



Bay Oaks Newsletter

January 2026

January Business Meeting

The January Business Meeting was held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Kiln Library. There were 23 members in attendance, with 2 visitors.

Present 2026-2027 Board & Appointed Staff

President – Sue C

Vice President – Therese S

Treasurer – Liz F

Secretary – Martha S

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster/Historian – Debra L

Charity Quilts Chairman – Louise H

Membership/Hospitality Chairman – Marsha R

Quilt Show Chairman - Venessa S

Sew 'N Draw – Michele M

UFO's – Susie V

Retreats – Therese S, Michele M

April H and Jill W are the **Audit Committee for fiscal year 2025 to be done after the December statement is received by mid-January 2026.**

Program Evaluation Forms

Therese S distributed evaluation forms to members concerning their requests of the types of programs they would be interested in for 2026. Members were interested in learning Origami in fabric, decorative borders and having outside teachers come in.

Martha S volunteered to teach Origami quilting and Michele M volunteered to teach Decorative Borders. Dates and times to be announced.

Library Christmas Tree Contest

The Guild participated in the Library Christmas Tree contest. Members turned in their homemade ornaments at the November Business Meeting. The trees were recently undecorated. Ornaments were put out for members to take back at the Meeting. Unclaimed ornaments will be sold in the boutique at the 2027 Quilt Show.

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. Nine members participated!



Ida requested that different 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:

February – Pam B - Microwave Bowl Cozies

March – Sharon B – Luggage Tag

April – Jill W – Coasters

May – Susan L – Pot Holders

June – Michele M – Table Runner

July – Debra L – Bookmark

August –
September – Liz F – Zip bag/coin purse
October –
November –
December – Anything of your choice

February Brown Bag Monthly Swap

Pam B showed members her microwave bowl cozies as February's Brown Bag Swap.



Example:

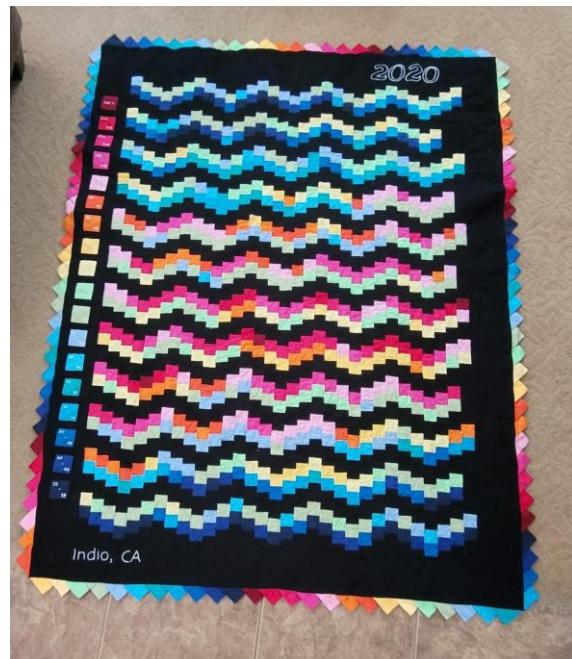


Sharon B's Cozy

Other Monthly "Challenges"

Temperature Quilt Challenge – Therese S

Therese presented to the Guild for doing a Temperature for a year. A member could pick a year or a location that has meaning to them instead of 2026.



Temperature Quilt Example

Mystery Quilt – Therese S

Therese will contact someone she knows in Ocean Springs who makes these and will have kits for February.

GSQA Circuit Teacher & Outside Teachers

Therese S put forth to the Guild to have Cena Harmon on a Saturday to teach Fauxello quilting. The Guild voted to have her teach the class. Therese will arrange.



Fauxello Quilt Example



Fauxello Quilt Example

Kay G told the Guild that 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 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. We last hosted GSQA at the First Methodist Church in Long Beach. The Guild voted to take a class from Ms. Hahn and to host the GSQA January 2027 Meeting. Therese S will contact First Methodist for the 1/18/2027 – 1/23/2027 dates for the venue.

2027 Quilt Show

Venessa S agreed to take the position of 2027 Quilt Show Chairman. Thank you, Venessa!

Venessa introduced herself and had a list of Quilt Show jobs that she wanted members to sign up for. She asked Barbara Lyons to be Co-Chairman. The Quilt Show will be held May 7th and 8th – a Friday & Saturday. The venue will be decided soon. It is usually held at: St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Holy Spirit Center, 301 South Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS.

2027 Opportunity Quilt

Kay G is set to purchase material for the quilt. She has all the patterns and will make kits once she has the fabric. The kits will include instructions and all materials to complete the block. The quilt will get a name when it is finished. Guild members will then make suggestions and vote on the quilt's name. The theme for the 2027 Quilt Show will then be established.

