



Sunset Slope Quilters

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President's Corner 2025

It's time for me to let you know that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the president of SSQ. I did not plan to be president for three years. Thank you for your confidence to elect me three times. I am excited that Pam Paxton has agreed to lead you in 2026 and I think she is going to do a terrific job. I hope you will give her even more of the love and support you have given me.

I, in no way, led this group of amazing individuals on my own. I want to thank each member of the boards that served since 2023. We got a lot done together: Updated By Laws, a new logo, a great quilt show, hundreds of quilts and Christmas stockings donated, excellent programs and workshops. We made money and we spent money. It truly takes a village and you were all wonderful. I have so enjoyed getting to know you and seeing your dedication to SSQ.

I am looking forward to more mental and physical down time to play in my sewing room, ski and travel with my husband and give my Mom the attention she deserves. I hope you are all able to spend time with loved ones over the holidays and anticipate the quilts, stockings and fun that SSQ will bring you in 2026.

Shari Keivit

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.



December Calendar

Board Meeting - 9:30 December 3rd

Mesa County Library - Downtown

General Meeting - 10:00 December 10th

Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD

Program - Christmas Party!!

Newsletter deadline December 17th !!

Please silence your cell phone!



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 November 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Shari Keivit, President at 9:02am.

Announcements-

Food Security Resources are available at wc211.org/food-resources and foodbankgj.org
Karen Holts' husband Mike has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Deb Hughes' quilting class as a part of New Dimensions was a great success and created interest in SSQ and the quilt show. Laurie Gerse has received a cancer diagnosis. A TLC quilt was provided and members signed it. Judy Boyce's husband has passed away.



Upcoming SSQ Events-

Orchard Stitchers will meet November 18 at Living Hope Church

M2M Committee Chairs will meet November 19th at 10:00am in the idea lab at the Central Library.

Sit-n-Sew is November 20-21 at CSU Western Research Campus.

The 2025 and 2026 boards will meet December 3, 2025 at 9:30am in the Mesa room at the Central Library.

The Barnes and Nobles Fundraiser is on **Saturday, December 6th**, volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts.

The **GJ Holiday Parade** is **Saturday, December 6th**. Ruby committee was formed to plan and execute.

The December General Meeting is December 10th. The business meeting will start at 10:00am where we will install the 2026 executive board and will be followed by our Holiday Pot Luck.

The October General Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Loretta Bogaard - October Report- \$17,607.42 is the total of all accounts. Please cash any outstanding checks and please submit any receipts for reimbursement by December 15th.

Vice President's Report- Stacy Johnson - We have Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum and Colorado Quilt Council tickets available.

Business

Rendezvous Summary- Loretta 2024 Profit \$1500 vs 2025 \$1267. Less participation in 2025. 15 No Shows.

Cozy Blanket 40th Anniversary Drawing-Shari Keivit- \$5 donation for drawing.

Community Affairs \$400 donation to Living Hope Church- Carol Wilson

Barnes & Noble- Katherine Bullen- will put the voucher on Facebook Set up 8am- no sleeves required on display quilts. Quilts can be picked up at December general meeting.

Holiday Parade- Karen Murray Boston- the committee will plan and execute the parade. They will share updates at December meeting.

Anniversary Team update- Karen and Shari- Set up a table for signups.

2026 Board- Pam Paxton- need, Nominations, Rendezvous, TLC quilts, Birthday party and Holiday Party and Challenges.

Holiday Lunch Plan- Pam Paxton- Potluck- 10:00am meeting- Bring a covered dish and serving utensil. Food Drive in lieu of Gift Exchange- can donate money.

Please bring all **Red and White quilts** to the February meeting. We need A LOT of quilts! We also would like to interview prior members to document for posterity.

Block of every other Month- Jewell Buck- Reveal is March. All participants will receive a quilt label.

Membership Report- Barbara Bond - 159 members. 87 present, 2 guests

2026 membership form is on the website Turn-in in January to get contact information in the Directory.

