



The Quilter's Express September 2026

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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

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

Hostesses for October

Toni Rogers

Irene Cerny

Carolyn Hilscher

Laura Kaspar

563

Days until the Quilt Show
(as of September meeting)

On the October Agenda

- Scare on the Square Decision
- Policies & Procedures Committee — status report
- Christmas Party Committee — status report
- Christmas Block Committee — status report
- Set Up Block of the Month Committee
- Donation Quilt Committee — Status Report

October

Sewing with Silk

Scare on the Square

November

Silk Dyeing Workshop

Christmas Ornaments

December

Christmas Party

Details inside!



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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 SHINER HERITAGE QUILTERS MEETING

The members of the Shiner Heritage Quilters met on September 1, 2026. President Linda Parr called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with 38 members present, no guests, and three new members: Nancy Dean, Teresa Kaiser, and Molly Van Pelt.

Our hostesses this month were Sarah Collins, Margo Henderson, Yolanda Byrnes, and Annie Havel. Next month's hostesses are Toni Rogers, Irene Cerny, Carolyn Hilscher, and Laura Kaspar (sign-ups for 2027 hostess slots are underway).

Annual dues were due today; \$25 for the year.

Shiner Heritage Quilters membership cards entitle holders to discounts at partner quilt shops: Square Quilter in Shiner gives a 20% discount to members during the week of the guild meeting, 10% the rest of the month, and officers believe there is a discount available to members at Quilters Patch and My Fabric Friends in Victoria, although the discount amount is unknown.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: T-shirts left over for sale at \$14.50 each (available sizes: 1 small, 5 XL, 1 2X, 1 3X); sweatshirts at \$36 (3X only). Will be available at meetings until sold out. Guest Quilt Guilds — we have openings every month for a visiting guild to come show off their donation/raffle quilts. If you are a member of another guild, or know of a guild who wants to share their quilts with us and sell tickets, please let Linda know (only one guest guild per meeting). October Guest Guild — La Grange Quilt Guild.

No correspondence was received this month.

Rose Mary read a poem, "I Sew In My Pajamas," and sunshines and shadows were shared. She then led the group celebrating September birthdays. The Quilt Show Countdown for 2028 is 563 days.

Rae Nell Janik gave members a preview of the guild's own donation/raffle quilt in progress. She asked that no photos of the unfinished quilt be shared or posted anywhere until it is complete.

SHOW AND TELL: 17 quilts were donated for Norma's House, bringing the annual running total to 87. Bernadette received three (3) new nursing home quilts, bringing the annual total to 73. Diana Henk is checking on adding Flatonia as a nursing home recipient; there was also discussion of donating to Gonzales. BOM participants showed their completed blocks — Block 6 was distributed, with two (2) more blocks planned before December. Margo will distribute the Christmas blocks in October with a 30-day window to complete. Eight (8) members participated in Show & Tell.

Door prizes were distributed via raffle drawing.

PROGRAM: Darcy Curtin presented "Quilt As You Go," covering six different assembly methods, with printed handouts (member copies were missing the last page; to be emailed separately) and physical samples passed around.



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TREASURER'S REPORT: No interest was posted this period; the guild's bank (now Huntington, after a series of bank changes) pays interest quarterly, so the next interest posting is expected with the September statement. Reported that the prior fiscal year's actual income was \$28,668.32 (including quilt show proceeds) against \$22,776.18 in expenses, which is how the guild arrived at its current balance.

Month-end balances of accounts were: Checking \$10,309.61 • Savings \$11,261.80 • Total \$21,571.41.

A correction was noted in the minutes prior to the start of the meeting — Yolanda Byrnes needed to be added to the hostess list for September. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected: made by Rae Nell Janik, seconded by Brenda Fisseler. All in favor; none opposed. Approved.

BUSINESS:

New Officer Term: This meeting marked the official start of the newly elected officers' term. Four returning officers continue in their roles, and Sandy Lynskey was welcomed as Secretary for a two-year term. Outgoing officer Debbie Novosad was thanked for her service.

Budget Adoption: The Treasurer presented a proposed budget covering two fiscal years — the current year (September 2026–August 2027) and the following quilt-show year (September 2027–August 2028) — reflecting adjustments based on the recent member survey results.

