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# OUR MONTHLY QUILT TALK

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Saline County Quilters Guild Newsletter

April 2025

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## President's Message

March is certainly living up to its name of being windy. I pray that all of our members are safe from the fires that seem to be raging out there. I still want my hour back from Daylight Savings time, but I am really ready for the warmer temperatures.

What a great meeting we had on Monday. A really good turn-out of ladies were there and because of word of mouth and our Facebook we keep having visitors. Thanks to Debbie Susky we had a very informative and entertaining program from one of the organizations we give quilts to. Jeff Dyer, Director of Community Outreach for Civitan Services gave us a lot of good information on where our quilts go and suggestions for more ways that we can all help the Civitan Services.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers as I announced that my husband Bill has had a heart attack and is now in rehab. If you need me, please feel free to call or text me, just be a little patient with me being able to answer.

Happy Spring  
Brenda Wall,  
President

### 2025 OFFICERS

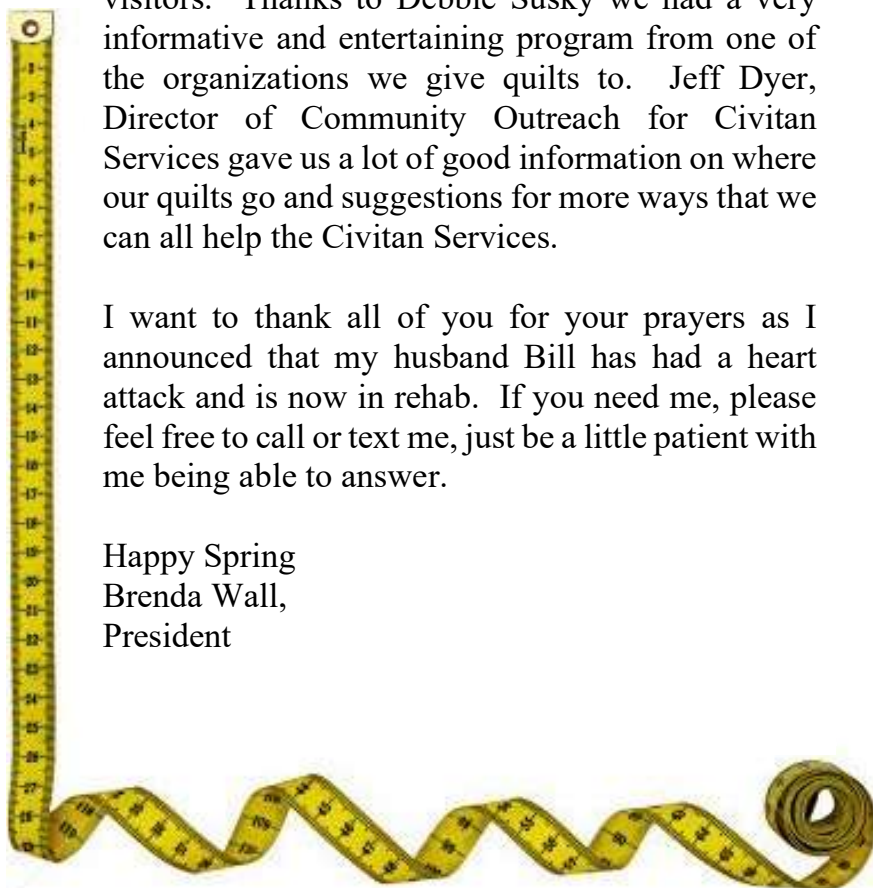
President: Brenda Wall  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Judy Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Illine Smith  
Secretary: Jerri Puska  
(Alternate: Tammy Creed)  
Treasurer: Pat Wade  
(Alternate: Toni Poe)

### Workshops:

*Professional:* (open)  
5:30: Judy Johnson  
*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



## April 2025 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Let Freedom Ring Quilters QOV	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Charity quilts at Sidney's	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Guild Meeting	22	23	24 Charity quilts at Sidney's / Quilt of Valor, Never Forgotten	25 Articles for Newsletter to Editor	26 Sew Day at Sidney's Studio
27	28 Daytime Stitchers	29	30			

### Calendar Notes:

1. Charity Quilts to be given away are worked on at Sidney's Studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Come work on quilts to be given away!
2. Guild meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at Calvary Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m.
3. Quilt of Valor Never Forgotten in Arkansas meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month
6. Daytime Stitchers meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at The Quilted Chicken on Highway 5 at 9:30 a.m.
7. Let Freedom Ring Quilters QOV meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, contact Teresa Moreno at (501) 909-0538 for more info.

