



Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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President's Corner 2025

A Few Thoughts about Leadership

I saw a description of leadership recently that said something to the effect that leadership is like loading a dishwasher--there are several ways to do it right. Do you put your silverware in handle-up or handle-down? How much do you wash the dishes before you put them in? I know each of you are thinking right now why your way is right. And, I know each of you are right and that the dishes in your machine are clean every time. There is more than one way to get a successful outcome.

I used to lead debriefs of huge capital projects, especially if things did not go well. What I always said at the beginning is that people make decisions based on what they know at the time and, almost always, with positive intent. In hindsight, that decision might not look so smart, but that is because more information or experience has come to light. Another saying that I like is, "Life gives you the test first and the lesson after."

I hope if you are thinking about a leadership role in SSQ that you take the brave step of coming forward. You do not have to do things the way they have always been done. If you can ask the question, "Why?" that is great. But in a volunteer organization, we don't have all of the history. Just try! That is all you have to do. If you stumble, there will be many hands to lift you up. The people that matter are the ones cheering you on.

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!

September Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 September 3rd
Mesa County Library - Downtown Idea Lab
General Meeting - 10:00 September 10th
BIRTHDAY BASH!!
Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD

Newsletter deadline September 17th !!



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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 Slope Quilters 9:00 General Meeting Minutes August 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Johnson, SSQ Vice President at 9:02 am.

Announcements

- The Montrose Quilt Show was amazing. We hope to have Jean Impy, their guest teacher, join us next year for a workshop.
- The Longmont Quilt Guild Show is 10/17-18/2025 at the Boulder County Fair Grounds.
- The San Juan quilt show is in Farmington New Mexico 10/10-11/2025. The theme is "Through the Seasons".
- We received a Thank You note from Veterans Services for the quilts we donated.
- The fabric painting group now meets regularly on the 2nd Monday and 4th Thursday of each month 10:00 am at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 3888 27 1/2 Road. Cost is \$5. Bring a lunch.



Upcoming Events

- The next Sit-n-Sew is 8/21-22/2025 in the classroom at the CSU Western Research Campus, 3170 B 1/2 Road. Contact Dee Hoaglund to sign-up. It starts at 9:00 am, bring your lunch.
- The September Board Meeting is 9:30 am on 9/3/2025 in the "Idea Lab" at the central library
- The September General Meeting is 9/10/2025. We will have our annual birthday party potluck and the meeting starts at 10:00 am
- Orchard Stitchers meets 9/16/2025 at Living Hope Church on B 1/2 road.
- The M2M team meets @ 10:00 am on 9/17/2025 in the classroom at the central library

General Meeting Minutes

The July general 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. We are moving our accounts to Alpine Bank. The group voted to select "the arts" as the charity associated to our debit card there. Last year Alpine Bank donated over \$2 million dollars through their loyalty debit card program. Please cash any SSQ checks ASAP.

Vice President's Report - Stacy Johnson - Stacy is still searching for members to fill the positions of President and Secretary. Please let her know if you have ideas on how to fill the positions.

Business

- The presentation of our Christmas Stockings to Mesa County will take place at the October general meeting, at their request, instead of September. Thank you to everyone who helped us get to 250!

Changes to Board Policies:

- o The board voted to allow members to borrow the portable telescoping quilt racks in the black duffle bags. The member must send a request to the board and if approved, the member will work with the keeper of the storage unit to sign out the racks. Members may use them for 14 days and are responsible for any lost parts and any damage.
- o The board voted to discontinue the Telephone Tree position. If an emergency announcement is needed, it will come by email and the email coordinator will contact the few members who do not receive emails by phone.
- o The board voted to add to VP responsibilities informing the club of quilt submission deadlines for the Mesa County Fair. There was discussion about this that included inviting the fair coordinator to be a guest speaker at an SSQ meeting to discuss what they would like to see in our participation.

· **September Birthday Party Plans** – Pam Paxton - Pam needs help setting up starting about 8:30 am. Helen may have to work that day. Rachel Fry agreed to make coffee. Please bring food that is sliced and ready to serve along with the serving utensil needed. New this year-please bring food in the following categories: Appetizers: Last names beginning with A-D; Soups, Salads, Sides: Last Names E -K; Entrees: Last Names L-R and Sa-Sh; Desserts: Last names Si-Sy and T-Y. Please label your ingredients if there are any known allergens such as peanuts, milk, eggs, shellfish, etc.