SSQ Social Media Update- Karen Murray Boston - Gave a presentation of where to locate Downloads. Mystery Quilt has its own tile. Will add meetings as an event, agendas on Facebook, Show n Tell to Facebook,

Committee Reports-

SitnSew-Soup Pot Luck for lunch

Moab Retreat - Registration at break

Janet reviewed the **sleeve requirements** for the M2M quilt show.

Business meeting adjourned at 10:35am by Shari Keivit, President

Show and Tell followed the meeting and a Trunk Show and presentation by Cyndi McChesney of her "Panel Peloza" program.

Submitted by Debi Sherman, Interim Secretary

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Tips by Char



★ **TIP: PRESSING LONG STRIPS.** When pressing long strips, **DO NOT USE STEAM.** Steam can pull at the strips and distort them. Then, press in one smooth movement with the right sides of the strips up. If you notice that one side of the strip is leaning in a certain direction, just straighten it with one hand and use the iron to set the pieces.

★ **TIP: FLANNEL SEASON.** If you plan to use flannel as the backing for a quilt, **WASH AND DRY** the flannel first. Remember flannel shrinks when washed the first time. Unwashed flannel could completely distort the quilt the first time the finished quilt is washed otherwise.

December 2025 Holiday Potluck

Please join us on December 10th, 2025, for our annual Holiday Potluck. The meeting begins at 10:00 am and the food and fun will begin shortly after! Bring a dish to share with all your quilting friends and enjoy conversation with old and new friends.

This year we have decided to do a Food Drive, so please bring non-perishable food items, or if you like, you may also donate money to support the drive. We will have plastic tubs to hold your food items and a box for any monetary donations you wish to make. Thank you for your generosity! We hope to see you there!

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Orchard Stitchers / Community Affairs

Another year is passing and we have donated over 159 quilts to support our community of hospitals and organizations in need. Thanks to all who did the necessary steps in getting those quilts to completion. We do have a large number of quilts waiting on members to top stitch/quilt.

Our new chair, Jane Yater will be busy at work in 2026. We are collecting a number of simple designs to piece up for Orchard Stitchers. If you are in need of some of these designs come see us December 16th, at 2840 B 1/2 Road, Living Hope Church, 9:30 to 2pm..



Sunset Slope Quilters - Financial Report as of October 31, 2025	OCTOBER	YTD
<i>Income for the month</i>		
Sit & Sew	\$475.00	\$1,775.00
Moab Retreat		\$947.10
Challenges		\$120.00
Barnes & Noble		\$3,593.03
Donations Table	65.25	\$926.50
Rendezvous	\$225.00	\$2,369.00
Membership		\$4,880.00
Newsletter (Ad placements for 2025)		\$440.00
Program Speakers *(reimbursement from CWQG)		\$1,272.47
Workshops		\$2,035.00
M2M – SSQ sale of the old Quilt Racks		\$864.20
Income Total	\$765.25	\$19,222.30
<i>Expenses for the month</i>		
Block Month		\$60.00
Door Prizes		\$139.13
Sit & Sew		\$1,287.82
Special Events (Birthday/Holiday Parties)		\$110.00
Moab Retreat		\$2,012.28
Challenges		\$120.00
Orchard Stitchers-Community Affairs/TLC	\$393.77	\$1,650.53
Community Outreach		\$0.00
Barnes & Noble		\$130.00
Rendezvous	942.37	\$1,117.37
Membership		\$354.87
Program Speakers		\$3,178.00
Workshops		\$1,266.56
Library		\$75.92
OPERATING EXPENSES listed below in grey		
Bank Charges/CO Secretary of State		\$50.00
Liability Insurance (annual renewal)		\$723.00
Postage/Supplies/Printing		\$34.94
Rent (First Pres Church monthly fee) (pd through 2025)		\$1,500.00
Storage Unit (annually)		\$1,260.00
Expenses Total	\$1,336.14	\$15,010.42
Net Income	(\$570.89)	\$4,211.88
M2M Quilt Rack purchase (not part of the 2025 original budget)		\$18,749.43
ACCOUNT BALANCES		
Alpine – Checking Account	\$12,575.07	
Alpine – Certificate of Deposit	\$5,032.35	
Total balances	\$17,607.42	



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December Birthdays



2 Vicki Ruechel
5 Marti Kirkhart
6 Karen Sparks
10 Gail Loughry
10 Heather Stadelman
15 Kaitlyn David
18 Twila Locke
22 Debi Sherman
23 **Marian Velarde**
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Annual Membership Dues are \$30; July-December: \$20. Make check payable to SSQ.

