

RANDOM SCRAPS

SAN JUAN QUILTERS GUILD

Farmington, New Mexico



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends!

Finally! Fall is around the corner, and we can get some relief from the brutal heat of this summer. I want to thank Charlotte Pirnat who gave such a fabulous and inspiring presentation at the September meeting on handkerchief wall hanging quilts. There are so many creative ways to explore our passion as quilters and sewists.

In October we'll be making fidget quilts, so please be ready to help in whatever way you desire; machine sewing, cutting, arranging quilt blocks, tacking on keys, buttons, beads, rick rack, etc. Basic sewing supplies would be helpful as well as all the doodads used to make these quilts which, when completed, will be donated to local nursing homes.

I will be the Programs Chair for 2027, and Cheryl Hough has graciously agreed to co-chair with me. Please let either of us know of programs you would be interested in for next year.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to work the San Juan County Fair. I know it was a big adjustment with our guild being moved outside the quilt room, but it looks like this will be our new location. Melinda was great keeping things organized!

The Museum Exhibition of Patriotic Quilts is weeks away. Quilts must be dropped off at the Museum on October 10th between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm WITH SLEEVES AND LABELS. Please join us for the opening reception on October 16th beginning at 5:00pm. Quilts will be awarded to veterans on November 11th at 5:30pm, with Karen Stevens MCing!

The 2027 budget will be worked on during the November board meeting. Committee Chairs, please think about expenditures you will be making next year so we can get the budget drafted.

Cathy Otten, President



TUES. 13 OCT

Meeting & Program

@ Farmington Civic Center

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

Community service making fidget quilts. Bring sewing machine, buttons, rick rack, keys, et.

Fat 1/4: Orange
Potluck: Chili

SAT. 17 OCT

Meeting & Open Sew

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

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

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

Brown bag

TUES. 10 NOV

Meeting & Speaker

@ Farmington Civic Center

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

Lynn Savoie will give a trunk show.

Fat 1/4: Fall colors
Potluck: Ethnic (Spanish, Navajo, Italian, etc)

SAT. 14 NOV

Meeting & Open Sew

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865 N. Dustin, Farmington

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

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San Juan Quilters Guild Board Meeting 10 September 2026

Welcome and call to order by Cathy O. Minutes of July Board meeting read by Ellen Vandruff, secretary. Susan motioned to approve, Kathy E 2nd, all approved.

Treasurer report - Susan Nelson - Doing well financially. County Fair deposit made checking balance look better.

Chairperson updates

Sharon Hastings - 2 new members and 4 visitors at September's meeting.

Programs - October Fidget Quilts, November could be Lynne Savoie trunk show. Cheryl Hough will co-chair with Cathy O. in 2027.

Newsletter deadline Sept 21.

Community Service - 10 Quilts turned in this week. Roger Sheik with Beds4Kidz is seeking donations. Susan will communicate with him to see what his needs are. Alamogordo received their last shipment of donations. Susan reiterated the guilds desire to fulfill donation requests as quilts are available.

Opportunity ticket sales - Ellen Vandruff - passed out a graph of income from '24, '25, '26 fair ticket sales. She noted that each year is different as to the community's ability to donate to our cause. More than likely we will continue to be outside the quilt room in the future. Diane Stubbs volunteered to assist in creating some signage that we can use for multiple years to promote the guild and our opportunity quilt. Ellen will also make a Facebook event for the museum display.

Civic Center issues - Cathy O - 2 dates for 2027 are already over booked, placing the guild meeting in the lobby for May and October meetings. Cathy O, Kathy E, and Susan N will investigate our future options within the community.

Budget planning for 2027 - Budget will be gone over in November, so committee heads need to look forward at what their upcoming needs might be.

Kathy E - needs a treasurer for 2027. Will continue to move forward to seek a full board.

Old Business - In remembrance tags still needs to be addressed.

Nursing homes Cathy O is wondering what their needs are and how we as a guild can support them.

New Business - December meeting - day or evening? Ellen will work with Diane to send out a signup to allow guild members to vote for their preference. Another signup will be created to facilitate actual signing up for the meeting.

Quilt show. Should be held in 2027. Susan doesn't want to chair, she will be VP in 2027. Decisions will have to be made before December so McGee park can be reserved.

Motion to adjourn by Sharon Hastings, 2nd by Lisa Willems, all approved.

Members in attendance Ellen Vandruff, Diane Stubbs, Lisa Willems, Susan Nelson, Kathleen Elsbury, Cathy Otten, Sharon Hastings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Vandruff, Secretary



Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

Tickets are still available to sell however need to be turned in before the November 11th drawing. The Quilt will be on display in Quilted Corners during the Art Walk on Friday, October 2nd. Ellen Vandruff, 505.330.5986.

Patriotic Quilt Museum Display & Quilt of Valor Presentation



Quilters! It is just about time for our exhibit at the Farmington Museum! It is going to be an amazing display! Please remember to drop off your quilts at the museum Saturday, October 10th from 10:00am - 2:00pm. All quilts should have a sleeve and a label. If your quilt is being donated for our Quilts of Valor presentation, your label should include that as well.

Our opening reception is October 16th at the museum from 5:00-7:00pm. Please bring friends and families! We will have refreshments.

The final night of the exhibit is Veterans Day, November 11th at 5:30pm. Our presentation of the Quilts of Valor will begin at 5:30pm. After which we will have our Opportunity Quilt drawing.

Quilts not presented can also be picked up that night after the presentation or on November 21st from 10:00am-2:00pm. Questions? Call Kathy Elsbury 505.330.0816.



