# Sunset Slope Quilters Newsletter

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## President's Corner 2026

Dear Quilters,

With autumn in full swing, my thoughts have naturally turned to reflection and gratitude. Looking around our room during our meetings, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of appreciation for this incredible community we have built together.

Quilting is often seen from the outside as a solitary craft, but as we all know, our guild proves it is truly about connection. I am deeply thankful for the unique, vibrant threads each of you bring to our fabric.

Thank you to our dedicated board members and committee chairs who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our programs running smoothly. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to teach, shared their time, or pitched in at Rendezvous. You are amazing!

And thank you to every single member who shows up, participates in Show and Tell, and fills our space with warmth and encouragement.

Your generosity, whether donating comfort quilts to those in need or sharing a word of praise with a fellow stitcher, is the true heart of our guild. You turn simple fabric and thread into a tangible embrace for our community, and it is a joy to stitch alongside you.

As we head into the busy holiday season, I hope you find a few quiet hours to spend at your sewing machine doing what you love. Thank you for your support, your creativity, and for making our guild such a wonderful place to call home.

Warm regards, 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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### November Calendar

**Board Meeting** - 9:30 November 4th
Mesa County Library - Downtown
**General Meeting** - 9:00 November 11th
Presbyterian Church, 3940 27 1/2 RD
**Program** - Heather Stadelman

**Newsletter deadline November 18th!**

**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 October 14, 2026



The meeting was called to order @9:02 am by President, Pam Paxton.
Sarah St Martin from DHS received our donation of 250 Christmas Stockings made by members. Stockings were passed around and $609 was collected and donated to fill the stockings as well. A huge Thank you to all members who made stockings and generously donated money. Kaitlyn read a note from Rose for the presentation.
A Quilt Auction was announced that some members of the guild are getting together to host independently of the guild.
Bruce Rahn has asked for some help finishing some quilts.
The September General Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
Loretta Bogaard gave the September Treasurer's Report. Challenge quilts are due at the November meeting to be displayed at the December Barnes and Noble and then travel as a mini quilt show at various local businesses. The November Piece 2 Pals sew day is Wednesday, November 18th. The cost is $15, bring your own lunch for a fun social day of sewing
The following Board position vacancies were announced for 2027:
President, Vice President, Co Treasurer (suggested), Co Secretary, Sit n Sew, Birthday/Holiday, Community Affairs, Block of the Month and Barnes and Noble. Please get with Pam Paxton with any questions and interest in serving in these capacities.
A committee was formed to review the By Laws and Policies to ensure they are current. Karen, Barb and Kaitlyn volunteered.
Moab Quilt retreat sign ups begin next month. Bring your checkbook. Please make sure your name is only on one entry form. People who share hotel rooms, etc. No double entries. No early sign ups!
The AQuA presenter for October was unable to make their program so Bonnie Huisjen gave a presentation of her quilting journey.
Membership is currently 168 members, 78 in attendance and 2 new members signed up.
Next month we will start renewal for the guild. $30 cash or check accepted. Mailing in to the SSQ PO Box is also accepted.
Barnes and Noble- spoke about the December Book Fair. Bring quilts to November meeting. 2027 and 2028 dates are already set.
Community Affairs- Orchard Stitchers need quilts quilted.
BOM- showed #11. Bring #11 next month.
Communications- Karen spoke about the challenge quilts, and the Barnes and Noble event are both themed "My Favorite Holiday". Red and White quilts were returned. Updates have been made to the website. The next quilt show will likely be in May 2028. Karen is starting a SSQ Pintrest account to the guild's social media presence. Facebook, Instagram and now Pintrest accounts to engage with quilting communities globally.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am by President Pam Paxton.

## Block of the Month

Don't forget to bring block 11 to share with members. Block 12 (below) will be shown.
I hope you are enjoying Bijou Wonder!!



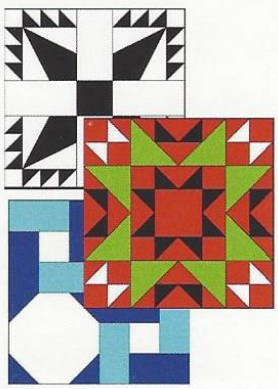
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## Barnes & Noble

The next Barnes & Noble bookfair is Sat Dec 5th from 9:00AM-8:00PM. Please bring quilts to the Nov meeting for our "My Favorite Holiday" theme. Any size is welcome but smaller is preferred. If you can't bring them to the meeting, feel free to call me and you can deliver them to my house. I will also have volunteer sign ups available at the Nov meeting. Even if you can't volunteer please come out to see the quilts and shop! Also don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors! For any questions please contact Katherine Bullen.

### Challenge 'My Favorite Holiday'

Members may turn in their completed projects at the November 11th general meeting. Please kindly pin your name and phone number to your project. No formal label is required unless you wish. Please turn into Loretta Bogaard. If you are not finished by our general meeting, please contact Loretta at to arrange pickup by the final due date of November 20th.
Thank you.

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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.



