



# Bay Oaks Newsletter

November 2025

## November Business Meeting

The November Business Meeting was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1:05 pm at the Kiln Library with 23 members and one guest present.

## 2026-2027 Board Election Process

**Martha S volunteered to be Guild Secretary for 2026.** This completes the list of officers for the 2026 Board. A Motion was made by Debra L and seconded by Ida M to hold the elections in November rather than December so that the Guild would be able to change signature cards in December prior to the meeting in January with the new Board. As there were no contenders for any positions, the motion carried. The new Board for 2026 was unanimously elected.

President – Sue C  
Vice President – Therese S  
Secretary – Martha S  
Treasurer – Liz F  
Webmaster / Historian – Debra L  
Charity Quilts – Louise H  
Membership/Hospitality Chairman–Marsha R  
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.**

Sharon B stated that she added an addendum to the Treasurer audit to read that the audit should be done by the Business meeting in February following the receipt of the bank statement in mid-January, as the January 31<sup>st</sup> date does not allow enough time.

There was a discussion about the Vice President position splitting some of the duties of creating challenges so the vice president would not be trying to come up with monthly challenges while working on yearly challenges.

Ida M presented an idea for doing a volunteer monthly challenge where each month those wishing to participate will make a small project for that month and bring it in a bag where no one can see it and you will draw a number and receive someone else's. She requested that different Guild members present the project for their month, that they signed up for, at the month prior. Approximately 8 months were spoken for by members. August, October, November, and December remain to be taken. Ida took January where the project will be a mug rug, and she showed members some examples.

## January Monthly Challenge Mug Rugs



## Beckwith Retreat Discussion

**Beckwith Retreat** - The members voted via an email poll (10 Beckwith, 9 Abbey). whether to return to Beckwith for the August 2026 retreat. After much discussion (noting that a non-member voted), it was decided to return to Beckwith. The Board had recommended that the guild not pay the required deposits but to gather it from those attending in case of forfeiture. Martha S made the motion for the Guild to pay the deposit(s) as usual. Therese S seconded the motion. A vote was put forth and there were 13 for and 5 against with some members not voting. If for any reason there is a possibility of not achieving the desired number of 20 for the retreat, the Guild decided to deal with it at that time, if it ever arose.

## Submissions for Charity Donations from 2025 Quilt Show Proceeds

A total of 4 requests were made for the charity donations, 2 received in October and 2 at the November meeting, which is the deadline. The four charities are: Slidell Ladies of Liberty, Friends of the Animal Shelter (Hancock County), The Bay Ratz (drum corps), and COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association).

The Board presented the idea that instead of splitting the entire amount to be donated to each charity into two payments (one each year) that it could be made in one payment and thus the year-to-date balance of funds would be exact.

Members instead decided to still distribute over two years as there may be different charities submitted next year that were not submitted this year. The paperwork would have to be filled out for a donation each year regardless if that charity received a prior donation or not.

The Guild had half of the quilt show proceeds equaling \$1,980.00, and Rochelle M, stepped forward to contribute \$20.00 to equal a total of \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00 for each year, thus \$250.00 per charity this year. What charities will receive the other half of the funds will be determined next year and the proper application will have to be submitted.

## 2027 Quilt Show

**The Guild needs a volunteer to be the Chairperson of the 2027 Quilt Show!!**

Kay G previewed the 2027 Opportunity Quilt Design and passed the design for all to view. It is a medallion design surrounded by blocks with coastal themes. Kay is hoping to buy fabric in December and have kits created to distribute to members hopefully by January as the quilt needs to be done before the GSQA July Meeting for the first display to purchase tickets. Many, many, thanks to Kay for her time and talent! We will have more updates as the quilting progresses.

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, as the Charity Donation Chairperson for our Guild, has volunteered to stay on in her position for 2026. Thank you, Louise!

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.

The Kiln library has a support group that meets at the library and asks if the Guild could donate more fidget quilts to them. **Please note all materials must be washable.** The rest of the fidget quilts will go to Hancock Elementary School.

Louise and the Guild Board want to donate quilts for children that CASA on the Coast supports. CASA needs quilts made in children appropriate sizes.

Eleven quilts were donated to CASA. Bonnie D donated 6, Sue C 1, and a fellow church member of Debra L's donated 4 tops that were finished by Liz F. All the quilts were brought to CASA after the Business Meeting.



Sharon B previously mentioned that a good project would be to make pillowcases for residents of Dunbar Village possibly for Christmas. Sharon found out that Dunbar Village has 67 residents.

Jill W and Pam B secured a donation of 40 pillowcases from their employer, Original Sewing & Quilting, which should meet the goal of 60-70 with what the Guild has already. Approximately a third of the pillowcases should be for men. It was decided the Guild would provide candy canes to attach to the folded pillowcases with ribbon at the Guild Christmas Party where members can "wrap" them. Sharon B will donate candy canes and Liz F has the ribbon. Thank you, Sharon & Liz!

Members can continue to sew the various items and turn them in at a meeting or sooner to another Guild member if possible.

Marsha R ordered quilt labels for Charity quilts.

## Membership

Florence P stated for Sherrie Q our membership was at 48 paid members and one honorary member. Sherrie will step down from this position in January. Marsha R volunteered to take over Membership for 2026. Thank you, Marsha!

## 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. Some webpages have been modified. Guild Minutes, Newsletters, Sew'N Draw documents and Program Meeting documents are updated.

