



Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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President's Corner 2025

Thank you to all of the members who joined the Community Affairs/Orchard Stitchers team after the February meeting. We reserved a smaller room this year based on the turn-out last year, and we had almost twice as many of you show up. It was a fun, crowded and loud afternoon. We had to add a table in the hall to accommodate more volunteers. Thank you to Carol and her team that got all of the fabric precut and prepared.

I'm excited about the possibility of participating in the holiday parade in December to promote the quilt show. I think it will be a blast to cuddle in our quilts and engage with the parade attendees to promote what we do and invite them to the show. If you have ideas and/or you want to participate, let Karen Murray Boston know.

Joyce Crooks is willing to put together a team to look into a garage sale/Quilters' Market. If you are interested, please contact Joyce. I understand we have done this in the past where members purchase a table and can then sell whatever items they would like. The cost of a facility could be covered by the table cost and an entrance fee. I have heard from several of you that you would like to get rid of some of your sewing supplies to make more space in your sewing rooms.

Thank you so much to our members who have generously volunteered their energy for these new events!

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!

February Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 March 5th
Mesa County Library - Downtown Classroom
General Meeting - 9:00 March 12th
First Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD
Program - Karen Holt Trunk Show

Newsletter deadline March 19!!



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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.

New Members / Renewing Members

Roxie Geigle
 Michael Sue BrownKorbel
 Marian Velarde
 Sharon Weingardt
 Judy Kiser
 Phyllis Quigg



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Tips By Char



TIP: MARCH IS NATIONAL QUILTING MONTH.

March 15 is national quilting day. (Remember our one-day quilt shows at the mall before regulations by management and the Easter Bunny breakfasts and the riding train chased us out?) To celebrate the month, consider doing the following:

- Try something new that challenges your creativity (a new pattern, paper piecing, a new technique, free-motion quilting as examples).
- Get sew-cial with friends or new groups of quilters.
- Post quilt selfies.
- Take zoom quilting classes.
- Tap into memory lane and compare your first quilt with the masterpieces you now produce or create a bucket list of quilts you would love to do or quilts you would love to finish.

Most important, **GIVE BACK!** Even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

BARNES & NOBLE

Mark your calendars!
 Barnes and Noble is happening
April 5th!
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Sunset Slope Quilters 9:00 General Meeting Minutes February 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Shari Keivet, President at 9:05am.

Announcements

- CMU Tech Community Education Center is offering sewing classes led by Adriana Goertz. (coloradomesa.edu/cec)
- Correction to the newsletter: The Long Arm "Spring Fling" at Canyon Lands Quilts, March 20-22, will be led by Leslie Main.
- There is a TLC quilt in the foyer to be signed.
- Bring your 2024 Block of the Month quilts (they do not have to be finished) to show and tell next month.

Upcoming Events

- Orchard Stitchers meet at 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 18 at Living Hope Church.
- The next Sit-n-Sew is February 20 & 21 at Owls Nest and registration is full.
- The March 5th Board Meeting starts at 9:30 AM downstairs at the Central Library, all are welcome.
- The program for March 12 is a trunk show by local quilter and educator Karen Holt.
- Deadline to submit your challenge quilt entry for the Barnes & Noble fundraiser is April 1, 2025.

General Meeting Minutes - January minutes were approved with no additions or changes.

Treasurer's Report - Loretta Bogaard - Details are published in the newsletter. Please help close out the books from last year, by cashing or depositing all checks. Contact Loretta if you have an outstanding payment due.

Vice President's Report - Stacy Johnson - Colorado Quilt Guild: As members we get a limited number of tickets to attend their meetings and events. Event details are published in the newsletter and on our website. Contact Stacy or Shari for more information.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum: We received a thank you note for our recent donation to the building expansion fund. If you want to visit the museum we have a limited number of tickets. Contact Stacy or Shari.

Contact Stacy to access scholarships for SSQ workshops and membership dues. The Utah Quilt Guild also has scholarships available if you want to visit their meetings and programs.

Old Business

Moab Retreat Report - Bonnie Huisjen - It is always beyond amazing and this year was no exception. Next year's dates are January 21-24, 2026 with 52 spots available. Pricing will be determined closer to the event as food costs are determined.

New Business and Committee Reports

Grand Junction Holiday Parade of Lights - Karen Murray Boston - We are considering entering this year to bring awareness to SSQ and our 2026 Quilt Show. The parade date has not been announced.

Garage Sale/Quilters' Market - Shari and Janet Wheeler - We are considering a Quilters Market as a fundraising and community awareness event. Joyce Crooks has experience with this and is willing to chair a committee to explore the logistics. If you want to help, please contact Joyce.

Reaching out to "retired" SSQ Members - If you know someone who hasn't been here in a while, please contact them.

Quilter's estate donation process - We are often contacted by people outside the club who want to donate quilts and quilting supplies. Shari manages the offers and gives the Community Affairs group first pick. Anything left goes to the donation table for general membership. Items may be sold at the proposed Market.

Membership Report - Barbara Bond - Current membership is 148. Attending today are 75 members and three guests. New nametag kits will be available next month. There are two flash drives available if you prefer to machine embroider a nametag.

