



# Random Scraps

## San Juan Quilters Guild



### Letter from the President

The Seminole Piecing class held in May was awesome! We all had a great time and learned some creative ways to enhance quilt borders. A big thank you to Susan Smith who not only brought samples of different methods of Seminole piecing, and wonderful quilts, but also made the class fun!

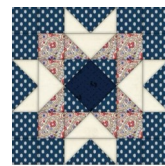
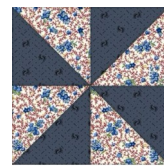
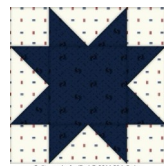
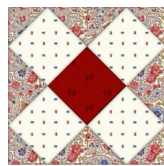
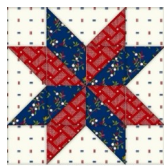
Please check out the Community Service project Susan, Ann and Alice have for us at the June meeting. Bring your machines, or just yourself to help on a variety of projects. If you didn't sign up for the pot luck, Anita is planning a delicious taco bar. This will be a great day to sew, eat tacos, and enjoy each other.

The July meeting will provide a demonstration of paper piecing. I admit this is somewhat self-serving, because my President's Quilt block is paper pieced. Plus, it will be a fun skill to learn,

Also, in July we will begin the reveal of Patriotic quilts for the October and November museum exhibit. If your quilt isn't ready, don't worry. Reveals will also occur in August and September.

It's getting close to San Juan County Fair time, so remember that side raffle quilts are greatly appreciated. The side raffle, as well as ticket sales from the Opportunity Quilt are our big fundraiser for this year. We also 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, plus it's a lot of fun!

Cathy Otten, President



<p><b>Tues., Jun. 9, 2026</b>  <b>Meeting &amp; Sew Day</b>            @ Farmington Civic Center</p> <p>Gather at 9:30 a.m.            Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Program: Community Service: quilt kits, pillowcases, quilt tops, binding strips, basting.</p> <p>Fat 1/4: purple</p> <p>Potluck: Taco bar</p>	<p><b>Sat., Jun. 13 2026</b>  <b>Meeting &amp; Open Sew</b>            @ Williams Room            First Presbyterian Church            865 N. Dustin, Farmington</p> <p>Gather at 9:30 a.m.            Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Program: Open sew day. Bring your own projects and enjoy sewing with your quilting friends.</p> <p>Brown bag</p>	<p><b>Tues., Jul. 14, 2026</b>  <b>Meeting, Demo &amp; Sew</b>            @ Farmington Civic Center</p> <p>Gather at 9:30 a.m.            Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Program: Paper piecing Demo and sewing. Patriotic quilt reveal.</p> <p>Fat 1/4: blue</p> <p>Potluck: BBQ, burgers, dogs, etc.</p>	<p><b>Sat., Jul. 18, 2026</b>  <b>Meeting &amp; Open Sew</b>            @ Williams Room            First Presbyterian Church            865 N. Dustin, Farmington</p> <p>Gather at 9:30 a.m.            Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Program: Open sew day. Bring your own projects and enjoy sewing with your quilting friends.</p> <p>Brown bag</p>
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## San Juan Quilters Guild Board Meeting 14 May, 2026

Welcome and call to order by Kathleen Elsbury, Vice-President, standing in for Cathy Otten.

Minutes Read from the March 2026 board meeting by Ellen Vandruff, Secretary. Chery Hough motioned to accept minutes as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daine Stubbs, all approved.

Treasurer - Susan Nelson standing in. Discussed money in and out of guild accounts. Sharon Hastings approved, Cheryl Hough 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved.

Chairperson updates-  
Membership- Sharon Hastings - no changes.

Programs - Cheryl Hough - impressed with last Tuesday's class. The presenter was very prepared and students were ready to learn.

Upcoming programs:

June - Community service sew day

July - Paper piecing by Ellen Vandruff and sew day

November - looking for a project

Website - Diane Stubbs - Website is doing well.

Community service - Susan Nelson - More donations coming in. They are in charge of June's meeting which will be focusing on kitting, sewing, and prepping future projects.

Newsletter - Lisa Willems - Deadline is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Opportunity Quilt - Ellen Vandruff - Quilt is currently hanging at Quilted Corners. Made approximately \$100 at 4 Corners Quilt Gathering in Durango.

Fair Discussion - Ellen Vandruff - waiting on more information. Future meeting planned with Kim Martinez that serves on the fair board.

Patriotic Quilt Exhibit at Farmington Museum - Kathleen Ellsbury - Drop off Oct 10 10-3, exhibit opens Oct 16 with a reception that evening, Exhibit closes Nov 11 afternoon with our Quilt Presentations. All quilts will need a hanging sleeve. Awardee information will be needed so invitations can be sent to those that will be awarded quilts.

