

Saline County Quilting Guild

July 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes



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5:30 Workshop - Illine Smith

Illine demonstrated shortening a T-shirt giving it a scalloped edge using built-in stitches your sewing machine may have. For Janome M8, it is stitch # 46. Look this up on YouTube "Continental Club Cropping an Oversized Shirt with Decorative Stitches". Pictures are attached.

Guild Meeting Minutes -

The 2026 July meeting was held at 6:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Brenda Wall called the meeting to order with 36 members and 2 visitors present. Welcome Jill & Jerry Johnson.

Announcements

All members are encouraged to wear name tags. If you would like to purchase a name tag, please contact Illine Smith and she will assist you.

Seams Sew Crazy (formerly Conway Sewing Center) - Mandy Massey, new owner. They want to announce the new name and new location, moving Saturday. Moving sale this week at 813 Oak Street Suite 4, Conway. Will have a grand opening event on August 14th. New location address: 2665 Donaghey Ave, Suite 106, Conway. They have Bernina equipment and are bringing in Brother, will have classes, bringing in more garment fabrics, 20% off Sale going on.

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

June minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – Toni Poe, treasurer

Treasurer's report was provided and approved. The 2026 budget was based upon the expenses of 2025. There are two categories where we are running over budget: 1) Charity quilts – needs more batting 2) Donation quilt – we had to buy more tickets. Requested motions to increase the Charity quilts budget by \$500 and Donation Quilt budget by \$400. This purchase of additional batting will sustain the charity quilts through the end of the year. A motion was made and approved to increase the budgets as requested. It was also requested that the Charity Quilts budget item which includes rent to Bobby Morris, be split into its own line item. The Treasury report was approved as presented. For future Treasury reports, rather than print or email them out, the monthly report will be posted to the member only page of the website.

Officer's Reports

Donation Quilt 2027 - Debbie Payne – The 2027 raffle quilt is pieced, ready for borders. Wants cool borders, needs ideas and would appreciate input!

Quilt Show 2027 – Illine Smith – Quilt Show 2027, September 30 – October 2 at the Saline County Fairgrounds. Will have two buildings and have both vendors and quilts. Paula Duncan volunteered to be the Registration Lead and Cindy B. will be the Set up & Tear down lead. Will need additional volunteers for the show. Currently exploring the use of the work release program to provide support for setting up frames and hanging the quilts. Quilt show volunteer meeting will be August 29 at Judy Johnson's home. Illine will send out more info.

Committee Reports

Programs – 2026 Program Team – Committee: Brenda, Gwen, and Toni

August – Wool Demo by Venus Thomas

September – Quiltmania Shines – all attendees present their QM projects

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October – Physical Therapist - proper posture while sewing

November – Belle Brunner – Cathedral Windows workshop, \$10 pattern, \$30 class. 9-4

December – Christmas Party

Saturday Workshops – Jerri Puska & Judy Anderson

Next Saturday Sew Day – August Sew Day is 8/15 provided there is enough interest

If you are a new quilter or have something you are struggling to tackle and would like to have some assistance, please contact Jerri Puska or Judy Anderson. We have some beginner kits that will make very simple small charity quilts or 2-4 simple blocks for use as training. If you have a particular challenge, (binding, etc.), let us know so that we can be prepared to assist with technique in question.

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, Non-Member fee \$10.

Technology – Jerri Puska & Paula Duncan

No report.

Fund Raising – Committee: Illine Smith, Tricia Quillen, Lisa Elmore, and Cindy B.

2026 Donation Quilt - Tricia has ticket bundles to sell, \$20 dollars. Our next event will be the Saline County Fair, Sept. 8. Will need volunteers to man our booth. Tricia will be reaching out and will have sign-up next month.

5:30 Workshop – Cindy B.

August 5:30 will showcase some new quilting tools. Requesting ideas for 5:30, please send Cindy any requests at cbarszc@gmail.com

Hospitality – Gwen Rogers

Door prizes tonight: Judy Huggins, Amy Snodgrass, Barbie Mundt, Tonya Peters, Kim Bourgeois

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. No update.

Membership Report – Judy Johnson email her at jkj715@att.net

Membership roster will be available on the website members only page.