Happy 250th America!



Happy Birthday!

VERNELL ANDREWS	2-OCT
NAEDEEN BACON	7-OCT
RENE L JAMES	17-OCT
NADINE ZUMWALT	22-OCT
MALINDA PEINE	24-OCT
SHANNA UHL	25-OCT
ANNETTE LEE	29-OCT
MARLENE GALINDO	3-NOV



Membership

I am pleased to announce we have increased to 47 members! Please welcome our 2 newest members Bonnie Yoakum and Barb McCall. Bonnie learned of our Guild at the Fair and Barb was invited by Deb Stefan. Thank you for making both of these ladies feel welcome at the September meeting. If everyone would invite a past or new member to our meetings Membership will grow. I will have updated Membership Lists, that include all the members at the October meeting.

Sharon Hastings, Membership

December Meeting

The December meeting and installation of officers will be held on Dec 8th at 11:30am. We will again have our meeting at Porter's Restaurant. This is a Guild member only event. The cost will be \$10 per person.

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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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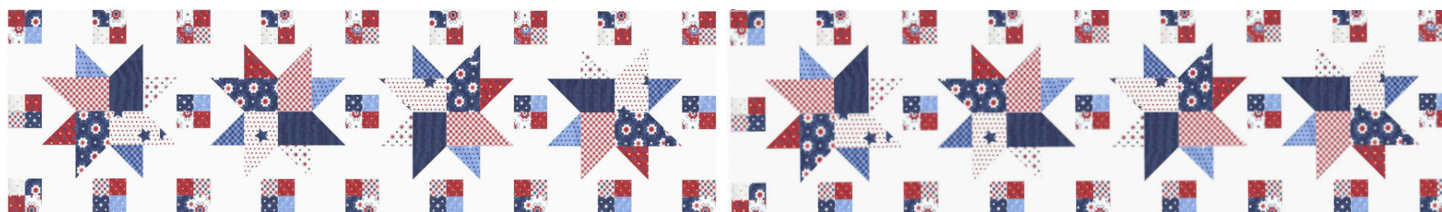
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Community Service

For our October meeting, we'll be making fidget quilts. We will provide fabric squares, batting, backing, items to sew on to the quilts, and samples of finished fidget quilts to help give you ideas. Bring your sewing machine and sewing kits plus any fabric and items such as buttons, zippers, buckles, ribbons, pockets, beads, and different fabric textures that can be used for the quilts. These quilts provide a calming activity for individuals with dementia. Please work collaboratively and have fun!

We have started collecting lap quilts for seniors in nursing homes who don't receive gifts at Christmastime. If you have any to add to our collection, please bring them to our future meetings.

We recently donated 10 quilts to Roger Sheak, with Beds4Kidz. The program is statewide, however, our quilts will remain local. This program also accepts gently used sheets, pillows, beds, and bed frames. I think our standard size pillowcases would make a big hit. Please visit their website beds4kidz.org.

The reason we're helping Kiwanis Noon Club in Alamogordo is Lori Cosby felt this was a worthwhile program. When we received a letter asking for help last year, we were the only guild to respond. Sharon, the Kiwanis representative, states that she has individuals who help but Otero is such a poor county, they needed more quilts and that is where we helped out. You should feel proud to be a part of such a generous guild. It's such a good feeling.

If you know of any organizations who could use our help, please let us know. We'll contact ChildHaven and New Beginnings to see what they need.

Thank you all for supporting our program!

Susan Nelson, Ann Nordyke, Alice Trujillo



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

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

Board Meeting

The next SJQG board meeting is Thurs., Nov. 12th at 9:30a the First Presbyterian Church, 865 N. Dustin Ave., Farmington. All are welcome!





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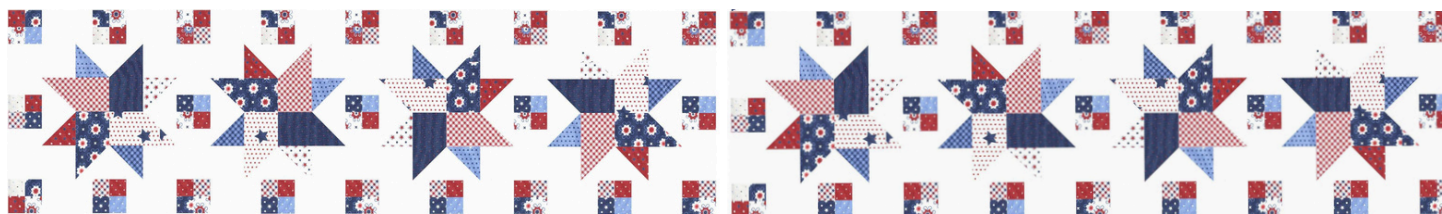
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Georgia Cortez displayed her president's quilt at the NM State Fair and recieved 2nd place on it. Congrats G!



2026 SJQG OFFICERS & COMMITTEE HEADS

President	Cathy Otten
Vice President	Kathleen Elsbury
Secretary	Ellen Vandruff
Treasurer	Susan Nelson
Membership	Sharon Hastings
Programs	Cheryl Hough, Alice Trujillo, Connie Polzin
Community Service	Susan Nelson
Newsletter	Lisa Willems
Website	Diane Stubbs
Sunshine	Cathy Hale
Door Prizes	Pamela Myers, Mary Anne Reidy
Opportunity Quilt	Lisa Willems
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Jun/Jul — May 22nd	Aug/Sep — Jul 24th
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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. *