## ~ April Birthdays ~

Name	Day
Cindy Davis	1
Charlotte Williams	1
Sandra Bufford	3
Marcia Lasiter	8
Karen Hallquist	12
Judy Peters	22
Alysia Powell	27

## ~ Programs ~

Month	Program
April	Diamond Embroidery Guild
May	Patriotic theme
June	Alabaster Box Patterns
July	
August	

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  
Attention: Joe  
Phone: 501-568-3699  
Email: [aaatromar@aol.com](mailto:aaatromar@aol.com)  
Cost: \$9.00 Check or credit card  
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.

### ~ Spring Craft Sale ~

You may have heard bits about a craft sale in April. This is an event put on by The Chapel at Salt Creek as part of their outreach. The money they raise goes towards helping the community. The sale will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 19 from 8:00–3:00. Yes, this is the same day as the Saturday sew day at the church. Hopefully you can find a way to do both! We have rented 2 spaces: one to sell tickets for our donation quilt and the other for members to sell crafts they have made. These crafts do not have to be quilt related—just something you've made that you'd like to sell. We had a sign-up sheet at our meeting Monday night but if you weren't there and want to participate, please contact Gwen Rogers. It is important that you notify us of your plans to sell things because we have other details to convey to you and an inventory sheet that you will need to complete. We welcome your participation but please don't show up on April 19 with your items without notifying us first. Incidentally, there will also be a plant sale by the Master Gardeners at the fairgrounds on April 19.

Gwen Rogers

### ~ UFO Challenge ~

It's not too late to join the fun!! Simply complete the form found in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting with the correct dollar amount. There won't be specific dates for completion of your items. The campaign runs till January 2026. As you complete your quilts, bring them to the meeting for show-and-tell and be sure to notify Gwen Rogers. Each completed item gives you an opportunity for the drawing to be held in January 2026.

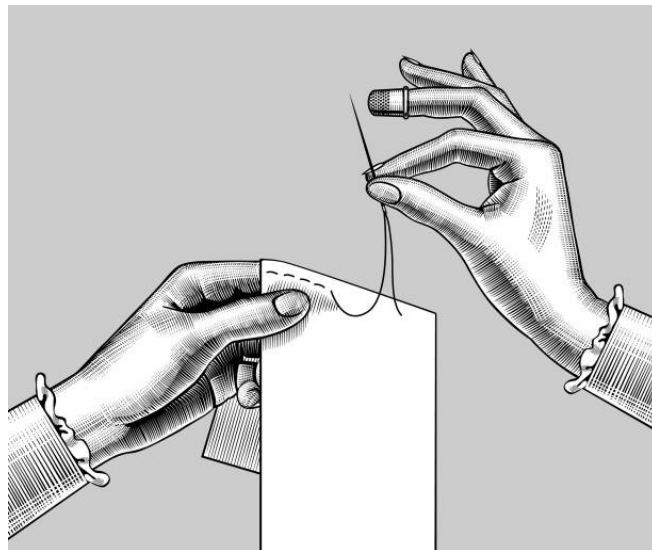
Gwen Rogers

### ~ Saline County Quilter's Prayer ~

By Lisa Schulte

Lord,

Give us eyes that see the need in our community,  
Ears that hear the cries of those who are hurting,  
A voice that speaks encouraging and inspiring words,  
Feet that run towards the call to action,  
A heart that spreads kindness, joy, and hope,  
And most of all, hands that stitch comfort and love  
into each quilt we give.  
Amen.



