

RANDOM SCRAPS

SAN JUAN QUILTERS GUILD

Farmington, New Mexico



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends!

We have had such productive meetings lately! We've made things, learned new skills, enjoyed each other's friendship, and had great food. We really have a wonderful guild with special members that bring a wide variety of experience, suggestions and recommendations on projects. The Community Service workday was a lot of fun and we'll have more of those next year. In October, we'll be making fidget quilts, so please start gathering items to go on those (buttons, beads, keys, zippers, etc.)

Speaking of programs, the committee has started working on 2027 program ideas and I'll be the Chair on the Program Committee once my President's role is over. I would really appreciate a co-chair, so if you're willing let me know.

We're less than a month away from the San Juan County Fair which runs August 10 through August 15. We still have a lot of open slots for ticket sales for side raffle quilts and the Opportunity Quilt, so contact Ellen if you're able to help. We also need many volunteers to ensure adequate staffing. This is a great opportunity to share our passion with the public, plus it's a lot of fun!

The Museum Exhibition of Patriotic Quilts is also fast approaching. Make sure you turn in your forms to Kath Elsbury by the September meeting so we can provide information on number of quilts and sizes to the museum. Quilts must be dropped off on October 10. The reception opening of the exhibit is October 16 from 5:00 to 7:00. Quilts will be awarded to veterans on November 11 at 5:30. Please check the newsletter for more information regarding this event.

Lastly, we are gathering lap quilts to provide those less fortunate residents of nursing homes who may not have family or receive Christmas gifts. If you have any to donate, please get with Ann Nordyke.

Cathy Otten, President

LOCATION CHANGE!

TUES. 18 AUG 2026

Meeting & Speaker

@ Farmington Civic Center

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

Dress a Girl Around the World speaker.

Fat 1/4: Pink

Potluck: Pasta

SAT. 22 AUG 2026

Meeting Canceled

You can take this opportunity to drive up to Dolores to enjoy the Dolores Mountain Quilters Quilt Show!



TUES. 8 SEP 2026

Meeting & Speaker

@ San Juan College
Admin Building on 30th St.
3rd floor meeting room

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

Charlotte Pirnat - Handkerchief wall hanging & trunk show.

Fat 1/4: Beige/Brown
Potluck: meat/cheese trays provided, bring sandwich fixings

SAT. 12 AUG 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 quilty friends.
Brown bag

San Juan Quilters Guild Board Meeting 16 July 2026

Called to order by Cathy Otten, President. Those in attendance received a written agenda. Cathy mentioned that the agenda was incomplete, and things would be added to it. Minutes Read from the May 2026 board meeting by Ellen Vandruff, Secretary. Kathy E. motioned to accept minutes as read, 2nd by Sharon Hastings, all approved.

Treasurer Report - Guild is in a good place financially.

Chairperson Update -

Membership - Sharon Hastings - Staying stable.

Programs - August - dress a girl, Sept - Charlotte Pirnat - Handkerchief wall hanging power point lecture, to be held at San Juan College due to construction at the Civic Center, October - Fidget Quilts for Community Service, November - Lynn Savoie, December - Christmas and officer installation, 2027 - Jan - Connie P - orphan block usage, Feb - Fat Quarter Challenge, March - Ellen Vandruff - apparel embellishment, April - Julie Wilder - Mexican Star.

Cathy O. asked those in attendance their opinion on the guild purchasing a large piece of fabric for a Fat Quarter challenge. Cheryl Motioned to approve the proposed purchase, Pamela Meyers 2nd.

Cheryl Hough volunteered to do a future class in rope bowls. It was also noted that we need to find time in the upcoming calendar for community service days.

Newsletter - July 24th deadline.

Ann Nordyke - Community Service - 34 Quilts and 29 Pillowcases boxed and ready to send to Alamogordo. Also has 13 lap quilts for local nursing homes. Ann proposed asking local nursing homes about how we can serve those in their facilities that routinely go without gifts. She also commented that June's meeting was successful. The committee is doing a good job organizing and prepping future projects.

Jill Tanis and Mary Anne Reidy - missed guild opportunities - asked for permission to create a steering committee to create an off-show year sale event that the community could be invited to that the guild could use as a fundraising project. Permission was granted by Cathy O. to investigate moving forward.

Opportunity Quilt ticket sales - Ellen V - Moving forward. Prepping for County Fair. Signups are looking good and about 10 quilts have been donated to the side raffle.

Museum show - Kathy E. - Forms are due by Sept, Oct 10 drop off between 10-2, Oct 16 Opening night reception, Nov 11 QOV Presentation and Reception 5:30 also draw Opportunity quilt ticket. DAR will help with a flag ceremony and such.

Nominations - 2027 Open Positions - Treasurer and Programs.

Old business - In Remembrance tags, still unknown

Diane Stubbs - dived into state regulations surrounding raffles. Discovered all ticket sales must be person to person paid with cash or check.

Sharon H. motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Ann, all approved.

Members in attendance: Ellen Vandruff, Pamela Meyers, Sharon Hastings, Cathy Otten, Kathleen Elsbury, Jill Tanis, Ann Nordyke, Diane Stubbs, Mary Anne Reidy.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Vandruff, Secretary



San Juan Count Fair Volunteer Opportunities

We need lots of volunteers this year for setup, judging, hanging, ticket sales, room security, and takedown! Please check your email for links to SignUp to see the openings in the schedule. Or call Ellen, and she can sign you up. We need all hands on deck!