Old Business - No progression on Memory labels for quilt show drapes.

New Business - Diane Stubbs proposed adding an "In Memory of" tab to the website to note contributions of deceased members.

Cheryl Hough motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon Hastings.

Members in attendance: Ellen Hough, Kathleen Ellsbury, Susan



Vandruff, Sharon Hastings, Cheryl Nelson, Diane Stubbs, Lisa Willems.

Respectfully Submitted,

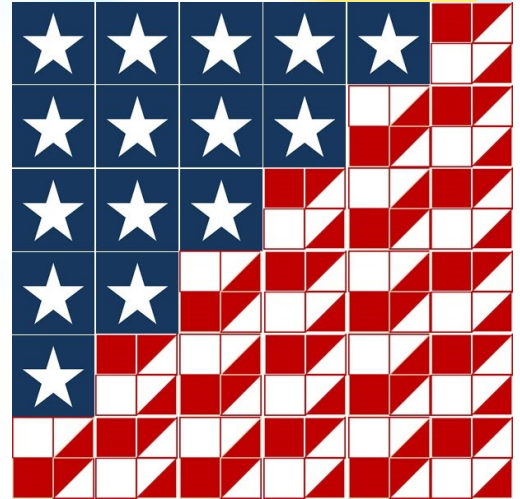
Ellen Vandruff, Secretary

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

We 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 public  
Sun. Aug. 16—Entry pick-up

### 2026 San Juan Count Fair Side Raffle

We are looking for donations for the Side raffle. A Signup Genius will be sent through email at a later date, seeking help with fair intake, judging, ticket sales, and room security. Direct your questions to Ellen or Diane Tate.



## June Community Service Sewing Day

At our June 9th Guild meeting, the Community Service program is designed to provide a variety of activities that should appeal to all. We'll have some fabric for you to choose from, but you're welcome to bring your own.

You may:

- sew pillowcases for children, seams for backings, sew quilt tops from precut fabric, or start a potato chip quilt. Bring your sewing machine and supplies.
- cut binding strips or quilt backings. We'll have cutting mats and rotary cutters, but you can bring your own.
- iron pillowcases, quilt tops, quilt backs, and binding. We'll have irons and ironing boards, but you can bring your own.
- tie a quilt that could use a few more ties.
- baste smaller quilts so they can be quilted on a domestic machine. Spray bottles, measuring tapes, and pins will be available.
- sew lap quilts for assisted living residence for Christmas. Some don't have visitors, so this would be the ultimate reminder that they are valued.

These simple activities will help us greatly. You may work individually or with a friend. It should be a productive session, and help us achieve our goal in helping our community.

Thank you,  
Community Service, Susan, Ann, & Alice

## Membership

We have 45 members so far this year! I will have a few Membership Rosters available at the June 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. 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

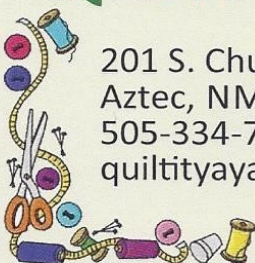
### Black Canyon Quilt Show July 10-12

Fri. 9a-5p, Sat. 9a-5p, & Sun. 10a-3:30p at the Montrose Pavilion, 1800 Pavilion Dr. Montrose, CO. [www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com](http://www.blackcanyonquiltshow.com)

### Dolores Mountain Quilters Quilt Show August 21-22

Fri. 9a-5p & Sat. 9a-4p at the Dolores Community Center, 400 Riverside Ave. Dolores, CO. [www.doloresmountainquilters.org](http://www.doloresmountainquilters.org)

## 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). I will need the full name, reason for a card, and their address, if they are not a current member. Thank you all for your help!

Cathy Hale, Sunshine Chair



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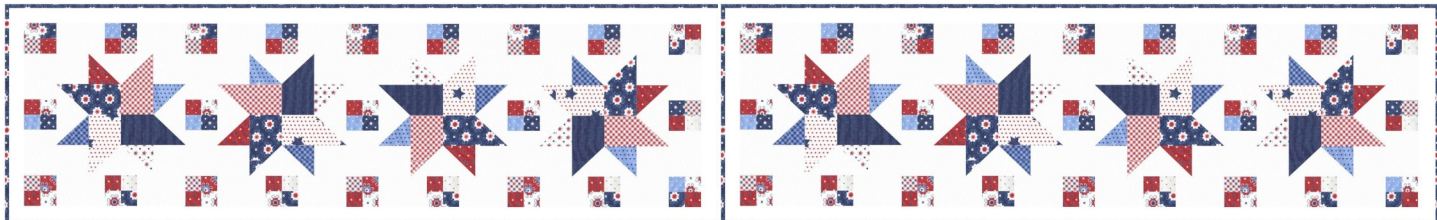
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## Board Meeting

The next SJQG board meeting is Thurs., Jul 16th at 9:30a the First Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin Ave., Farmington. All are welcome!

