



Bay Oaks Newsletter

July 2026

July Business Meeting

The July Business Meeting was held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 1:05 pm at the Kiln Library. There were 22 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

2026 Brown Bag Monthly Swap

The Voluntary Monthly Swap began in January. Each month members wishing to participate will make the small project for that month, bring it in a brown bag where no one can see it, and a participant will draw a number and receive someone else's project.

Bookmarks for the July Swap were due at the July 9, 2026, Business Meeting. Four members participated in the July Swap!



Guild members present the project for their month that they signed up for at the Business Meeting the month prior. The list is as follows and is subject to change:

August – Zipper Bags – Liz F

September – Baskets – ???

October – Hotpads – Ida M

November – Christmas Ornament - ???

December – no exchange because of Dirty Santa

July Brown Bag Monthly Swap Zipper Bags

Liz F

Liz F presented several zipper bag designs at the July 9, 2026, Business Meeting. Ida M showed some of her zipper bags.



Zipper Bag Example



Zipper Bag Examples

Debra L e-mailed instructions on zipper bags from the October 2025 Program Meeting on July 13, 2026.

Monthly Mystery Quilt

Therese S

Therese showed members the Step #6 Block - Chain Blocks, Corner Units, and Quilt Assembly. This is the last step for the quilt which will be 88 inches by 88 inches in size. Therese gave out the instructions. Debra L e-mailed out the instructions to members and posted them on the website on July 9, 2026.



Mystery Quilt Step #6- Chain Blocks, Corner Units, and Quilt Assembly
Therese S's Quilt Top



Sharon B' Quilt Top



Ida M's Quilt Top

2027 Quilt Show

Venessa S is the 2027 Quilt Show Chairman and Barbara L is the Co-Chairman. Thank you, Venessa & Barbara!

At the July 9th Business Meeting, Venessa went over the List of Quilt Show jobs and asked for volunteers for empty positions. The positions are listed:

Show Chair: Venessa S & Barbara L

Venue: Therese S

Opportunity Quilt: Kay G

Ticket, Money Keeper, & Ticket Sales: Liz F
& Sharon B

Publicity: Venessa S & Debra L

Registration: Therese S & Debra L

Show Layout: Therese S, Sue R, &
Sue C

Vendors: Michele M & Ida M

Door Prizes: Therese S

“I Spy”: April H

Brochure/Quilt Tags: Debra L

Quilting Demos: April H

Viewer’s Choice: Kay G

Jobs Committee Chair: _____

Admissions: Jill W & Liz F

Docents: Gretchen F

Snack/Refreshments: Susie V

Boutique: Martha S & Marsha R

Quilt Take-In: Debra L & Diane C

Quilt Take Down: Debra L & Venessa S

Cleanup: Everyone

The BOQG Quilt Show will be held May 7th and 8th in 2027 – a Friday and Saturday. It is usually held at: St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Holy Spirit Center, 301 South Necaie Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS.

2027 Opportunity Quilt

Michele M brought the completed Opportunity Quilt to the July 9th Business Meeting. Several names were suggested by members. The majority of members voted for [Coastal Journey](#). Kay G will now order 5,000 tickets.



[Coastal Journey](#)

The first outing for [Coastal Journey](#) will be at the July 18th GSQA Meeting. Therese S and Kay G will go and sell tickets.

The second will be at the White Linen Night in Slidell on August 8th from 6 pm – 9 pm. Sue R, Martha S, Ida M, Sharon B & April H will go and sell tickets.

Ida M will check with the Mayor of Waveland to see if the Guild can have a place at the Waveland Labor Day Festival in September.

Sharon B and Liz F are checking out a She Shed being available by Fleurdy Girl in Bay St. Louis as another site to sell tickets for [Coastal Journey](#).

We need to find other venues and opportunities to display the quilt and sell tickets.

The theme for the 2027 Quilt Show is [Coastal Journey](#), post cards, bookmarks, and flyers for the Quilt Show will be ordered soon.

Charity Donation Chairperson

Louise H is the Charity Donation Chairperson for our Guild.

Members can continue to sew pillowcases, animal crate pads, quilts for CASA, and fidget quilts and turn them in at a meeting to a Board member for future donation purposes. **Please note all materials must be washable.**

At the July 9th Business Meeting:

The BOQG Board agreed that Guild members may make pillowcases for the Woodland Village Retirement Home in Diamondhead, MS for Christmas 2026. 120 pillowcases are needed. **It was suggested that they be generic as items are not always returned after laundering.**

It was suggested that members make pillowcases at home and bring them to the meetings. There was a suggestion to book a Saturday to have a Charity Sew again. It was decided to use a Program Meeting – possible October - to work on pillowcases. Information on materials needed and their cut sizes will be going out to members. Members can have their material precut and ready to sew. Material can also be swapped for different combinations.

Membership

There are now 44 members for 2026.

BOQG Website Update

<https://bayoaksquiltguild.com>

Debra L said that anyone who submits digital files for the archive do so via the Bay Oaks email, not her personal email. That email is bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com Photos should include information like who, what, when, where, and why.

