



The Patchwork Pipeline

Baytown Area Quilt Guild

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President's Pen

Sherry Mendenhall



Programs

Linda Hord

Hi Quilty Friends,

I hope you were able to attend our first Sew Day! I couldn't make it myself, but I've heard it was filled with fun, creativity, and wonderful fellowship. The good news is that Sew Day is here to stay—we'll be gathering on the second Thursday of each month. I'm excited to see this new activity take place and hope you'll make plans to join in!

Our first drawing for the New Member Contest is just around the corner. Be sure you're sharing the business cards from our recent meetings with friends, neighbors, and anyone who might enjoy quilting and fellowship. You could win a \$50 prize, so don't miss your chance! If you have questions, any board member will be happy to help.

And looking ahead to May—I don't know about you, but I have quite a few panels waiting for inspiration. If you do too, you're in for a treat! Our guest speaker will present a trunk show along with creative ideas for turning those panels into beautiful, finished projects. You won't want to miss it!

Make plans now to join us at the next meeting—bring a friend, come early to visit, and be ready to learn, laugh, and be inspired. Your presence is what makes our guild such a special place, and we truly look forward to seeing you there!

Happy Quilting

Sherry



Our speaker for May is Cyndi McChesney. Cyndi is a quilt artist, long-arm quilter, teacher and lecturer who revels in finding simple solutions to complex questions about quilt making and quilt design.

Cyndi is the author of *Fun With Panels* and *Playful Panel Quilts*. Please join us in welcoming Cyndi as she presents her Panel Palooza trunk show which shows you how to take that panel you fell in love with and turn it into something truly unique.

We have two workshops scheduled for this 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 two.

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

- 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

**Next Meeting
May 4 with
Cyndi McChesney
at 6:30 pm**

Donation Quilt



Our raffle quilt is being taken to many guilds in Houston to sell tickets to members of other guilds and it has been quite successful. Visits to several more guilds are calendar.

You can help by selling tickets to your friends and neighbors. Check at the membership table for more.

Treasurer's Report

Gail Lumus

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2026

Balance on hand as of March 31, 2026
\$41,419.20

DEPOSITS, March 2026
 Membership 50.00
 Donation quilt 2026 ticket sales 215.00
 Workshops 450.00
 Mini Raffle 60.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS \$820.00

EXPENSES, March 2026
 Program 379.75
 Hospitality 22.92
 Operations (Website Mgmt & Business Card) 356.17
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 758.84

Bank shows balance as of March 31, 2026
\$41,680.36

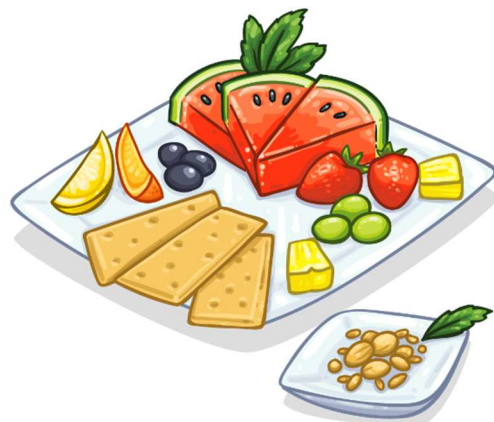
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Hospitality

Jan Cobb

Thank you hostesses for April! We really appreciate each of you - Karen Elizondo, Tracy Williams, Elizabeth Walter's, Pete Lester, Vanessa Grigar, Tara Jean Sands, Cindy Riggins, and Kelly Pilkinton.

Hostesses for May are Markelas Jackson, Carla Hoff, Linda Tanner, Amy Mannie, Sherry Mendenhall and Veronica Cox. They will be providing snacks this month.





We had a great time at our first Sew Day on April 9. There were 9 in attendance including two new members who are also new quilters.

Linda Hord demonstrated the Quilt in a Day 6 ½" triangle square up ruler.

This is a fun way to get some sewing done, but more importantly it's a great way to spend time with new and old quilting friends.



At our April 6th, 2026, meeting there were 26 members present and 3 visitors. Thanks to everyone for inviting prospective new members.

On another note, if you missed our first guild Sew Day you missed more than just sewing! The fellowship was great! We got so many sewing tips and learned (new to some of us) techniques from other members. We also got to know two of our newer members and welcomed them to our guild activities. And of course, we enjoyed lunch together.

WATCH FOR OUR NEXT SEW DAY MAY 14 AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND INSPIRATION.

Submitted by Dorothy Swonke on behalf of Cathy Carnew.

Sew Day

It's fun

It's free

And you'll learn something

May 14, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 First United Methodist Church
 9601 W Fairmont Parkway
 La Porte, TX 77571

Go to the back of the building and take walkway on the left of the building to the door.

Hope everyone had a very blessed Easter along with an early Happy Mother's Day!

Community Service is one of the things we do to give back to our community! However, there is one that we never list and has become very important this year. You are probably wondering what I'm talking about. Ladies, were you aware that we are also one of our service groups?!

That being said, what does that mean?

