



Bay Oaks Newsletter

December 2025

December Business Meeting

The November Business Meeting was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 11:41 am at the Kiln Library with 19 members and no guests or new members present. Before the Meeting got under way, members enjoyed their Christmas Party meal that was catered. Following the Meeting adjournment, a Dirty Santa gift swap was played followed by packaging donation pillowcases.

2026-2027 Board Election Process

The new Board for 2026 is:

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.**

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. The form can be emailed to members and turned into Therese Springer if they did not attend the December meeting

Submissions for Charity Donations from 2025 Quilt Show Proceeds

Checks were cut for each of the following charities for 2025: Slidell Ladies of Liberty, Friends of the

Animal Shelter (Hancock County), The Bay Ratz (drum corps), and COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association).

The Guild received a thank you card from Slidell Ladies of Liberty along with a Christmas Card. Therese S said she received a thank you card from Friends of the Animal Shelter and will bring it to the next meeting.

What charities will receive the other half of the Quilt Show funds will be determined next year. The proper applications will have to be submitted.



Presenting check to Ladies of Liberty

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 tree was decorated on November 20th (Thursday) at 2:00 pm at the Kiln library. Therese S, Martha S, Liz F, and Sharon B volunteered to set it up.



Admiring Work Done

2025 Guild Christmas Party

Members enjoyed a catered lunch of Chicken Alfredo Pasta, salad, breadsticks, and Bread pudding and several members brought extra desserts. Florence P, outgoing President, was presented with a \$50.00 check in appreciation for her commitment. The Door Prize for the month of December (a free year's membership) was won by Louise H, our Charity Chairperson.



Fun Was Had By All!

Librarian Quilts

Three Librarians were presented with quilts with the quilt for the fourth librarian who was not working that day sent with them. They were very appreciative!



All Three Librarians Together!!

2025 Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

Dirty Santa was played with 15 members participating and there was quite a variety of items: pin cushions, ceramics, table runners, bowls, bags, ornaments etc. It was fun to see what everyone received. Of course, there was some stealing!



First Owner



Thief! Thief!



Tote Bag



Diagonal Zipper Bag



Tote Bag



Rope Bowls

2026 Voluntary Monthly Swap

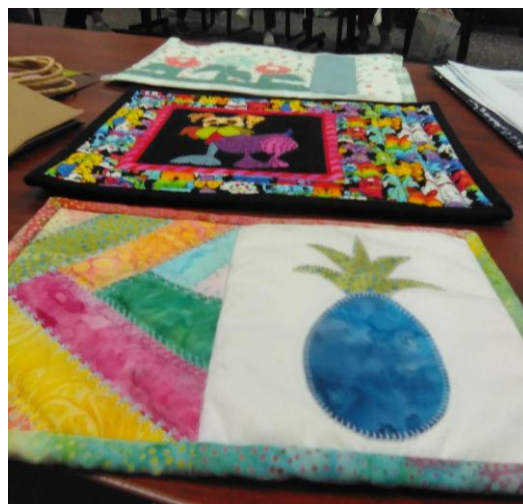
At the November Business Meeting, there was a discussion about the Vice President position splitting some of the duties of creating challenges so the vice president would not be trying to come up with monthly challenges while working on yearly challenges.

The Voluntary Monthly Swap will begin in January 2026. Each month members wishing to participate will make the small project for that month, bring it in a bag where no one can see it, and a participant will draw a number and receive someone else's project.

