



Random Scraps

San Juan Quilters Guild



Letter from the President

Happy Spring!

We've had a great start to the new year with workshops from Cheryl Hough, Cathy Hale and our guest speaker, Chris Liebel. I'm glad to say that we have more great programs coming.

In April we're having a Restash. Clean out your sewing room, come shop, bring friends. The public is invited to purchase, but not to sell. Anita has casseroles on the lunch potluck menu.

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO TUESDAY GUILD MEETING IN MAY! Instead, Susan Smith from the LaPlata Guild will be giving a class on Seminole Piecing. You can find Information regarding this class, sign up and supplies in the newsletter. The Saturday open sew will still meet. All are welcome!

A huge thank you to Lisa Willems for the gorgeous job she did making and Deb Cutler for machine quilting this year's Opportunity Quilt, called "Freedom." Tickets are available from Ellen Vandruff. It will be displayed for ticket sales at Four Corners Quilt Gathering in Durango on April 11.

I hope everyone is working on their Patriotic quilt for the exhibition at the Farmington Museum to be held October 16 through November 11, 2026.

Also, side raffle quilts for the San Juan County Fair are greatly appreciated. The side raffle, as well as ticket sales from the Opportunity Quilt are the big fundraiser for our guild this year. And speaking of the fair, please carve out some time to help Ellen in the quilt room. We need many volunteers to ensure adequate staffing. Not only is this an opportunity to sell raffle tickets and share our passion with the public, but we also are there to provide security for the quilt display.

Cathy Otten, President



Tues., Apr. 14, 2026

Meeting & Restash

@ Farmington Civic Center

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

Program: Restash after the meeting (11a-1p)
Contact Cheryl Hough to reserve a table.

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Casseroles

Sat., Apr. 18 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., May 12, 2026

Class ONLY

@ Farmington Civic Center

LOBBY

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

NO MEETING

Class: Seminole Piecing by Susan Smith. You must sign up and pay \$20 class fee no later than Apr. 14. Supply list below. Please be prompt.

Lunch is provided.

Sat., May 16, 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.

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San Juan Quilters Guild Board Meeting 12 March, 2026

Called to order by Cathy Otten, President. Minutes of the January 2026 board meeting were read by Ellen Vandruff, Secretary. Motion to approve by Pamela Myers, 2nd by Sharon Hastings, all approved as read.

Treasures report - Carol Miller, Finances look good. She's getting the rhythm of the organization.

Chairperson Update:

Membership - 45 members renewed. 3 guests at March's meeting, all three have been guild members in the past.

Programs - Cheryl Hough -

Apr - Restash, following the meeting - Lisa W. will distribute a flier publicizing the event.

May - Seminole piecing class - Must pay by April meeting. 2 haven't paid as of this meeting.

Jun - Community Service. Bring a service project or cutting mats and rulers to create future kits.

Jul - Paper piecing, build-a-skill day, bring machine and learn together.

Aug - Dress a Girl Around the World lecture.

Sep - Charlotte Pirnat - Handkerchief wall hanging power point lecture.

Oct - Crazy quilt.

Nov - TBD

Dec - Christmas gathering and installation of officers. Location: TBD

Door Prizes - Received \$89 in ticket sales at the last meeting. Neutral comments on gifts received.

Newsletter - doing good - Deadline March 24th.

Community service - Ann Nordyke, Alice Trujillo, and Susan Nelson are working as a unit on organization after Lori Cosby's death. Have some kits that need to be created. Suggested using June's meeting as a kitting event to help CS make progress.

Opportunity Quilt - Ellen Vandruff - first \$10 in tickets sold. Draw date needs to be set so we can publicize it.

Reveal of Patriotic red, white, and blue quilts will be in September.

Newsletter advertising - Lori Cosby was in charge, Lisa Willems has taken over. She voiced concerns about advertisers not being timely with their new ads for the publication.

Cathy Otten volunteered to pick up the guild mail at the post office box this year.

Memorial Fund - Discussion setting up a memorial fund. Cathy O. will research what we have done in the past.