I'm sure it means something different to each of you so I'm going over just the basics. Our Board has worked extremely hard to ensure you have great programs along with workshops. As a member you should be taking advantage of the workshops. These give you insight to things you have never tackled by yourself. You will always learn something new. You may find a new area to pursue or find something that's just not for you. Regardless, you have learned something. It is very difficult to get to know each other during our meetings but by taking a workshop you will meet new talented people. I consider it one of the best things we get. You will be surprised as to how diverse our group is along with knowing who to ask questions regarding techniques.

Another way to meet each other is The Sit and Sew. It is a lot of fun, and you can accomplish something. As a guild member it is one of the free activities you can do.

Representing our guild is contributing to our service groups: Pregnancy Resource (filling baby bottles for May), Homeless Shelter, Police family division and Love Network. Each of you can address the needs of these groups in a small way by contributing a pillowcase, tote bags, personal hygiene products for adults or soap, toothbrush and toothpaste for the children; baby items can be handmade or purchased.

If these don't necessarily interest you, maybe the Quilts of Valor annual block. Last year our guild sent 58 blocks which were made into at least two quilts. These will be distributed sometime this year to a deserving veteran.

Additionally, as a Guild member you can sell the raffle tickets exceeding the required \$25 worth; make a quilt for the auction (can't have an auction without quilts); put together baskets which can be for a non-quilter as well and gather silent auction donations! Think about what you might like to have and along with other members put together a basket or auction item.

Make positive suggestions for improvements. Attend meetings and participate in groups that provide our snacks or meals. That one is especially appreciated.

We want everyone to get something out of the guild. By participating as a member, you are ensuring a continuation of this wonderful guild for years to come. Possibly encouraging someone to continue the tradition and pass along the skills to someone else.

Happy Quilting!



Block of the Month Minette Repsher

We are back to our normal schedule for Block of the Month.

You should bring your Block #3, Amethyst block, to the May meeting and begin working on Block #4, Topaz. I am including both patterns for you.

I hope you are enjoying this pattern. Looking forward to seeing you with the finished block!

Minnette
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From our friends at Woodland Area Quilt Guild:

Dear Fellow Quilt Enthusiast,

The Woodlands Area Quilt Guild will be having our “Bloomin’ Crazy for Quilts” quilt show on June 19-20, 2026. We will have over 350 quilts in many different categories including traditional, modern and art quilts with over 40 vendors. Our featured artist is Kumiko Frydl. We invite all members, family, and friends of your guild to attend. Below is the information regarding our show. You can find additional information on our website - waqq.org. Thank you in advance for sharing this with your members. We look forward to seeing you there!

*“Bloomin’ Crazy for Quilts” Quilt Show
The Woodlands Area Quilt Guild
June 19-20, 2026
Location: Lone Star Expo and Convention Center
9055 Airport Rd.
Conroe, TX. 77303*



Monday, October 5, is the date of our 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.

Julie Fallin
JuJuofJJJF@aol.com
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Monday, April 6, 2026

President Sherry Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. She welcomed members and guests. She then announced that, for this meeting only, the order of the meeting agenda would vary from the guild's usual order. She then called Program chair Linda Hord to the podium.

Linda introduced the evening's speaker, Scott Flanagan of 4th and Main Designs. Scott gave a detailed program titled "Behind the Scenes at 4th and Main". He shared details about the quilting and fabric design industry. He also displayed many of his creations.

After the program, President Sherry announced that there would be a 15-minute break to give attendees a chance to stretch their legs, refresh their beverages, and buy raffle tickets.

BREAK

After the break, President Sherry began the regular meeting agenda. She announced that the guild will host a Sew Day this Thursday, April 9 at the First United Methodist Church in LaPorte. Gina Miller gave information about how to find the church and details about the church entrance.

President Sherry then discussed the info postcards that have been prepared for members to distribute to increase membership.

President Sherry then presented the minutes of the previous meeting. She asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes. Cindie Stolz moved to accept the minutes as presented. Angie Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Gail Lumus presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that as of March 31, 2026, the guild has a balance of \$41,680.36. There being no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Program Chair Linda Hord presented information on upcoming programs. In June, Lisa Ellis will present a

program on cathedral window piecing by machine. The August program will be on thread painting. The September program will be on the history of feed sacks.

Workshop Chair Gina Miller reported on upcoming workshops, including the workshop that will be held tomorrow by Scott Flanagan.

Show and Tell Chair Vicky Carroll invited members to display their works during the monthly Show and Tell segment.

Community Service Chair, Cindie Stolz reported that updated information about community service projects will be included in the next newsletter.

President Sherry thanked those guild members who provided this evening's hospitality snacks.

President Sherry announced that the guild's Block of the Month project is skipping this month. Next month's block is the Amethyst block.

Drawings were held for the mini raffles, as well as members' and guests' door prize drawings.

There being no further business before the guild, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

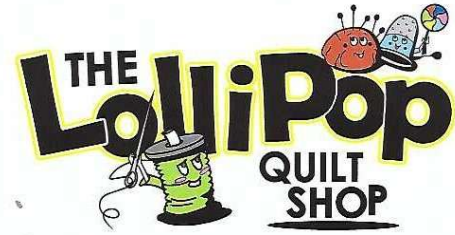


2026 OFFICERS

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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