## ~ Quiltmania Happenings ~

August 30th - September 1st, 2025

Submitted by Toni Poe

EXPLANATION: Our deposit will not be refunded for the April cancellation, but Ferncliff has made us a one-time offer of other dates later in the year. Labor Day weekend was chosen to stay away from Thanksgiving and Christmas. PLEASE mark your calendars. We need you to show up for the fun because we will lose our \$2,500 deposit if we do not meet our numbers this time.

### T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

- Open to ALL guild members – both the competition and the t-shirts.
- Do NOT show anyone your design – please keep it anonymous and submit to Toni.
- The judges will remain anonymous.
- Your entry is due by guild meeting May 19, 2025.

### DOOR PRIZES

- A committee is working on door prizes: we will have some unique items.
- Door prizes will be chosen based on your registration date: the sooner you turn in your registration, the sooner you will be able to choose your door prize at Quiltmania.

### CHALLENGE

- See Sharon to choose a fat quarter and to have your picture made with that fat quarter.
- Bring a completed charity quilt using your own design, your fat quarter, and any additional material you wish to add.
- These quilts will be added to our charity donations.
- The top three chosen by viewer's choice will receive a special gift.

### PJ CONTEST

- Who can come up with the wackiest PJs?

- Example: our winner last year had crazy pjs, green face cream, curlers, etc. Get the idea?
- No problem if you do not wish to participate: please be ready to serve as judges of our contestants.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

### ~ Guild Meeting Minutes ~ March 17, 2025

#### 5:30 Workshop - Judy Johnson

Easter Egg table runner – pattern provided  
Judy presented her finished Shamrock table runner from last month. She also presented the assembly to create the Easter egg runner and discussed two methods of applique. One uses heatnbond lite on the backs of the eggs, placement of them, then ironing in place to fuse them to the background fabric. After the eggs are fused machine stitch the applique stitch around them. Note you may want to practice on a scrap egg to learn how to negotiate the curves. The other method is the traditional applique where you cut your applique slightly larger, iron it onto freezer paper, then needle turn the edge under. Once you have the edge completely turned under then the applique is sewn by hand onto the background fabric.

#### Guild Meeting Minutes -

The 2025 March meeting was held at 5:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Brenda Wall called the meeting to order with 31 members and 2 visitors.

#### Announcements

Welcome visitors: Skylar Schulten and Susan Roberts.

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

Motion was made and passed to approve February minutes as published.



**Treasurer's Report** – Toni Poe, treasurer  
The treasury report was provided and approved.  
February's Auffle event generated \$408.00.

### **Officer's Reports**

**Raffle Donation Quilt** – Iline Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Quilt 2025 – Iline has bundles of tickets for sell, \$20 for 25 tickets. Drawing for quilt will be at Benton Old Fashioned Day in October 2025. April 19<sup>th</sup> we will have 2 booths side by side at the Chapel at Salt Creek craft show at the Saline County Fairgrounds. One booth will be dedicated to displaying our raffle/donation quilt and selling raffle tickets, the other booth will be available for individuals who would like to sell their own items. For the Members booth, the Guild will collect and pay the sales tax + a 10% fee. Both booths will need volunteers to sell tickets and individuals wishing to sell their items will need to help with the item booth. Please contact Gwen Rogers for more information.

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. No March update.

### **Committee Reports**

**5:30 Workshops** – Judy Johnson

Will continue with the table runners that were started in January.

**Saturday Workshops** – Jerri Puska & Judy Anderson

The following Saturday Sew Days have been booked, mark your calendars!

April 19 <sup>th</sup>	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	June 21 <sup>st</sup>
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>

Currently these are planned as open sew days where you bring whatever project you desire to work on and the supplies needed for it. If there are sewing videos that anyone would like to watch, or projects they would like to suggest as a group (even if it is just a small number of attendees participating), please contact Jerri Puska or Judy

Anderson. Member fee for Sew Day is \$5. Recently the monies generated from these sew days have been utilized to purchase a large wool pressing mat, a new folding rotary cutting mat and another power reel.

