



Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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President's Corner 2026

Dear Quilting Friends,

Our 40th Anniversary Potluck was such a fun celebration! Good food, good conversation, and lots of goodies made for a wonderful time together. A special thank-you to the ladies who coordinated the party, and to all of you who jumped in to set the tables and stayed afterward to help clean up. You ladies truly are the backbone of our guild! I am so grateful for the spirit of friendship and willingness to pitch in that makes our guild so special.

I have been enjoying our intermittent rainstorms! They have cooled the evening temperatures and brought such a refreshing change. And now, here we are in October—welcome, Fall, with all your beautiful colors!

October also means Rendezvous! I hope you have taken advantage of the two days of classes being offered and signed up for some fun. Rendezvous is a wonderful opportunity to learn new techniques, enjoy time with fellow quilters, and make new friends along the way.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind those of you who took Christmas stockings home to sew that we need to have them finished and returned at our October general meeting. This will help ensure that our foster children have a very Merry Christmas!

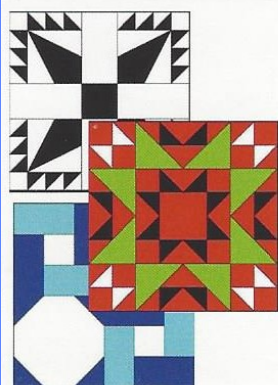
SSQ has lots of sewing days planned over the next two months, so be sure to sign up, bring your Christmas projects, and get a little sewing done now. Then, when the holidays finally arrive, you can sit back, relax, and enjoy the season!

Happy quilting, everyone, and enjoy this beautiful fall season!

Warmly,
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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October Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 October 7th

Mesa County Library - Downtown

General Meeting - 9:00 October 14th

Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD

Newsletter deadline October 21st !

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 General Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026



The meeting was called to order at 10:02am by President, Pam Paxton. Shirley Hansen, Ann Robar, Debbie Sasser and Joan Walker were recognized as founding and/or long term members.

Pam read two Thank you Cards from CLAWS for the donation of cat mats and one from the VA Health Care Systems for 6 quilts.

August General Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Loretta gave a Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2026.

Pam briefly spoke about 2027 Board positions that would be open:

President, Vice President, Barnes and Noble, Community Affairs, Co-Secretary, Co-Library, Birthday and Holiday, Sit-n-Sews, Block of the Month, Member Challenges and Nominations.

Karen Murray Boston reported the Fruita Civic Center would like to display quilts twice a year. "My Favorite Holiday" is the theme for the Barnes and Noble quilt show and the mini quilt challenge. After the Barnes and Noble event the challenge quilts will hang in the Fruita Civic Center. The Civic Center can accommodate large quilts as well. Karen is looking at creating a traveling quilt show throughout the valley. The Grand Junction Civic Center will host our Red & White quilts.

Barnes and Noble event is December 5th, 2026. The 2027 dates for spring and winter have been secured as well. Forms for the Challenge quilts will be ready for the October meeting.

Barbara Bond reported that we currently have 166 members, 78 in attendance and guests: Terri Lundberg, Ann Robar, Jamie Lewis and Bruce Rahn.

Bonnie Huisjen spoke about the Moab Quilt Retreat. She clarified the misprint of ADHD guidelines which should have been ADA guidelines. She also reported 2027 Programs is filled up and there are a lot of workshops scheduled. She spoke briefly on the guidelines for Moab signups. They will start in November. 1 entry per person. Disability accommodations will be made. The retreat is January 20-23, 2027. A 16 x 26 table is allowed. Bring checkbooks to the November meeting to pay for the retreat. Debbie Sasser will facilitate the group project.

Joan Walker spoke about the Quilt Auction and sent around some clipboards to gather names and numbers of how many quilts will potentially be sold to help determine how much interest there is for this auction.

Jane Yater updated the members that we are close to 240 quilts to be donated this year. The group will be binding quilts at their next meeting.

Eva Hinkle asked the members to turn in all the stockings they have made and Bonnie Huisjen volunteered to finish them if people had them and could not get them finished in time.

Jewell Buck revealed block 10 for next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am by President, Pam Paxton.

New- Renewed-Changes

Kane, Linda.
Lewis, Jamie
Rahn, Bruce



Block of the Month

Don't forget to bring block 10 to share with members. Block 11 (below) will be shown.

I hope you are enjoying Bijou Wonder!!

Jewell



RENDEZVOUS 2026

Friday October 23rd & Saturday October 24th at First Presbyterian Church! You can still sign up at the September and October meetings. Questions? Contact Debi Sherman by phone or text.