· **Participation the Holiday Parade of Lights** – Karen Murray Boston - The parade is 12/6/2025 in downtown Grand Junction. Karen will secure the truck and trailer. Ten people committed to participate. Friends and Family are welcome to join. Please BYOQ (quilt). Karen will coordinate with more information as the time gets closer.

Membership Report- Barbara Bond - Current membership is 159 with one returning member. We had 88 people present.

Updates and Committee Reports

Community Affairs: Carol Wilson - Thank you for bringing completed quilts. Everyone is welcome to come sew, cut and prepare kits for the quilts we donate to the community. The next meeting is 9/16/2025.

Barnes & Noble: Katherine Bullen - The next fundraiser is 12/6/2025 and the theme is "My favorite color is: ____". Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available in October and November. She will also accept quilts at that time. About 40 quilts are needed. Customers vote on their favorites and prizes are awarded. Last spring we raised about \$1300 and over \$2000 in December.

Member Challenges: Joyce Crooks - Forty challenge kits will be available at the September meeting for \$3.00 each. The challenge quilts will be displayed at the Barnes & Nobel Fund Raiser 12/6/2025. Customers vote and prizes are awarded.

Programs and Moab Retreat: Bonnie Huisjen - Thank you for all the good wishes, she is feeling much better. Cyndi McChesney will be here in November. If you are signed up, you need a panel, any size, with a single design, not one with multiple tiles, for the class. If you sign up for workshops, payment is expected immediately. If the workshop is full and you are interested, please add your name on the wait list. She is working on programs for 2026 and has secured Emily Taylor, from SLC, to teach two collage workshops in April. The Moab Retreat is January 20-24/2026 and sign up will start in November. There are 52 spots available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am followed by show and tell and this month's program: Rendezvous class presentation and sign-up – Rose Penoyer and Instructors

Sign in sheets of attendees attached.

Submitted by Teresa White, Secretary SSQ

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7 Gini Bright
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11 Katherine Bullen
16 Cindy Williams
17 Jewell Buck
17 Peggy Cordova
21 Jane Yater
24 Karla Tilford
and....



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SSQ SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER TIPS

TIP:

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Oeko-Tex is a globally recognized certification that ensures textiles are tested for harmful substances. That means the fabric you're sewing with is safe for you, your family, and the environment — free from toxic chemicals, heavy metals, and other nasty residues.

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TIP: When machine-quilting miniature projects, use a shorter than normal stitch length. The stitches will be better proportioned to the quilt's small size. For miniature quilts, use scaled down versions of regular tools: small scissors, 28 mm rotary cutter, 6" square ruler, 6" x 9" cutting mat and a wooden iron rather than a full-size iron. Happy quilting.



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.

New Member / Renewing Member / Changes

Debi Sherman



HELP !?!

Our Sunset Slope Quilt group is in need of a new president, and we'd love for one of our members to consider stepping forward. Remember, being president doesn't have to look just one way—there are lots of options! You could share the position with a friend, serve for just a year, or even help us rethink when and how board meetings are held.

We are also looking for a new secretary to help by taking notes at meetings. This is a wonderful opportunity to guide and support our group while keeping it flexible to fit your life. If you have someone in mind, or want to give it a shot yourself, please see Shari, Stacy, or any board member.

Thank you for your support!

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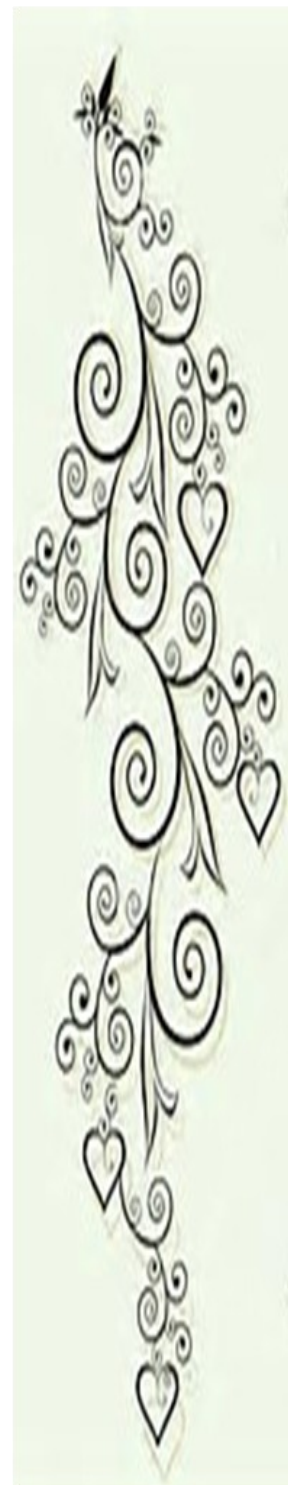
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 Contact Suzanne Woodard 719-431-0038 or email suzwoodard2003@yahoo.com

