



Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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May Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 May 6th

Mesa County Library - Downtown

General Meeting - 9:00 May 13th

Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD

Program - Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum

Newsletter deadline May 20th!

President's Corner 2026

Dear SSQ Members,

May has arrived, bringing with it a beautiful sense of renewal, creativity, and connection—values that truly define our guild. With spring in full bloom, I hope you're drawing inspiration from the vibrant colors, patterns, and textures all around you.

This is a perfect time to revisit ongoing projects or begin something new. Whether you're exploring a bold modern design, stitching a treasured traditional pattern, or simply enjoying peaceful moments at your sewing machine, every stitch tells a story. Thank you for continuing to share your work, ideas, and enthusiasm—that spirit of generosity is the thread that binds us together.

A heartfelt thank you to those who are contributing their time and talent to volunteer at our upcoming Barnes & Noble Fund-raiser. It's always such a joy to see the community appreciate our creations! And don't forget—the M2M Quilt Show is happening the following weekend. If you haven't signed up yet, now is the perfect time to jump in. Please reach out to Jacquie Weimer—she would be delighted to help you find a spot where you're needed. Your participation truly keeps our guild strong and thriving.

Looking ahead, we have so many exciting programs and projects planned. Let's continue to inspire one another, celebrate our progress, and cherish the friendships that make quilting so meaningful.

Wishing you a joyful, creative, and stitch-filled May.

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.



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Friday October 23rd & Saturday October 24th
at First Presbyterian Church!

If you have a class you want to teach or an idea for a class you want, please contact Cindy Busker
By phone or text.

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 April 8, 2026

Announcements-

Peggy Pretti is downsizing- Kathy Morgan is having a garage sale to sell her fabric and notions.

Susan Sandman passed away April 1st.

Eddy Davis had cancer removal surgery- please sign TLC quilt

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Pam Paxton, President



Upcoming Events-

Orchard Stitchers will meet April 21st @ Living Hope Church 2840 B 1/2 Road. Meet time is from 9:30am to 2:00pm. Bring a lunch!

M2M Committee Chairs will meet on April 22nd, 10:00am Main Library upstairs in the Mesa/Monument Room.

Barnes & Noble/SSQ Fundraiser /April 25th, 2026. Doors open at 9:00am Theme is My Favorite Quilt.

M2M Square Training- 10:00am at Bev O'Neil's home, check SSQ Directory for address. Please have the Square app downloaded onto your device.

Janet Wheeler gave an update on the Quilt Show. She also shared the history of the event and gave recognition to former committee members. Just a few callouts for this year are: Heather Stadelman is doing quilt appraisals, Katherine Bullen will be hosting a Kids corner, and a trunk show by local textile artisan, Sharon Braunagel. There will be an alphabetical directory of the quilts on the back of the Bingo card. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention. We still need volunteers!! Parking must be across the street in the overflow county parking lot or under the Convention Center. Please be sure to visit the vendors and make them feel welcome and appreciated. Quilt drop off is Thursday @12pm to 1pm and pick up is Saturday @5:15pm to 6:15pm. You must have your receipt.

Barnes & Noble Update- Katherine Bullen - April 25th, 2026. We need volunteers!! We also need collage fabric scraps. If more quilts are needed, we will send out an email. Katherine will take quilts up until the day before the event. Please use the code to help the fundraiser.

The December 5th B & N event theme is My Favorite Holiday. The chairperson position will be open for 2027

The March general meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Loretta Bogaard-see newsletter.

Membership Report by Barbara Bond included 153 members, 81 in attendance, 1 guest, 1 new member and 1 returning member.

Committee Reports were as follows:

Bonnie Huisjen reported the next Moab retreat is January 20-23, 2027. As Programs chair she is working on filling in 2027.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Presentation will be here next month. This month will be Laura Heine collage taught by Lisa Zahn.

She will do a 1/2 day after the general meeting and then a full day class the next day. Katherine Cornell from Peak 2 Peak

Stitching Quilt Store set up a small store and will also be at the Quilt Show as a vendor.

Block of the Month will be showing block 5, please bring your previous blocks to show.

Website and Social Media update by Karen Murray Boston - Fruita and Clifton would like to do a Quilt Show next year.

Community Hospital wants to do a Quilt Hanging program like St Mary's does. Community Hospital would also like to have quilts donated to them as well.