SSQ Social Media Update - Karen Murray Boston - Karen showed our updated website, including how to navigate the home page and where to find the download link at the bottom of each page. Coming soon we will have an Instagram link from the website.

Barnes & Noble: Katherine Bullen - Join us April 5th for the next fundraiser at Barnes & Noble. There are two quilt displays. One is the challenge quilts if you purchased a kit and get your entry in by April 1. The bigger display is quilts of all sizes in the broad theme "The Valley in Bloom". Drop off those quilts at the March SSQ meetings or contact Katherine to make other arrangements. We need about 30 quilts. Customers vote for their favorite quilts and we get a percentage of the overall sales that day. Volunteers are needed.

Block of the Month: Jewell Buck - The clue one blocks for the mystery quilt were shown and questions were answered. Clue two will be distributed in March and the clues are posted on our website. Contact Jewell, Katherine Bullen or Debbie Sasser with questions.

Programs and Workshops: Bonnie Huisjen - Our March program is a trunk show by Karen Holt. If you are registered for the April workshop on Barn Quilts, you will receive more information about parking and logistics.

Quilt Show: Janet Wheeler - Save the date: May 1&2, 2026 at the GJ Convention Center. The show will include a boutique, selling items made and donated by members; antique quilt bed turnings; a trunk show by a local art quilter and; fundraising auctions for both small and large quilts. There will be no specific member challenge, but the 2025 BOM Mystery Quilt will be featured.

The Business Meeting adjourned at 10:05am followed by Show and Tell. Instead of a program this month there was a Community Affairs Sew-In to work on donation quilts.

Sign in sheets of attendees is attached.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa White, Secretary SSQ



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Sunset Slope Quilters Financial Report as of January 31, 2025

January 2025 Month-End Checking Account	\$16,065.16
Income for the month	
Sit & Sew	\$325.00
Moab Retreat	\$947.10
Barnes & Noble (December 2024 event)	\$2,166.48
Donations Table	\$158.00
Membership	\$3,535.00
Newsletter (Ad placements for 2025)	\$240.00
Workshops	<u>\$360.00</u>
Income Total	\$7,731.58
Expenses for the month	
Moab Retreat	\$947.10
Membership (2025 membership bulletin printing)	\$314.87
Program Speakers	\$230.75
Workshops	\$100.00
Liability Insurance (annual renewal)	\$723.00
Rent (First Pres Church monthly fee)	<u>\$125.00</u>
Expenses Total	\$2,440.72
Net Income	\$5,290.86
Savings Account balance	\$10,449.40
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$10,636.56</u>
Total balances	\$37,151.12



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FYI

The **Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum** is bustling with exciting activities and events for quilting enthusiasts! Don't miss upcoming classes like *Perfect Your Binding* with Rita Meyerhoff on March 19 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM, the *Hexie Ladies - English Paper Piecing Group*, *Hand Embroidery Stitchers*, and the *Blue and White (or any other Two-Color) Group*. Join the *Block of the Month* program running June 10 through December 7, featuring "Pick a Petal" by Jen Kingwell.

Current exhibits include *Stars over the Rockies* in the Main Gallery and *19th Century Blues: It's More than Indigo* in the Northeast Gallery. Mark your calendar for special events like the *Bed Turning with Jeananne Wright* on March 9 and the *Blue and White Truck Show* on April 13.

For more details, visit rmqm.org and take advantage of these fantastic opportunities!

The **Colorado Quilting Council** has exciting upcoming events for all quilting enthusiasts! Join the *Graphic Landscape Fabric Collage (zoom class)* with Deborah Boschert on March 23, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and learn to design original landscape collages using graphic shapes, hand embroidery, and machine stitching. Plus, mark your calendar for the *2025 Spring Retreat* happening May 2-4 in Colorado Springs—an inspiring weekend of creativity and community.

Reminder: SSQ members have access to 10 tickets per year to attend CQC events, so don't miss out on these great opportunities! For more details on these and other events, visit www.coloradoquiltingcouncil.com

March Birthdays

- 1 Wendy Bain
- 1 Janet Wheeler
- 2 Sarah Wilcox
- 3 Linda Smith
- 4 Donna Nichols
- 8 Sharon Braunagel
- 9 Marylyn Jones
- 9 Janet Lloyd
- 11 Helen Baltz-Jones
- 12 Jan Hyland
- 13 Loretta Bogaard
- 18 Debbie Hughes
- 23 Kris Murphy
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Stars Abound

Sunset Slope Quilters, don't miss your chance to win the stunning *Stars Abound* quilt! The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum is selling raffle tickets for their premier fundraiser of the year—just \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6. Their success depends on members like us buying tickets and spreading the word. We have only **24 tickets**, and they will go fast! Bring cash to the **March meeting** to get yours before they're gone. The drawing will be held on **December 29**, so don't miss out!





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Orchard Stitches / Community Affairs

The Sew-In was a huge success. Twenty two members joined in the fun of making blocks for six quilts. They are nearly completed; a few are needing some additional blocks and then assembly of the rows. This was a close but fun Sew-In. Thanks to all the hands helping to make this a win, win, can't wait to show these completed quilts in the future. Come and join us anytime, our next gathering will be in March on the 18th, at Living Hope Church 2840 B 1/2 Rd. from 9:30 to 2:30.



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