Guild Business Minutes, Newsletters, Sew’N Draw documents, Program Meeting documents, Brown Bag Swap information, and Mystery Quilt Parts #1 - #6 are updated. A page has been added and is in the process of being updated on the 2027 Opportunity Quilt - [Coastal Journey](#).

Hospitality Chairperson

It was decided that the Guild would buy cards and mail them to the membership. Marsha R is the Hospitality Chairperson for 2026.

UFOs (Unfinished Objects)

UFOs are projects already started. Member UFO lists were due to Susie V. Once the list is submitted

a member **may not add** to the list during the year **except for:** Guild Program Meeting projects, Teacher class projects, and Sew’N Draw projects.

As members present their Show and Tell quilts/projects, Susie checks off any quilt/project on the member’s UFO list. Members who complete UFO quilts/projects will be entered for a \$50 prize in a drawing at the 2026 Christmas party.

June Program Meeting Portrait Quilting - Pearl Squires June 25, 2026

The June Program Meeting was held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 1:00 pm in the Kiln Library Meeting Room. Pearl Squires taught a Portrait class. There were 9 members and 1 visitor, Alyssa from Picayune Peacemakers, who participated.



Pearl Squires



Sally
Pearl Squires’
First Portrait



Esmeralda
Pearl Squires’
Second Portrait

Pearl showed the different steps to making a Portrait Quilt. Each step the quilter is deciding on what fabrics to use. The quilter decides on types of eyes,

noses, mouths, and hair. Often the ears are hidden by hair and/or earrings.



Martha S's Portrait Project

GSQA Quilt Show - Follow-Up June 26-27, 20236

The GSQA Quilt Show was held on June 26-27, 2026, at the Harbor Center in Slidell. Venessa S, Therese S, Sue R, Marsha R, Sue C, April H, Pearl Squires, and Charlotte T attended. Sue won 3 awards and an honorable mention. Therese won an award for her One Block Wonder.

Beckwith Retreat

August 13-16, 2026
Therese S

The 2026 Beckwith Retreat dates are August 13th through 16th. Campers can arrive on Wednesday if they choose and pay \$50 per room for an additional night's lodging. The first meal provided will be Thursday lunch.

The cost for the Retreat is \$357 for a double room and \$435 for a single room. Members may wish to make payments in thirds - \$119 for 3 payments per person for a double occupancy room and \$145 for 3 payments per person for a single occupancy room which includes 2 meals Thursday and Sunday; and 3 meals Friday and Saturday. The Retreat is open to Guild members first with a limit of 20 people.

The regularly scheduled August Business Meeting will be held at Beckwith on August 13th. It was suggested that unattending members meet at the Kiln library and phone someone attending Beckwith to attend the meeting via phone.

GSQA – Traveling Teacher Friday, January 22, 2027 Linda Hahn - Teacher

The Gulf States Quilt Association (GSQA) brings in traveling teachers. Linda Hahn will be at the GSQA Meeting in January 2027 (1/17/2027 – 1/23/2027). Ms. Hahn needs 20 participants. The cost would be about \$1,000 for a full day class. That would be about \$50 per participant. To book Ms. Hahn, the signed contract and \$100 will have to be given in by July 2026.

The Guild previously voted to take a class from Ms. Hahn and to host the GSQA January 2027 Meeting. At the May 14th Business Meeting, Kay G passed around a packet for classes offered by Ms. Hahn. The members voted and the results are in. The clear choice with 12 votes was Color Fusion.



Therese S secured the First United Methodist Church in Long Beach for Friday, **January 22 and Saturday, January 23, 2027**. The class will be on Friday, and the GSQA meeting will be on Saturday. Bay Oaks members will have first chance at signing up for the Friday class.

Got News?

Email us at bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com
online at <https://bayoaksquiltguild.com>

Important Dates

July Program Meeting

July 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Facing for Stained Glass Quilting Project
Sue R

August Board Meeting

August 6, 2026, at 9:30 am

Sew'N Draw

August 8, 2026 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Rebel Pattern from Jordan Fabrics
Kiln Library
Michele M

White Linen Night

August 8, 2026 6 - 9 pm
Slidell, LA
Sue R
Display Coastal Journey

Beckwith Retreat

August 13-16, 2026
Foley AL
Therese S

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At Beckwith Retreat

Members Not At Beckwith

Meet in the Kiln Library and Call a
Board Member at Beckwith to Attend
Via Phone

Lunch Before Meeting - 11:30 am

MeMe's 17330 MS-603, Kiln, MS 39556

August Program Meeting

August 27, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Table Runner
Marsha R

September Program Meeting

September 24, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Hawaiian Quilting
Pat Hampson

October Program Meeting

October 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Border Techniques
Michele M
Or Sewing Pillowcases
For Woodland Village

Show and Tell

July 9th Business Meeting



Pink Roses



Sunshine & Smiles



Not Going Back (the Fabric) Into the Closet
Tote and Quilt Top



Jewelry Pouches



Not Going Back (the Fabric) Into the Closet
Tote and Quilt Top



Hawaiian Block



06 2026 Program Mtg Class on Portrait Quilting



CASA Quilt