



NEWSLETTER ♦ NOV. 2025

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November Birthdays

7 - Judy Grandys
18 - Tana Sheets
28 - Lynn Anderson

**Nov. AND Dec. birthday
folks, please bring snacks
to the Nov. meeting!**

**There's NO Sew Bee
at the Wesley Center
in Nov. or Dec. due to
the holidays.**

See you in January!

From Our Guild President:

I'm really not sure how we are already in November. This year really has flown by!

In November, I always try to be extra mindful about all the things I have to be grateful for.

I'm so grateful for this guild:

For the friends that we have in each other.

For the creativity we share.

For the listening ears when things are tough.

For the growth we encourage in each other.

For the helping hands whenever we take on a new project.

For the laughter that is shared.

Nisse Hoge

By-Laws Review

In odd-numbered years, we review the by-laws, so please take a look at the attached 2023 by-laws and reach out to Michelle Gogliotti if there are by-laws you would like addressed. The board will review them as well, present any changes to the guild, and there will be a vote on them. Thank you for your time.



Nov. Meeting: Make-and-Take Ornaments

We are going to do some quick make-and-take ornaments at the November meeting.

For our mini bolt ornaments:

- Bring (3) 8" squares of coordinated fabrics (think black and whites, your favorite colors, small-scale christmas prints, etc.).
- Finger-press in half once to mark the middle; bring opposite edges to the fold and press—each piece should measure 4" x 8".

For our mini jelly rolls:

- Grab (12) 4½" x 9" coordinated or scrappy fabric strips.
- Finger-press them to mark the middle along the 9"; fold the 9" long sides to the fold—each should measure 2¼" x 9".

We will provide all the other materials and will, of course, have some extra fabric in case you forget!!

Heather

Anti-Ouch Pouches

The Morris Hospital is in need of Anti-Ouch Pouches for breast cancer patients. We shared the link to these instructions last month in the private Facebook group (also, see below) and the PDF of instructions are also included in the email. Please note that the instructions say $\frac{3}{8}$ " seam allowance, so you can either use that or adjust the measurements accordingly. Also, you might need to keep the selveges on the straps if your fabric is narrower than 44" wide.

[Click this link to get the Ouch Pouch PDF](#)

You do not need to stuff them. I am going to store the extra pouches until they call and let me know they need more. The guild is providing Velcro if you need it. I will bring pieces to guild this month. After this month, just let me know when you need some.

I dropped off some pouches this past week. They were very appreciative and are thrilled we will keep providing them. Sadly, they got six new breast cancer patients just this month.

Thank you for helping with this project. I realize it was not on our list, but I could not help but to offer when I found out what the pouches are for.

Jane Carhart



H&H Consumer Show

Mark your calendar for the Fiber & Fabric Craft Festival Bus Trip to Rosemont (Donald E. Stephens Convention Center) May 2, 2026. We have bus space for 56 people and we might need some volunteers to help organize the outing. For more information on the show (plans are still evolving), go to <https://fiberfabriccraft.com/>



Slate of Officers

Kathy Hoge, Penny Johnson, and Patti Rosenbaum—our brave and trusty Nominating Committee—will share the slate of officers at the November meeting.

Fabric Bundle Sale CUMC Nov. 15

If you volunteered to help at the Nov. 15 craft fair at the Channahon United Methodist Church to sell the fabric that we bundled at the fabric sale, Lana will be happy to see you there between 9am and 3pm. Any questions, reach out to Lana: text: 815-483-3796 or email: lantwin@sbcglobal.net.



Holiday Party

Tana has planned the holiday party to be held at Maria's in December—the party starts at 6 pm. The sign-up list will circulate again at the November meeting; please bring your checkbook or cash to prepay the \$20. As at our other holiday parties, we will have an optional gift exchange (\$15-\$20 value).



2025 Raffle Quilt

Please turn in your raffle tickets and money in November or December! The drawing will be at the 2025 Christmas Party.

Kathy Hoge



Programs for 2026

January and February 2026 are Zoom meetings and will start at 7 pm (central time, for any snowbirds). Links will be shared in the Facebook Group and in the newsletter before the meetings.

Starting with the March 2026 meeting, guild meetings will begin at **6:30 pm** on the second Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted) through the end of 2026. There will be no guild meeting in November 2026 due to the quilt show. Check out the PDF (attached to the email) to see the diverse and exciting topics scheduled for 2026!

