



General Meeting
January 12, 2026, 6 pm
Partners in Care
Enter from Courtney Ave

From the President

By Kathie Eckman

It is truly an honor to be asked to serve as President of the Guild this coming year. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Linda Fisher-Berlanga and Diana Knight over the past few years. They are remarkable leaders and wonderful human beings, and I deeply appreciate all they have given to our Guild.

By way of introduction, I have lived in Oregon for most of my life and moved to Bend in 1978. I've had the privilege of watching Bend grow from a small lumber town of about 14,000 people into the vibrant community of more than 100,000 that it is today. This place has always been home to me and has been a wonderful community in which to raise my two children as a single mom. I married Paul Eckman (Bend's first neurologist) in 1994. After working with the Bend-La Pine Schools, I was able to take early retirement, which opened the door for me to fully embrace quilting—a craft I truly love.





I'm a slow quilter who prefers hand quilting, and most recently I've been enjoying working on Sashiko projects. I was a Guild member for many years, and after losing my husband had to step away for a time and am delighted to be back once again.

January brings a new year and new beginnings. I look forward to getting to know each of you better and hearing your stories. We are truly a community of quilters, and it is that shared passion that connects us and brings so much joy to our days.

Warmly,
Kathie Eckman

Food Pantry

By Lynda Burns

In 2025, our guild members contributed a fantastic total of \$1,219.00 to the Food Pantry! Funds are collected at our monthly guild meetings, weekly Community Quilts meetings, and Holiday Party. Food is distributed weekly by the church to local families in need. Thanks for your generosity!

Mark Your 2026 Calendar!

Spring Day Camp – May 16-17, 2026

Fall Day Camp – October 17-18, 2026

Holiday Party – December 12, 2026



Quilters' Affair July 6-10, 2026

By Martha Sanders

Although Quilters Affair is separate from SOQS, here's a reminder:

- Registration begins at 10 AM on January 14th Access this through the Stitchinpost.com website
- Lots of new teachers and techniques
- Evening events can be registered at the same time, hint: Bingo usually sells out.
- Class info is available now on the Stitchin' Post website

Novel Idea 2026

By Martha Sanders, Jill Monley, and Elayne Logan Currie

The book chosen by the Deschutes Public Library for their Novel Idea program is Super Sonic by Thomas Konstamm. There are lots of copies available at the libraries and other bookstores and online outlets. The young reader selection is Hope in the Valley by Mitali Perkins.

Go to the library's website to read about each title by scrolling through the Novel Idea section. For book groups, you'll find a discussion guide under 'about the book' sections for each title.

We have revealed, under confidence, the title to several quilters who have already started quilts for the gallery at the Deschutes Historical Museum. We welcome others to participate, with more specifics given to the quilters.

Here are some key dates:

- **January 13** Book and quilting discussion - 10AM-11AM - Anvil Sewing, Bend
- **March 28** Quilt collection 11AM-1PM - the Deschutes Historical Museum, Bend
- **April 10** Opening Reception at the Deschutes Historical Museum (DHM)
- **April 10-June 13** Free admission to the DHM with your library card!
- **June 16** Approximate date when quilts will be available to quilters.

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Programs and Workshops

By Barb Fortman

Our speaker for January will be award-winning quilter Karen Stone. She will be showing us a trunk show of her quilts via Zoom. See you at Partners in Care on Monday, January 12th for this presentation.

Results of Workshops and Speakers Questionnaire

In December over 40 members answered questions presented in a questionnaire at the Guild Christmas party.

Here are the results:

- Most members consider themselves TRADITIONAL quilters, with CONTEMPORARY and MODERN a distant second and third.
- Most questioned had NOT attended a Guild workshop in the last two years, 28 no to 12 yes.
- However, most questioned considered workshops an essential part of the Guild, 25 to 11!
- The biggest learning opportunity attended (outside of the Guild) were classes at Cynthia's and Quilter's Affair, followed by the Stitchin' Post and Anvil.
- When questioned why you don't participate in Guild Workshops – most said they were not of interest or were happy where they are at AND that they are too expensive.
- A 3-6 hour video workshop interested was a three-way tie – yes, no, and maybe.
- Adding an additional sew day for Workshops was a resounding YES.
- Offering lunch included to a Workshops – more NO's than YES's.





- There were some great suggestions that came out of this questionnaire –
 - Offer workshop that shows techniques and shortcuts
 - Making quilts from scraps
 - Stitch-n-flip
 - Sashiko stitching
 - Paper piecing
 - Hawaiian Quilts
 - Finishing a Quilt
 - Pet Portraits from a photo

In conclusion, I was quite surprised that members thought Workshops were an essential part of the Guild but less than half of the members attended a Workshop in the past 2 years. So, we will add an extra sew day to the workshop schedule, we won't offer

lunches, we won't offer video workshops, and we will try and reduce the cost of the workshops when offered. Unless Mountain Meadows invites us to share a workshop that they are offering in 2026, the only Guild workshop in 2026 will be in September and it will be Kristin Echols' Simply Seminole quilts. We will offer a second day of this workshop to allow the participants to substantially complete their quilt.