**Membership Report** – Alysia Powell

Currently 61 members have paid their 2025 dues. There are 17 current members who have not paid their dues, emails have been sent. We need to get the membership finalized soon, please get your dues paid. Annual Dues are \$20.

**Programs** – 2025 Program Team – Debbie Susky and Tammy Creed

- **April** – Diamond Embroidery Club
- **May** – Patriotic theme
- **June** – Alabaster Box Quilts

**Charity Quilts** – Amy Snodgrass

The Charity Quilt group are still meeting and planning to forge on continuing Sidney's legacy. They will continue to meet at Sidney's studio on Alcoa. They have several 3-yard quilt kits to hand out tonight for any who would like to take and sew, there is no time constraint on completion. The quilts generated by this Guild activity are provided to 18 different organizations, including some dog beds for SCHS.

Regular sew days are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, and the last Saturday of the month, meeting around 9:30 until about noon. The Studio address is 4113 Alcoa Road, Benton. This building is owned by Bobby Morris and Terra Morris (Sidney's husband and daughter). Terra runs a business using the left side of the building. The Studio entrance is on the right side of the building. Please contact Amy Snodgrass or Myrna Yandell for more information.

**Sunshine** – Judy Anderson

Get Well Cards: Laura Hamm, Amy Snodgrass, Gwen Rogers

Thinking of You: Judy Huggins (Mom's house Cave City)

Birthday: Judy Johnson, Venus Thomas, Helen Matthews, Tiffanee Noack, Erin Gillespie, Jerri Puska

Please send any requests for cards to Judy at 501.743.1076 Call or Text.

**QuiltMania/Sewing Retreats** – Chair – Toni Poe & Sharon Vanover

QuiltMania – The April 8-10 dates for Ferncliff are cancelled due to lack of meeting the minimum number of participants. Please note that a \$2,500.00 Non-refundable deposit was paid last fall. The issue with the number attending is Not the number of folks attending for the DAY, it is the number booking overnight for lodging and meals.

**We must have 24 booking lodging, this is double occupancy - 12 rooms.**

We have negotiated with Jordan of Ferncliff; they are willing to hold our deposit and have provided open dates during the rest of the year. After reviewing the few dates available, we have rescheduled **Quiltmania for Labor Day weekend, Saturday, Aug. 30, Sunday, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, and Monday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.** This will be a weekend with the Monday holiday which will allow those who are working to not have to take off from work to attend.

After reviewing how the Arkansas Quilters Guild does their quilting retreat at Ferncliff, we are making some changes to make registering simpler. New forms are being provided tonight. There are only two options: Entire Retreat includes 3 Days & 2 nights & all meals. Daytime – is per day and includes lunch.

- Entire Retreat – double occupancy is \$295
- Private room is \$415
- Daytime only - \$45 per day

All attendees must complete a registration form by 7/21/25. Half payment is due with the registration form and final payment must be made by 7/21/25. No refunds after July 21, 2025. Checks can be made out to SCQG.

Planned events:

1. T-shirt design – two months to submit your t-shirt design, will be contest.
2. A charity quilt challenge, the quilt must be complete to qualify for prizes, see Sharon to get a fat quarter to jump kick your design.
3. A committee has been formed to come up with the door prizes this year, to include some different stuff. Those who signed up before and plan to attend will get a # assigned to be early numbers in the door prize drawing.

### **Hospitality & Door Prizes - Gwen Rogers**

Door prizes were awarded, some of the winners were Lisa A., Kim B., Sharon V., LuAnn B., and Valarie N.

### **Daytime Stitchers** – Laura Hamm

Will meet at the Quilted Chicken Monday, 03/24 at 9:30. (big yellow house on Hwy. 5)

Routinely meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 9:30, yellow house out highway 5. Bring hand work; contact Laura for more information [thequiltedchicken@gmail.com](mailto:thequiltedchicken@gmail.com)

**Publicity** – Debbie Susky – no update

**Technology** – Jerri Puska - no update, website updates needed

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

Karen has blocks kits to distribute, Debby will have kits next month. The blocks created support the two Saline County QOV groups and has boosted the productivity of the groups to award more quilts to veterans. For more information about the local QOV groups, please contact:

Karen Mitchell – Never Forgotten in Arkansas, they meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at the Saline County EHC Kitchen, or Debbie Susky – Let Freedom Ring, they meet in a private home.

