

August 14, 2025, Bay Oaks Quilt Guild Business Meeting at Beckwith in Fairhope, AL

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:03 pm by President Florence P. There were 17 members in attendance, 1 member via phone, and one visitor.

Present 2025 Board:

Florence P, President

Sharon B, Treasurer

Therese S, Vice President

Liz F, Secretary

Louise H — Charity Quilts

Debra L, Newsletter Editor and Website Administrator – via phone

Absent —

Sherrie Q — Membership

Minutes - The minutes of the June meeting were accepted and approved. Motion made by April H and seconded by Louise H. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report Programs: Therese S

August 28th Shirley Wiltshire will give a presentation on how to make a coat from a quilt. No materials will be necessary for this program.

Sept 25th — Landscape Quilting presented by April H. The Program will be hands on. April will give out a materials list.

October 23rd — Diagonal Zip Bag, commonly known as a Hemingway Bag presented by Liz F. Liz will send out a materials list as it gets closer to October 23rd.

Membership: Sharon B for Sherrie Q - Absent

Our membership is currently at 47 paid members and one honorary member.

Newsletter & Website Administrator: Debra L

Debbie reported she uploaded the following to the website: the July Business Mtg Minutes, July Newsletter, and the July Program Mtg Pictures and Notes.

The website is constantly being updated as events occur, and some changes may come about later.

Charity Quilts — Louise H

Louise told members that she needs help with the donation quilts. She brought quilts with her to Beckwith. She would appreciate any help finishing them at the Retreat.

The library has a support group that meets at the library and asked if the Guild could donate 4 fidget quilts to them. 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.

Louise has Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 9 am to 2 pm scheduled in the Kiln library to work on donation quilts.

Old Business

Librarian Quilts - There are 4 quilts to be donated to the librarians by the November Business Mtg. One quilt came in from Sue C and another by Therese S/Kay G. Gloria B donated a quilt top that needs to be quilted. Florence P and Louise H will make a quilt each. Quilts need to be finished and brought to the November Business Mtg. Four quilts will be chosen from all the quilts to be given to the librarians in December.

Sew’N Draw – Michele M — Absent – Information remains as distributed previously:

Sew’N Draw will be on August 23rd. The members will be working on the Card Trick Pattern from the canceled Sew’N Draw in June. Members should bring 2 fat quarters, 1 red and 1 blue. If it is a print fabric the print must not be dominant, the red or blue should be dominant. Depending on the number attending, additional fat quarters may be warranted.

Charm Square Swap - Information emailed to members, and squares are due to Therese by the October business meeting to be redistributed at the November meeting. These are low volume squares and members can submit/swap anywhere from 1 yard to 4 yards of fabric cut into 5-inch squares.

New Business:

2027 Quilt Show — Florence P

Kay G will Chair making the 2027 Opportunity Quilt. That would entail designing the quilt or whether members choose a pattern or a combination of the two, vote on pattern, getting the required permissions of a pattern if it is purchased, getting the material, set up materials for members to make sections and/or work as a group, getting quilt into the three layers, and getting

it quilted. The Quilt would have to be done by July or so of next year (2026) for the 2027 Show. She has many ideas for using any techniques. The theme for the 2027 Quilt Show will come from the Opportunity Quilt.

Florence asked members again to think about volunteering to be the next Quilt Show Chairperson. No Volunteer yet.

Florence asked members to consider taking a position on the Guild's Board. Many Board Members have served for multiple years. The By-Laws state that a member may not serve more than 2 consecutive years in a position. For 2026 the Guild will need to elect for President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership, and Charity Quilt positions. Liz F will take over the Treasurer position and Debra L will remain as Newsletter and Website Administrator. The Guild will also need volunteers to do Sew'N Draw Programs and keep track of members' UFOs.

There was 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. Florence pointed out the problem with that – we have a hard enough time getting members to commit to a one-year term now. This discussion will continue.

September lunch before the meeting will be at Panola's.

August Show and Tell

Barbara H – X Marks the Spot

Sharon B motioned for the meeting to adjourn seconded by Kathy K. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz F, Recording Secretary, August 21, 2025.