



The Quilter's Express August 2026

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Social Time at 5:30 pm — Meeting at 6:00 pm

Hostesses for September

Sarah Collins
Margo Henderson
Annie Havel

591

Days until the Quilt Show
(as of August meeting)

On the September Agenda

- Show & Tell
 - Groups (Norma's House, Nursing Home, Block of the Month)
 - Individuals (sign up at the meeting)
- Treasurer's Report, Approve Minutes
- Upcoming Programs
- Quilt-As-You-Go Program
- Business:
 - Approve Budget
 - USPS Mailed Newsletters
 - Quilt Show Committee Status Reports
 - Committee Set Ups - Policies & Procedures, Christmas Party, Christmas Block, Christmas Tree Forest
 - Member Photos
 - Scare On The Square

September

Quilt-As-You-Go

October

Sewing with Silk

November

Silk Dyeing Workshop

December

Christmas Party

Details inside!



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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2026 SHINER HERITAGE QUILTERS MEETING

The members of the Shiner Heritage Quilt Guild met in the Shiner Methodist Fellowship Hall on August 4, 2026. President Linda Parr called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with 48 members present, two guests, and three new members: Millie Garcia, Wanda Myers, and Meagan Campion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Our hostesses this month were Darcy Curtin, Mona Roberts, Beth Blanchard, and Margo Henderson. Next month's hostesses are Sarah Collins, Margo Henderson, and Annie Havel.

Annual dues are due next month; \$25 for the year.

Debbie read a letter regarding the Sizzlin' Summer Shop Hop in the Austin/San Antonio area, August 27–29, with daily and grand-prize drawings (including a sewing machine). An invitation was read from the Creative Memories Quilt Guild (Caldwell, TX) to their quilt show September 11–12.

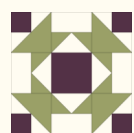
SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS: Rose Mary read a poem, "The Quilt He Still Keeps," about the impact of charity quilts and asked for sunshines and shadows. She then led the group celebrating August birthdays. The Quilt Show Countdown for 2028 is 591 days.

SHOW and TELL: 10 members showed their latest projects.

NORMA'S HOUSE: Laura announced the annual goal for Norma's House quilt donations (60) was exceeded (70) with 15 quilts donated the night of the meeting.

NURSING HOME: Bernadette announced the annual goal for nursing home quilts (60) was also reached tonight. She also asked Diana Henk to ask whether the nursing home in Flatonia would accept quilt donations.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: BOM participants showed their completed blocks; Margo distributed this month's new block pattern.



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DOOR PRIZES were given by the hostesses.

PROGRAM: Bernadette Kresta led a hands-on program demonstrating four Creative Grids trim tools: Half Rectangle, Flying Geese, Log Cabin, and Kitty Corner. Annette Meyer, Mary Shafer, and Rae Nell Janik assisting at demo stations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report included review of our month-end balances, and Karin noted she is following up with our bank to determine why we did not receive interest this month. A budget survey was distributed to members to gather feedback on program priorities to guide budget planning (noted typo: survey listed 7 items instead of 8). Karin answered member questions on prior month's expenses and on the guild's 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Month-end balances of accounts were: CHECKING: \$10,214.61 SAVINGS: \$11,261.80 TOTAL: \$21,476.41

JULY/AUGUST MINUTES: No July newsletter was sent, so the previous minutes were not distributed and no vote to approve was taken. July minutes will be included in the August newsletter along with the August minutes. (See other attachment for July minutes.

INSTATEMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2028: New officers were formally installed. Linda Parr, Karin Filipp, Darcy Curtin, and Annette Meyer are retaining their current positions. Sandy Lynskey will serve as Secretary for next two years. Outgoing officers were thanked for their two years of service.

DONATION QUILT COMMITTEE UPDATE: Rae Nell gave members a sneak peek of the donation quilt in progress. The donation quilt committee will meet Monday, August 11, to continue work on the quilt; Rae Nell will leave instructions/notes on next steps in the quilt shop for members who can attend.

VICTORIA MUSEUM POP-UP: Officers need to schedule a meeting with Beth Bohuslav regarding the Victoria Museum.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Submitted by: Secretary, Sandy Lynskey

