



# Bay Oaks Newsletter

April 2026

## April Business Meeting

The April Business Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the Kiln Library. There were 23 members in attendance with 1 new member.

## 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.

The set of 4 coasters for the April Swap were due at the April 14, 2026, Business Meeting. Eight members participated in the April Swap!



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:

May – Susan L – Potholders

June – Michele M – Table Runner

July – Bookmarks – Debra L

August – Zipper Bags – Liz F

September – Baskets – ???

October – Hotpads – Ida M

November – Christmas Ornament - ???

December – no exchange because of Dirty Santa

## May Brown Bag Monthly Swap Potholders - Sharon B & Ida M for Susan L

Sharon and Ida presented their potholder designs for Susan at the April 14, 2026, Business Meeting.



Examples of Potholders

## Monthly Mystery Quilt

Therese S

Therese S showed members the Step #3 Block. There will be 6 steps in all - a new step each month – the quilt will be 88 inches by 88 inches in size. Therese gave out the instructions. Debra L e-mailed out the instructions to members.



Mystery Quilt Step #3 Dancing Stars Block  
**Make 8 Blocks**

## 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. **Martha S** and **Marsha R** volunteered to run the Quilt Show Boutique. Thank you, Martha and Marsha!

Venessa previously 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.

The BOQG Quilt Show will be held May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – a Friday and 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.

## 2027 Opportunity Quilt

**Marsha R** bought the quilt's backing material in a teal blue that matched the color in the MS Oak blocks. **Marsha** arranged for the quilt to be quilted. **Michele M** offered to help with the binding.



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.

## Charity Donation Chairperson

**Louise H** is the Charity Donation Chairperson for our Guild. **Louise will be out for about a month due to shoulder surgery.**

Members can continue to sew pillowcases, animal crate pads, quilts for CASA, and fidget quilts and turn them in at a meeting to a Board member for future donation purposes. **Please note all materials must be washable.**

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

The BOQG Board agreed that Guild members may make pillowcases for the Woodland Village Retirement Home in Diamondhead, MS for Christmas 2026. **It was suggested that they be generic as items are not always returned after laundering.**



March Program Mtg. - Quilts for CASA

## Membership

Marsha reports that there are now 43 members for 2026.

## 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, Program Meeting documents, and Mystery Quilt Parts are updated. A page has been added on the 2027 Opportunity Quilt.

## Hospitality Chairperson

It was decided that the Guild would buy cards and mail them to the membership. Marsha R is the Hospitality Chairperson for 2026.

## UFOs (Unfinished Objects)

UFOs are projects already started. Member UFO lists were due to Susie V. 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.

## Abbey Retreat March 10-13, 2026

Michele M

Twenty people (8 members) attended The Abbey Retreat. Much work and fun was had by all!

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

The April Program Meeting will be held on **Thursday**, April 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm Kiln Library Meeting Room. 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 four 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).

After the QUILT-O games, Marsha will do a demonstration on how to finish a quilt - layering, etc. to show members.

## GSQA – Pursuit of Excellence (POE) Saturday May 16, 2026 Paula Matthews - Teacher

Class size 20 (2 members for each of 10 Guilds). BOQG will host at the Kiln Library on Saturday – May 16th. The two from our Guild who attend will teach the Guild members later. Attendees must belong to GSQA. Rebecca P and Therese S volunteered.

## May Program Meeting Stain Glass Quilting Thursday, May 28, 2026

The May Program Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 1:00 pm Kiln Library Meeting Room. Sue R will be teaching a stained glass quilting technique. Instructions and pictures were e-mailed to members on April 6, 2026.



**GSQA Circuit Teacher & Outside Teachers - Cena Harmon  
June 6, 2026**

Cena Harmon's class limit on Fauxello quilting would be 10-12 attendees, and the cost would be \$20.00 per person. **The class is rescheduled for June 6, 2026.** If we get 12 members to sign up, the Guild will pay the \$75 fee. Seven members have signed up.



