



Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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President's Corner 2026

Happy March! As the saying goes, "March comes in like a lion," but in our sewing rooms, I think it comes in like a fresh stack of fat quarters! Whether the weather outside is still a bit chilly or the first crocuses are starting to peek through the soil, March always feels like a turning point. It is that wonderful time of year when we start to transition from the heavy, cozy flannels of winter to the bright, cheerful florals of spring.

This month, I find myself thinking about growth. Just as the garden begins to stir, I hope you are finding ways to grow your quilting skills. And what about the growth of our quilt club? Forty years ago, a small group came together to share their love of quilting, just as we do today. I encourage you to think about what you'd like to contribute to our group. The best way to feel connected is to get involved, try something new, and reach out to other members. I also hope you'll visit the Central Library at Sixth & Grand for SSQ's Red & White 40th Anniversary Quilt Show going on now -- the mini quilts and blocks on display are truly inspiring.

Warm Regards, Pam

For our Members with Hearing Aids:

If you are having difficulty hearing during our meetings, First Presbyterian has a *Hearing Loop*. Your hearing aid needs to have a T-Coil or Telecoil. Talk with your Hearing Professional to learn if your device has this technology.



Please silence your cell phone!

March Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 March 4th

Mesa County Library - Downtown

General Meeting - 9:00 March 11th

Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD

Program - Mary Anna Powell (970 West 2025)

Trunk Show, Modern quilts

Newsletter deadline March 18th!



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A few reminders: Please silence your cell phone! Masks are optional. Be respectful of those that are affected by heavy perfume. Please keep side conversations for the break, it can make it difficult for others to hear. Please sign-in and pick up your door prize ticket at the membership desk prior to the start of the meeting.

Sunset Slop Quilters General Meeting Minutes February 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by President, Pam Paxton.

Announcements-

We still have 4 tickets for the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum.

Upcoming Events were not called out.

A motion was made to approve the 2026 Budget as previously outlined and there was a first, second and unanimously approved.

There was a motion to approve the January General Meeting minutes and it was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report- In Loretta's absence, Debi Sherman gave an overview of the January 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report.

Business- Pam gave a plea to ask everyone to fill out the Medical Emergency Form and have it with you at all sew-ins, retreats, etc as they are pertinent to emergency medical personnel if you should become unable to speak for yourself, which just happened at the Moab retreat.

Committee Chairpersons-

M2M Quilt Show- Janet Wheeler - Heather Stadelman spoke about doing official, uncertified quilt appraisals at the quilt show. The appraisals are legally binding and official, she has just not completed her certification but has been given permission to execute appraisals until her certification can be completed. She will be charging \$40. Please contact her to book an appointment. Janet gave an update on the M2M quilt show. Anyone having antique quilts wanting to be at the quilt show, please see Rose Penoyer. Anyone wishing to donate to the Boutique please add a suggested price to sell it for. Also please add the size of the quilt for donations as well. There will be a Kids corner at the quilt show- Katherine will be getting that together. There will be a blackout bingo. 1 drawing per day. April 18th there will be a Square payment system class for the volunteers who signed up for Admissions.

Moab Retreat- Bonnie Huisjen - The pineapple ruler that was left at Moab was returned to its owner. Thank you Rachel! Barbara Crane gave a recap that a great time was had by all. Prices will increase next year for the Hotel and the Admissions but will be revealed later when they have specific details. Next year the dates are January 20-23, 2027.

Programs- Bonnie Huisjen - Barbara Crane reported this month is the Sew In that followed the meeting. Next month is Mary Anna Powell and her talk is "Modern Quilts- My Quilting Journey. and April is the Laura Heine class. It is a 2 day class, \$45 class and \$96 for the kit.

Orchard Stitchers- Jane Yater - Jane Yater thanked everyone for all their time and efforts as it takes everyone to do all the steps to making these quilts for our community.

Block of the Month- Jewell Buck - Jewell asked for all 2025 Mystery Quilts to be brought next month to show. Reminder if you need a label she still has many. All participants in the BOM this year please bring block #3 to show next month.

Barnes and Noble- Katherine Bullen - Katherine reminded everyone the next one is the weekend before the quilt show, April 25th, 2026. The theme is My Favorite Quilt. All 40th Anniversary Quilts will also be shown but not judged.

Membership- Barbara Bond - Barbara reported 140 current members, 77 attending the meeting, 3 guests and 1 new member.

Communications- Karen Murray Boston - Karen reported the website will get its annual refresher. She will be changing some graphics and moving content to keep it fresh and up to date. Community Hospital has shown interest in having a hanging quilt program like St Marys.

Sit-n-Sews- Dee Hoaglund - Next week, February 19 & 20, 2026 will be the next event. It is full. The next one will be in May. \$25 covers both days, lunch included. Dee will announce when the dates are finalized.