## 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 volunteered to take this task over from Judy F as Hospitality Chairperson as Marsha will be the new 2026 Membership Chairman and will have all the addresses. Thank you, Marsha, for doing these two positions for the Guild! Thank you, Judy, for serving the Guild as Hospitality Chairperson over the past few years!

## UFOs (Unfinished Objects)

UFOs are projects already started. 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, April H 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. April will step down from this position in January. Susie V has volunteered to take over for April in 2026 to keep track of the Guild's UFOs. Thank you, Susie!



## Librarian Quilts

There are 4 quilts to be given to the librarians (3 full-time and 1 part-time) for Christmas during the Guild's Christmas party. One quilt came in from Sue C, one from Florence P, and one from Therese S/Kay G. Gloria B donated a quilt top that Bonnie D quilted and finished. The total number of quilts was 5 from which to choose. The quilt not chosen will go to CASA.

One quilt had a few members work on - one donated fabric, one started it, one added blocks, one added borders, one quilted it, and one finished the binding - a group effort!!!

## Charm Square Swap

Therese S returned 14 sets of Low Volume Squares to members participating in the swap. 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.

## Sew'N Draw

Sew'N Draw was held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the Kiln Library at 1:00 pm. Fourteen members completed a quilt top from a free pattern by Donna Jordan named Beads. Michele M wanted to work in winter colors. Since the pattern is free, members were emailed copies. Sue C won the finished quilt top.



A Little Supervision



Are You Sure You Are Doing it Right?



Just Sewing Away



Finished Quilt Top

## Library Christmas Tree

We will once again participate in the decorated Christmas Tree contest. Ten members turned in their homemade ornaments for the Guild Christmas Tree and Sharon B won the participation prize. The tree will be decorated on November 20th (Thursday) 2:00 pm at the Kiln library. Therese Springer, Martha Slee, Liz Ferrell, and Sharon Barnes volunteered to set it up.



Ornaments From Ten Members



Admiring The Ornaments

## Christmas Party & Business Meeting December 11, 2025, at 11:30 am

The Christmas Party luncheon will be catered. The caterer for the party includes the plates and dinnerware, and we will need to provide cups, possibly napkins also. Susie V will donate tablecloths, Michele M will bring lemonade, Sharon B will bring Tea, Florence P will bring cups and decorations (Therese S also has decorations), while Chris J will bring Ice. Members may still be able to bring desserts if they wish.

Dirty Santa items should be handmade and at a minimum cost at least \$20.00. Items could be purchased from craft fairs and do not have to be quilted.

The door prize for the month of December will be a free 1 year membership. **A member must attend the December Business Meeting to be eligible to win.**

## January Program Meeting White Elephant Sale January 22, 2026

The Guild was contacted by a family wishing to donate their relative's unfinished projects etc. Therese Springer suggested this might be good for the white elephant sale. Each member can also bring items they wish to sell and suggested that each member donate an item for the Guild table, of which the proceeds from that table go to the Guild.

## Got News?

Email us at [bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com](mailto:bayoaksquiltguild.ms@gmail.com)  
online at [www.bayoaksquiltguild.com](http://www.bayoaksquiltguild.com)

## Important Dates

### December Board Meeting

December 3, 2025, at 2:00 pm

### December Christmas Party

December 11, 2025, at 11:30 am  
Kiln Library Meeting Room



## December Business Meeting

December 11, 2025, at 1:00 pm

During Christmas Party

## January New & Old Board Meeting

Date, Time, Location TBA

## January Business Meeting

January 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm

January Monthly Challenge Due - Mug Rug

Lunch Before Meeting - TBA

## January Program Meeting

January 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm

White Elephant Sale

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

## Shop Hoppin in The Sip

March 1st - 31st, 2026

Info to Follow

## Show and Tell



Charity Quilt #1



Charity Quilt #2



Charity Quilt #3



Charity Quilt #4



Charity Quilt #5



Child Charity Quilt #1



Child Charity Quilt #2



Child Charity Quilt #3



Child Charity Quilt #4



## Bonnie's Charity Quilts



Charity Quilt #1



Charity Quilt #2



Bee Comfy, Bee Cozy Quilt & Bag



Charity Quilt #3



Charity Quilt #4



Hugh B's Quilt



Charity Quilt #5



Charity Quilt #6

Thank you members who donated the fabric, batting, unfinished quilt tops, finished the quilt tops, quilted, and put bindings on as the final step in making all these Charity Quilts!!!



Zipper Bags





Halloween Quilt



Flowers for my Niece



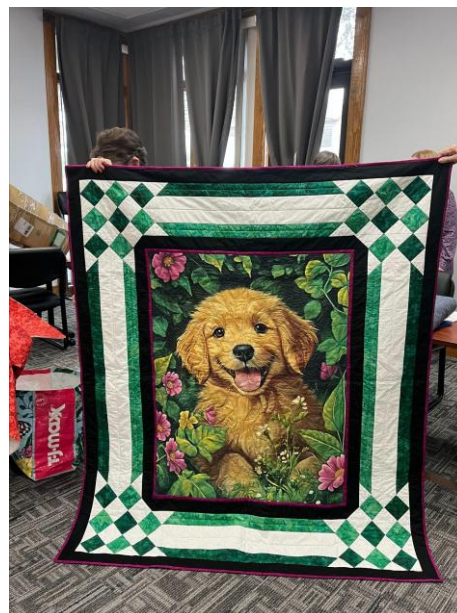
David's T-Shirt Quilt



Lotto Win - Appliqued Trees



Zipper Bag  
10 2025 Program Meeting



Puppy Love





Red Rain Boots



Sewing For a Cause Vests



4 Patch and HSTs



Sewing For a Cause