Fair Issues - Ellen Vandruff- There was a complaint voiced to the fair board about us selling raffle tickets within the quilt show room. Ellen and Malinda will work with the fair board to come to a solution. This is a large piece of our fund-raising puzzle that will need to be solved soon.

New business - Discussed possible locations for our Christmas party. Cathy O. will research other venues. If they don't pan out, we'll go back to Porters Restaurant as we did in 2025.

Cathy O. will be out of town for the May board meeting, Kathleen Elsbury will be in charge.

Cheryl Hough motioned to adjourn, Pamela 2nd, all approved.

Members in attendance: Ellen Vandruff, Sharon Hastings, Pamela Myers, Lisa Willems, Kathleen Elsbury, Cathy Otten, Carol Miller, Cheryl Hough, Ann Nordyke.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Vandruff, Secretary



May Seminole Piecing Class Supply List

PLEASE NOTE: THIS CLASS WILL BE IN PLACE OF THE MAY MEETING

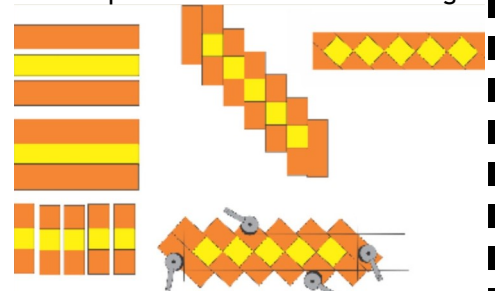
Susan Smith from the La Plata Guild will be giving the class on Seminole Piecing. Cost is \$20 for members and that includes lunch from Firehouse Subs. We will have some guests join us from the La Plata and Montrose guilds. Also, the class will be in the Civic Center lobby, not our usual meeting room. The class will go from 10a to 4p. Please arrive early and have your station set up so class can begin promptly at 10a.

YOU MUST SIGN UP AND PAY THE \$20 CLASS FEE NO LATER THAN TUES, APR 14, 2026

SUPPLY LIST:

- Fabric: 10 inch WOF cuts of 5 different solid colored fabrics.
(If using a print, it should be small enough to read like a solid.)
- PRE-STARCH ALL FABRICS.
- Rulers: 6"x12"; 6"x24"
- Rotary Cutter with a good blade
- Cutting Mat: Prefer 16" x 24"
- Sewing Machine
- Thread and Pre-filled bobbins
- Steam Iron and Pressing mat/ironing board
- Lots of slender stick pins, scissors, seam ripper
- A sticky roller (like the ones used to take off pet hair)
- Container for thread pieces and fabric scraps (paper lunch bag)

Example of Basic Seminole Piecing



Membership

Happy Spring! The March meeting had 32 members present with 3 visitors! We have 45 members so far this year! I will have some Membership Rosters available at the April meeting, but copying has gotten very expensive so I will not be making copies for everyone. If you did not receive the email with the attached Roster let me know. I will update your email address and get the Roster to you. Thank you for being so prompt with your membership forms and dues, it has made my first year as Membership Chair easier. I look forward to working with you!

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.

Sharon Hastings, Membership

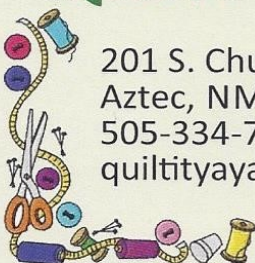
Thimbleweeds Outdoor Quilt Show

Sun, April 19 from 10a-2p Veterans Memorial Park, Pinetree Ave., Rio Rancho, NM (by Ester Bone Library) Free Parking and Free Entry!

Mesas to Monuments Quilt Show

Fri & Sat, May 1-2 from 10a-5p Grand Junction Conv. Center, 159 Main St., Grand Jct. Admission \$8. www.sunsetslopequilters.com

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If you know of a member who is sick, injured, needs a thank you note, etc., please contact me at 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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2026 Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

Thanks to the efforts of Lisa Willems for sewing the awesome quilt for this year's opportunity quilt. Thanks also to Deb Cutler for the dazzling machine quilting. The quilt wouldn't be complete without Cathy Otten's meticulous hand binding. Many hands have helped in its creation; and it is beautiful!