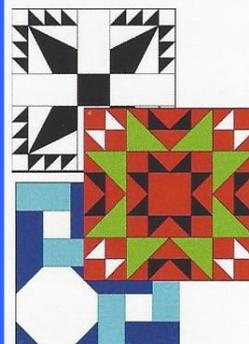
Pam Paxton took a moment to Thank the last years' Board for making the pins and all their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am by Pam Paxton.

Submitted by Debi Sherman, Co Secretary SSQ Quilt Guild



Bring your empty **1 dozen** egg cartons to support our local Community Food Bank. There will be a bin at the check-in table every month.



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Orchard Stitches / Community Affairs



Community Affairs would like to thank everyone who attended the Sew In following the February meeting. Together, we completed a couple of quilt tops and started on a couple of others. We also bound a few quilts. Thank you everyone who participated.

We would also like to thank the newcomers to Orchard Stitches. We appreciate your visit and hope to see you again soon.

Please stop by the Community Affairs table at the next meeting. We will have several items that you might help with. We will have fabric bundles. These are fabrics that might work well together and might inspire you to start a charity quilt. Also, there will be kits. These will have fabrics cut to the specifications of a pattern, pattern included. We will have quilt sandwiches ready to be quilted and quilts ready to be bound. Please stop by the Community Affairs table. There is sure to be something that you can help with.

A big thank you to the quilters and to everyone who has helped with the quilts in their various stages of construction.

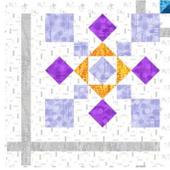
Thank you.

Jane Yater

Block of the Month

Don't forget to bring block 3 to share with members. Block 4 (below) will be shown. I hope you are enjoying Bijou Wonder!!

Jewell



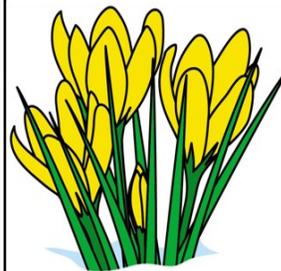
March Birthdays

Wendy Bain
Marylyn Jones
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Janet Lloyd
Loretta Bogaard
Kris Murphy
Sharon Braunagel
Donna Nichols
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Linda Smith
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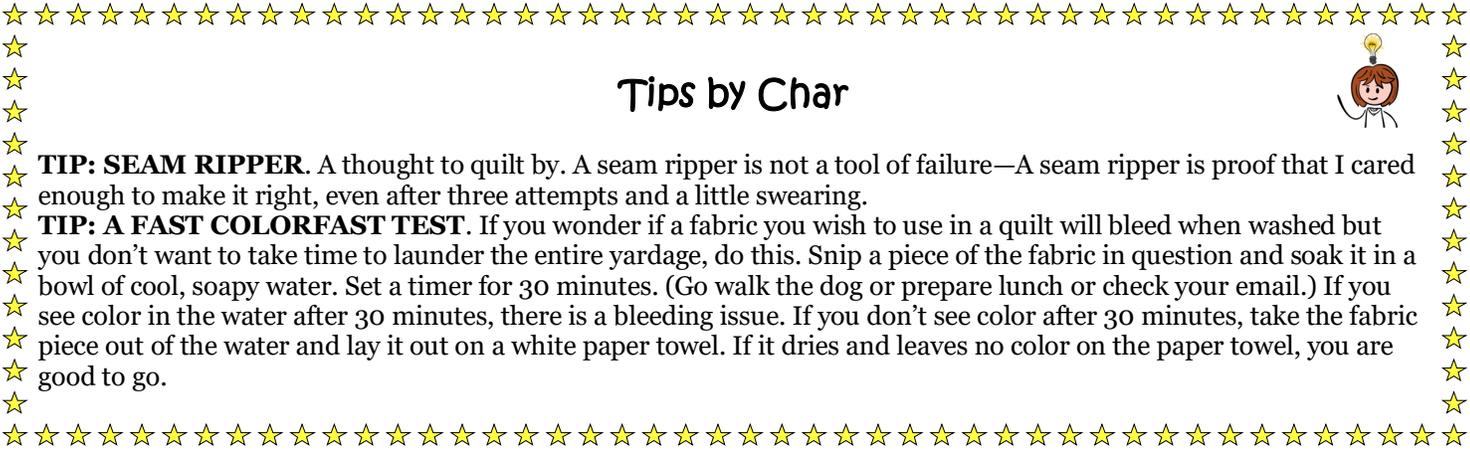
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Tips by Char



TIP: SEAM RIPPER. A thought to quilt by. A seam ripper is not a tool of failure—A seam ripper is proof that I cared enough to make it right, even after three attempts and a little swearing.