Sunset Slope Quilters - Financial Report as of July 31, 2025

	JULY	YTD
July 31, 2025 - Month-End Checking Account	\$5,940.40	
Income for the month		
Sit & Sew		\$875.00
Moab Retreat		\$947.10
Challenges		\$120.00
Barnes & Noble		\$3,593.03
Donations Table	\$66.00	\$776.00
Rendezvous		\$14.00
Membership	\$100.00	\$4,860.00
Newsletter (Ad placements for 2025)		\$440.00
Workshops		\$1,855.00
M2M – SSQ sale of the old Quilt Racks		\$850.00
Income Total	\$166.00	\$14,330.13
Expenses for the month		
Door Prizes	\$34.94	\$34.94
Sit & Sew		\$764.86
Moab Retreat		\$2,012.28
Challenges		\$120.00
Community Affairs/TLC	\$87.11	\$723.65
Barnes & Noble		\$130.00
Rendezvous		\$175.00
Membership		\$354.87
Program Speakers	\$1,084.51	\$3,736.72
Workshops		\$421.56
Liability Insurance (annual renewal)		\$723.00
Library		\$75.92
Rent (First Pres Church monthly fee)		\$1,000.00
Storage Unit (annually)		\$1,260.00
M2M Quilt Rack		\$17,816.18
Expenses Total	\$1,206.56	\$29,348.98
Net Income	(\$1,040.56)	(\$15,018.85)
Savings Account balance	\$300.05	
Certificate of Deposit *renewed to August 3, 2025	\$10,851.75	
Total balances	\$17,092.20	



FABRIC PAINTING



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!

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FYI

Exciting things are happening at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum! The featured exhibits include Timestamps by Ricky Tims and Voices of Wildlife by Sue Sherman. Visitors can also enjoy engaging classes and demos right in the galleries. The brand-new classroom is a wonderful space for learning, with upcoming workshops in late July, August, and September. Options include hand quilting with the relaxing Big Stitch method, creative Doodle Stitching, designing your own quilt with EQ8, and basic quilting for beginners. There's something for every quilter to explore. Tickets are still available.

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Orchard Stitchers / Community Affairs

So far this year we have donated 134 quilts to various charities. They are most appreciative and light up when your works of art are presented.

We are meeting in September 16th at Living Hope Church to resume our regular sewing schedule, starting 9:30 to 2:00 ish, 2840 B 1/2 Road. It is a great time to laugh, give and share new ideas, and explore different styles. Community Affairs needs a new leader and that person will have many supporting members. Let Shari or Carol know if you are interested.

Please join the Orchard Stitchers for a "Sew-In," October 8th after the meeting. We'll be gathering in the fellowship hall. We have projects prepared so we would like people to work in groups of 2/3. So grab your best sewing buddy or someone new and sew up some of these projects.

Each group will need a sewer, a trimmer, and someone to press. Then after blocks are assembled sewn into rows, then rows into quilts we should see many completed quilts by end of our day.

Bring a lunch and water bottle and join us for some fast and easy projects. Bring a sewing machine and your smiles. You'll be surprised.

Orchard Stitchers

P.S. Of course we have treats!



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Oven Temp: 350

Servings: 7 Dozen

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 Cups Butter, Softened
- 1 Cup Peanut Butter
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 2/3 Cup Brown Sugar, packed
- 4 Eggs
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 Cup Mashed Bananas
- 2 Cups Old Fashioned Oats and 1 more
- 1 Cup each: chopped nuts, raisins, Milk Chocolate Chips, SemiSweet Chocolate Chips, Peanut Butter Chips, White Chips, Butterscotch Chips, and Dark Chocolate Chips
- 4 Cups All-purpose Flour
- 2 1/4 tsp Soda
- 2 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp Cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp Nutmeg
- 3/4 tsp Salt
- 1/4 tsp Cloves

Instructions:

In a large mixing bowl cream butter, Peanut Butter and Sugars together. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in Vanilla and Bananas. Add nuts, raisins, oats and chips, mix well. Add the dry ingredients and mix well. Drop by rounded tablespoons on greased baking sheets 2 inches apart. Bake 10-12 minutes until lightly browned. Cool 1 minute before removing to wire racks.