Newsletter articles must be submitted before the next Wednesday following the General Meeting each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07am by Pam Paxton

Submitted by Debi Sherman, Co Secretary SSQ Quilt Guild



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Orchard Stitches / Community Affairs

Orchard Stitches is the group of SSQ members that oversees the completion of the quilts, made by all members of the club for donation to various charities. All completed quilts receive a label specifying Sunset Slope Quilters as the donor. To date, a total of 56 quilts have been donated with the major portion going to St. Mary's Oncology. For a complete list of charities please go to the Sunset Slope website.

Orchard Stitches meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at
 Living Hope Church
 2840 B1/2 Rd
 9:30 - 2:00

All members of SSQ are invited to join in the making of quilts for charity.
 If you have questions and/or comments please contact Jane Yater.



May Birthdays

- Cathy Carmichael
- Lorelei Olgine
- Selah Chipman
- Linda Pinnt
- Bea Davis
- Marilee Reed
- Michelle Duesterbeck
- Karol Sacca
- Shirley Hanson
- Elaine Schramm
- Peggy Kramer
- Jamie Sidle
- Kathy Morgan
- Kerry Thurman
- Marian Nelson
- Aniko Varnai



Block of the Month

Don't forget to bring block 5 to share with members.
 Block 6 (below) will be shown. I hope you are enjoying Bijou Wonder!!
 Jewell



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Financial Report as of March 31, 2026

MARCH

Income for the month

Sit & Sew	\$675.00
Donations Table	\$46.00
Newsletter (Ad placements for 2026)	\$40.00
Workshops	<u>\$509.00</u>
Income Total	\$1,270.00

Expenses for the month

Program Speakers	\$350.00
Bank Charges (Operating expense)	<u>\$5.00</u>
Expenses Total	\$355.00
Net Income	\$915.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Alpine – Checking Account	\$14,409.09
Alpine – Certificate of Deposit	\$7,625.98
Total balances	\$22,035.07



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SALE

Quilters Fabric Sale

Help me re-home Laurie Gerse's Stash
11:30 am to 2pm
Wednesday May 13th after the general meeting
across the street at St. Matthews Episcopal Church.
3888 27 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81506
CASH ONLY!
for more info contact - Jackie Aguilar

For Sale: 1938 Featherweight sewing machine \$250, with case. Free - a Baby Lock blind hem machine.
Contact Carol Wilson for more information.

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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 April meetings. You can also drop off your quilt(s) at the 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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- Hoover, Susie
- Leopoldt, Barbara
- Morgan, Kathy
- Young, Kathy



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Tips by Char

- TIP: ENGLISH PAPER PIECING.** For those of you who like/love EPP, quilting instructor Tina Craig has a technique she calls "Wonder Window" used to fussy cut motifs that are from prints with symmetrical or mirror-image designs. Check her website at www.seaside-stitches.com. She provides a link to her YouTube video on constructing a "wonder window" (think card stock and vinyl) and how that is used to fussy cut the motifs. She also provides a pdf of her 1" jewels motif that is used in the video. I watched the video and downloaded the pdf. Who knows? I might even construct a "Wonder Window" even though EPP requires hand work.
- TIP: SPA DAY.** Quilting Instructor David Taylor now living in Fort Collins believes all fabric needs to be washed as soon as it comes home from the quilt shop. If you do wash the fabric, wash no more than 8 yards of fabric per load! David's website is www.davidtaylorartquilts.com.



M2M Quilt Show



We have more than 200 quilts for the exhibition hall, plus 50 of the anniversary quilts, plus about 80 of the antique bed turning and trunk show. That's a lot of quilts in one place for our valley, 330, and quite a wonderful variety. Texts have gone out to those whose 3rd choice will not be needed. Thank you to everyone for stepping up and entering quilts! If you didn't get a text, please bring your quilt(s) April 30th (with a 4-inch sleeve). NOTE: If you or a substitute cannot make it with your quilt on Thursday, please let me know as soon as you realize this. It's difficult when we have holes to fill, and a heads up beforehand is helpful. (Contact Janet Wheeler)

Volunteers: We have almost enough volunteers. Jacque Weimer has been on the phone requesting the services of SSQ members, and you've pulled through! Thank you to everyone for helping to make this a successful show! Please let Jacque know in advance if you cannot make it due to illness, emergency, etc. An alphabetical list of volunteers will be sent in the next week so you can see what you signed up for (if you forgot). Remember to check in at the volunteer desk in the atrium for your shift. You will be given a nametag (but you can also wear your SSQ nametag). The Ask Me ladies will be provided with an SSQ apron to readily identify them on the ballroom floor.