TIP: A FAST COLORFAST TEST. If you wonder if a fabric you wish to use in a quilt will bleed when washed but you don't want to take time to launder the entire yardage, do this. Snip a piece of the fabric in question and soak it in a bowl of cool, soapy water. Set a timer for 30 minutes. (Go walk the dog or prepare lunch or check your email.) If you see color in the water after 30 minutes, there is a bleeding issue. If you don't see color after 30 minutes, take the fabric piece out of the water and lay it out on a white paper towel. If it dries and leaves no color on the paper towel, you are good to go.

For Sale

For Sale:

1 ticket to the sold out Broadway show CHICAGO.
 April 22 7:30 PM at the Astoria theater.
 Paid \$107. Will sell for \$75.
 Orchestra J Seat 16 Great seat
 Contact Deb Hughes – (435) 260-0001



For Sale:

2007 Nolting Longarm, stitch regulator, needle positioned, 14 ft. table, stitches great, ruler base, spare parts. \$3000.00 or best offer. Contact Laurie – (970) 318 – 0874.

For Sale: Like New, adjustable Q-Zone Queen size machine quilting frame (* Machine Not Included*) by the Grace company. If you, or someone you know, are looking for a great quilting frame, this could be it. I'm just not using it as much as I thought I would, and want to open up my sewing space. This frame features a simplified 2-rail system and includes Quilt Clips for easy fabric control. It can be set up as crib or queen size. Included in this sale: Carriage for domestic machine, cloth leaders, extra quilt clips and bungee clamps. Currently assembled as queen size. Can be taken apart to move. Sells for \$2250 new. Asking \$1200.

Will consider best offer. Contact Teresa White (512).585-1672



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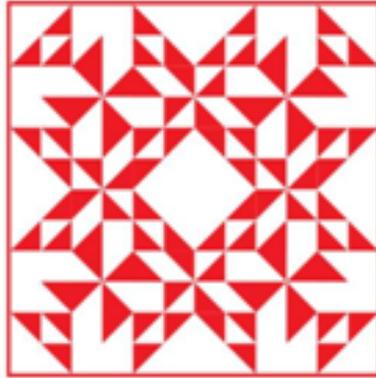
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Barnes and Noble

The next B&N fund raiser is April 25. The theme this time is "My Favorite Quilt".

Sign ups will be at the March and April meetings. You can also drop off your quilt(s) at either meeting. The quilts shown at B&N are still eligible to be shown at the Mesa to Monuments Quilt Show!

Hope to see you there!

Contact Katherine Bullen if you have questions.



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Sunset Slope Quilters - Financial Report as of January 31, 2026

	JANUARY	YTD
<i>Income for the month</i>		
Sit & Sew	\$732.16	732.16
Moab Retreat	\$504.60	\$504.60
Challenges		
Barnes & Noble		
Donations Table		
Rendezvous		
Membership	\$2,860.00	\$2,860.00
Newsletter (Ad placements for 2025)		
Program Speakers *(reimbursement from CWQG)		
Workshops	\$100.00	\$100.00
40 th Anniversary celebration		
Income Total	\$4,196.76	\$4,196.76
<i>Expenses for the month</i>		
Block Month		
Door Prizes		
Special Events (Birthday/Holiday Parties)		
Sit & Sew	\$57.16	\$57.16
Moab Retreat	\$504.60	\$504.60
Challenges		
Orchard Stitchers-Community Affairs/TLC		
Community Outreach		
Barnes & Noble		
Donations (Orchard Stitchers-Church)		
Rendezvous		
Membership		
Newsletter		
Program Speakers	\$200.00	\$200.00
Workshops		
Library		
OPERATING EXPENSES listed below in grey		
Bank Charges/CO Secretary of State		
Liability Insurance (annual renewal)	\$888.00	\$888.00
Officer Installation		
P.O. Box Rental		
Postage/Supplies/Printing		
Rent (First Pres Church monthly fee) (pd through 2025)	\$405.00	\$405.00
Storage Unit (annually)		
40 th SSQ Birthday Celebration pins	\$627.50	\$627.50
Expenses Total	\$2,682.26	\$2,682.26
Net Income	\$1,514.50	\$1,514.50
ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Alpine – Checking Account	\$10,102.22	
Alpine – Certificate of Deposit	\$7,582.91	
Total balances	\$17,685.13	
Checking interest (this amount is included in the total above)	\$1.52	
CD interest (this amount is included in the total above)	\$17.99	



Sunset Slope Quilters (SSQ) – 2025 Audit/Review of the Financial Accounts

An audit/review of the 2025 SSQ financial accounts was completed on February 4, 2026. This review did not represent a full audit. The steps performed were generally part of an examination of financial records. Based on the review, the reviewers find the funds of Sunset Slope Quilters to be accurately accounted for.

Reviewers: Selah Chipman, Shari Keivit, Pam Paxton and Loretta Bogaard