



# Random Scraps

## San Juan Quilters Guild



### Letter from the President

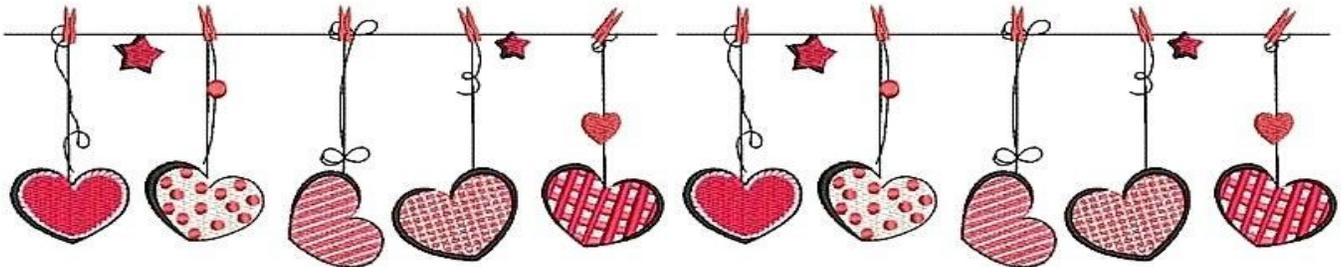
Greetings Quilters!

The new year has started with a lot of fun projects for our guild. Remember the patriotic quilt challenge this year, with quilts displayed at the Museum in October and November. There is also the option to donate your quilt to a veteran when the exhibit closes. April 10-12 is the Four Corners Quilt Gathering with guest speaker MJ Kinman. The lecture, luncheon and show and tell will be on Saturday, April 11. If you need more information or registration forms, let me know.

For those that are interested, I rolled out the Around the Corner block of the month at our last meeting. I thought this would be something fun and different for us to do this year, but participation is totally optional. You supply your fabric and each month I'll provide a pattern for each house block in the quilt.

A big thank you to volunteers who have stepped up to support our guild. Carol Miller, Treasurer; Sharon Hastings, Membership; Pamela Myers, Door Prizes; and, Anita Rader, Hospitality. Cheryl Hough has agreed to be the lead on the Programs Committee.

Volunteers are what makes our guild successful!! I appreciate everyone for pitching in.  
Cathy Otten, President



**Tues., Feb. 10, 2026**

**Meeting & Class**

@ Farmington Civic Center

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

Program: Class to make portable cutting and/or ironing tables by Cathy Hale. See supply list on page 3.

Fat 1/4: red/pink

Soup/sandwich potluck, please bring something to share.

**Sat., Feb. 14 2026**

**Meeting & Open Sew**

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

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 quilting friends.

Brown Bag

**Tues., Mar. 10, 2026**

**Meeting & Program**

@ Farmington Civic Center

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

Program: Chris Liebel will give a program on longarm quilting tips.

Fat 1/4: green

Guild will furnish snacks.

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## San Juan Quilters Guild Board Meeting 15 January, 2026

Meeting called to order by Cathy Otten, President. Minutes of November 2025 meeting read by Ellen Vandruff, Secretary. Minutes approved as read by Lori Cosby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Nelson, all approved.

Deb Cutler - Downtown quilting event presentation - Proposing a 2-block takeover, outdoor quilt show with a focus on red/white/blue to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Quilted Corners would like it to be guild sanctioned and sponsored by Q.C. and Todd King. Per her knowledge, the guild would need to contribute quilt stands, labor, and quilts to be hung. The show would possibly be the in the first 2 weeks of October to possibly coincide with the downtown art walk and/or the chili festival. It was reiterated that all quilts that people would like to have displayed would be accepted. An in-depth discussion was held by those in attendance leading to the decision to support but not sanction this event due to labor issues of the Guild.

Treasurer's report - Donna Hunter, report handed to those in attendance. Will be turning over to Carol Miller. Budget - overall we are a little under our budget numbers. The guild shirt endeavor didn't lose money. Treasurer will continue to work with committee heads to refine the budget numbers as needed. Carol Miller approved, with Kathy Elsbury 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. With the new year, signature cards need to be updated for our Citizens Bank accounts. It was requested to remove Donna Hunter, Georgia Cortez, and Bert Roark. Please add Carol Miller as Treasurer, Kathleen Elsbury as Vice President, and retain Cathy Otten as president.

The need to create a QR code specifically for the opportunity quilt, was proposed. This would give the public a quick link to quilt info and ticket sales. Diane Stubbs will be contacted to put this in motion.

Program committee - is making progress, Cheryl Hough will assume leadership of the group.

Door Prizes - Pamela Myers will be responsible for door prizes for Tuesday meetings and Jill Tanis and Mary Anne Reidy will take care of the Saturday group.

Membership - 31 renewed, 2 new members.

Hospitality - Anita Rader will take over and has a plan. February - soup and salads, March - guild will provide main dish.