Auction Quilts x2: We have 34 quilts for auction in the corridor and 4 antique quilts which will be next to the stage. Very generous of all of you! Please see photos on our website. Corridor auction quilt bidding will end at 3 p.m. each day with a buy-it-now price. Antique quilts will be hung by the stage and it will be a 2-day auction with no buy-it-now price. Lisa is in charge of the regular silent auction, Rose in charge of the antique auction. Payment for the silent auction quilts will be handled through Admissions.

Categories and Locations: Note the Art Row has been changed to the west side of the central vendors. The AQUA booth has switched places with Sew Renewables so they are close to the art quilts. The 4 rows of racks on the east side of the ballroom are traditional and modern. That leaves SSQ samples, 250th RWB, panel quilts, collage, hand work, and art quilts to the west side.

Boutique: The boutique donations have been plentiful and have been priced by Joyce, Eva, and Judy Martsof. Thank you everybody for your donations. Remember if you are signed up to be a cashier to attend Bev O'Neil's training at her house on April 27 at 10 a.m.

Hanging Volunteers: If you have a 3-step stepstool that's great (especially for extra balance), otherwise a 2-step should work. Note that not everyone will be on a stepstool.

Sale quilts: If you have a quilt for sale in the show, the interested party will be directed to Admissions where they will record their name and phone number. You will be contacted by a volunteer and it is up to you to finalize the sale. Please remember there is a 10% commission of your sale due to SSQ.

Parking: I happened to be at GJCC during Beacon Fest April 16th. OMG the parking was ridiculous (as were the drivers). I noticed people were parking in the apartment lot north of the convention center. I asked Heather, our event coordinator at GJCC, about this and she said they get a lot of complaints from the apartments but hasn't heard about anyone getting towed....yet. Heather mentioned street parking is free on the weekends, so perhaps that will help a bit. A lot of people were parking in the dirt lot at SW corner of 1st and Main, which we have permission to use, but it may be more difficult to find a spot on Friday as workers park there.

Water: Even though GJCC says no outside food or drinks, I would encourage all volunteers to bring water and to be discreet about it. You can always store it in the Dominguez room with your purse. As far as candy goes, at the Beacon Fest they give out tons of candy, so...

The mayors from Fruita, Palisade and GJ will be present Friday morning at 9 a.m. to view the quilts and each will vote on one of the smaller categories for their favorite (such as anniversary, art quilts, quilts with hand work). We are hopeful one of the TV stations will give us some publicity of this.

Folks from Community Concerts will be just inside the corridor on the left-hand side as you leave. Please take a moment to say hi to them. They allow us to advertise our show at their concert just before our show, which is wonderful, so we return the favor.



**29th Annual
Black Canyon
Quilt Show
July 10-12, 2025**
Montrose Pavilion
1800 Pavilion Drive, Montrose, CO

9:00-5:00 Friday & Saturday
10:00-3:30 Sunday
Adult Admission \$5.00

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Quilt Show Events

Wednesday, July 8th, 6-7:30 p.m.: "Meet the Judges,"
Pamela Walsh and Karen Roberts
at the Montrose Police Department
Community Room, 434 S 1st St., Montrose, CO
Cost: \$5.00 paid at the door.

Show and Classes July 10-12
at Montrose Pavilion
1800 Pavilion Dr., Montrose, CO

Charisma Horton, Class Instructor:
Required patterns, or kit for Penny Notes may be purchased at her
ETSY shop <https://www.etsy.com/shop/CharismasCorner?ref=seller-platform-mcnav>
A discount code will be provided after registration.

Friday, July 10th, 9-4: "I Like Big Blooms"
Cost: \$95. Make this machine pieced quilt with
Charisma. Pattern required.

Saturday, July 11th 9-12: "Penny Notes"
Cost: \$45. Learn the hand embroidery
stitches to complete a notebook cover, then
use them in your quilts. Pattern or kit
required.

Saturday, July 11th 2-3: Lecture and
Trunk Show, "My Journey as a
Designer" Cost: \$15. This is your
chance to find out about Charisma and
her journey in quilting and pattern design,
plus see some of her beautiful quilts.

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