Annual Dues must be received no later than the General Meeting in January each year to be included in the membership directory.

Completed membership form and payment will be accepted at the General Meeting or

Mail completed form and payment to:
Sunset Slope Quilters, PO Box 1521, Grand Junction, CO 81502

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Total** _____

(Information provided will be for the use of SSQ exclusively)

Some Preliminary Quilt Show Information



Setup: April 30, 2026 (see specific volunteer sign-up for arrival time)

Quilt Drop-off: April 30, between noon and 1:00

Show Dates: Friday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Takedown/Loadout: Saturday, May 2, 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Quilt Pick-up: May 2, 5:15 to 6:15

- Quilt entry applications and rules are on the website for you to review and print. Printed forms will be available in January at the SSQ meeting. Quilts need not be finished for the photo submitted; just a basic photo showing colors and style of quilt. PLEASE get your entries in as early as possible so we are not scrambling at the end to fill in voids.
 - Quilt entry applications will be taken from January 14 through April 8 (both SSQ meetings)
 - TWO quilts may be entered per member. Exception: If you are entering a specific SSQ quilt (40th anniversary, 2025 mystery quilt, 2025 Rendezvous sample), these are not included in this number. If we need more than the initial two quilts, we will send out a notice in March for one more special quilt (please do not just grab anything to fill voids).
 - Volunteer Signup Sheets will be available in January as handled by Jacque Weimer. Please be sure to get your name down, even if you've mentioned to one of us in passing that you'd volunteer. Please make a note or take a picture of what you signed up for, so you don't forget. An alpha list of volunteers who have signed up will be sent out much closer to the show.
 - M2M postcards will be available in January for distribution by SSQ members
 - M2M posters will be available in March for distribution by SSQ members after April 1.
 - Admission for 2026 is \$8.00; 12 and under free. SSQ volunteers have the option of getting in free on the day they are volunteering.
 - As per previous shows, there will be a volunteer to help with security of items such as purses in the Dominguez room, even on Thursday.
- New for 2026:
- A 4-inch hanging sleeve will be required on all quilts EXCEPT: Anniversary quilts (although would be very helpful) , auction quilts, antique bed turning quilts.
 - 40th Anniversary quilts will be hung behind admissions and in Atrium with dowels. We can utilize the hooks we use for B&N, but slipping onto a dowel will present better.
 - We will have our antique bed turning once daily in the morning at 11 and will also have a trunk show/bed turning by our own Sharon Braunagel once daily at 2 in the afternoon.
 - Lunches provided on Thursday will be for morning workers only (those who empty the U-Haul and are involved in the main setup of racks, boutique, Dominguez room security, and vendor check-in, plus team leaders on hand to work). Lunch will be early, at 10:30-ish and you must be signed up with Jacque Weimer, volunteer coordinator. If you are scheduled to arrive 11:00 or after for your shift, please eat before you come. Thank you.
 - Anyone volunteering who will be involved in touching a quilt MUST wear gloves, which we will provide (i.e., check-in, hanging, take-down, ask-me/white glove ladies, bed turnings, anniversary quilt handling, auction quilts, check-out).
 - Disposable gloves or laundry clothespins will be available for the general public to use to view backs of quilts. As always, signs will be posted every few quilts to say "please do not touch the quilts."
 - There will be a notebook of quilts listed by entrant for anyone who wants to locate a quilt by a specific person. The notebook will be adjacent to the admissions table or just inside the corridor.
- Questions? Contact Janet Wheeler at 970-216-6865