2026 Opportunity quilt - is currently at Quilted Corners waiting on a back, then they will quilt and return it to the guild. Ticket draw date will be discussed more after a discussion is held with the curator at the museum, so it will coincide with our display there. There is a possibility of drawing at an ending reception for our museum display.

2027 Opportunity Quilt - Cathy Otten revealed a quilt donated to the guild by Connie Nordstrom. Lisa Willems motioned to accept Connie's donation as the '27 Opportunity Quilt. Unanimous approval for this motion.

Christmas Party - over all guild members loved the location and the overall event. Cathy will do some investigation to see if there is another location that would be different for '26. Members liked the fact that it was low stress on members, creating a warm relaxed evening.

May Class - Seminole piecing - price \$20/ member \$60/nonmember with lunch included.  
New business - monthly e-mail blasts are nice to keep the guild members up to date.

Motion to adjourn by Jill Tanis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Miller, all approved.  
Members in attendance were Ellen Vandruff, Lori Cosby, Donna Hunter, Cathy Otten, Kathleen Elsbury, Susan Nelson, Jill Tanis, Sharon Hastings, Lisa Willems, Carol Miller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Vandruff, Secretary



## February Program Supply List

For our February Guild meeting I will be instructing you on how to make portable ironing and cutting tables, using TV trays. You can do one or both. Here are the supply lists.

Pricing approximately: a TV tray is about \$12 each at Walmart, wool ironing mat is \$15 and up on Amazon, cutting mat is \$10 and up on Amazon. You will need to get these for the tables project and fabric batting, etc.

If you want to do one and didn't sign up, you need to text me and let me know which one you are doing, so I will bring enough supplies.

Thanks,  
Cathy Hale 505.793.1142

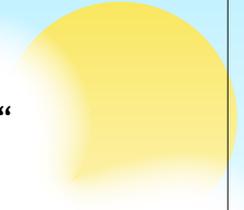
### Ironing Table

Option 1:  
TV tray  
ironing fabric 25" x 25"  
decor fabric (optional) 25" x 25"  
batting 25" x 25"  
staple gun

Option 2:  
TV tray  
wool pressing mat 17" x 13.5"

### Cutting Table

TV tray  
cutting mat 12" x 18"



## Membership

Happy New Year, I look forward to working with everyone. We are starting 2026 strong with 31 members: 29 renewing and 2 new members. Welcome Debbie Stefan and Jean Lydic! We are excited for you to join our Guild and look forward to getting to know you!

Remember Annual Dues are still \$30.00 for regular members and \$5.00 for auxiliary members, age 17 and under. Annual dues are not prorated. Membership forms will be available at the next meeting. You can return them to the meeting or mail them to SJQG, PO Box 5541, Farmington NM 87499-5541.

Thank you,  
Sharon Hastings, Membership

## Albuquerque Quilt Show

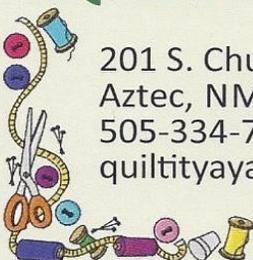
ABQ's QUILT, CRAFT & SEW FEST ON FEB 5-7th at EXPO NM - ABQ Fairgrounds / enter to park at Copper & San Pedro. Safe and close parking, Expo does charge a parking fee. HUGE SHOW, NEW AMAZING VENDORS! Give aways hourly, plus FREE classes & \$500 CASH DAILY at 9:45am prior to the show opening. SAVE \$3 online / limited supply...hurry!

<https://rustybarn.ticketspice.com/abq-quilt-craft-sewing...>

## Facebook Clarification

On Facebook, our guild has a public page **San Juan Quilters Guild** and a private group **SJQG Official Members**. The private group has been created for members only to interact with each other. It is not a public resource. We are working on Instagram and Pinterest accounts. If anyone is interested in helping create those accounts with content, contact Diane Stubbs or Ellen Vandruff.

## Quilt It Ya Ya



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Mary Craig  
Owner

## Sunshine

If you know of a member who is sick, injured, needs a thank you note, etc., please contact me at [vailhale@yahoo.com](mailto:vailhale@yahoo.com) or 505.793.1142 (leave a message and I will call you back). Information needed is the full name, reason for a card and address, if they are not a current member. Thank you all for your help!  
Cathy Hale, Sunshine Chair

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## Community Service

Here is a count for quilts given out in 2025.

Alamogordo—18 twin size quilts, 58 pillowcases,  
3 mattress pads and 4 pillows case sets

Birthrite—14 crib size, 2 burp cloths

Grace Place—14 crib size, 2 burp cloths

LifeCare—1 twin size

New Beginnings—1 queen size and 1 twin size

Aztec dog shelter—6 beds

SANE—8 fleece blankets

Thank you for your support!

Susan Nelson, Community Service



## Lori Cosby

We recently lost our very dear friend, Lori Cosby. She was such a giving and caring person, leading our Community Service outreach for many years. Being a member of the Guild for decades, she was a past-president and filled almost every other officer roll, at least once. We will miss her generous heart, getter-done attitude, kind voice and sweet smile. Rest in peace, Lori.