Fauxello Quilt Example

**GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction  
June 20, 2026**

The GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction will be held on June 20, 2026, at Pinewood Plantation Country Club, 405 Country Club Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458. The Guild will provide a basket for the luncheon/auction. Members donated the basket, fat quarters, and fat quarter roses. Thank you to all who donated items and their time.



Finished GSQA Meeting Basket

Marsha R created the above basket from all the fat quarters donated and fat quarter flowers. Thank you, Marsha!

Susie V bought a wood birdhouse from GSQA for \$5.00 and decorated it. She showed it to members at the April Business Meeting. GSQA needs to sell 25 birdhouses for table center pieces. Those who purchase and decorate the birdhouses will donate them back to GSQA. The birdhouses will then be auctioned off at the Rosebud Luncheon. The Guild purchased a birdhouse kit.



Susie's Decorated Birdhouse

## **GSQA Quilt Show June 26-27, 20236**

The GSQA Quilt Show is June 26-27, 2026, at the Harbor Center in Slidell.

### **Beckwith Retreat**

August 13-16, 2026  
Therese S

The 2026 Beckwith Retreat dates are August 13th through 16th. Campers can arrive on Wednesday if they choose and pay \$50 per room for an additional night's lodging. The first meal provided will be Thursday lunch.

The cost for the Retreat is \$357 for a double room and \$435 for a single room. Members may wish to make payments in thirds - \$119 for 3 payments per person for a double occupancy room and \$145 for 3 payments per person for a single occupancy room which includes 2 meals Thursday and Sunday; and 3 meals Friday and Saturday. The Retreat is open to Guild members first with a limit of 20 people.

Therese will collect money at our March, April, and May Business Meetings. The deposit is due in June, 2026. **The regularly scheduled August Business Meeting will be held at Beckwith on August 13th.**

### **GSQA – Circuit Teacher Friday, January 22, 2027 Linda Hahn - Teacher**

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 G previously 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 S secured the First United Methodist Church in Long Beach for Friday, **January 22 and Saturday, January 23, 2027**. 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.

## **Got News?**

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online at <https://bayoaksquiltguild.com>

## **Important Dates**

### **April Program Meeting**

**Thursday**, April 23, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Kiln Library Meeting Room  
QUILT-O  
Finishing a Quilt Demo

### **Sew’N Draw**

May 2, 2026, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Kiln Library Meeting Room  
Irish Rebel Pattern

### **May Board Meeting**

May 7, 2026, at **9:30 am**

### **May Business Meeting**

May 14, 2026, at 1:00 pm

### **GSQA – Pursuit of Excellence (POE)**

Saturday, May 16, 2026  
Kiln Library Meeting Room  
Paula Matthews - Teacher

### **May Program Meeting**

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

### **GSQA Circuit/Outside Teacher**

Saturday, June 6, 2026  
Kiln Library Meeting Room  
Fauxgello Quilting  
Cena Harmon - Teacher

### **GSQA Rosebud Luncheon/Auction**

Saturday, June 20, 2026  
Pinewood Plantation Country Club,  
405 Country Club Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458

## June Program Meeting

June 25, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Portrait Class  
Pearl Squires & Georgia Farnet

## GSQA Quilt Show

June 26-27, 2026  
Harbor Center  
100 Harbor Center Blvd, Slidell, LA 70461

## July Program Meeting

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

## Beckwith Retreat

August 13-16, 2026  
Foley AL

## August Business Meeting

August 13, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
**At Beckwith Retreat**

## August Program Meeting

August 27, 2026, at 1:00 pm  
Border Techniques

## September Program Meeting

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

## October Program Meeting

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

## Show and Tell

### March 24th Program Meeting



CASA Quilt



CASA Quilt



Splash of Color



CASA Quilt

April 14th Business Meeting



Square on Square - CASA



The Natural World



Christmas Stars



CASA Quilt



Wedding Quilt



Spring Into Happiness



Colorful Corners CASA Quilt-Front&Back



Rescued Antique Quilt



Calico CASA Quilt & Pillowcase



2 Chandelier/Beads Quilts



LSU Tiger Quilt

**Pictures sent in After March 24th  
Program Meeting**



National Parks  
Gift Given Away



National Parks - Back



National Parks Quilt Label