Sandy Lynskey



RESULTS OF BUDGET SURVEY

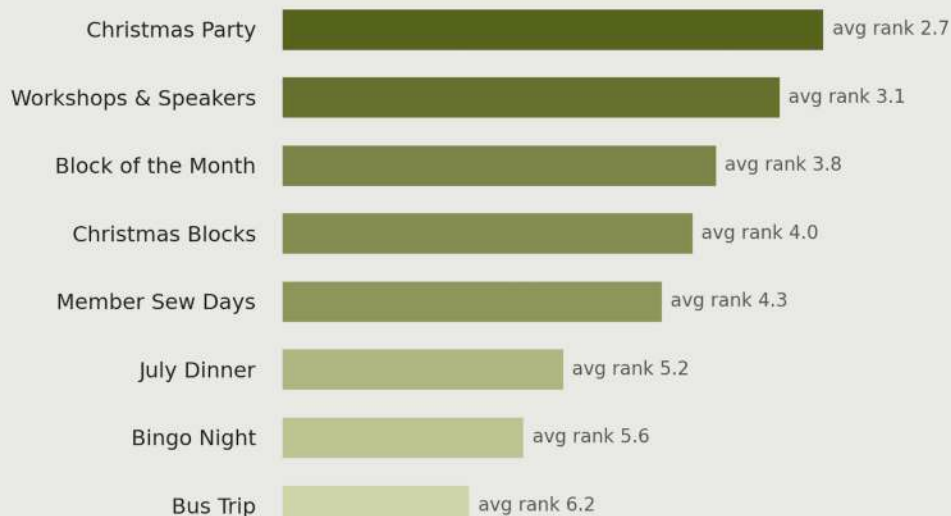
As the officers look ahead to next year's budget, we wanted to hear directly from members about which programs matter most to you, rather than guessing. In August, 46 of you took a few minutes to rank eight guild benefits from most to least important, and many left thoughtful comments too — thank you!

Here's what we heard, in a nutshell:

- Christmas Party and Workshops & Speakers are clearly the programs you cherish most — more than half of respondents placed each one among their top two.
- Bus Trip, Bingo Night, and July Dinner came in as the benefits with the most room to flex, giving the officers some good options for adjustments.
- A wonderful number of you offered to pitch in more directly — covering your own meal, workshop fee, or fabric — rather than see a program go away. Several also suggested leaning on our own members' talents for future workshops, which is such a lovely idea.

What Members Value Most

Guild benefits ranked from most to least preferred





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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 • CANDACE FUTCH • IT'S SO EASY TO SEW WITH SILK!

Candace Futch from [My Basket of Faith](#) will present her tips and tricks for sewing with that soft slippery stuff -- SILK! Learn how to conquer this material and get ideas for using hand-dyed silks in quilts and other sewn goods.

Where do I get these hand-dyed silks, you ask? You take the November workshop and make them yourself!

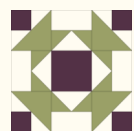
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 • SCARE ON THE SQUARE • DOWNTOWN SHINER • 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

More details to come during the September meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 • CANDACE FUTCH • SILK DYEING WORKSHOP • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER • \$30 (MEMBER) / \$40 (NON-MEMBER)

Candace provides prepared fabric (including some practice pieces) and dyes. She will explain the dyeing process and setting techniques. Everyone should finish dyeing all their fabric in the class timeframe, so we can have a group reveal at Show & Tell.

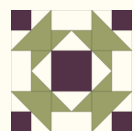
FINE PRINT: PLEASE READ! Sign-ups for this class close on Friday, October 23. No additions or cancellations after October 23. If you are signed up as of October 23, you should plan to pay whether you attend or not. The preparations for this class cannot be done last-minute, so we need to give Candace a firm count at this time.



SHOW AND TELL



Nursing Home and Norma's House Charity Quilts

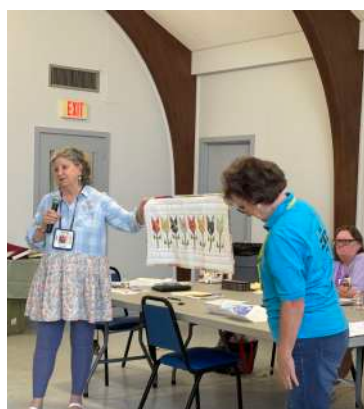


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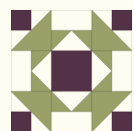
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Block of the Month, Donation Quilt Sneak Peek



Debbie



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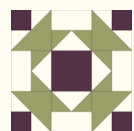
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Barbara, Sandy, Rae Nell



Betty, Beth



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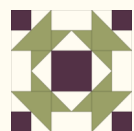
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Bernadette, Margo, Cindy



Irene



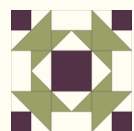
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OTHER GUILD SHOWS & EVENTS





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ODDS & ENDS

If you don't have a picture in our membership directory, please send one to Annette. Use any quilt for a background. If you just want a new picture, that's okay too!



Mark your Calendars for the Sizzlin' Summer Shop Hop

August 27-29, 2026

Participating Shops:

Austin Sewing Machines & Quilting

B&B Quilting

Gone Quiltin'

Hollydee Quilts

Honey Bee Quilt Store

Mesquite Bean Fabrics

Do you have news about upcoming shows, shop hops, or other quilty events? Forward the info to Sandy at SHQSecretary@gmail.com.

The mission of the Shiner Heritage Quilters is to promote the appreciation of quilt making and related needle arts, to offer opportunities to educate members and the community in traditional and contemporary quilting techniques, to preserve the heritage of quilting through interaction with community members, and to provide a supportive, positive atmosphere for the sharing of knowledge and ideas.