



# Bay Oaks Newsletter

February 2026

## February Business Meeting

The February Business Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Kiln Library. There were 20 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. Twelve 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:

- 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

## March Brown Bag Monthly Swap

### Luggage Tags

Sharon B

Sharon B showed members several different examples of luggage tags and gave out a template at February's Brown Bag Swap.



Examples of Luggage Tags

Debra L e-mailed the information on the Luggage Tag and template that Sharon had in her e-mail to members. **The Luggage Tags will be due at the March 24, 2026, Program Meeting.**

<https://the-weekendquilter.com/blogs/blog/easy-quilted-luggage-tag-tutorial-using-fabric-scrap>

## Other Monthly “Challenges”

Mystery Quilt – Therese S

Martha S showed members the Step #1 Block for the mystery quilt for Therese. There will be 6 steps in all - a new step each month - the quilt will be 88 inches by 88 inches in size. Martha gave out the instructions. Debra L e-mailed out the instructions to members.



Mystery Quilt Step #1 Block Finished

### GSQA Circuit Teacher & Outside Teachers

Kay G reported that Cena Harmon's class limit on Fauxello quilting would be 10-12 attendees, and the cost would be \$20.00 per person. Ten members raised their hands to attend the class. Since the class would take more than 2 hours, it would have to be on a Saturday. Cena could schedule the class in April or May. Kay would coordinate with Therese S, Cena Harmon, and the Kiln library.



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. The Guild voted to take a class from Ms. Hahn and to host the GSQA January 2027 Meeting. Therese needs to secure the church (or wherever the meeting will be held) for Friday, January 22 and Saturday, January 23. 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.

### 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. The Quilt Show will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – 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 Necaize Avenue, Bay St. Louis, MS.



Fauxello Quilt Quilt

## 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. Venessa S took the last block kit for the quilt. The block colors come from hues of the colors in the Compass.

All finished blocks must 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 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.



Completed Blocks So Far



Mariner's Compass

## Charity Donation Chairperson

Louise H is the Charity Donation Chairperson for our Guild.

Louise received three fidget quilts from Gretchen F to be donated to Waveland Elementary. Ida M brought them to school. Thank you, Gretchen and Ida.



Donated Fidget Quilts



Waveland Elementary



Strip Quilt Example

**Fidget Quilts - Please note all materials must be washable.**

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 pillowcases, animal crate pads, quilts for CASA, and fidget quilts and turn them in at a meeting or to a Board 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.

### **February Program Meeting Charity Sew February 24, 2026**

Louise H's Charity Sew will be held on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 1 pm at the Kiln Library.** Jelly Roll Strip/Lasagna quilts will be made using 30 strips to be donated to CASA. Members should bring 30 to 40 strips 2-1/2-inch strips; strips should be 42 inches in length. Members will sew all the strips together end to end. Members could insert 2 1/2 inch squares in between the strips. Members should start with a 12-inch strip to offset seams as the quilt is constructed

### **Abbey Retreat, March 10-13, 2026**

Michele M told members that the cost of the 3 1/2 day Retreat is \$492.00 or \$75 daily rate (no overnight stay, three meals). Attendees must bring their projects and sewing/quilting equipment. She said that members pay at the Retreat.

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

The March Program Meeting will be a Show & Tell for members' favorite quilting tools and books. **Many Guild members will miss the March 10, 2026, Business Meeting because they will be at the Abbey Retreat. Therefore, the March Brown Bag Swap - Luggage Tags and the April Brown Bag Swap - Coasters introduction - will both take place at the March 24, 2026, Program Meeting.**

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

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 three 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.

## 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 28 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 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

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. Debra L e-mailed the 2026 UFO Form out again after the February 10th 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 was a success. The Guild raised \$175.00.

## Sew'N Draw February 7, 2026

Michele M held a Sew'N Draw on February 7, 2026, with 18 members attending. Michele won the Delectable Mountains quilt top. Finally!! Michele has booked the following Saturday dates at the Kiln library for the 2026 Sew'N Draws: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 17<sup>th</sup>. She still must pick out the patterns.





Everyone All Together!

## 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

### February Program Meeting

**Tuesday**, February 24, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Kiln Library Meeting Room  
Charity Sew - Louise H  
Jelly Roll/Lasagna 30 Strip Quilts for CASA

### Shop Hoppin in The Sip

March 1st - 31st, 2026  
Info to Follow

### March Board Meeting

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

### St. Joseph Abbey Retreat

March 10 - 13, 2026  
Covington, LA

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**Tuesday**, March 10, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Lunch Before Meeting - 11:30 am

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Kiln Library Meeting Room  
Bring Your Favorite Tool or Book  
**March Brown Bag Swap - Luggage Tags Due**  
**April Brown Bag Swap to be presented**

### 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

### July Program Meeting

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

### August Program Meeting

August 20, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Border Techniques  
Michele M

### September Program Meeting

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

### October Program Meeting

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

# Show and Tell



Pumpkin Patch Quilt



Grandpa's Dress Shirt Quilt  
For Grandchild



Bowl Cozy & Clam Bag for  
Christmas Presents



Grandpa's Dress Shirt Quilt  
For Grandchild



Christmas Table Runner



Basket of Roses Table Topper



Basketweave Quilt



Child's Donation Quilt #2 - a UFO



Denim Revival Challenge Poncho Front & Back



Low Volume Charm Square Challenge - a UFO



Child's Donation Quilt #1 - a UFO