



# Random Scraps

## San Juan Quilters Guild



### Letter from the President

Hi Quilters,

We, as a guild, are heading into a very busy and challenging time. February and March will be busy and fun preparing for the Four Corners Quilt Gathering! Thank you to Cathy Otten who has been leading the way and to all the participants who have helped! Our guild really pulls together when we have a challenge presented to us!

I hope that each of you will take part in any or all the quilting challenges presented to you!

See you soon!

Georgia, SJQG President



### SJQG Challenges for 2025

- 1. Community Service**—Make a community service scrap quilt, any size from the fabric scrap bags handed out at the November meeting. Reveal at the May guild meeting. Questions: Bev Spellbring.
- 2. Everything but the Kitchen Sink**—Make a quilt, any size that uses scraps (orphan blocks from previous projects, a collection of items that are part of family history, i.e. embroidery or something from a family member, handkerchief or pieces of clothing that bring good memories of a family member). A reflection of you! Reveal at the July guild meeting. Questions: Georgia Cortez
- 3. Quilting Through the Seasons**—Make a quilt banner that represents the season of the month you were born. Size 12-18" x 24-30", portrait or landscape. Reveal at the Quilt show in October. Questions: Ellen Vandruff

**Tues., Feb. 11, 2025**

**Meeting & Program**

@ Farmington Civic Center

Gather at 9:30 a.m.  
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Program: Making fat quarter flowers for 4 Corners Quilt Gathering table favors.

Fat 1/4: red



Bring Your Own Lunch  
(optional: a goodie to share)

**Sat., Feb. 15, 2025**

**Meeting & Open Sew**

@ Williams Room  
First Presbyterian Church  
865 N. Dustin, Farmington

Gather 9:30a-4:00ish  
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Program: Open sew day. Bring your own projects and enjoy sewing with your quilting friends.

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**Tues., Mar. 11, 2025**

**Meeting & Project**

@ Farmington Civic Center

Gather at 9:30 a.m.  
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Program: Assemble flower pots for 4 Corners Quilt Gathering for table favors.

Fat 1/4: green



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## San Juan Quilters Guild Board Meeting 16 January, 2025

Meeting called to order by Georgia Cortez, President.

Minutes of November 14, 2024 board meeting read by Ellen Vandruff, Secretary. Minutes approved as read by Donna Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Otten, all approved.

Kathy Elsbury - Membership - 28 paid members currently. Plans for moving forward - Lisa will deliver membership forms to Shelley Frazier for Saturday. Those with current paid membership will be included in the roster in April.

Susan Nelson - Door Prizes - 20 gift certificates purchased. Will make arrangements with Shelley Frazier for Saturday group usage.

Lisa Willems - Newsletter - Deadline for current newsletter is January 25. Questions about advertising were addressed. Lori Cosby is handling ads again.

Ellen Vandruff - Side Raffle and Opportunity Quilt - 2 side raffle quilts donated already. Ellen has issued an offer to quilt tops that will be donated to the side raffle. Advertising for opportunity quilt was also discussed. New ways of receiving payments for tickets were discussed.

Lori Cosby - Community Service and Advertising - organizing materials in preparation to pass off to Susan Nelson. Reported that Ann McKee is helping with community service. Working on advertising for newsletter and writing the letter for vendors for the Quilt Show. Will make August 15 the cut off for previous show vendors.

Donna Hunter - Treasurer - handed out cash reports and projected budget. Lori motioned to approve projected budget, Kathy Elsbury 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Open discussion held about Hospitality being currently unchaired leading to members bringing sack lunches, when our meetings are projected to run into lunch time. Lori Cosby mentioned the need to change the amount being donated to the Presbyterian Church for our additional meetings. Discussion was held and the decision was made to change our donation amount to \$150.00. All in attendance approved.

Discussion was held about publicity and the need to engage with the public. Conversation was held discussing ideas of places the opportunity quilt can be hung and other ways to sell raffle tickets.