## SJQG Community Service Organizations

This is a list of organizations we have helped.

Birthright of Farmington helps women with unplanned pregnancies, childbirth, adoption, prenatal care, community programs, parenting skills, and child care.

Grace Place provides information on pregnancy tests, pregnancy options, and counsels fathers to be. Nurses are on call to answer questions.

LifeCare is an assisted living facility for individuals in need of rehabilitation and daily care.

New Beginnings is a part of the Navajo United Methodist Center provides transitional living for survivors and families of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Exam) provides medical/forensic exams for individuals who have been sexually assaulted.

ChildHaven serves children and youth who have suffered from abuse, neglect and traumatic experiences.

Family Crisis Center helps women and children after domestic violence and provide counseling to help families heal and provide personal growth.

Alamogordo - A member of Kiwanis asked for quilts for children who live in homes without heat. Prisoners manufacture beds for these children.

Aztec Animal Shelter and Turquoise Paws - We provide dog beds.

In the past, we have sent quilts to Santa Fe, Ruidoso, and Hawaii after natural disasters. Quilts were also sent to Ukraine.

When people ask for help, we respond. Places we donate to are ever-changing.

Susan Nelson, Community Service

## Dress a Girl Around the World

Dress a Girl Around the World has donated fabric to the Guild they can't use. In response, the guild has donated 100% cotton for their ministry. The website is listed for you to read more about the organization. [www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com](http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.com)



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## Four Corners Quilt Gathering, April 10-12, 2026

The 2026 Annual Four Corners Gathering in Durango is gearing up! Guest speaker is MJ Kinman. MJ makes the largest diamonds in the world. Instead of using the hardest substance on earth, she uses the softest material. She is a magician, using color to make her quilts sparkle and shine. You can learn to use her techniques to make your own quilts sparkle and shine. You will never look at color the same way again! The classes are filling up (Color Play I and II and Bite Sized Gems). Take advantage of the Sweetheart of a Deal. The first 20 to sign up for all three classes by Valentine's Day (February 14) will save \$20.00!

Friday classes—Durango Public Library, 1900 E 3rd Ave—(9a-12p) and (1p-4p) \$50 each + \$10 kit  
Saturday show/tell luncheon and lecture—Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 254 E 5th Ave—(10a-3p) \$40  
Sunday class—TBK Bank Community Room, 259 W 9th St—(9a-4p) \$90

If you have any questions or need a registration form, please email [4cornersquilters@gmail.com](mailto:4cornersquilters@gmail.com) or call 970.259.1079 and leave a message.

Barb Morgan

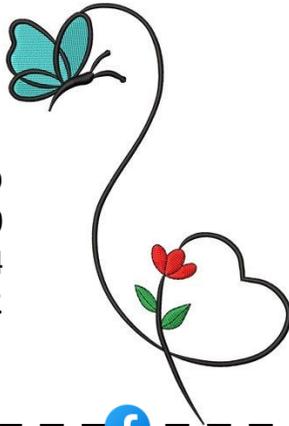
### 2026 President's Challenge

The challenge for 2026 is to make a patriotic quilt, any design, any size. You can keep it or donate it to anyone you like. If you want to donate it to Quilts of Valor, see the requirements here.



### Happy Birthday!

Ellen Vandruff	2/1
Susan Nelson	2/9
Shelley Frazier	2/20
Janet Green	2/24
Debbie Stefan	3/22



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### Quilts of Valor (QOV)

A Quilts of Valor quilt is a quality, handmade quilt that is cotton fabric, cotton, poly or blend batting and machine or hand quilted.

Recommended size: 60" x 80"; minimum: 55" x 65"; maximum: 72" x 90". It does not have to be red, white and blue, but patriotic colors are very popular.

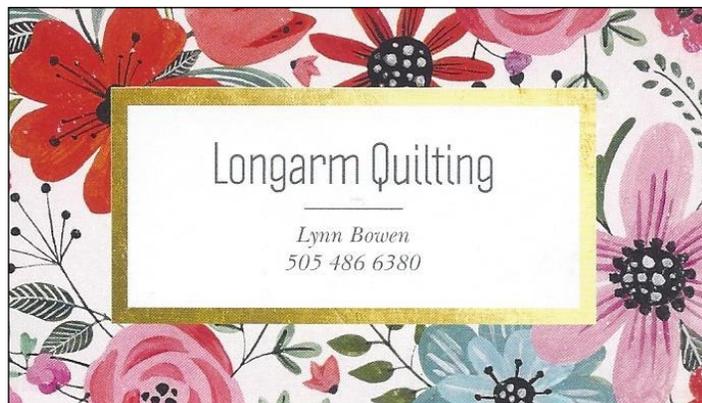
A QOV quilt is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or go to [www.qovf.org](http://www.qovf.org)

Lisa Willems, 505.486.5695

### 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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**2026 SJQG Officers & Committee Heads**

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**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. \*