



# The Patchwork Pipeline

Baytown Area Quilt Guild

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## President's Pen *Sherry Mendenhall*



Hi Quilty Friends,

It's been a busy year already! We enjoyed having Toni Oyler visit and share her lecture and trunk show of Judy Niemeyer quilts last month. She also taught a two-day workshop on how to make a Judy Niemeyer quilt block. What fun! I have must admit, I was a little intimidated, but Toni was such a good teacher and made it easy to understand. Once you learn how to read the pattern, it's not that bad. I never knew her patterns were paper piecing ... I love paper piecing!

As we settle into the new year, we are working on opportunities to share our guild with friends and people you encounter while out and about. You will learn more about this at our next meeting. Your board has lots of ideas and fun things ahead, so stay tuned!

I encourage each of you to embrace what BAQG has to offer by attending meetings when you can, signing up for workshops, giving back to our community by participating in our community service projects and learning from each other.

Hope to see you on March 2 when Melinda Stanton will share her lecture and trunk show about the Lucy Boston way of EPP.

Happy Quilting

*Sherry*

Programs

Linda Hord



Our speaker for March will be Melinda Stanton. Melinda loves to make quilts and shares that love by teaching others about English Paper Piecing by hand and by machine.

She is an award-winning quilter whose passion for English Paper Piecing (EPP) has led her to develop an innovative machine-sewn approach to these traditionally hand-pieced designs.

Melinda specializes in the beloved Lucy Boston Patchwork of the Crosses, showcasing how fabric - cut and placed with intention - can create stunning, complex patterns. Please join us in welcoming Melinda to our guild.

We have three workshops scheduled for the balance of the year. If you have attended one or both workshops so far, I hope you had as great a time as I did. I love being in classes with experienced quilters because I learn so much. I want to highlight the next three.

Remember that your place in the workshop is not guaranteed until payment is received.

- April 7

**Scott Flannagan - Aurora Sky - Cost \$45**

We will be working on his quilt “Aurora Sky” It is a beautiful pattern. It will be fun to see each of our color choices and how the blocks come together. And, we will be learning a clever way to make flying geese.



- June 2

**Lisa Ellis - Charming cathedral windows - Cost \$45**

I have two beautiful examples to share with you. We will make Cathedral windows on our machines using Charm packs or jelly rolls.

If you attended the 2024 International Quilt Show you may remember seeing her work as Lisa was a featured artist.



- August 4

**Joyce Hughes - Dimensional thread painting  
Cost \$45 - - panel cost \$15.**

I am so looking forward to her workshop on thread painting. I have the panel to show you what we will be making.



If you are interested, please let me know. I will put you on the list.

Any questions call or text.

Gina

832-474-7779

## Donation Quilt



Presenting BLACK DIAMOND! Isn't our 2026 Raffle Quilt lovely? The neutral colors give the eye a chance to focus on the beautiful piecing.

Several of our members have worked to complete this stunning piece of art and now it's your turn to help. If you have not picked up tickets to sell, be sure to stop when you check in at our next meeting.

## Sew Day

March 3, 9:00 am  
First United Methodist Church  
9601 W Fairmont Parkway  
La Porte, TX 77571

If interested, contact Cathy Carnew  
[ssdcathyc@gmail.com](mailto:ssdcathyc@gmail.com)

## Auction

Julie Fallin

Monday, October 5, is the date of our next Annual Quilt Auction!

Donations of quilts are being accepted. I'll have a form for you to fill out with all the details about your creation, so contact me at any time or hunt me down at our monthly meeting.

I'm still looking for someone to chair the silent auction portion of this event.

Be sure to invite your friends to come find their newest addition to their home—or a Christmas gift!

Julie Fallin

[JuJuofJJF@aol.com](mailto:JuJuofJJF@aol.com)

281-221-1616

## Membership

Cathy Carnew

Our membership is growing a little each month. We had fifteen additional people sign up in February. All were returning members, except for one new member, which brings our total membership to 43. Please welcome Veronica Cox to our guild.

