



Random Scraps

San Juan Quilters Guild

Letter from the President

Hello quilters,

Spring is in the air, well, it's getting closer! The coming months promise us warm weather, flower planting and of course exciting months of quilting classes and challenge deadlines! For me, April brings many memories and emotions together. April marks the one year anniversary of my mom passing and the promise I made to move back to Albuquerque! My house will be listed for sale in April. I have been packing for awhile now; and my sewing room is the last place to get ready!

I will be resigning as your President at the end of April. I need the time, effort and place to focus on the move!

As I preside over the last few meetings and events, I feel sad, knowing I will miss my quilting friends and family! I also already miss all the great things happening this year. The guild has been my refuge from all the days that were tough and when I struggled to move forward alone with an aging parent.

Thank you for making quilting, "my thing to do", for sharing your quilting knowledge and most of all, for your friendships. I'm excited and happy about new quilting adventures in the big city!

Come see me on your visits to Albuquerque! There's nothing better than visiting with a quilter friend and sharing good times.

Georgia, SJQG President



Tues., Apr. 8, 2025

Meeting & Program

@ Farmington Civic Center
Gather at 9:30 a.m.
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

Fat 1/4: yellow

Potluck: Spring Picnic. KFC Chicken will be provided. Bring sides for indoor picnic.

Sat., Apr. 12, 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 quilty friends.

Bring Your Own Lunch

Tues., May 13, 2025

Meeting & Project

@ Farmington Civic Center
Gather at 9:30 a.m.
Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Program: Community Service quilts and Community Service Scrap Bag Reveal

Fat 1/4: pink

Potluck: Fruit Pizza

Sat., May 17, 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 quilty friends.

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San Juan Quilters Guild Board Meeting 13 March, 2025

Georgia Cortez called the meeting to order. Cathy Otten read the January minutes. Georgia moved to approve the minutes; Kathy Elsbury seconded the motion.

Georgia announced that she will be resigning as President the end of April. Cathy Otten and Kathy Elsbury will take over sooner than usual as President and Vice President. Georgia will make the announcement of her resignation to the Guild at the April meeting. This change will necessitate a new membership chair. Shanna Uhl has agreed to take over Membership and Sharon Hastings will assist.

Donna Hunter, Treasurer, reported on the budget and gave a recap of revenue and expenses. Revenue exceeded expenses for this reporting period. Cash received has been from door prize tickets, advertising, quilt show vendors, and membership. This is Donna's last year as Treasurer and she will start looking for a replacement to mentor.

Kathy Elsbury, Membership, reported that 42 members have renewed but that our membership is way down. Kathy will make note of who has not renewed and contact them. Kathy will be working on the roster of members this month. She distributed the guild surveys at the March meeting and received a lot back. Kathy will put together a summary of responses and review with Georgia. The survey results will be discussed at the May board meeting.

Georgia will be meeting with Drew at the Museum on March 18 to discuss the quilt show display scheduled for November and December. Cathy Otten said that by a hand count at the guild meeting not many members are participating in the Everything But The Kitchen Sink challenge. However, there are a lot of members participating in making banners based on the season of their birth for the Quilt Show. Lisa Willems had suggested that both challenges be displayed at the Museum and the members were in support of that idea. Therefore, the challenge reveal has been changed to September and both challenges will be displayed at the museum.

Quilt Show: Susan Nelson has flyers and bookmarks. She received a draft of postcards today to send out to quilt shops. QR codes are on the postcards. The next Quilt Show meeting will be March 27 at 10:00 at the library. The topic for the meeting is Quilters Market and advertising.

Susan said she has also been in touch with the Aztec Chamber of Commerce. They are interested in doing a one day display of random quilts from our members. Susan will be the point person for this display. The Chamber would also like someone to speak to the Chamber about our Guild. It was suggested to contact Connie Nordstrum to see if she would be interested since she has an in-depth knowledge of the guild's history.

Opportunity Quilt: The quilt is finished and looks great. It's very eye catching. It was displayed at the March guild meeting. Ellen has already sold \$25 worth of tickets.