Want to be a member? Membership form & \$20

Sunshine – Cindy B. Cards sent between last month's meeting and tonight.

3 cards sent since last meeting.

Please send any requests for cards to Cindy B at 870-703-1969 or email cbarszc@gmail.com

Daytime Stitchers – Laura Hamm

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

Charity Quilts – Amy Snodgrass & Myrna Yandell

Got some burp cloth kits available. Believe 115 quilts have been quilted by Amy this year so far. Recently 12 quilts were distributed.

For donated quilt tops, you do not need to provide batting or backing, those are available at the studio.

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Regular sew days are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, and the last Saturday of the month, meeting around 9:30 until about noon. The Studio address is 4113 Alcoa Road, Benton. A business uses 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.

QuiltMania – Chair – Toni Poe & Sharon Vanover

2026 QuiltMania Retreat at Ferncliff will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Sept 18, 19, & 20th. You must sign up tonight! Money due next month. This weekend format has been adopted to help those still working to require only 1 day off. If Day only attend – will include lunch only. The cost is \$312 for overnight, \$46 per day. July meeting is final sign-up date and full payment required, so far about 17 have signed up. The T-shirt design contest winner is Vegas Thomas; we had great entries. Sharon Vanover has the fat quarters for the Charity Quilt challenge. If you want to participate, you take the fat quarter provided and add any additional fabric you desire and create a quilt of any design and size. The quilt must be pieced, quilted, and bound by the Quiltmania retreat. They will be displayed and there will be a viewer's choice competition, prizes as follows: 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$30.00, 3rd place - \$10.00. **QuiltMania t-shirt – sign-up sheet, if you want a shirt, please let Toni know this week. Trying to get the T-shirts ordered to have before QuiltMania.**

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

These are precut block kits for QOV quilts that are sewed by SCQG and then returned to QOV Saline groups to be made into quilts for veterans. No kits tonight, please give any blocks to Cindy Davis or Shirley Miller.

Beads of Courage Bags – Sandy Morris

These are bags made to hold the beads children receive for each procedure they endure at AR Children's Hospital. Bag kits passed out.

Publicity – Debbie Susky

No update.

Old/Unfinished Business - No old Business

New Business –

Potential class for 2028 – Propose we attempt to schedule, Diana Harris aka StashBandit.net to come in 2028. The Arkansas State Guild recently hosted Diana who specializes in design of scrap quilts from stash fabric you have. The cost is \$700 per class, \$400 per trunk show. Airfare/mileage/hotel as appropriate, her homebase is Nebraska. Class size is limited to 20-24. Motion was made and approved to investigate.

Nominating Committee for 2027 – Must have 4 total, 2 board members and 2 members. Vote to approve in August.

Board Members who have volunteered: Judy Johnson & Jerri Puska

Members who have volunteered: Tonya Peters & Gwen Rogers

Program – Christmas in July – Cindy B. & Venus Thomas

Cindy B. – Displayed multiple pieces created using reverse applique. Provided handout to make JOY hanging banner.

Venus T. – Displayed a collection of quick gift ideas to inspire everyone to get started on Christmas. The season comes quickly! It always seems like there is not enough time to get it all done. Start now to make some quick easy items to have on hand to pull from when you need a small gift. There were Casserole hot mats, journal covers, pillowcases, "card" bags, girls & boys small gift bags, and Santa gift bags made from 2-liter drink bottles. Pattern for the Santa gift bag was provided. Paula Duncan was the lucky winner of a hot mitt with a muffin mix gift.

Please find Reverse Applique and Santa handouts attached.

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Show and Tell participants

Barbie Mundt – 5 Charity Quilts

Karen Hallquist – Christmas tree wall hanging & 2 quilts

Illine Smith – Two rugs

Jerri Puska – Embroidered Toddler shirt

Tricia Quillen & Lana Rochelle – GG the Guild Goose

LuAnn Baker – Charity quilt & Top

Pat Wade – 2 quilts

Lisa Schulte – Christmas quilt

Cheri Johnson – 2 UFOs, 2 pineapple quilts

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

Charlotte Williams, Owner (501) 847-4177



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