The final pattern design for the 2027 Opportunity Quilt is going to be a Sampler Quilt with a Mariner's Compass.

Kay G says that the quilt's colors will change depending on the fabrics available for purchase.

Charity Donation Chairperson

Louise H, is the Charity Donation Chairperson for our Guild.

Kennel pads for the Friends of the Animal Shelter, **should be washable**, measuring 24 inches by 24 inches or 24 inches by 48 inches for the cages. Kay G

delivered 12 kennel pads to Friends of the Animal Shelter in December. Thank you, Kay!

Fidget Quilts - Please note all materials must be washable.

The Kiln library has a support group that meets at the library and asks if the Guild could donate more fidget quilts to them. Four fidget quilts were donated previously. Hancock Elementary School and Waveland Elementary are also in need of fidget quilts.

CASA Donations - Louise and the Guild Board want to keep donating quilts for children that CASA on the Coast supports. CASA needs quilts made in children appropriate sizes. Louise, Sharon, and Liz delivered 11 quilts in November. They also delivered 1 quilt (donated by Sue C) and a bag of 11 pillowcases to CASA in December.

Pillowcases for Dunbar Village -

Louise H, Sharon B and Liz F delivered 72 pillowcases to Dunbar Village in December.

Thank you to all the members who made these items to be donated and used for very good causes!

Members can continue to sew the various items and turn them in at a meeting or to another Guild member for future donation purposes.

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

Louise has arranged for a Charity Sew to be the Program Meeting for February. It will be held on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 1 pm at the Kiln Library**. Jelly Roll Strip quilts will be made using 30 strips to be donated to CASA. The Kiln Library moved the Guild's meetings to Tuesdays for February, March, and the first half of April due to Tax season.



Strip Quilt Example

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. Please remit the fee by the March Business Meeting (March 10th) to remain in good standing. Marsha reports that 25 members have renewed their memberships for 2026 so far.

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 bayoakssquiltguild.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

Since some members do not respond to the electronic birthday wishes being sent, it was decided that the Guild would buy cards and mail them to the membership. Marsha R is the new Hospitality Chairperson for 2026.

UFOs (Unfinished Objects)

UFOs are projects already started. Member UFO lists will be due to Susie V at the March 10, 2026, Business Meeting. She had UFO List forms available at the January 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.**

Charm Square Swap

Therese S returned 14 sets of Low Volume Squares to members participating in the swap at the November Business Meeting. For our 2027 Quilt Show it was discussed to have a Low Volume Challenge section whereas any member can participate and present their quilt in the 2027 show and win a prize.

January Program Meeting White Elephant Sale January 22, 2026

The White Elephant Sale will be held at 1 pm on January 22, 2026, at the Kiln library. Therese S reported that 4 quilt tops were received from a family donating their grandmother's unfinished projects and that they will be on the Guild table at the White Elephant Program Meeting. Each member can also bring items they wish to sell and suggests that each member donate an item for the Guild table, of which the proceeds from that table go to the Guild. White Elephant items offered by members can be books, patterns, fabric, unfinished projects, orphan blocks, etc. So far Therese believes there will be 6 or 7 members selling items.

Got News?

Email us at bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com
online at www.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

January Program Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Kiln Library Meeting Room
White Elephant Sale

February Board Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2026, at **9:30 am**
Debra L's House

Sew'N Draw

Saturday, February 7, 2026
9 am - 3 pm
Kiln Library Meeting Room
Pattern to be Announced

February Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 1:00 pm
February Monthly Brown Bag Swap Due -
Microwave Cozies
Lunch Before Meeting - 11:30 am
MeMe's 17330 MS-603, Kiln, MS 39556

February Program Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Kiln Library Meeting Room
Charity Sew
Jelly Roll 30 Strip Quilts for CASA

Shop Hoppin in The Sip

March 1st - 31st, 2026
Info to Follow

May Program Meeting

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

July Program Meeting

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

September Program Meeting

September 24, 2026, at 1:00 pm
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October Program Meeting

October 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Table Runner



Baby Quilt for Great Grand Daughter

Show and Tell



Quilt for Her Husband



Honey Bee Quilt



2 ½ Inch Square Quilt



Rainbow Colored Quilt



Diagonal Zipper Bag Collection



The Medallion Quilt



String Quilt
Barbara L Quilted
Mom Made Quilt Top



Baby Quilt in Progress



Unnamed Quilt With Fan Quilting



Christmas Embroidery Wall Hangings



GSQA Challenge - 20 inch Square Block



Donation Backpacks for Children



Good Night Star
Free Motion Quilting