Heather

The Night Before Christmas 2026 Quilt Show

We now have one year to prepare for the show. If you have not begun working on your projects to enter, this is a good time to start deciding. Keep in mind, people are coming to get ideas for their next project. Yes, they will be amazed at how talented our guild members are, but they are not looking for Houston-quality quilts. Those are quite intimidating to me, especially the Japanese quilts... way beyond anything I could ever do, but amazing to see. We want our guests to leave excited about something they saw and ready to go home to try it themselves.

The categories listed (in the attached PDF) are an attempt to not have the majority of quilts in one category. It's difficult to figure out, not knowing what will be entered. Depending on entries, it could change. We will be asking in the Spring for you to tell us what categories you will (or plan to) enter an item in. All final entries must be submitted at the September meeting.

The trees for the raffle baskets will be given out at the November meeting. This is to allow the "tree decorators" to know what they will need for the size of their tree and shop the Christmas sales if necessary. Most trees are 3'. We have 16 raffle trees. If

anyone would like additional help with their raffle tree items, let us know. There may be new guild members who would like to join in the fun, or members who have something that would work with your theme.

Volunteer sheets will be out in the Spring. It takes all of us to make this show successful.

Quilt turn-in will be Wednesday, November 11. The quilts will be hung and ready for judging beginning at 10am on Thursday. Setup begins on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 9am. The show is Friday, Nov. 13th and Saturday, Nov. 14th from 9am to 4pm.

Watch the sales for Christmas pajamas. I do think it will let the guest know instantly that this is going to be a fun show if they see the guild members in Christmas pj's! So we'd love to have you wear them Friday and Saturday of the Quilt Show

If you have any questions, please ask. You will be hearing about the show for the next 12 months.

Jane Carhart and Linda Charley

Dear Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild,
On behalf of the United Women in Faith at the First United Methodist Church of Morris, I would like to thank you for your recent donation to our "Christmas in July" Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale. We raised about \$3,000 for mission.
We are truly blessed to have the support of such gifted artists such as yourselves.
Sincerely,
Sue Hall

UFO Challenge 2025

**WE ARE OVER THE 50% MARK
AND THAT'S AMAZING!!**

76/150 UFOs complete = 50.67%

4 FINISHES TO CELEBRATE!!

Tana Sheets: My Sitting Room Quilt

Ann Register: 2 Saxted Satchel Bags

Clara Bal: Star Rail AND Stuffed Llama

(I somehow missed recording these previously,
SORRY Clara!)

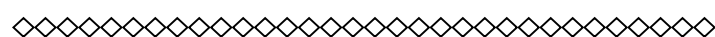
There's a lot going on, so I sent each participant her list to verify that I hadn't missed anything. (And given that I'd missed 2 of Clara's finishes, I'm glad I did!!)

Here's my personal perspective on the UFO lists: If you got ANYTHING done on ANY of the projects on your list (even if they didn't get completed), that's progress!! If you finished 1 or more, WOOHOO! I don't want anyone to be hard on themselves over not completing any projects on their list.

Deadline: Show-and-Tell at Nov. Meeting OR send me a pic of the finished item(s) from Nov. 13 to Dec. 2 or post in the FB group in that time frame. Dec. 2 is the END of the Challenge!

As of Thursday, Nov. 6 (the day this newsletter gets emailed), there are 27 days left to finish your list!
YOU CAN DO IT!!

*thanks,
Linda Augsburg*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 7-9: Fine Art of Fiber show (quilting, weaving, fiber arts). Chicago Botanical Gardens, Regenstein Center, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

2025 Pieces from the Heart Quilt Guild Officers

President – Nisse Hoge

Vice President –
Michelle Gogliotti

Secretary – Cindy McCormack

Treasurer – Penny Johnson

Membership – Kate Shafer

Hospitality – Tana Sheets

Webmaster – Lana Stafford

Newsletter – Linda Augsburg

Special Projects – Linda Augsburg

2025 Program Facilitator –
Heather Meyer

2026 Program Contracts –
Heather Meyer &
Michelle Gogliotti

2025 Raffle Quilt – Kathy Hoge

2026 Raffle Quilt – Linda Charley

2026 Quilt Show –
Jane Carhart & Linda Charley

Retreat Coordinators –
Nisse Hoge & Kathy Hoge

Quilts of Valor Chairperson –
Clara Bal