



Bay Oaks Newsletter

October 2025

October Business Meeting

The October Business Meeting was held on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 1:11 pm at the Kiln Library with 17 members present.

2026-2027 Board Election Process

The Guild needs to elect a member for the **Guild Secretary position**. The Guild also needs a volunteer to be the **Chairperson of the 2027 Quilt Show**. All other positions are filled for 2026. Thank you to all who volunteered to be on the 2026 Board and appointed positions.

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.

Changing the Guild's By-Laws

Florence P led a discussion on changing the By-Laws to allow staggered 2-year terms so that the Guild would not need a whole new Board every year. This was prompted by a letter sent to the Board by Marsha R. The letter was e-mailed out to Guild Members to read. There was a lively discussion among the members present.

By-Laws may be amended by complying with the following procedures:

1. Presenting proposed change(s) in writing to the Executive Board
2. The Board will then present the proposed change(s) to the members at the next business meeting and via the newsletter one month prior to a final vote.
3. Proposed change(s) will be voted on at the next business meeting. To be approved the change(s) must be passed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

Marsha's letter fulfills Step 1. The Board presented a discussion of Marsha's letter before the members at the September Business meeting. Debra L emailed Marsha's letter to Guild members right after the September Business Meeting. This fulfills part of Step 2.

This discussion will continue. After much discussion it was determined that the Board should come up with a specifically worded proposal that is clear to all members and then put it to a vote.

Beckwith Retreat Discussion

Florence P led a discussion on whether to book Beckwith for next year since Beckwith wanted a deposit in September.

Susie V Checked an Episcopal retreat center, and it was over \$600.00.

Michele M checked with the Abbey and found the guild could book Oct 6-9, 2026. No pre-deposit with a rate of \$492.00 per person for private rooms with bathrooms and meals included. An option is not doing the lodging which would then be \$75.00 per day with meals included. Limited to 20 people and if 20 don't show the Guild can cover with other people or pay the difference.

Liz F was asked to email all info on both retreats to Guild members and the Board requested that the email specifies that each member respond before the program meeting scheduled on October 23rd.

Submissions for Charity Donations from 2025 Quilt Show Proceeds

Florence P told members that the 2025 Quilt Show had a modest profit. Half of that profit is always donated to charitable organizations over the next two years. The last two organizations were the Friends of the Animal Shelter and the Ladies of

Liberty. The organizations can be outside of Hancock County. Case in point – The Ladies of Liberty are in Louisiana.

Members had questions on the 501c3 status of the organizations they had in mind. Florence and Sharon B told members that each suggestion would be evaluated on its own merits, i.e., past donations have gone to school bands – which do not have 501c3 designations. All forms to be reviewed are due at the November Business Meeting so the Guild can make the selections.

2027 Quilt Show

Florence P asked members previously to think about:

1. A theme for the next quilt show which is based on the Opportunity Quilt.
2. **The Guild needs a volunteer to be the Chairperson of the 2027 Quilt Show.**
3. Kay G has graciously volunteered to take charge of orchestrating the design of the 2027 Opportunity Quilt. Liz F and Debra L will assist Kay in this project.
4. When will the 2027 Opportunity Quilt be finished - By July of 2026?

The pattern 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 and, several of the blocks will change as well. Kay plans to schedule a committee meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the quilt colors and pin down the block patterns.

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. Therese S read a wonderful thank you note from the library staff for the donated fidget quilts to the Guild members at the October Business Meeting. **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.

Members can make quilts to donate to the hurricane relief in North Carolina. The Guild purchased batting for these quilts. They can be throw size or larger and there is no deadline for turning them in. Each quilt will need a Bay Oaks Quilt Guild label. There are two different places we can send them: 5 Little Monkeys Quilt & Sew in Weaverville, NC, and Sharon Barnes has contact information through an organization: Rice and Beans.

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. Two-thirds are women and one-third are men.

October 4, 2025, Charity Sew Meeting

The October Charity Sew Meeting was held on October 4th at the Kiln Library from 9 am to 2 pm with 5 members present. Other members worked from home. Louise H set this Meeting up to work on

fidget quilts for schools, kennel pads for the Friends of the Animal Shelter, and burrito pillowcases for Dunbar Village.

The Guild determined with the pillowcases that members sewed at home that we are about halfway towards our goal of 67. Susie V asked if a decorated pillowcase was acceptable. It is if it is washable.

Kay G finished eight 24 inch by 24 inch kennel pad quilts, Liz F finished five burrito pillowcases, and Therese S finished one and half fidget quilts and 2 donation quilt tops.

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 is to check on ordering more Guild labels for the quilts.

Kennel Pad Quilts



Sewing Inside Out



Sewing Around Outside



Before Quilting



Free Form Quilting

Burrito Pillowcases



Sewing the Burrito



Sewing Outside Seams



Finished!

