

Saline County Quilting Guild

June 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes



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5:30 Workshop - Cindy B.

No workshop tonight, just social time.

Guild Meeting Minutes -

The 2026 June meeting was held at 6:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. President Brenda Wall called the meeting to order with 31 members and 3 visitors present. Welcome Patty, Angela, and Dana.

Announcements

Board meeting at 4:30 pm prior to the meeting 7/20, Officers and Committee chairs needed, others welcome.

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.

New business cards for the guild are available, contact Illine Smith.

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

May minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report – Toni Poe, treasurer

Treasurer's report was provided. Salt Creek Chapel craft fair results: \$208.00 received for donation quilt tickets, \$54.00 for crafts sold, booth rent was \$75.00, netting \$187.00. There was not a lot of traffic, so this amount was good.

Treasury report was approved as presented. Reminder that Toni has created forms for all deposits and requests for reimbursements, she would like for all money transactions requested to have a paperwork trail. She has forms available upon request.

Officer's Reports

Donation Quilt 2027 - Debbie Payne – The 2027 raffle quilt is pieced, and she is currently adding borders.

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. A handout about the quilt show was distributed, identifying the roles needed and some who have already volunteered.

Committee Reports

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

July – Venus Thomas – Christmas in July

August –

September –

October –

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 – No June Sew day

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

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prepared to assist with technique in question. Skilled members – this is an opportunity for you to sew on your own project and help mentor those who are learning and trying to improve their skills. Year 2026 goal – 8 Saturday Sew Days

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.
Tricia has ticket bundles to sell, \$20 dollars. June 27 will be at the Saline County Fairgrounds Flea Market, got an inside booth. Need volunteers to help man the booth, primarily from 7 am – 11- am, set up is the night before. Please let Illine know if you are willing to volunteer for a couple of hours. A sign-up sheet that was circulated at the meeting did not make it back to Illine. If you happen to have it within your other handouts from the meeting, please contact her!

5:30 Workshop – Cindy B.
Requesting ideas for 5:30, please send Cindy any requests at cbarszc@gmail.com

Hospitality – Gwen Rogers
Door prizes tonight: Shirley Miller, Sharon Vanover, Toni Poe, Patty B., Renee G., Illine Smith, Jerri Puska

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
April – 2 new members, May – 1 new member. Has a new membership roster, will send out after adding any updates from June meeting.

Sunshine – Cindy B. Cards sent between last month's meeting and tonight.
3 cards sent since last meeting, have a couple to send
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
Since the last meeting, the charity quilt group has donated 7 dog beds to the Humane Society, 6 charity quilts, burp cloths, and bibs to Abba Adoptions.

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

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 by July!** 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.

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. Karen has kits.

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 – No new Business

Program –

Acceptable Binding – Cindy B.

Cindy's interest in quilting did not come from a family history of quilting, clothes construction was the only sewing in her family. A copy of **Quilters Newsletter** magazine in a doctor's office instilled a desire to learn to quilt. Living in a rural area the other side of Pine Bluff, there were no quilt shops or classes available. She started with a rotary cutter and mat and one of the old yellow rulers. Saturday morning PBS had Sewing with Nancy and Elenor Burns, which she watched to learn. She did not know what binding a quilt even meant and initially bought the pre-package blanket binding to use. Eventually she heard of a group who were making charity quilts and she joined the group. Her first quilts were accepted but the bindings were deemed unacceptable. She questioned these ladies to learn and understand what unacceptable binding meant and what acceptable binding would be.

In her opinion there are 3 categories of Binding:

Good Enough – doesn't matter, quality not an objective

Exceptional – perfection, not always attainable

Acceptable – just right, no fault, no praise

If you are struggling with binding, she recommends wide borders. Wide binding makes mitered corners a lot easier. For hand stitching of binding, she provided a handout of invisible stitching instructions, see Attachment. She also recommends a left compensating foot for accomplishing the narrow seam. Some machines have multiple widths of compensating feet. All the ones she uses are for high shank machines. See Attachment provided.

From Jerri: Did some research and found that the low shank version of these feet are called Bi-level Foot Right or Left. The Brother foot numbers are: SA103 (right) and SA104 (left) found them available at www.sewingpartsonline.com

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Show and Tell participants

Shirley Miller – QOV Quilt

Sharon Vanover – 2 quilts

Illine Smith – Dragonfly quilt & scalloped edge t-shirt

Judy Johnson – Rope bowls

Valarie Nichols – UFO Quiltmania 1995 attendee block quilt (blocks gifted to V thinking a relative, no relative)

Valarie Nichols – Purple Square quilt, fabric from her sister

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

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