Don't forget to wear your name tag and have a covered bottle or cup for your drink. There is no food allowed in the Quilting Room.



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

The Guild will need help the following dates:

Sat. Aug. 8—Entry take-in
Sun. Aug. 9—Judging and quilt hanging
Mon.-Sat. Aug. 10-15—Quilt room open
Sun. Aug. 16—Entry pick-up

Membership

Welcome to the last of summer, I am so ready for cool fall weather to start! I get to announce we have 45 members in our Guild. Thank you for welcoming our guests and making them feel at home. That is one of the best ways to increase our membership.

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.

See you at the Fair!
Sharon Hastings, Membership



Happy Birthday!

Rita Jaquez Arnold	8/15
Cathy Hale	8/16
Billie Whitlow	8/20
Lynn Savoie	9/9
Melissa Spencer	9/16
Lisa Willems	9/16
Anita Rader	9/18
Diane Tate	9/21
Linda Barlow	9/23

Quilt Fiesta Santa Fe

Fri & Sat, Oct 2nd & 3rd, 9a-5p
Santa Fe Convention Center
201 W. Marcy St., Santa Fe, NM 87501
Admission \$10 * nnmqg.org

Dolores Mountain Quilters Quilt Show

Fri & Sat, Aug 21st & 22nd, 10a-5p
Dolores Community Center
400 Riverside Ave., Dolores, CO 81323
Admission \$5 * doloresmountainquilters.org

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Mary Craig
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Sunshine

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

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. The drawing will be held November 11th at our QOV Presentation. 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



REMEMBER: Our **Aug. Tuesday** meeting is postponed 1 week due to the County Fair. The **Aug. Saturday** meeting is canceled.

SAVE THE DATE: It's not too early to start blocking off our calendars for the 2027 Quilt Show which will be held October 8 and 9, 2027 at McGee Park.



Community Service

Thank you, members, for making our July program a success! It was fun having a variety of projects, so everyone had choices. I appreciate all your efforts!

We sent over 34 quilts and 20 pillowcases to children in Otero County. Some of the families don't have heat in their homes so this keeps the children warm during winter and gives them hope throughout the year. Sharon Westrum, with Noon Kiwanis Club, as well as the HOPE Organization of the Alamogordo Public Schools and the BED Project are grateful for our contribution. The State Police are in the process of delivering the goods.

16 fidgets quilts have been given to residents at Three Rivers Assisted Living and 2 Beehive facilities. The staff were very appreciative, and I told them we would be making more so save anything interesting as you clean out your junk drawer and go through your fabric stash. Our October program will be dedicated to fidget-making.

We've already set aside approximately 15 laptop quilts to be given to assisted living residences at Christmas time so keep them in mind as you quilt.

Thank you,
Susan Nelson, Ann Nordyke, Alice Trujillo

Like us on Facebook 
San Juan Quilters Guild or
SJQG Official Members
and share your quilt photos!

In October Ann Nordyke will be helping us make fidget quilts. So, please start gathering old zippers, keys, rick rack, buttons, beads, and any other tactile objects for these quilts.

The December meeting and installation of officers will be held on December 8. We will again have our meeting at Porter's Restaurant. This is a Guild member only event. The cost will be \$10 per person. Would you prefer this meeting to be during lunch or dinner? Be prepared to cast your vote at the September meeting.



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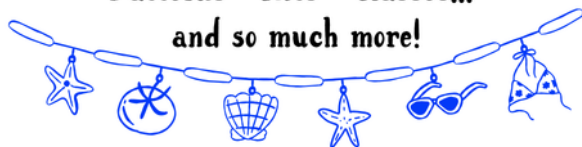
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Patriotic Quilt Museum Display & Quilt of Valor Presentation

We have already seen some beautiful quilts from our patriotic quilt challenge! The patriotic quilt reveals will continue for the next few months! I'm looking forward to seeing them!

Here are dates to remember:

October 10: Drop off quilts at Farmington Museum 10:00am-2:00pm

October 16: Opening night with reception 5:00-7:00pm Please bring friends and family! Refreshments provided.

November 11: Final night of display, Quilt of Valor awards start at 5:30pm, Opportunity Quilt drawing at the end!

October 21: 10:00am-2:00pm pick up for any quilts not donated or picked up closing night. Quilts will not be available closing night until after the presentation if they are not being presented.

Please remember that you do not need to donate a quilt in order to participate in the museum display. We will need the Museum Exhibit form filled out and return the top part to me and the bottom part to the quilt. I need the top part by September 28th for the museum. You can pick up a form at our meetings. It will also be put on our website soon. If you have any questions or need help with drop off or pick up, please let me know! Kathleen Elsbury 505.330.0816

Happy 250th America!



Board Meeting

The next SJQG board meeting is Thurs., Sep 10th 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 below.

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



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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

King 104" sq.

"Freedom" * 2026 Opportunity Quilt

Tickets are available 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5 from any guild member

Proceeds go to community service quilts

Pattern by Jenny Foltz, Wing and a Prayer Design

Traditional piecing by Lisa Willems

Longarm quilting by Deb Cutler

Drawing November 11, 2026

Need not be present to win