### 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



## Sunset Slope Quilters –
## Financial Report as of September 30, 2026

| | *SEPTEMBER* |
|---|---|
| ***Income for the month*** | |
| Sit & Sew | $805.00 |
| Challenges | $20.00 |
| Donations Table | $25.00 |
| Rendezvous | $430.00 |
| Piece to Piece Pals | $150.00 |
| Income Total | **$1,430.00** |
| ***Expenses for the month*** | |
| Special Events (40th Bday party) | $10.83 |
| Sit & Sew | $51.66 |
| Orchard Stitchers | $450.85 |
| Rendezvous | $30.00 |
| Postage | $16.40 |
| Special Events (Birthday & Christmas parties - Fellowship Hall rental) | $200.00 |
| Piece to Piece Pals | $100.00 |
| Expenses Total | **$884.74** |
| Net Income | $545.26 |
| **ACCOUNT BALANCES** | |
| Alpine – Checking Account | $14,764.56 |
| Alpine – Certificate of Deposit | $7,756.04 |
| **Total balances** | **$22,520.60** |


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## November Birthdays

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Linda Heinrich
Eva Hinkle
Marcia Lackey
Deb Moon
Patricia Noel
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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 November meeting. We still have a few spaces left.

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 the south of the main building and drive forward until you reach the large parking lot. Please bring your lunch.




## Orchard Stitchers / Community Affairs

SSQ has made and delivered 242 quilts. Thanks to the entire club for their support and assistance.

Barbara Evans, SSQ member has taken a bad fall and broke her ankle. She has trouble with her right leg and was using a walker and has now broken the left ankle. She is staying at Foresight. Call or text at 970-216-8264. She could use our support.



Orchard Stitchers will meet again on Tuesday Nov 17, 9:30-2:00. Bring a lunch. We meet at:
Living Hope Church
2840 B 1/2 Rd.

Thank you.
Jane Yater




## Tips by Char



**TIP: THREAD SHREDDING**. If you are quilting or piecing and your thread begins to shred, do this:
**CHANGE THE NEEDLE.**
Shredding indicates that the EYE of the sewing needle is damaged.
Don't forget to pull out enough damaged thread from the spool so that you can continue sewing
without continued problems with a new needle.

**TIP OR TRUTH**: A "quick project" is just another long-term UFO in disguise. "Scrap quilt" is just code for "I can't throw anything away." Batting never folds back the way it comes out of the package. Never. Every quilter has a " someday" project that secretly terrifies them. Any thoughts on these statements?
Just saying.

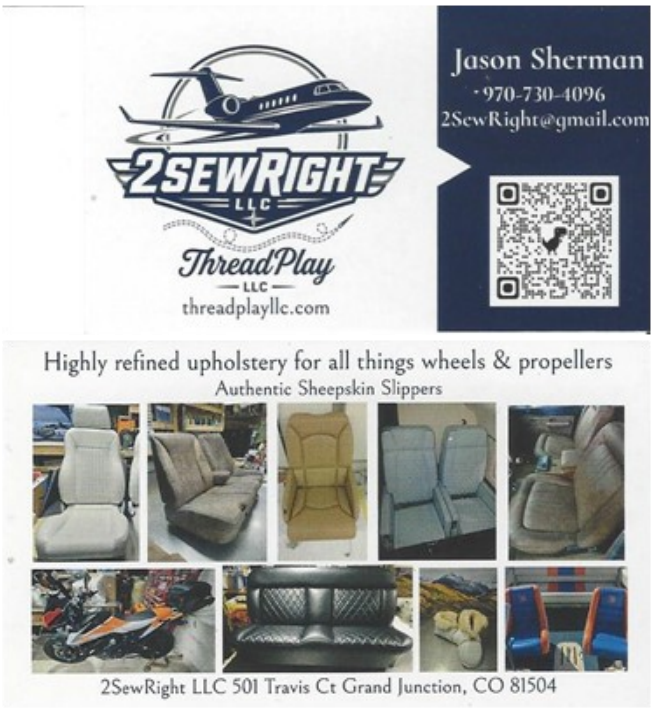


## Notes of Thanks:




Sleep in Heavenly Peace sent SSQ two thank you notes. The first on September 12, 2026, thanking SSQ for all the gorgeous quilts made and donated; stating, "So many more kids are going to receive a lovely quilt with their new bed thanks to your generosity and continued support!" The second note written on September 30, 2026, again thanking SSQ for quilt donations, stating, "The quilts are beautiful and will help keep some lucky kids cozy and warm in their new beds." They continued with, "Thank you for sharing your talent and love with kids in our community!"






SSQ it's time to renew! Membership dues are $30.00 for 2027. Please complete the form and return with your check or cash to SSQ. Renewals are accepted in November, December and January. Deadline for the directory is the January meeting.

## Sunset Slope Quilters 2027 Membership Enrollment/Renewal Form

New Member: _____* Renewing Member: _____ Update Contact Info: _____

*How did you hear about us? Internet_____, Facebook_____, Friend_____, Other_____

Your Name:
_____
(please print)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

e-mail: _____ Birthday: Month: _____ Day: _____

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

Total _____

Signature: _____

Date:_____

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