Cathy Otten reviewed progress for 4 Corners Quilt Gathering. The pots are all done. She gave special recognition to Shanna Uhl who spearheaded this project and made a huge amount of the fat quarter flowers. Cathy also mentioned the significant contribution of Connie Polzin who put together hundreds of skewers with ribbon bows and spools of thread to add to the pots. Connie also made and donated 120 pot-holders to set the pots on. Cathy spoke to Stitch and Quilted Corners who will provide us gift cards and coupons to insert into the name tag wallets. Once a final roster is received from Barb Morgan, Cathy will work on labels with participant names. Barb Morgan told Cathy we can't get into the library until 9:00 that morning, so it will be all hands on deck to get everything set up. Cathy said she has received quite a few door prizes. She and Susan will get together later this month to organize door prizes.

Kathy Elsbury mentioned that she has a contact who will do embroidery on shirts if we are still interested in having shirts made with the guild's name and logo. She'll get some prices for discussion with members.

Present: Georgia Cortez, Donna Hunter, Cathy Otten, Susan Nelson, Lori Cosby, Kathy Elsbury

Cathy Otten motioned to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Elsbury seconded.

Submitted by Cathy Otten for Ellen Vandruff.

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. If you didn't get a scrap bag, you can use your own stash to make a community service quilt. 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 September guild meeting. Questions: Georgia Cortez
3. **Quilting Through the Seasons Banner**—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

Membership

We currently have 43 members. Please welcome our new members: Debbie Roark and Mary Anne Reidy! We are glad to have them join! Please note that our membership numbers are down. Please think about members we have missed this year and invite them back! Besides the quilt show this year, we have some great upcoming classes!

Annual dues are \$30 for regular members and \$5 for auxiliary members (17 and under). Annual dues are not prorated. You can bring your dues to a meeting, or mail them to : SJQG, PO Box 5541, Farmington, NM 87499-5541. The new roster will be available at the April meeting.

Thank you,
Kathy Elsbury, Membership Chair

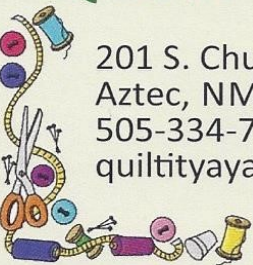
San Juan County Fair Side Raffle Quilts

The dates of the San Juan County Fair are August 9-17, "Your Ticket to Family Fun". 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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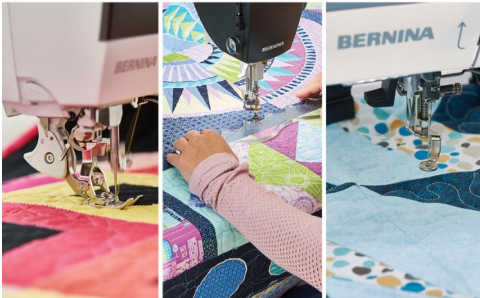
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SJQG Programs for 2025

- Apr 8- Open sew day. Bring your own projects and enjoy sewing with your quilty friends.
- May 12- Community Service Quilts and the Community Service Scrap Bag Reveal.
- Jun 10- Susan Smith will conduct a workshop on Seminole Piecing. There will be no Guild meeting. Advance sign-up and payment of fee required.
- Jul 8- Lisa Willems will do a presentation on Quilts of Valor. Open sew will follow.
- Aug 19- Orleen Barber will conduct a workshop on the Lonestar quilt.
- Sep 9- Reveal of Everything But The Kitchen Sink Challenge & Seasons Banner Challenge.
- Oct 14- Kathy Elsbury will present a trunk show of antique quilts.
- Nov 11- Charlotte Pirnat will give a lecture and trunk show on the Art of Great Borders.
- Dec 9- Evening meeting only. Installation of Officers.

Quilt Show/ Quilters Market

This is a request for donations for our Quilter's Market at the Quilt Show in October. Please start thinking about what you can donate. Are there handmade items you can donate? Quilting tools in good condition you no longer need? Please hold off on bringing them until the summer. I just wanted to get the request out now, to give you time to think about how you can help. We will also have signup sheets for volunteers to help run the booth, as we get closer to the Quilt Show.

Thank you!

Kathy Elsbury

Website

If you haven't already, take a look at the website to learn the identity of our "featured member".

Any news you are aware of, let me know for the "News & Events" page.

Thanks,
Diane



Happy Birthday!