Fidget Quilts



Sewing Squares



Sewing Front & Back

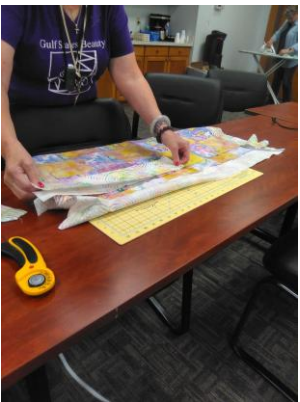


Finished Quilt Top



Completed Fidget Quilt

Quilt Top With Mitered Corners



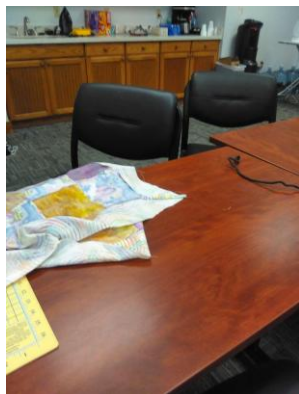
Miter Corner Setup



Cutting Miter Corner



Miter Corner Cut



Back of Miter Corner



Someone Catching Me, Catching You

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!

The Guild expressed its appreciation to Judy F for the generous donation of approximately 150 fat quarters for the GSQA fat quarter rose favors for the meeting held in July with a gift card presented to her by Therese S.

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. Suzie V has volunteered to take over for April in 2026 to keep track of the Guild's UFOs. Thank you, Susie!

September Program Meeting

The September Program Meeting was held on September 25th at the Kiln Library at 1 pm. April H led a Landscape Quilting Class. There were 4 participants including 1 guest, and 3 observers.



April H - Teacher

April's Work





Teaching and Discussion



Working Away



Which Piece Now?



Almost There!



Choosing Fabrics



Almost Finished



Helping Along the Way

October Program Meeting

The October Program Meeting will be held by Liz F on October 23rd at the Kiln Library at 1 pm. Liz will present the Diagonal Zip Bag, commonly known as a Hemingway Bag. A materials list was emailed to members.



Diagonal Zip Bag

Librarian Quilts

There are 4 quilts to be donated to the librarians by the November Business Mtg. 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 graciously volunteered to quilt it, and she finished it as well. Michele Ma and Susie V both stated they would donate quilts which would bring the total number of quilts to 6. All quilts need to be finished and brought to the November Business Meeting. Four quilts will be chosen from all the quilts to be given to the librarians in December.

Charm Square Swap

Charm squares were due to Therese S at the October business meeting to be redistributed at the November meeting. It was discussed to create a challenge next year using the swapped charm squares and thus having a section for these at the 2027 quilt show. It was noted that members did not have to participate in the charm square swap to participate in the low volume challenge as they may have their own collection of low volume squares to use.

Sew 'N Draw

Sew 'N Draw will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the Kiln Library at 1:00 pm. The members will be working on a free pattern by Donna Jordan named **Beads**. Michele M wants to work in winter colors.



Library Christmas Tree

We will once again participate in the decorated Christmas Tree contest.

Several sample ornaments made by a few members included: A folded Christmas Tree, similar to a folded napkin tree but on a smaller scale, multifabric strip cutouts, mini quilt blocks, mini rope coaster resembling a peppermint candy, and an ornament made with 6 yo-yo's with a jingle bell attached. These were passed around and Martha S challenged each member to come up with an ornament (or 2, or 3) to decorate our tree. It would be nice to have a variety to show what we do. Bring the ornaments to the November business meeting as the tree gets decorated by the end of November.





Christmas Party

The Christmas Party luncheon was discussed with Martha S providing a cost of \$480.00 for it to be catered by a local company. Since there are some with food allergies Martha will check on a revised menu that is good for everyone. There were some objections to the caterer providing dessert, but it was also mentioned that members may still be able to bring desserts if they wish. Martha will check to see if there is any price difference. We will still need paper goods and beverages. The quotes from both Rouses and Claiborne Hill consisted of just their price sheets and none of it was set up or delivered so hence the decision was to go with the caterer.

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.

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Important Dates

Mississippi's Gulf Coast's Quilt Shop Hop

October 6th-18th, 2025

Info to Follow

October Program Meeting

October 23, 2025, at 1:00 pm

Diagonal Zip Bag

Commonly Known as a Hemingway Bag

Liz F

November Board Meeting

November 5, 2025, at 2:00 pm

November Business Meeting

November 13, 2025, at 1:00 pm

Lunch at 11:30 am

MeMe's Family Restaurant & Bar

17330 MS-603, Kiln, MS 39556

(228) 493-6266

Sew 'N Draw

November 15, 2025, at 9:00 am

Donna Jordan Beads Pattern

Michele M

Shop Hoppin in The Sip

March 1st - 31st, 2026

Info to Follow

Show and Tell



Melon Patch Guild Opportunity Quilt
Winner



Parrots on the Mango Tree Quilt Tote Bag



Parrots on the Mango Tree For My Sister



Parrots on the Mango Tree For Me



Chinese Lanterns



English Paper Piecing Needlecase
06 2025 Program Meeting
Paper Piecing



Landscape Wall Hanging
07 23 2025 Program Meeting
Landscape Quilting



Musical Notes Finished



Stained Glass Wall Hanging



Freedom Banner



Pinecone Pillow
07 19 2025 GSQA Meeting