

Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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President's Corner 2025

As I write this, my friends have just evacuated from the fire in Unaweep canyon. They leave behind the house that Paul and his sons built together, with several hopeful sprinklers on the roof. Meanwhile the NY subways are flooding and I cannot stop doomscrolling stories from the floods in Texas. While all this chaos in the world bubbles around, here is SSQ: A group of 158 humans passionate about quilting, sharing their craft with love, and caring for each other. Thank goodness for SSO!

Which brings me to the fact that in order to keep the legacy of SSQ going, we need officers and chair people to lead it. As I look out on your wonderful faces at our meetings, I see women who are very busy, caring for loved ones, aging themselves, and many of you have served in these roles before. I get it. How can we make the leadership roles easier?

Can you find a friend to share the role? The VP and President could alternate leading meetings. Two people can be the Community Affairs chairperson or the librarian. Someone who travels in the summer could pair-up with someone who travels in the winter.

Can we do less? Is it time to take a look at all that we do and determine what is critical to meet our core values? Can we let some things go unless an individual is passionate about taking it on? Can we be OK with that? Are we a Venti Mocha Cookie Crumble Frappuccino when we can satisfy our chocolate cravings with a Tall?

Please consider taking a leadership role next year. Think about how you could make it work for you. Make it your own. Help us keep SSO alive and well.

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.



August Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 August 6th Mesa County Library - Downtown Classroom General Meeting - 9:00 August 13th First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD Program - Rendezvous Projects

Newsletter deadline August 20th!!

Please silence your cell phone!



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 Slope Quilters 9:00 General Meeting Minutes July 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Shari Keivit, President at 9:03am.

Announcements

- · We received a thank you note from Sleep in Heavenly Peace for the five quilts we donated.
- · Bonnie Huisjen fell and spent a few days in the hospital. She is going home today.
- Ann Robar (Shari's Mom) also fell and is currently at Larchwood Rehabilitation Center.
- · Sue Sanmann is struggling and the family requests prayers.

Upcoming Events

- The August Board Meeting is 9:30 AM on August 6th in the "Idea Lab" at the main library.
- The August General Meeting is August 13. Rendezvous classes will be presented and signups will start.
- The next Sit-n-Sew is August 21 and 22 in the classroom at the CSU Western Research Campus, $3170 \text{ B} \frac{1}{2}$ Road. See Dee Hoaglund to sign up.
- M2M Team Leaders meet July 16th at 10am at the Main Library Classroom.
- The Fabric Painting Group meets at St. Michael's on Monday July 14. All are welcome!

General Meeting Minutes

The June meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no additions or changes.

Treasurer's Report - Loretta Bogaard - Details about this month's treasurer's report are published in the newsletter. Contact Loretta if you have questions. Every committee is currently operating within their budget.

Vice President's Report - Stacy Johnson - Stacy is the chairperson for the search committee for the SSQ 2026 Executive Board and Chairpersons. Contact her if you are willing to serve or keep your current position. There will be several openings, including President, Vice President, and Secretary. We also need a librarian and a coordinator for TLC quilts. The Black Canyon Quilt Show is in Montrose this weekend. She has additional tickets left to the RMQM upcoming exhibits include Ricky Tim's "Time Stamps" and "Voices of Wildlife" by Sue Sherman.

Business

- **Rendezvous** Update Rose Thank you to everyone who volunteered to teach. Next month we will sign up for classes and helpers are needed for lunch service, general set up and clean up.
- **Board topics for August:** o Discontinuing the Telephone Tree o Amending Board Policies to allow members to borrow the old portable quilt racks for educational outreach.

Membership Report- Barbara Bond - Current membership is 158 and today we have 77 people present. Barb is feeling good and says thank you for the kind card and meals delivered while she recovered from surgery.

Block of the Every Other Month-Jewell Buck - Two colorways of the block were shown and the pattern for Clue #4 will be emailed and posted to the website soon.

SSQ Social Media Update – Karen Murray Boston - The spotlight today was on locating the newsletter and activities pages of our website. Viewers are using the contact form. We frequently get inquires if we will accept sewing supplies. A recent note was from someone who purchased a quilt at Goodwill that has one of our labels letting us know they love the quilt and it has a second life.

Door Prizes: Dianna Sheldon

Updates and Committee Reports

Christmas Stockings: Eva Hinckle - We have 180 complete stockings of the 250 promised to the Mesa County Foster Care program. We present them at our September meeting. If there are kits left, they will come to the August Sit N Sew to be finished. Please bring finished and unfinished kits to the August meeting.

Community Affairs: Carol Wilson - Thank you for bringing completed quilts. There are several quilts that need binding. They are on summer break; the next meeting is in September.

Meeting adjourned 9:44am followed by show and tell and this month's program: "On the Border" with Jackie Vujcich with Colorado Creations Quilting.