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:

January – Ida M – Mug Rug
 February – April H - TBD
 March – Sharon B – Luggage Tag
 April – Jill W – Coasters
 May – Susan L – Pot Holders
 June – Michele M – Table Runner
 July – Debbie L – Bookmark
 August –
 September – Liz F – Zip bag/coin purse
 October –
 November –
 December – Anything of your choice

January Voluntary Monthly Swap Mug Rugs



2027 Quilt Show

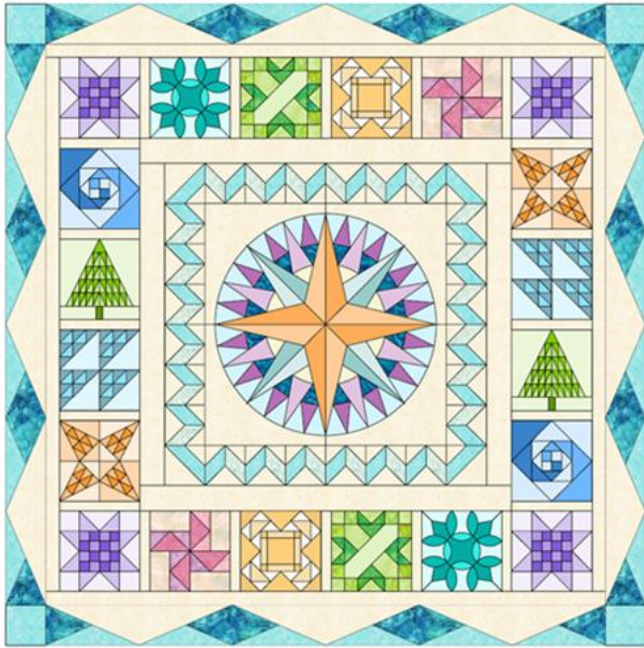
Sue C happily announced that **Venessa S** agreed to take the position of **2027 Quilt Show Chairman**. Many, many, thanks to Venessa!

2027 Opportunity Quilt

Kay G previewed at the November Business Meeting the 2027 Opportunity Quilt Design and passed the design for all to view. It is a medallion design surrounded by blocks with coastal themes. She will keep the Guild updated on the creation of the quilt from designing, buying fabric, and preparing kits.

Kay hopes to buy fabric at Coast Sew and Vac on January 13, 2026. She hopes to have kits created to distribute to members soon thereafter 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.

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. 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 also delivered 1 quilt (donated by Sue Chamberlain) and a bag of 11 pillowcases to CASA.



Presenting Quilt & Pillowcases to CASA

Pillowcases for Dunbar Village - 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. Sharon B and Liz F donated the candy canes and ribbon to attach to the pillowcases. Guild members "wrapped" them after the Christmas Party.



All Together Now - Wrap!!

Following the meeting, 72 pillowcases were presented to Dunbar Village.



Pillowcases Ready to be Delivered



Presenting Pillowcases to Dunbar Village

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

Christmas Food Pantry Donation - Canned goods and \$100.00 were collected for the Hancock County Food Pantry during the Christmas Party. Chris J will deliver the donation to them. Thank you, Chris!

Membership

Florence P stated for Sherrie Quin our membership was at 49 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. The UFO Prize for the year was won by **Ida M.** April stated there were over 70 projects completed from her UFO lists. Way to go everyone!

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

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

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 suggested 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.

Got News?

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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

Sew'N Draw

Pattern & Date To Be Announced

January Board Meeting
2025 & 2026 Board Members

Monday, January 5, 2026, at 11:00 am
Diamondhead Country Club

January Business Meeting

January 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm
January Monthly Swap Due - Mug Rug
Lunch Before Meeting - 11:30 am
Panola's Cafe
17130 MS-603, Kiln, MS 39556

January Program Meeting

January 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm
White Elephant Sale

Shop Hoppin in The Sip

March 1st - 31st, 2026
Info to Follow

June Program Meeting

June 25, 2026, at 1:00 pm
Stained Glass Quilting

July Program Meeting

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

October Program Meeting

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

Show and Tell



Merry Christmas Darling Chenille Quilt



Sew'N Draw - Set Sail



Daughter's Turning Twenty Quilt



Charity Quilt for CASA



Christmas Patchwork Quilt



Sweet Memories



Christmas Tree Quilt