



Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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President's Corner 2026

I can't believe how incredibly hot it has been lately! I don't know why it always catches me by surprise, since we usually get a few weeks of truly brutal summer weather, but here we are. It's hard to believe August is already upon us. As the season begins to wind down, I hope you are able to carve out some well-deserved time for yourself to do the things you love—and I hope quilting is at the top of that list!

Looking ahead to this month's meeting, I am so excited to see what the Rendezvous program has in store for us. We are incredibly fortunate to have such talented members who generously share their skills, giving us all the opportunity to learn something new and create beautiful pieces together. Best of all, it's a wonderful chance to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones!

None of this would happen without our incredible volunteers. Thank you all so much for the time, energy, and dedication you pour into our guild. We are always looking for fresh hands to help out, so if you've been considering stepping up, please jump in! It's a rewarding way to connect with our community.

See you all at the August meeting! Until then, may your seams be straight, your points be sharp, and your bobbin never run out in the middle of a row.

Happy quilting!

Pam Paxton

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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August Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 August 5th Mesa County Library - Downtown

General Meeting - 9:00 August 12th Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD

Program - Rendezvous Projects Reveal

Newsletter deadline August 19th!

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 SlopeQuilters General Meeting Minutes July 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Pam Paxton, President.

Announcements-

Eddy Davis' memorial was well attended by quilters from SSQ and MQ's. A beautiful tribute was given to Eddy's life and several family, friends and quilters shared touching stories.

Thank you cards were received from Sleep in Heavenly Peace and read aloud. A Thank you card was received and read aloud from Laurie Gerse.

Lisa Martin announced a new business called The Artery, which will have an open house on July 14th.

They will have a variety of mediums including fiber arts. They have a Facebook group you can follow for more information.

Upcoming Events-

This month's workshop is Beautiful Machine Binding by Jennie Kae Parks; Thursday, July 9th from 9am to noon at the Living Hope Church, 2840 B 1/2 Road.

Piece to Piece Pals is July 15th from 9am to 4:30pm @ CSU Extension, 3170 B 1/2 Road. See Loretta Bogaard to sign up. \$15 for the day. Bring your lunch.

Orchard Stitchers will NOT meet in July; they are enjoying a short break.

The June General meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Loretta Bogaard gave a review of the June Treasurer's Report.

Business-

Debi Sherman asked for suggestions for classes and for members willing to teach for Rendezvous.

Karen Murray Boston announced that the traveling SSQ 40th Anniversary Red & White Quilts are now being displayed in the Fruita Civic Center. She also thanked the members for taking the time to complete the surveys. She believes they will provide valuable information and insight as to what direction the guild would like to see the Quilt Show go.

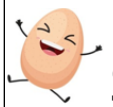
Jewell Buck gave a recap of a presentation to Habitat for Humanity of 5 quilts. She gave recognition to Carolyn Bruggeman for making special quilt labels for each family/quilt.

Barbara Bond gave a membership update which includes 165 members, 1 guest and 80 members in attendance.

Lorelei announced a quilt retreat opportunity at Crafters Attic on July 16, 17 and 18th. Please contact her for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34am by Pam Paxton, President

Submitted by Debi Sherman, Co Secretary SSQ



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.



Block of the Month

Don't forget to bring block 8 to share with members.

Block 9 (below) will be shown. I

hope you are enjoying Bijou Wonder!!

Jewell

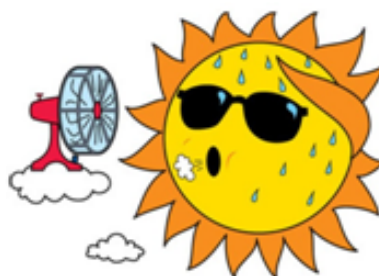


40th Birthday Bash for Sunset Slope Quilters

Please join us for a fun potluck lunch on Wednesday, September 9th, to celebrate this amazing quilt group's 40th Birthday. The potluck will be held in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church after our general meeting which will start at 10:00 am. Please bring a dish to share. Kindly provide information/ingredients about your dish for those with diet restrictions. (This is always appreciated). If you know of any past members and/or past presidents still in the Mesa County area, please let the SSQ board know so we can contact them and arrange a ride if needed. It's a celebration ladies...please wear RED to celebrate 40 years of sharing the joy of quilting to our organization.

RENDEZVOUS 2026

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 Debi Sherman by phone or text.



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Orchard Stitchers / Community Affairs

Thanks to everyone who has contributed their time and talents to the making of the charity quilts, To date, SSQ has made and delivered 114 quilts with several more due to be delivered soon. In the month of June the majority of the deliveries were to Hope West.



Orchard Stitchers helps to coordinate the completion of the charity quilts. As a general rule, we gather the 3rd Tuesday of the month. However, we will not meet in the month of July due to our summer schedules and family vacations. The next meeting will be on August 18. We welcome visitors. If you have time in your schedule please stop by.

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August Birthdays

Judy Andrews
Charlene Knoll
Judy Boyce
Jennifer Miller
Joyce Crooks
Pam Paxton
Rosa Culver
Dianna Sheldon
Barb Evans
Cindy Snook
Bonita Flinn
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Brenda Howard
Teresa White
Judy Kiser



Sunset Slope Quilters Financial Report as of June 30,

	<i>JUNE</i>
<i>Income for the month</i>	
Sit & Sew	\$655.00
Challenges	\$95.00
Donations Table	\$112.00
Membership	\$125.00
Piece to Piece Pals	\$90.00
Income Total	\$1,077.00
<i>Expenses for the month</i>	
Sit & Sew	\$530.34
Orchard Stitchers	\$352.14
Barnes & Noble	\$90.00
Program Speakers	\$963.84
Printing	\$89.84
Storage Unit (Jun-Dec 2026)	\$805.00
Expenses Total	\$2,831.16
Net Income	\$(1,754.16)
ACCOUNT BALANCES	
Alpine – Checking Account	\$13,350.13
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Total balances	\$22,773.78

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Tips by Char



TIP: PAPER PIECING. I can hear you groaning about how hard it is to be precise. A very essential tool for accurate foundation paper piecing is the Add-A-Quarter Ruler. The ruler is available in a 6", a 12" or an 18" length. But even better is the upgraded version Add-A-Quarter Ruler Plus also available in 6", 12" and 18" lengths. The rulers are available separately, but the best buy is in combo packs of the 6" and 12" rulers. The rulers feature a raised lip that locks against a folded paper edge for precise 1/4" trims that when sewn yields a perfect 1/4" seam allowance. The Plus adds a tapered edge for folding paper and is wider than the original for better handling. Some traditionalists do not like the beveled edge for folding because the paper could slip out of place.

TIP: FORK PINS. The picture is of the Magic Pins brand. When nesting seams these pins make precise matching of the seams possible. The grips (and the slight bend in the pins) save your fingers and the color allows you to easily see the pins before you sew over them. A win-win situation in my book.



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