



# Bay Oaks Newsletter

March 2026

## March Business Meeting

The March Business Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Kiln Library. There were 13 members 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.

The Luggage Tags for the March Swap were due at the March 24, 2026, Program Meeting because many members could not attend the March 10th Business Meeting. Five members participated in the March 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:

- April – Coasters
- May – Pot Holders
- June – Table Runner
- July – Bookmark
- August –
- September – Zip bag/coin purse
- October –
- November –
- December – Anything of your choice

## April Brown Bag Monthly Swap Coasters

Jill W presented her coaster designs for the April Brown Bag Swap at the March 24, 2026, Program Meeting because she could not attend the March 10th Business Meeting. **Members need to make a set of 4 coasters.**



Examples of Coasters – 4 Corners and a Rope Coaster

## Monthly Mystery Quilt

Therese S

Therese S showed members the Step #2 Block. There will be 6 steps in all - a new step each month – the quilt will be 88 inches by 88 inches in size.

Therese gave out the instructions. Debra L e-mailed out the instructions to members.



Mystery Quilt Step #2 Block with Flying Geese Border

### GSQA Circuit Teacher & Outside Teachers - Kay G

Cena Harmon's class limit on Fauxello quilting would be 10-12 attendees, and the cost would be \$20.00 per person. Since the class would take more than 2 hours, it would have to be on a Saturday. Cena picked April 4, 2026. Only 6 members signed up for the class. **The class is rescheduled for June 6, 2026.**



Fauxello Quilt Example

The Gulf States Quilt Association (GSQA) brings in circuit 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 would have to be given in by July 2026. Kay previously told the Guild that it would be best if we hosted the GSQA Meeting for January 2027. We could then pick the venue, and the class would be held there. The Guild voted to take a class from Ms. Hahn and to host the GSQA January 2027 Meeting.

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.

### GSQA – Pursuit of Excellence (POE) Saturday May 16, 2026 Paula Matthews - Teacher

Class size 20 (2 members for each of 10 Guilds). BOQG will host at the Kiln Library on Saturday – May 16th. The two from our Guild who attend will teach the Guild members later. Attendees must belong to GSQA. Rebecca and Therese volunteered.

### 2027 Quilt Show

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

Venessa has a list of open Quilt Show jobs for which she needs volunteers. Martha S and Marsha R volunteered to run the Quilt Show Boutique. Thank you, Martha and Marsha!

The BOQG Quilt Show will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – a Friday and Saturday. The venue will be decided soon. It is usually held at: St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Holy Spirit Center, 301 South Necaize Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS.

## 2027 Opportunity Quilt

Kay G purchased material for the Opportunity quilt, made block kits, finished the center Mariner's Compass that she designed, and got some completed blocks back. The block colors come from hues of the colors in the Compass.

All finished blocks had to be handed into a Board member at the March 10, 2026, Business Meeting. Since the Guild wants to display and sell tickets at the July 2026 GSQA Meeting, the quilt needs to be constructed and quilted as soon as possible.

Venessa S previously stressed the need for a volunteer to sign up for the Ticket Sales and Ticket & Money Keeper positions as soon as possible since the Opportunity Quilt's first outing will be at the July 2026 GSQA Meeting.

Guild members will make suggestions and vote on the quilt's name after it is completed. The theme for the 2027 Quilt Show will then be established.

### Charity Donation Chairperson

Louise H is the Charity Donation Chairperson for our Guild. **Louise will be out for about a month due to shoulder surgery.**

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.**

Louise stated she will keep an itemized list of donations going forward so the Guild can see what we collectively donate and to what organizations.

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

Louise said she would check with more schools for a need for fidget quilts.

## February Program Meeting Charity Sew February 24, 2026

Louise H's Charity Sew was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 1 pm at the Kiln Library. Sixteen Guild members attended. About 13 Jelly Roll Strip/Lasagna quilts were either completed or mostly done to eventually be donated to CASA. Thank you to all who came to the Charity Sew!



Everyone at Work

### Step #2 - Sewing Strips End to End



Sewing Strips End to End

Checking Sewn Strips



How Long Do I Have to Make This?



Sewing Strips in Layers



Ironing Before Sewing the Strips into a Quilt Top



Sew, Then Cut Lengths



Cut Length, Then Sew

**Step #2 - Sewing Strips in Layers to Make Quilt Top**



Sewing Strips in Layers



This is How Many Quilt Tops?

### Step #3 - Finished Quilt Tops

#### Finished with Border



#### Finished without Border



### Abbey Retreat March 10-13, 2026 Michele M

Twenty people (8 members) attended The Abbey Retreat. Much work and fun was had by all!

### March Program Meeting Bring Your Favorite Quilting Tool or Book to Discuss Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Eighteen members attended the March Program Meeting which was a Show & Tell for members' favorite quilting tools and books. Tools members liked were books, seam rippers, scissors, map weights, rulers, and needle minders. Some were homemade and at least one item was repurposed.