## **Beads of Courage Bags – Sandy Morris**

Beads of Courage Bags are sewn and donated to Arkansas Children's Hospital for children to store the beads they receive for each treatment they endure. March - No update

## **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 10 projects per year. Gwen has forms for the challenge (And it is in this Newsletter). A couple of changes to the process: 1) each person is responsible for keeping track of their own project list 2) prizes will be awarded quarterly, you receive 1 ticket for each completed project. A project bag is being provided to those who sign up.

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

## **Old/Unfinished Business -**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **Program – Jeff Dyer, Director of Community Outreach for Civitan Services**

Jeff talked about Civitan Services and the activities the organization provides for the members of their community. He spoke about the mission to create opportunities for their members to be involved in the community. While Civitan is one of the organizations we provide quilts, he specifically asked the members to consider the creation of some quilts that would be utilized as wall décor to make some of their facilities have a warmer, home, welcoming feeling. He identified several community wide fundraising events as well. The guild presented Jeff with 10 quilts; to see pictures check out our Saline County Quilters' Guild Facebook page!

## **Show and Tell participants**

Cheri Johnson – House UFP  
Illine Smith – Lucy Boston Squares  
Sharon Vanover – Fall  
Debbie Susky – QOV Valentine  
Toni Poe - UFO  
Tammy Creed – Eagle quilt  
Gwen Rogers – 2 quilts

Meeting adjourned.

See you next month,  
Jerri Puska, SCQG Secretary



## Saline County Quilters' Guild

### August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Quiltmania Registration Form

ARRIVAL 9:00AM Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
ROOM CHECK-IN 3:00PM Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>  
ROOM CHECK-OUT 10:00AM Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>  
DEPARTURE 4:00PM Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT/PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ROOMMATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY USERS MUST ALSO COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM by July 21<sup>st</sup>**

Diabetic menu or allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap room \_\_\_\_\_

	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	PRIVATE ROOM	TOTAL FOR STAY
<b>ENTIRE RETREAT</b> All-inclusive package 3 days & 2 nights & all meals Saturday lunch thru Monday lunch	\$295	\$415	

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TOTAL FOR STAY
<b>DAYTIME ONLY</b> \$45 per day Includes lunch				

No refunds after **July 21, 2025**. Half payment is due with this registration form and final half payment is due by **July 21, 2025**.

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

Please bring to the Guild meeting or mail to:

Toni Poe  
1494 Gifford Road  
Malvern, AR 72104

## ~ Saline County Quilters Guild UFO Challenge 2025 ~

1. Complete the personal information on the form.
2. List up to 10 UFOs that you want to complete this year. Submit your list with \$1 per item listed to Gwen Rogers. Keep a copy of your list!!
3. Complete your UFOs, sharing them during Show and Tell at our monthly meeting. Make sure you let Gwen know about your completion.
4. For each UFO you complete and share, your name will be entered into a drawing for one of two prizes to be awarded January 2026.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Start Date	Description	Size	Technique	Status	Date Completed

**Start Date:** Month/year; approximate if unsure

**Description:** Name of pattern or type of pattern, i.e. Sampler, Bargello, Crazy Patch, etc.

**Size:** Throw, Baby quilt, Wall hanging, Table runner, Queen, etc.

**Technique:** Pieced, applique, embellished, hand quilted, etc.

**Status:** You must have at least started your project. UFO could be cut out, partially pieced, top done, needs quilting, mostly quilted, needs binding, etc. You may submit kits, but no more than 2 will be allowed as long as they are at least 6 months old.

**Questions:** Call Gwen Rogers, her number is in the directory.

# 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