FYI

Community food bank had asked of its volunteers for unused and older cookbooks to give to their clients.

I do the egg cartons and I will put a box in that same area to collect them for 2 months.

Thanks, Barb Harshbarger

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.



SALE

I am selling my Handy Quilter Forte computerized long arm with a 12 foot table for \$21,000.00. It was used for personal use only. Price includes digital patters, thread, rulers and more.
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October Birthdays

Karen Murray - Boston
Lisa Martin
Becky Chesnut
Isabelle Martinez
Chris Fredrickson
Gabi Mear
Sharon Gabossi
Pam Sant
Sue Hall
Beverly Shiflet
Paula Hammons
Jinny Truzinski
Bev Hayes
Barbara Watts
Susan Lundt
Kathy Wilkins



Sunset Slope Quilters – Financial Report as of August 31, 2026

AUGUST

Income for the month

Challenges	\$20.00
Donations Table	\$47.00
Rendezvous	\$1,350.00
Membership	\$25.00
Newsletter	\$20.00
Reimbursement from CWQG	\$913.10
Piece to Piece Pals	<u>\$90.00</u>
Income Total	\$2465.10

Expenses for the month

Special Events (40th Bday party)	\$67.40
Sit & Sew	\$531.88
Postage	<u>\$2.27</u>
Expenses Total	\$601.55
Net Income	\$1,863.55

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Alpine – Checking Account	\$13,836.44
Alpine – Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$7,734.56</u>
Total balances	\$21,571.00



Orchard Stitches / Community Affairs

To date, SSQ has made and delivered over 200 quilts.

Orchard Stitches will meet again on October 20th at Living Hope Church. Please join us and help to bind and label quilts. Additionally, your assistance is required in the making of the quilt tops and the quilting.

Thanks to everyone for your help. The need for our charity does not end and therefore our need for your help does not end either.

Living Hope Church

2840 B 1/2 RD

9:30 - 2

Bring a lunch. Thank you. Jane Yater



Tips by Char

★ **TIP: PACKING TAPE.** Use packing wrapped around your hand sticky side out to quickly remove bits of thread after picking out machine stitching. Use a quick tap, tap, tap with the tape. When a lint roller does not do the job, this method should.

★ **TIP: SECRET SEWING TOOL.**

★ Clip sizes range from micro mini for English Paper Piecing to Jumbo that will hold several layers for quilting.

The Secret Sewing Tool Right Under Your Nose!  Check Out Your Sewing Clips!

Your Sewing clips have really useful marks on them that can help your sewing projects especially fiddly narrow hems and small seams.

The clips flat base from end to the metal clasp is exactly 1cm.

The first little line on the base is exactly 5mm in.

The second little line is 7mm from the end which is exactly 1/4inch.

This is so useful for turning those pesky narrow hems and lining up a neat seam that has to be precise!

Next sewing pattern you try remember that there is more help in your sewing kit than you think.



19th Annual Longmont Quilt Guild Quilt Show

Boulder County Fairgrounds, Barn A
9595 Nelson Road, Longmont
October 16, 2026 ~ 9am - 7pm
October 17, 2026 ~ 9am - 4pm

Admission \$5.00

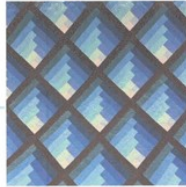
Presentation of antique quilts by
renowned historian, Jeanne Wright
with Kirsten Reed

Friday & Saturday @ 1:00 pm

Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
Trunk Show

Saturday @ 11:00 am

Celebrating America's 250th
through our America the Beautiful quilt
challenge, 50 Blocks for 50 States exhibit,
readings of the Declaration of
Independence and more...



7th Annual Longmont Quilt Guild Auction



Help support the Guild by bidding on
your favorites!

October 23 thru October 25, 2026

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Sit & Sew

The next Sit & Sew will be November 19th & 20th, at
CSU Extension, 3170 B1/2 Rd. Time is 9:00 - 4:30.

Please remember to bring all supplies needed for
your projects.

All spaces are filled, but you are welcome to add your
name to a waiting list.

Linda Roach will be in charge of our potluck soup
luncheons each day. Contact her for sign up.

Piece-to-Piece Pals

Funny how the calendar works... The Piece-to-Piece Pals
sew day is right before the quarterly Sit & Sew on
Wednesday, NOVEMBER 18TH from 9am to 4pm. The cost is
\$15.00. Sign up at the October 14th meeting. We have
space for 16.

If you are registered for Sit & Sew, you can leave your stuff
for all three days.

We meet at the **CSU Western Campus - 3170 B1/2 Rd.** As
you pull in from B1/2 Rd, follow the black-topped road to
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