Like us on Facebook 

San Juan Quilters Guild or  
SJQG Official Members  
and share your quilt photos!

## 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



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## 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.



## "Freedom" \* 2026 Opportunity Quilt

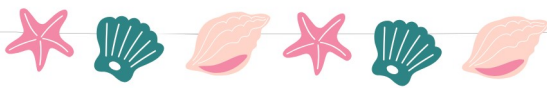


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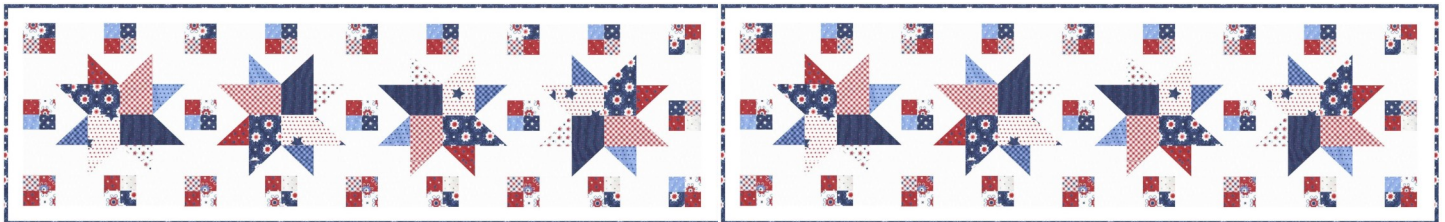
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## Patriotic Quilt Display at the Farmington Museum— Oct & Nov 2026

We are looking forward to our upcoming Patriotic Quilt Display at the Farmington Museum! Here are some important dates.

Sat. Oct. 10— Quilt drop off 10a-3p at the Farmington Museum.

Fri. Oct. 16— Display opening reception 5-7p. Invite your family and friends! Refreshments will be provided.

Wed. Nov. 11— Quilt Presentation Ceremony (afternoon) (including QOV, DAR, etc.) and drawing for the Opportunity Quilt. Quilts may be picked up after the presentation and drawing are finished.

I will be passing out a sign up sheet so that we can know how many quilts will be displayed, how many will be awarded as Quilts of Valor, and how many of you would like us to get the name of a local veteran to award your quilt to. The QOV organization also will need the name of the veteran if you have someone you have picked out to award your quilt to. If you are donating a quilt through another organization, please research their requirements and let me know how we will present it.

Questions? Please call me at 505-330-0816.

Thank you! Kathleen Elsbury

### 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](mailto:fabricadabra@email.com)) Don't miss our Pinterest presence at <https://www.pinterest.com/sjggNM/>

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



### Happy Birthday!

Debbie Roark	6/4
Connie Polzin	6/7
Karen Hohmann	6/18
MaryAnne Reidy	7/23
Julie Wilder	7/23
Kathleen Elsbury	7/25
Vicki Morrow	7/26
Cathy Otten	7/28

### 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)

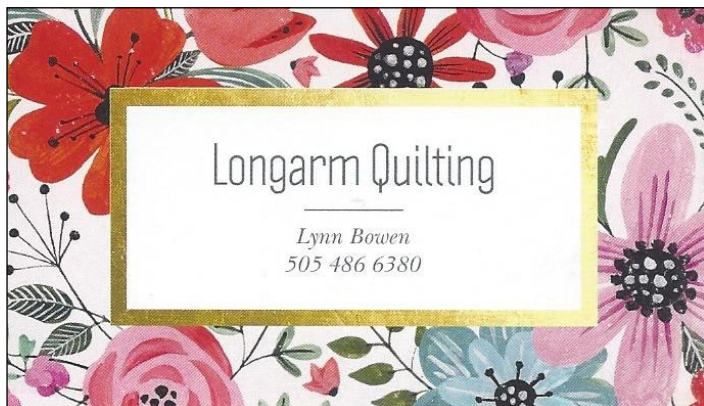
A Quilts of Valor quilt is a quality, handmade quilt that is cotton fabric, cotton, poly or blend batting and machine or hand quilted.

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](http://www.qovf.org)

Lisa Willems, 505.486.5695



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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. \*