We hope that you will consider joining us for a "sew day" on March 3 at 9:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in LaPorte, Texas. This will be a chance to get to know some of the other members, while working on your favorite project. Some of our experienced quilters will be on hand to help you with any new skills you want to learn. If you are interested in joining us and have not already signed up, please email me at [ssdcathyc@gmail.com](mailto:ssdcathyc@gmail.com), and I will add you to the list. We have five members who have already signed up, and if we have enough interest, we will schedule more sew days.

See you in March!



### Hospitality

Jan Cobb

Thank you to our hostesses for February! Linda, Carla, Amy, Karen, Mona, Julie, Cindy and Kelly, the food was delicious. Thank you so much for being such gracious hostesses.

In March our hostesses are Charise, Minnette, Rhonda, Vanessa, Tara, Gina and Markelas. Thanks for agreeing to being the hostesses and treating us to a meal. See you In March.

**Next Meeting  
March 2 with  
Melinda Stanton at  
6:30 pm**

### Treasurer's Report

Gail Lumus

#### Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2026

Balance on hand as of December 31, 2025  
\$41,809.12

#### DEPOSITS, January 2026

Membership	725.00
Donation quilt 2026 ticket sales	625.00
Auction 2025	525.00
Workshops	375.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>

#### EXPENSES, January 2026

Programs	492.15
Workshops	600.00
Hospitality (2025 December)	140.34
Donation quilt ticket printing	245.54
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,478.03</b>

Bank shows balance as of January 31, 2026  
\$42,581.09

#### Balance on hand as of January 2026

**\$42,581.09**



## Block of the Month

Minette Repsher

I'm hoping that all of you making the blocks are making good progress. I am looking forward to seeing the Emerald blocks at our March meeting. We will be moving on to the Amethyst blocks next.

You will find the patterns for the Emerald and Amethyst blocks included in the email with this newsletter.

Let me know if you have any questions.  
Minnette 281-460-5111



## Community Service

Cindy Stolz

To the wonderful and giving quilters in our guild I am listing the groups we support.

**\*Quilts of Valor annual block** is called Echos. Instructions, fabric requirements are located at [quiltsofvalor.gov](http://quiltsofvalor.gov). We will collect finished 10.5" blocks to send to the foundation until our first meeting in November. Reminders will be in the newsletters.

**\*Pregnancy Resource Center.** Our guild supports this organization with donations of baby products, burp cloths and receiving blankets. Their new building is a fantastic place to visit and see what they are doing to support the community. If there are those who wish to view the facility, I can arrange a tour.

**\*Love Network.** Their needs are personal hygiene products for both men & women. Totes to carry the items received. We are making totes for this but the center is also collecting non-woven bags like those received at events or from sales representatives.

**\*Homeless Shelter.** The director asked for pillowcases. They are a big hit with those that stay there especially because it's theirs to keep. Let's continue to spread the love.

**\*Baytown Police Department** Domestic Violence Department as well as Families in Crisis. The totes that are made with kids prints are delivered to the group along with toothbrushes and toothpaste. Collecting items for these groups is a year-long activity. Every meeting we have is an opportunity to bring something.

We also collect quilts. If there are quilts in an appropriate fabric for a child, then these will be distributed to The Linus Foundation. The others we would like to give to someone in a nursing home. There has also been a suggestion to make wheelchair blankets with pockets for their hands. We do have batting if needed but we do not have materials for backing at this time.

We will have community service sew dates in the months that have five weeks. I will send out a separate notice for March as I will not be at the March meeting.

I am going to have a container labeled Community Service at the meetings for you to drop your donations in.

If you have a suggestion for another activity, let me know. Have an exciting month creating.

President Sherry Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed members and guests. She wished all February birthday members a happy birthday. A donation of miscellaneous fabric and embroidery items were available at the back of the room for members to browse and take home.

Membership Chair Cathy Carnew announced a come-and-go Sew Day is planned for March 3<sup>rd</sup> at First United Methodist Church in LaPorte from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Interested members can sign up with Cathy.

President Sherry shared information about upcoming quilt shows, including the Dayton show, the Golden Triangle show, and the Quilt Guild of East Texas.

December, January, and February birthday members were reminded to pick up a free raffle ticket for tonight's mini-affle.