Sign in sheets of attendees attached. Submitted by Teresa White, Secretary SSQ





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August Birthdays

- 1 Teresa White
- 2 Charlene Knoll
- 8 Dianna Sheldon
- 16 Barb Evans
- 17 Joyce Crooks
- 17 Cindy Snook
- 18 Rosa Culver
- 18 Bonita Flinn
- 20 Pam Paxton
- 24 Judy Kiser
- 28 Jennifer Miller
- 29 Judy Andrews
- 29 Judy Boyce

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Char's Tips

TIP: FLYING GEESE. A quick reminder that when sewing flying geese together, place the point of the geese on top. Doing this allows you to sew across the point with an accurate 1/4" seam without chopping off the point. (The flying geese appreciate being able to see where they are flying and want to thank you for your proper sewing technique.)

★ TIP: BIAS EDGES. Use a piece of flannel on the ironing
★ board or a wool mat to press patches with bias edges. Press
★ to set the seam; the flannel or wool will hold the bottom
★ edges in place. Lift the top layer slightly and let the edge of
★ the iron gently press the seam back toward the top fabric.



New Member / Renewing Member / Changes

Christmas Stockings

Don't forget to pick up some Christmas Stockings to put together.

As a reminder, on our website there are the written and printable instructions.

Also, on our website is the link to YouTube where you can watch the instructional video.









Mesa to Monuments Quilt Show/SSQ **Financial Report** June 2025

May Month-End Checking Balance

\$7,826.94

Revenue

Grand Valley Valor Vendor Fee

\$200.00 \$200.00

Expenses

Account Balances:

Checking:

\$8,026.94

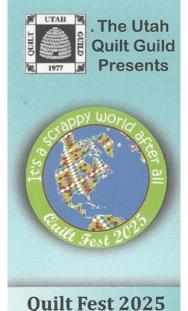


Sunset Slope Quilters - Financial Report as of June 30, 2025

| | JUNE | YTD |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| June 30, 2025 - Month-End Checking Account | \$6,945.66 | |
| Income for the month | | |
| Sit & Sew | \$50.00 | \$875.00 |
| Moab Retreat | | \$947.10 |
| Challenges | | \$120.00 |
| Barnes & Noble | \$20.00 | \$3,593.03 |
| Donations Table | \$123.00 | \$710.00 |
| Rendezvous | \$14.00 | \$14.00 |
| Membership | | \$4,760.00 |
| Newsletter (Ad placements for 2025) | | \$440.00 |
| Workshops Vorkshops | \$775.00 | \$1,855.00 |
| M2M – SSQ sale of the old Quilt Racks | \$850.00 | |
| Income Total | \$1,832.00 | \$14,164.13 |
| Expenses for the month | | |
| Sit & Sew | \$359.46 | \$764.86 |
| Moab Retreat | | \$2,012.28 |
| Challenges | | \$120.00 |
| Community Affairs/TLC | | \$636.54 |
| Barnes & Noble | | \$130.00 |
| Rendezvous | | \$175.00 |
| Membership | | \$354.87 |
| Program Speakers | \$1,736.66 | \$2,652.21 |
| Workshops | \$66.56 | \$421.56 |
| Liability Insurance (annual renewal) | | \$723.00 |
| Library | | \$75.92 |
| Rent (First Pres Church monthly fee) | \$375.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Storage Unit (annually) | | \$1,260.00 |
| M2M Quilt Rack | | \$17,816.18 |
| Expenses Total | \$2,537.68 | \$28,142.42 |
| Net Income | (\$705.68) | (\$13,978.29) |
| 14ct meome | (\$700.00) | (4.2) |
| Savings Account balance | \$300.03 | |
| Certificate of Deposit *renewed to August 3, 2025 | \$10,816.85 | |
| Total balances | \$18,062.54 | |







FABRIC PAINTING October 7-11 2025

We'd love to see you at fabric painting (we're still working on an official name!). We meet the 2nd Monday and 4th Thursday (new) of the month at St. Matthews (across Cortland from First Presbyterian) at 10:00 (inside front doors, first classroom to the right). We paint whatever we want, however we want! No rules! We do have some shareable paint brushes, Inktense pencils/blocks, Caran D'Ache crayons, and fabric with a design outlined for those who just want to explore. Anyone is welcome to share new techniques.

Bring a lunch and \$5.00 to donate to the church. We're a fun group! We hope you join us!

Janet Wheeler and Kathy Morgan



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Davis Conference Center

Classes - Vendors
Retreat Room - Quilt Show
Friends and Fun!

Featured National Teachers
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Helen Robinson
Jenny Pedigo
Cindy Seitz-Krug

"Quintessential Quilting"

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Orchard Stitchers / Community Affairs

Our summer break is going on and our hopes are that everyone is able to enjoy their own projects and be ready to hop back on board for Sept 16th when we gather again at the Living Hope Church. Turn ins were great this last month over ten quilts and plenty of happy recipients'.

We are looking for a new chair person, duties include fabric storage, notes to the newsletter, and getting supplies (mostly batting this is a phone call) as needed. Our group seems to need very little steering just management of Sew In once or twice per year. Would like to hear from anyone willing to step up and take this chair.

If anyone knows of a label maker or screen printer willing to make our quilt l abels for these charity quilts please call. Carol Wilson

