing. Posting about our sew day, resulted in interest from some new potential members.

Technology – Jerri Puska
Proof of concept with projector, laptop, phone internet hot spot, and YouTube video was successful. Outstanding task – update website & verify direct access.

Quilts of Valor (QOV)– Debbie Susky & Karen Mitchell

This month will wrap up the QOV blocks with the gift certificate drawings. Winners: Judy Anderson and Aylisa Powell. Quilt block kits were distributed by Karen Mitchell.

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. If you would like to know more about the Saline County QOV clubs, please contact Karen Mitchell or Debbie Susky.

Beads of Courage Bags – Sandy Morris - Sandy has kits to distribute. The bags are to hold the beads of courage that are received by children having any type of procedure at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

UFO challenge - Gwen Rogers

UFO (unfinished objects) – Goal of the UFO challenge is to motivate individuals to complete some of their unfinished projects each year. Cost is \$1 per project, with a maximum of 6 projects per year. Gwen has forms for the challenge. Couple of changes to the process:

- (1) each person is responsible for keeping track of their list of 6 projects
- (2) prizes will be awarded quarterly. Project bags are being provided.

Old/Unfinished Business -

none

New Business

none

Program – game of poker using 2.5” WOF (width of fabric) fabric strips

Everyone enjoyed several rounds of fabric strip poker. Ending with winners and losers!

Show and Tell participants

- Pat Wade – Snowman Clothesline
- Jerri Puska – Saturday’s partially complete Bird Blocks
- Venus Thomas - 3 mini-quilts, one of dime size yo-yos, a tiny flying geese pattern wall hanging, & a colored Halloween wall hanging with an orange heart shaped yo-yo border.
- Sandy Morris – Quilt of Valor quilt assembled from donated blocks

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

Happy Valentines Day!



2025 QuiltMania Registration Form

Tuesday April 8, 9:00 AM – Thursday April 10, 5:00 PM

Please fill out and return with payment to Sharon Vanover

Take a tour by visiting their website at www.Ferncliff.org.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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Need a handicap room? It has 1 double bed and 1 twin Bed with walk-in shower. Circle: Yes No

Are you diabetic and need special meals? Circle: Yes No

Note: we will have two night and three days. We will have the meeting room 24 hour a day. Starting 8am Tuesday 8th ending Thursday 10th at 5 pm.

Rooms have two double beds and a walk-in shower. Also, a pod coffee maker and hair dryer.

	TUES	WED	THU	Line total
Double Occ (2 IN A ROOM) price is per person*	\$59.50	\$59.50	be out by 11am	
Private Room	\$119.00	\$119.00	be out by 11am	
BREAKFAST 8am \$13.95	NA	\$	\$	
LUNCH 12pm \$14.95	\$	\$	\$	
DINNER 6pm \$18.00	\$	\$	NA	
Meeting room \$20.00 Note: Price will be increased if less than 20 attend	\$	\$	\$ Till 5pm	
One Time Sustainably fee				\$9.00
Total for lodging, meeting room and meals				

*Pick your roommate _____

Note: meals are optional, but a minimum of 15 is required for meals to be prepared.

No refunds after March 18, 2025. **Half of cost is due with this registration form, balance due on or before March 18,2023. Make checks payable to Saline County Quilters' Guild.** Mail registration form to Sharon Vanover at 4185 Royal Oak Circle, Benton, AR. 72015 or turn it in at any guild function. **Drop-ins are welcome without registration, just pay the daily meeting room fee plus one-time \$9.00 Sustainably fee when you arrive at Ferncliff.** Our meeting room will have a refrigerator and a microwave.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Vanover at 501-231-6767

We do have one \$5.00 class and hope to have at least one more. More information at the Guild meetings.

Saline County Quilters' Guild

2025 Membership



Dues \$20.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Month & Day of Birth: _____ New member:

Reminders:

- *Membership dues are due by **February** of each year.* The membership list will be sent out with the newsletter following the February meeting.
 - There will be a few hard copies available at the March meeting.
- No additional funds are due if you joined the Guild in October, November or December 2024.
- *Please fill out the form completely even if you are a current member.*

Membership form and payment may be mailed to:

Alysia Powell
1015 Cedar Drive
Bryant, AR 72019

