

# Saline County Quilting Guild

## August 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes



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**5:30 Workshop** - Cindy B

Tools displayed were: a safety ruler holder with a built-in light, a wooden clapper with wool pressing bar built on top of it, and the new press and stitch embroidery designs for hand embroidery.

### **Guild Meeting Minutes -**

The 2026 August meeting was held at 6:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Brenda Wall called the meeting to order with 33 members and 2 visitors present. Welcome Rockey & Grace, Barbie's friend.

### **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.

Rockey Starnes is owner of Buffalo River Quilt Studio, a new long arm quilt studio in the Bryant Plaza. He has been quilting about 35 years, retired and bought a long arm. The first 25 will get a \$25 discount on the quilting project, minimum quilting charge \$50. Looking forward to becoming a member and getting to know folks.

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

July minutes were approved as published.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Toni Poe, treasurer

Treasurer's report was provided on the website. Approved as published.

### **Officer's Reports**

**Donation Quilt 2027** - Debbie Payne – The 2027 raffle quilt is pieced, need to get the borders on.

**Quilt Show 2027** – Illine Smith – Quilt Show **2027**, September 30 – October 2 has a new location, Bishop Park, Bryant. Will have advertising. Quilt show volunteer meeting Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> at Judy Johnson's home. Illine will send out more info.

### **Committee Reports**

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

September – Quiltmania Shines – all attendees present their QM projects

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 – September 19<sup>th</sup>, note this is during the days of Quiltmania. If 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

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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: Iline 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. 10-12(Thur – Sat). Tricia has sign-up for volunteers to man our booth and sell raffle quilt tickets, please sign up for a two-hour slot. Tricia will follow-up with those who volunteer.

**5:30 Workshop** – Cindy B.  
Requesting ideas for 5:30, please send Cindy any requests at [cbarszc@gmail.com](mailto:cbarszc@gmail.com)

**Hospitality** – Gwen Rogers  
Door prizes tonight: Judy Johnson, Debbie S., Sharon V., Barbie M., Cindy Davis, Breda W.I, Tricia Q.

**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](mailto:jkj715@att.net)  
New Member Rosetter Dirden joined at Saturday Sew Day. 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.  
1 get well and 1 sympathy cards sent since last meeting.  
Please send any requests for cards to Cindy B at 870-703-1969 or email [cbarszc@gmail.com](mailto:cbarszc@gmail.com)

**Daytime Stitchers** – Laura Hamm  
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) Demo will be a folded Christmas Tree

**Charity Quilts** – Amy Snodgrass & Myrna Yandell  
2026 to date distributed: 80 quilts, 15 humane society surgery drapes, 18 dog beds, 8 bib/burp cloths. Have a supply ready to distribute when a charity calls. Need something to sew? Kits are ready to sew, pickup at the studio.

For donated quilt tops, you do not need to provide batting or backing, those are available at the studio.  
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. 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, & 20<sup>th</sup>. Money due Now!** 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: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$30.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10.00.

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### 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. Debbie has kits tonight.

### 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 -

**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: Tonya Peters, Cindy Davis, Judy A. Motion made and nominating committee proposed was approved. Committee will propose officers for 2027 at the Sept meeting and the slate of officers will be voted on in October.

### New Business – no new business

### Program – Wool – Venus Thomas

The difference between felted wool and wool felt wool was discussed. Venus enjoys handwork and prefers working with wool. She displayed a collection of Wool handwork items she has created to use as home decor.

A handout about wool was provided, find it attached to the email with the minutes.

### Show and Tell participants

Grace, Barbie's Friend – Grandma's quilt

Sharon Vanover – Sail Away

Brenda Wall – Zach's Turkey Trot quilt

LuAnn Baker – Gnome (handwork blocks) quilt

LuAnn Baker – Train case redo

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