President Sherry then stated that the minutes of the November '25 BAQG meeting were printed in the newsletter. Kelly Pilkington made a motion to approve the minutes; Julie Fallin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The January 2026 membership meeting minutes were presented. Cindie Stolz moved to approve the minutes. Becky Wilson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Gail Lumus presented the monthly financial report. The current balance on hand as of January 31, 2026 was \$ 42,581.09. Kelly Pilkington moved to approve the financial report. Gloria Hill seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The report was filed for audit.

Linda Hord talked about upcoming speakers and workshops. Scott Flanagan The April workshop will be presented by Scott Flanagan. In June, Lisa Ellis will present cathedral windows by machine. In August, Joyce Hughes and will teach dimensional thread painting. Gina Miller is taking registrations for all 2026 workshops.

Those who completed jackets at January's workshop modeled their jackets.

President Sherry announced that a third volunteer is needed to serve on the ad hoc audit committee.

A report was given on the 2026 Auction and raffle ticket sales. Raffle quilt tickets are available for guild members to sell. Volunteers are welcome to sign up to take the BAQG raffle quilt to other guilds to promote our auction event and sell tickets.

Community Service chair Cindie Stolz reported that the 4 local charities that will be served by the BAQG are the Pregnancy Resource Center, Love Network of Baytown, the Bay Area Homeless Services, and the Baytown Police Department. She plans to hold community service workdays on months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Monday. She reminded members to pick up labels to add to items being made for distribution to service projects. She also shared information on the Quilts of Valor project.

Hospitality Chair Jan Cobb thanked all who have signed up to bring snacks and meals including those who served tonight. Help is still needed for May, August, and November.

Block of the Month Chair Minnette Repsher discussed the BOM quilt blocks on display. She reviewed last month's blocks and discussed this month's block. She also drew for the monthly winner.

Vickie Carroll introduced tonight's Show and Tell quilts and encouraged all members to share their work. Five members shared their work.

Julie Fallin announced that work has begun on the annual auction which will be held Monday, October 5. She is seeking quilts to be auctioned.

Door Prizes – winners were selected for member, guest, and door prize drawings and mini raffle.

Program – Linda Hord introduced Toni Oyler, who presented a program on Judy Neimeyer quilted projects. Toni shared creative ways to use Judy Neimeyer products and patterns. and she displayed many beautiful projects she had created. Thanks to Toni for this informative program!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## 2026 OFFICERS

President	Sherry Mendenhall
Programs 2026	Linda Hord
Workshops 2026	Gina Miller
Parliamentarian	
Membership	Cathy Carnew
Historian	Becky Wilson
Treasurer	Gail Lumus
Secretary	Barbara Wooster
Auction	Julie Fallin
Community Service	Cindie Stolz

## 2026 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Block of the Month	Minnette Repsher
Donation Quilt Ticket Sales	Dorothy Swonke/ Sherry Mendenhall
Donation Quilt 2027	Elizabeth Walter
Door Prizes	Dorothy Swonke/ Sherry Mendenhall
Hospitality	Jan Cobb
Mini Raffle	Patti Macon
Newsletter	Angie Brown
Show and Tell	Vickie Carroll
Sunshine and Shadows	Dorothy Swonke
Website	Angie Brown/ Jane Clifton/ Linda Hord



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## BAYTOWN AREA QUILT GUILD

### MEMBERSHIP 2026

Cathy Carnew

It is time to renew your guild membership dues for 2026.

The yearly dues are \$25.00 for individuals. If there are multiple members in one household the dues are \$25.00 for the primary and \$12.50 for each subsequent member of the same household.

You may pay your membership by check or cash. If paying with cash the correct amount is appreciated.

If you are unable to renew your membership in person, the completed form below with your check to BAQG can be mailed to:

Baytown Area Quilt Guild  
P.O. Box 1531  
Baytown, TX 77522

### 2026 MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Member \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month & Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What other quilt guilds do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

All newsletters will be sent via email unless requested by USPS Mail.

Check number: \_\_\_\_\_



Check us out on Facebook at [Baytown Area Quilt Guild](#) where you can find meeting photos, upcoming guild events, other quilt shows around the area, tips and tricks and much more.



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