Bev Spellbring	1-Apr
Georgia Cortez	18-Apr
Sharon Hastings	20-Apr
Teesie Altman	22-Apr
Connie Nordstrom	30-Apr
Alice Trujillo	5-May
Bert Roark	8-May
Pamela Myers	16-May
Beverly Roget	24-May

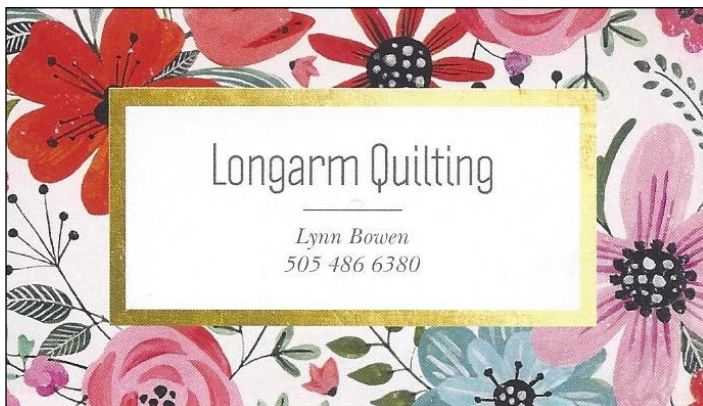
Sunshine

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

Thanks,
Cathy Hale, Sunshine Chair

Board Meeting

The next SJQG board meeting is Thurs., May 15th at 9:30 am the First Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin Ave., Farmington. All are welcome to attend!



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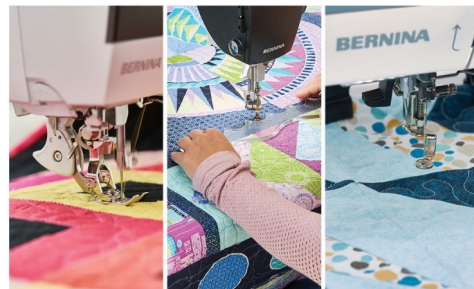
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- Quilter's Market

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October 11 • 10 am to 4 pm

- Door Prizes
- Quilt Demos
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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.)

Make checks payable to: Four Corners Quilters Mail to: Four Corners Quilters, c/o Barb Morgan, 382 Cole Ranch Rd., Durango, CO 81303 Barb Morgan 970.259.1079 4cornersquilters@gmail.com

SJQG Survey

At our March meeting, we distributed a survey to help us understand the needs of our members. If you did not participate, please find the survey below. It is meant to be anonymous. It can be printed and sent in to: SJQG, PO Box 5541, Farmington, NM 87499-5541. The more surveys that we receive, the better we can meet the needs of our members and get more participation! Thank you for your help!
Kathy Elsbury, Membership Chair

SJQG Quilt Guild Satisfaction Survey

How can we keep this organization going?

1. How would you describe your overall level of satisfaction with the guild? Circle one.
 - a. Very satisfied
 - b. Somewhat satisfied
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Somewhat dissatisfied
 - e. Very dissatisfied
2. What could make this a better meeting and/or guild? How might that work?
3. Do you volunteer for guild positions, i.e. board, chairperson or committee leader? Circle one. Yes or No
If no, what keeps you from volunteering?
4. If yes, What do you like volunteering for?
5. As a volunteer in any area, i.e. board position or chairperson, do you feel listened to?
6. Do you feel able to contribute in discussions?
7. Is our guild welcoming to new members?
Circle one. Yes or No

If No, Why not?
8. What are your ideas for bringing in potential new members?
9. What are you interested in (as a program) for the guild?

Return to guild meeting or mail to P.O. Box 5541, Farmington, NM 87499

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2025 SJQG Officers & Committee Heads

President	Georgia Cortez
Vice President	Cathy Otten
Secretary	Ellen Vandruff
Treasurer	Donna Hunter
Membership Programs	Kathy Elsbury Cathy Otten, Alice Trujillo, Connie Polzin,
Community Service	Lori Cosby, Susan Nelson
Newsletter	Lisa Willems
Website	Diane Stubbs
Sunshine	Cathy Hale
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County Fair Rep.	Malinda Peine
Co. Fair Side Raffles	Ellen Vandruff, Diane Tate
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. *