Makes Fingers Sticky



Chain Piecing Thread Cutter



Fiskars Ruler



Scant Trimmer

Debra L will send out a document on items presented at the Meeting to Guild members soon.

Many Guild members missed the March 10, 2026, Business Meeting because they were at the Abbey Retreat. Therefore, the **March Brown Bag Swap - Luggage Tags and the April Brown Bag Swap - Coasters introduction - took place at the March 24, 2026, Program Meeting.**

### **April Program Meeting** **QUILT-O** **Thursday, April 23, 2026**

The April Program Meeting will be held on **Thursday**, April 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm Kiln Library Meeting Room. The April Program Meeting will be a game of Quilt-O. Quilt-O (a quilt-related version of bingo) is played with a buy-in of one 2 1/2" x WOF strip per card. Marsha R's husband will call the game. There will be a max of four cards per person per game, with a max of five games. So participants should bring (20) 2 1/2" WOF strips of good quality fabric and their own markers (buttons, beans, etc). Kay G has 100 QUILT-O cards.

### **GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction** **June 20, 2026**

The GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction will be held on June 20, 2026, at Pinewood Plantation Country Club, 405 Country Club Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458. The Guild will provide 1 basket for the luncheon/auction. Ida M donated a basket. Marsha R volunteered to organize the basket for the Guild. Since the theme for the GSQA Meeting is black and white, our Guild members will donate 2 black and white fat quarters for the basket. Give fat quarters to Marsha. Therese S has left over fat quarter roses to give out to attendees.

### **GSQA Quilt Show** **June 26-27, 20236**

The GSQA Quilt Show is June 26-27, 2026, at the Harbor Center in Slidell. **Entry registration per quilt is \$15 for GSQA members and \$20 for non-members;** a photograph of the completed quilt top must accompany each registration. **Quilters need to have their quilt registrations in by the end of March.**

### **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.

Therese will collect money at our March, April, and May Business Meetings. The deposit is due in June, 2026. **The regularly scheduled August Business Meeting will be held at Beckwith on August 13th.**

### **Membership**

Marsha R reports that 2026 Membership fees (\$15) are now due. She will be available at the meetings or members can mail them to her. The Membership Application is on the Guild's website. Dues should have been remitted by the March Business Meeting (March 10th) to remain in good standing. **Marsha reports that 35 members have renewed their memberships for 2026.**

### **BOQG Website Update**

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 Minutes, Newsletters, Sew'N Draw documents and Program Meeting documents are updated. A page has been added on the 2027 Opportunity Quilt.

## 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 at the **March 10, 2026, Business Meeting**.

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 2025 Christmas party. The UFO Prize for the year was won by **Ida M**.

## Got News?

Email us at [bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com](mailto:bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com)  
online at <https://bayoaksquiltguild.com>

**PLEASE NOTE** – The Library has reassigned us to **Tuesday Meetings** for the month of **February, March, and half of April** due to Tax Season.

## Important Dates

### Shop Hoppin in The Sip

March 1st - 31st, 2026

Pick up a Passport at Participating Shops  
<https://mississippishophop.com/>

### April Board Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026, at **9:30 am**

### April Business Meeting

**Tuesday**, April 14, 2026, at 1:00 pm

## April Program Meeting

**Thursday**, April 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Kiln Library Meeting Room  
QUILT-O

## May Program Meeting

May 28, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Kiln Library Meeting Room  
Stained Glass Quilting  
Sue R

## GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction

June 20, 2026  
Pinewood Plantation Country Club,  
405 Country Club Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458

## June Program Meeting

June 25, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Portrait Class  
Pearl Squires

## GSQA Quilt Show

June 26-27, 2026  
Harbor Center  
100 Harbor Center Blvd, Slidell, LA 70461

## July Program Meeting

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

## Beckwith Retreat

August 13-16, 2026  
Foley AL  
Therese S

## August Business Meeting

**August 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm**  
**At Beckwith Retreat**

## August Program Meeting

August 27, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Border Techniques  
Michele M

## September Program Meeting

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

## October Program Meeting

October 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm

Table Runner

Marsha R

## Show and Tell

### February 24th Program Meeting



Sunset in the South  
Sue Chamberlain



Chandelier and Beads  
Ida Macuick



Mystery Quilt Block Step #1 Block  
Sue Chamberlain & Rebecca Pearson

### March 10th Business Meeting



CASA Donation Quilt Tops With Borders  
Callie Brown Sue Chamberlain



CASA Donation Quilts  
Rebecca Pearson & Marsha Robertson



Cathedral Window Pillow Sham  
Marsha Robertson



Scrappy 16 Patch  
Marsha Robertson



One Block Wonder  
Marsha Robertson



Scrappy Stars - Front  
Marsha Robertson



Scrappy Stars - Back  
Marsha Robertson



No Name Quilt  
Katherine Ross



Fruit Tree  
Sue Rountree