Cathy Otten - 4 Corners Quilt Gathering- working on a donation letter for door prizes. Would like to see at least 30 prizes to give away. Programs for this year:

- Feb, Mar, Apr- pots for center pieces for the four corners quilt gathering
- May- community service, "bag" community service reveal
- Jun- Susan Smith (Durango) Seminole piecing
- Jul- everything but the kitchen sink reveal
- Aug- Orleen Barber Lone Star
- Sep- Lisa Willems Quilts of Valor (flexible)
- Oct- Kathy Elsbury Antique Quilts (flexible)
- Nov- Charlotte Pirnat the art of great borders and trunk show



Member assessment is needed to make sure we are fulfilling member needs, Georgia Cortez and Kathy Elsbury will work on drafting ideas.

By-laws - Cathy Otten made a motion to approve by-laws after clarifying misconceptions about binders. Kathy Elsbury 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved. Kathy Elsbury will make arrangements to have them printed.

Kathy Elsbury motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Nelson, all approved.

Members in attendance, Ellen Vandruff, Susan Nelson, Donna Hunter, Lori Cosby, Cathy Otten, Georgia Cortez, Lisa Willems, Kathy Elsbury.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Vandruff, Secretary

### Saturday Guild Meetings

Saturday guild meetings are set up for our members who can't attend on a week day due to jobs, family schedules or travel events. We meet monthly on the Saturday following the regular Tuesday guild meeting and are currently meeting at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin in the Williams Room. This is a much smaller gathering where we focus on sewing together and sharing quilty camaraderie. We sew from 9:30a-4:00ish, with an abbreviated meeting. We ask that you bring your own lunch, drink and utensils. If you would like, you could also bring something to share with others. Come spend a day with us!

Thanks,  
Shelley Frazier

### Membership

Hello quilters!

Our January meeting started our membership renewal for 2025! We currently have 33 renewing members. Just as a reminder, although membership can be done any month, there are no prorated dues. Membership dues are \$30 for regular members and \$5 for auxiliary members (17 and under). Cash or checks accepted. Checks should be made out to: San Juan Quilters Guild. Dues can be paid at a meeting or mailed to: San Juan Quilters Guild P.O. Box 5541 Farmington, NM 87499.

Also, a new roster will be printed after the March meeting and available at the April meeting. Questions? Call Kathy 505.330.0816.

Thank you,  
Kathy Elsbury, Membership Chair

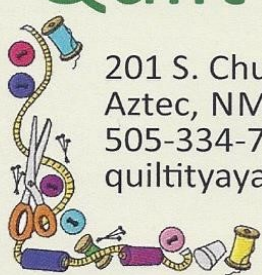
### San Juan County Fair Side Raffle Quilts

The dates of the San Juan County Fair are August 9-17. Our guild sets up in the quilt exhibit room with a wall of side raffle quilts. All week we will sell tickets for the opportunity quilt and the side raffle quilts. Please consider donating a quilt, of any size, for us to raffle. If you need someone to quilt your top, contact me before May 15th, so I can get it completed by fair time.

Thanks,  
Ellen Vandruff

### Community Action

We are excited to see your scrappy quilts for the community service challenge! Please return any finished quilts or receiving blankets to the next meeting, as we are trying to do an inventory. If you have any questions, please call Lori Cosby at 505.360.9868



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## SJQG Programs for 2025

- February - Make fat quarter flowers for Four Corners Quilt Gathering
- March - Make fat quarter flowers/assemble flower pots for Four Corners Quilt Gathering
- April - Finish up the assembly of flower pots for Four Corners Quilt Gathering
- May - Community Service Quilts and the Community Service Scrap Bag Reveal
- June - Susan Smith will conduct a workshop on Seminole Piecing. There will be no Guild meeting. Advance sign-up and payment of fee required.
- July - Reveal of Everything But The Kitchen Sink Challenge
- August - Orleen Barber will conduct a workshop on the Lonestar quilt.
- September - Lisa Willems will do a presentation on Quilts of Valor. Open sew will follow.
- October - Kathy Elsbury will present a trunk show of antique quilts
- November - Charlotte Pirnat will give a lecture and trunk show on the Art of Great Borders
- December - Installation of Officers

### Bylaws Revision

A review of bylaw revisions will occur at the February meeting. Guild members will have the opportunity to hear and vote on the proposed revisions.

### Sunshine

If you know of any member who is sick, injured or a recent death, please contact me at [vailhale@yahoo.com](mailto:vailhale@yahoo.com) or 505.793.1142 (leave a message and I'll call you back).

