



The Quilter's Express October 2026

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

First United Methodist Church Activity Center

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

Hostesses for November

Theresa Belicek

Rose Mary Havlik

Janet Zabransky

Carolyn Janak

Bennie Gerdes

Suzanne Sestak

528

Days until the Quilt Show

(as of October meeting)

On the November Agenda

- Review January Meeting Day
- Christmas Party Committee — status report: Gift game & Food Pantry donation
- Christmas Blocks Due
- Block of the Month Committee — status report: Rules for next year's BoM
- Donation Quilt Committee — status report

November

Silk Dyeing Workshop

Christmas Blocks Due

Christmas Ornaments

December

Christmas Party

Details inside!



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MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2026 SHINER HERITAGE QUILTERS MEETING

Darcy Curtin presided over the meeting and called to order at 6:00pm.

Annette announced members present (39); 4 visitors (Sandy Courier, Beth Hartley, Allison Joiner, Barrett Hilscher); and 2 new members (Amanda Joiner, Courtney Meyer).

Our hostesses this month were Toni Rogers, Irene Cerny, Carolyn Hilscher, Laura Kaspar. Next month's hostesses are Theresa Belicek, Rose Mary Havlik, Janet Zabransky, Carolyn Janak, Bennie Gerdes, Suzanne Sestak.

Annual dues are \$25 for the year.

Wilma Williams and Sandy Courier, representing the Colorado Valley Quilt Guild, presented their guild's raffle quilt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Colorado Valley Quilt Guild is running a bus trip to the International Quilt Festival on November 14, with pickup stops in La Grange and Columbus. Cost is \$75 for guild members and \$80 for non-members, with the price including festival admission. Registration deadline is October 24, via the Colorado Valley Quilt Guild's website.

A thank-you letter was read from Laura Kaspar, thanking the guild for the memorial donation made in her mother's honor to the Shiner Food Bank.

Rose Mary reported 528 days remaining until the next quilt show, and opened with a "10 handy uses for a Tootsie Pop stick" bit for quilters. Sunshine and shadows were shared.

SHOW AND TELL: 11 quilts were donated for Norma's House bringing the annual running total to 106. Bernadette received three (3) new nursing home quilts bringing the annual total to 76. Flatonia is being looked at as an additional recipient location. Diana Henk volunteered to take nursing home quilts to Flatonia. BOM participants showed their completed blocks. Block 7 was distributed; one block remains before the set concludes for the year. Eight (8) members participated in Show & Tell.

Door prizes were distributed via raffle drawing.

PROGRAM: Upcoming: in November, Candace will teach a silk-dyeing workshop during the day, ahead of the regular meeting. Both the workshop and November's evening meeting will be held in the Activity Center. During the November meeting, members will make a Christmas ornament; each member needs two 8-inch squares of fabric, a needle, thread, and a button — sewing machines will be provided.

Guest speaker Candace Futch, of My Basket of Faith, presented "It's So Easy to Sew with Silk." Candace presented tips for sewing with silk and suggestions of where to purchase silk garments for dyeing.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Quarterly interest was earned this month. A financial review was completed last month, covering September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Rae Nell, Alice, Darcy, and Karin reviewed the books together; everything was found to be in order.

Month-end balances of accounts were: Checking: \$10,715.82 • Savings balance: \$11,270.34 • Total: \$21,986.16



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No corrections were noted. Motion to approve: made by Diana Henk, seconded by Charlene Fort. All in favor. Approved.

BUSINESS:

Scare on the Square: After discussion of participating as a Chamber of Commerce vendor/information table at this Halloween community event (date discussed previously as the Saturday before Halloween), the guild decided not to participate this year.

Policies & Procedures committee: Updated policies and procedures document was finalized and sent out to members. Vote on adoption is scheduled for the November meeting.

Christmas Party committee (Sarah Collins, Margo Henderson, Rae Nell Ranik): Food and decorations are planned. A sign-up sheet with a \$5 reservation fee will be distributed next month (the fee passes through to the local food pantry, consistent with past meal reservations). The gift-exchange game is still being finalized; more details next month.

Christmas Block committee: Blocks have been handed out; completed blocks are due back by the November meeting.

Block of the Month: The current set concludes next month. Setup of the next Block of the Month will wait until January.

Donation Quilt committee: The guild's donation/raffle quilt — named "Floating Stars Over Shiner" — was shown at Show & Tell and is now ready for quilting.

Irene intended to give a presentation; however, this was skipped as Irene was not present at the meeting.

Darcy adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm.

Submitted by: Sandy Lynskey, Secretary

Sandy Lynskey



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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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 • MAKING A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT • NORMAL MEETING TIME IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

We will be making an origami Christmas Ornament at the November meeting! There is a little bit of sewing, but we will have several machines set up to share. If you are a fast hand-sewer, that will also work!

Each ornament uses two squares of fabric (see below for sizes), and there should be enough time to finish one during the meeting.

Supply list:

- Two squares of contrasting fabric, anywhere from 5x5 to 10x10 (5x5 ends up really cute but is a bit fiddly, so if you are not very patient, go bigger)
- Chopstick, stiletto, or corner turner to help turn the sewn piece
- A button or two that looks good with the fabric (any sort of button should work but you might want to have some options-- beads or sequins or charms will also work)
- Fabric shears
- Needle and thread

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • CHRISTMAS BLOCKS DUE • 12 INCHES FINISHED (12.5 INCHES UNFINISHED)

Christmas Block Kits are available at The Square Quilter and will be available at the October guild meeting. One kit per member at this time. There is enough fabric in one kit for 2 to 4 blocks. Blocks should be 12 inches finished, which means they should be 12.5 inches unfinished. All finished blocks are due to Margo Henderson by November 7. If there are any questions, please call Margo.



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SHOW AND TELL



Norma's House



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SHOW AND TELL, CONTINUED



Karin and Debbie



Bernadette



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SHOW AND TELL, CONTINUED



Annette



Mona, Brenda, Rhonda (bobbin holder)



Floating Stars Over Shiner, Donation Quilt (Rae Nell)



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OTHER GUILD SHOWS & EVENTS

Colorado Valley Quilt Guild



Come to our 29th Annual
Best Little Quilt Show
in Texas!

Friday, March 5 and
Saturday, March 6, 2027
At the KC Hall
190 S. Brown St
La Grange TX 78945

This is the 2027 Raffle Quilt
titled "Spread Your
Wings".

It was pieced by CVQG
Guild members and quilted
by Kathi Babcock.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 7
for \$10.00 and are available
to purchase from any Guild
member.

Drawing to be held on
Saturday, March 6th, 2027



[Best Little Quilt Show in Texas Information](#)



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ODDS & ENDS

Colorado Valley Bus Trip



The Guild is sponsoring a bus trip to the Houston International Quilt Festival:

Saturday, November 14, 2026

The large and luxurious bus will leave from the La Grange Walmart parking lot at 8:00 am with a pick-up stop at the Columbus Walmart parking lot at 8:30 am. Then we're on our way to Houston for a fun day at the festival without the hassle or expense of driving and parking. The bus drops us off at the door to the convention center in the morning and picks us up at the same door at 5:00 in the evening. Easy breezy! Don't miss it - It's a fan favorite!

Price includes your ticket into the festival.
Guild Members \$75.00
Non-Guild members \$80.00

Deadline to register is October 24, 2026
If there are seats available after the deadline, you can pay \$15.00 less for the bus ride only and buy your own festival ticket at the door.

[Bus Trip Form](#)

GOT QUILTY NEWS?

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.