NOW, it is up to the **entire guild** to **SELL, SELL, SELL** tickets! Ask your family, friends, coworkers, etc. Since we don't have a quilt show this October, this is our big fundraiser for the year. Drawing to be held in November. Ellen Vandruff and Diane Tate will have tickets at the guild meetings. If you can't make the meeting, contact Ellen to make arrangements to get some. Remember, **SELL, SELL, SELL!**

Ellen Vandruff, 505.330.5986

Long-Arm for Sale

Elsie Crocfer has an Artista 17" long-arm sewing machine with a 6 foot Grace hoop frame for sale, reduced to \$1,500 OBO. Contact Elsie at 505.787.0170 or ecrocfer@msn.com or Debbie Roark at 505.363.4940.



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Community Service

We have a new member joining our committee: Alice Trujillo. Between Ann, Alice and myself, this program should run smoothly with providing donations of quilts, pillowcases, fidget quilts, fleece blankets and whatever our community agencies request.

We've been taking inventory to see what we have in storage. So far, we have a variety of quilt sizes that are ready to be given to those in need. We also have several tops that need to be quilted.

Sharon, who represents the Kiwanis Noon Club in Alamogordo, has requested more twin size quilts and pillowcases for children in their area. She reached out last year for help and we responded.

We have fidget quilts ready to donate. Let one of us know if you have a contact person at the assisted living facilities.

We will always need pillowcases. The pattern is found on our website sjqg.org under Links.

Thank you for your support!

Susan, Ann, & Alice

2026 San Juan Count Fair Important Dates *Celebrating 250 Years of Red, White & Blue!*

The Guild will need help for the following dates:
Sat. Aug. 8—Entry take-in
Sun. Aug. 9—Judging and quilt hanging
Mon.-Sat. Aug. 10-15—Quilt room open to the public
Sun. Aug. 16—Entry pick-up



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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, who 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.

Saturday 10a-3p—Show/Tell, Luncheon and MJ Kinman Lecture
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 254 E. 5th Ave. Durango, \$40

If you have any questions, please email 4cornersquilters@gmail.com or call Barb Morgan at 970.259.1079 and leave a message



Board Meeting

The next SJQG board meeting is Thurs., May 14th at 9:30a the First Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin Ave., Farmington. All are welcome!

Get Social

Along with our Facebook page, we're getting more social. Did you know about the guild's Pinterest account? If you have photos you would like posted there, they can be sent to Diane Stubbs (fabricadabra@email.com) Don't miss our Pinterest presence at <https://www.pinterest.com/sjqgNM/>

Get to know other guild members. Be sure to check the website to find out about our featured member. <https://sjqg.org/membership/featured-member/>

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.

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

Lisa Willems, 505.486.5695



Happy Birthday!

Bev Spellbring	4/1
Elsie Crocfer	4/11
Sharon Hastings	4/20
Connie Nordstrom	4/30
Alice Trujillo	5/5
Pamela Myers	5/16



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2026 SJQG Officers & Committee Heads

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Door Prizes	Pamela Myers
Opportunity Quilt	Lisa Willems
Opp Quilt Ticket Sales	Ellen Vandruff, Diane Tate
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Feb/Mar — Jan 24th	Apr/May — Mar 24th
Jun/Jul — May 22nd	Aug/Sep — Jul 24th
Oct/Nov — Sep 24th	Dec/Jan — Nov 24th

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. *

San Juan Quilters Guild

Restash Sale

**Quilting fabric,
supplies and notions**

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Public is welcome



Tuesday, April 14, 2026

11:00a—1:00p

(following the Guild Meeting)

Farmington Civic Center

200 W. Arrington St. (west side-doors)

Farmington, NM 87401

Invite your friends!

Cheryl 505.860.3301

Cathy 505.860.2247

Restash refers to the process of auditing, organizing,
and reducing your fabric collection.