We have had some members volunteer to offer to teach a technique and provide ideas for shortcuts and these names will be passed on to be offered at our Spring and Fall day camps.

Thank you to everyone that answered the questionnaire.

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Membership

By Helene Berger

Happy New Year! I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Holiday Potluck. The food and entertainment were great. It was great fun singing all the Christmas carols.

Thank you to the membership committee that greeted everyone at the front door, collected dues for 2026, and handed out tickets for door prizes.

We would like to welcome our newest member Laura Koch. Please take the time to introduce yourself to her. She was very surprised to win a prize, and it looked like she had a great time.

If you were unable to pay your dues at our last meeting please feel free to mail your check to our treasurer at PO Box 1253, Bend OR 97709-1253 or you can drop a check off at our next meeting. We can record your payment when you check in.

For this year's **Fat Quarter** theme, we have decided to do the temperature color wheel. **January we will start with Yellow.** We will have a list for the complete year at our next meeting.

If you need transportation to a meeting, please contact Helene.

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Prize Winners from last month

Cynthia's	Lizbeth Cattle
Quilt Basket	Catherine Anderson
Sew Dee liteful	Kay Muraoka
Stitchin' Post	Laura Koch
Quilt Shack	Karen Kimball
Fat Quarters	Barb Fortman and Tarn Stevens



Community Quilts

by Jane Davis

Welcome to the new year! If you are ready to get back to sewing now that the holidays are over, consider making a Community Quilt.

If you need fabric, batting, or a quilt kit, come on any Monday to the Community Quilt gathering. We meet every Monday at Nativity Lutheran Church to work on quilting projects from 9:30 to 1:30. The church is located at the corner of SE Knott and Brosterhaus in Bend.



On January 5 Tarn will bring fat quarters to community quilts along with some patterns. In February we will have fun with everyone bringing 5-inch squares to first Monday.

Everyone is welcome to participate. You can stay for the whole time or just pick up materials to work on at home. It's a fun group to spend time with.

Bring a sewing machine or hand sewing project, your lunch, and be ready for a fun time. We have about 30 people attending each week. If you don't have a project, we have kits and we have donated fabric and patterns to share.

Attached to this January newsletter is the current list of charities and quilt sizes preferred.

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Treasurer's Report

By Susan Mondry

Balance 11/25/25		
Checking Account		\$12,423.17
CD at Selco		\$11,917.28
Activity		
Income	\$1713.26	
Expense	-\$1211.47	
Balance 12/25/25		
Checking Account		\$12,924.96
CD at Selco		\$11,917.28

Thank you MBQG members for helping me through 3 years as Treasurer for the guild. Your prompt attention to details for your committees helped make my job easier. The guild is in great shape financially at this time and I know Rochelle will watch over and handle any transactions in the years ahead as MBQG's NEW treasurer!

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Sunshine

By Gwen Brock

No news this month.

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January Birthdays

Wilson	Pat	01/02
Ratcliffe	Mary	01/12
Minkler	Janey	01/13
Hansen	Mary	01/15
Sabine	Kathe	01/19
Stevens	Tarn	01/20
Anderson	Catherine	01/21





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Happy New Year Everyone,
We have three Block of the Months starting in January 2026. There are many beautiful colors to play with: Hyperion by Riley Blake Designs, Forest Trails, and Dahlia Botanica by Wilmington Prints. Plus, there is still time to sign up. The Quilt Shack has a wide selection of new fabrics. You can follow us on Facebook or sign up for our newsletters on thequiltshack.com. Stop in and see all the new products. Come and enjoy the fun.

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Happy New Year from The Quilt Basket crew!

Some of you may be getting this early, so I'd better mention our holiday hours and online Blowout sale. We will be closed for inventory Dec. 28-30, and closed for New Year Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, but the online sale continues until Dec. 31. Save an extra 20% on all Clearance items and 20% off selected regular priced items. Look for the December Blowout Sale tab.

We have several Block of The Month programs starting in January. Elizabeth Hartman's darling Show and Tell and Wendy Williams' Looking Up featuring piecing, wool appliqué, and hand embroidery. My Kinda Town starts in a couple of months and features paper pieced blocks. Stop in to see the patterns and sign up soon! BOM members get a discount off regular priced merchandise all year long!

Jacqueline de Jonge will be teaching her latest patterns in March — details coming soon!



Best wishes, everyone!

Kathy



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 Community Quilters, Nativity Lutheran 9:30 to 1:30	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Community Quilters, Nativity Lutheran 9:30 to 1:30 General Meeting, 6 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Community Quilters, Nativity Lutheran 9:30 to 1:30	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Community Quilters, Nativity Lutheran 9:30 to 1:30 Board Meeting, 6 pm	27	28	29	30	31



Community Quilts Holiday Potluck!