Thanks,  
Cathy Hale, Sunshine Chair

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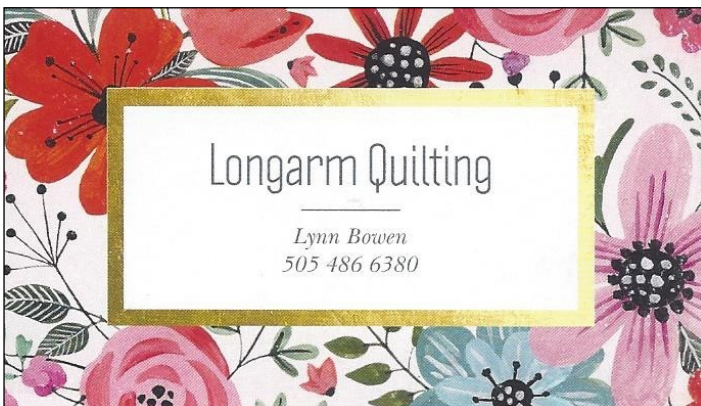


Happy  
Birthday!

Ellen Vandruff	1-Feb
Susan Nelson	9-Feb
Lori Cosby	11-Feb
Shelley Frazier	20-Feb
Janet Green	24-Feb
Beverly Maeschen	27-Feb
Susan Watson	27-Feb

### Board Meeting

The next SJQG board meeting is Thurs., Mar. 13th at 9:30 am the First Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin Ave., Farmington. All are welcome to attend!



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## 2025 SJQG Quilt Show

### *Quilting through the Seasons*

October 10 (10a-6p) & October 11 (10a-4p)

McGee Park, Farmington, NM

Set up will be Oct. 8 & 9.

We hold our Quilt Show every two years, so this is a special time for us to show off our talents and see what our fellow quilters have created.

Volunteers make our show a success!

In the coming months, everyone will have an opportunity to sign-up for various activities.

Any questions should be directed to  
Susan Nelson, Chair or Ellen Vandruff, Co-chair  
505.330.0533                      505.330.5986

As a committee, we will meet at the Farmington Library  
at 10:00a on Thursday, February 20th.

## 2025 Annual Four Corners Quilters Gathering

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Durango Public Library, 1900 East 3rd Ave., Durango, CO

Special Guest Cindy Grisdela, Contemporary Art Quilter

LUNCHEON, LECTURE, SHOW & TELL - \$40 \*\*9:30-10:00 am: Registration\*\* 10:00 - Noon: Western Slope's Best Show & Tell! Bring 1-2 items to share! Noon - 1:00: Luncheon 1:00 - 2:30: Lecture - Anatomy of Improv- Have you ever wondered how to create an Improv Quilt without a pattern? Where do you start? How do you know when it's finished? Author and award-winning artist Cindy Grisdela will share her tips and tricks in this entertaining lecture about the process for working improvisationally from start to finish. 2:30 pm: Guild Reps Meet Briefly (Luncheon is limited to 125.)

Cindy Grisdela is an award-winning fiber artist with over 30 years of experience creating eye-catching quilts. She travels all over the country teaching and lecturing to guilds and groups, and her quilts have been published in books and magazines. She lives in Reston, Virginia. [cindygrisdela.com](http://cindygrisdela.com)

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**2025 SJQG Officers & Committee Heads**

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Secretary	Ellen Vandruff
Treasurer	Donna Hunter
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Programs	Cathy Otten, Alice Trujillo, Connie Polzin,
Community Service	Susan Nelson, Lori Cosby
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Newsletter Ads	Lori Cosby
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Quilt Show	Susan Nelson, Ellen V.

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Feb/Mar — Jan 25th	Apr/May — Mar 25th
Jun/Jul — May 25th	Aug/Sep — Jul 25th
Oct/Nov — Sep 25th	Dec/Jan — Nov 25th

**SJQG Meeting Schedule**

Second Tuesday of the month  
 Farmington Civic Center, 200 W. Arrington St., Farmington

Saturday following the Tuesday meeting  
 Williams Room, 1st Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin, Farmington

Socializing at 9:30 AM Meeting at 10:00 AM  
 \* Saturday schedule subject to change. \*