- Current fiscal year: proposed starting balance of \$20,000 (combined checking/savings actually totals \$21,571.41); proposed income of \$3,000 (approx. \$1,500 in membership dues plus a \$1,500 City of Shiner grant, not yet confirmed); proposed expenses of \$6,560; projected ending balance of approximately \$16,440.
- Following (quilt-show) fiscal year: starting from the ~\$16,440 carryover; projected income of \$18,600 (including quilt show proceeds); projected expenses of approximately \$15,505; projected ending balance of approximately \$19,535.
- Discussion: the Christmas Party line was questioned as too low at \$500 (previously \$1,000) — the Treasurer clarified the guild will cover the protein/meat cost, with members providing side dishes potluck-style. Block of the Month will continue to ask members for a \$5 contribution. It was noted the guild is not in financial difficulty; the reduced baseline budget reflects survey-driven priorities and is meant to stop chronic overspending, not signal a shortage of funds. The guild received approximately \$4,500 in member donations last year, which helped its financial position.

Motion to adopt the proposed budget for both fiscal years (September 2026–August 2027 and September 2027–August 2028): made by Charlene Fort, seconded by Margo Henderson. All in favor; none opposed. Adopted.

Committee Formations:

- **Policies & Procedures Review Committee** (biennial bylaws/procedures review): volunteers Charlene Fort, Rae Nell Janik, and Rose Mary Havlik. Darcy Curtin (Vice President) will coordinate a meeting time.
- **Christmas Party Committee:** Margo Henderson, Rae Nell Janik, Nola Bohuslav. Given the guild's growth (potentially ~60 attendees), the group was asked to consider an alternative to the traditional "right/left" Santa gift exchange game.
- **Christmas Block Committee:** Margo Henderson, Rhonda Orsak, Bernadette Kresta. Packets will be available for pickup at the Square Quilter or at next month's meeting.
- **Youth Quilt Membership/Mentor Committee:** proposed by Linda Parr, seeking 3 newer/younger quilters and 3 experienced quilters. Volunteers: Sarah Collins, Beth Bohuslav, Margo Henderson, Carolyn Hilscher, Annette Meyer, Molly Van Pelt.
- **Financial Review Committee:** non-officer volunteers Alice Janak and Rae Nell Janik, joined by the Treasurer and President. Exact meeting date to be set.



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Newsletter Distribution / USPS Mailing Costs: Discussed the cost of mailing paper newsletter copies (last year's newsletter expense was \$210.45) to the small number of members who receive it by mail rather than email, and considered ways to reduce cost, including removing photos from the newsletter (since photos remain viewable on the guild website) and/or letting members opting for mail delivery cover the postage cost. Motion to remove photos from the newsletter (from both the mailed and digital/email versions, with photos remaining available on the website), with the guild continuing to cover USPS distribution costs: made by Bernadette Kresta, seconded by Kathleen Schacherl. Motion carried, with 4 opposed. (*Update: after the meeting, an anonymous donor came forward to cover the cost of printing the newsletter with photos in color — see Show & Tell, page 6.*)

Member Photos: Members without a current photo on file were asked to get one taken; Annette is the point of contact and offered to take photos at the meeting.

Scare on the Square: Sandy presented a Shiner Chamber of Commerce Halloween event opportunity for the guild to host an informational table (and potentially sell raffle tickets or leftover boutique-sale items); the exact date was still to be confirmed at the meeting (see Upcoming Programs & Events for the confirmed details). Sandy sent full details by email, with a final decision to be made at the October meeting.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Sandy Lynskey, Secretary

Sandy Lynskey



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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, IN FRONT OF HUNTINGTON BANK • SET UP 2:00 PM • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3:00 PM–8:00 PM

As a member of the Shiner Chamber of Commerce, the guild has been asked to participate in the Chamber's Scare on the Square event. We have two options for participation:

- **Information table** — general information about the guild and candy handed out; we could also sell donation raffle tickets here if we choose. Smaller table set-up.
- **Vendor** — sell leftover boutique items from the last quilt show, or items members donate to sell. The Chamber has waived the vendor fee for us, and this set-up would allow for a pop-up canopy.

Officers Linda, Darcy, and Annette have all volunteered to work shifts at the booth. **We are seeking a guild member who can chair this event** — choosing between the two participation options, lining up other volunteers, collecting candy, designing and coordinating the booth set-up, and coordinating items to sell if we go the vendor route.

Please notify the officers if you would like to serve as chair.

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.

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

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, we get to keep the photos in the newsletter — in color!



Norma's House



Nursing Home, Block of the Month, Carolyn W

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SHOW AND TELL, CONTINUED



Bernadette



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SHOW AND TELL, CONTINUED



Linda, Marilyn



Debbie



Mary





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ODDS & ENDS



TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM
History in the Making

Christmas in Texas, American Quilt Study Group Presents: Quiltmakers and Designers 1945-1979, and Tobacco Silks Reimagined will be on display from September 3-December 19, 2026.



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.