

# Brookings Area Quilt Guild



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## MARCH 2025

### Brookings Area Quilters Guild mission:

To encourage a greater appreciation of quilting, to raise and maintain standards of design and Individual ideas and expression, and to keep interest alive by promoting local quilt projects and programs, as well as doing charitable work, and to pursue and do any and all other things necessary and incidental to the foregoing purposes which are not forbidden by law.



Hi everyone,

I want to start out by thanking everyone who came to the meeting on February 24th. It was a great turnout! Hopefully, the weather will be nice for the March meeting. It is wonderful to have new members joining our guild. Please welcome them and help them be a part of our guild. If anyone has any questions during the meeting, please ask.

At our next meeting on March 17th, we will have a guest speaker, Cindy Bader. Look for more information in this newsletter. **Note that the meeting time will be starting at 6:30pm.**

We are now about one year to our spring quilt show, April 18, 2026. I would like to have a committee meeting at 5:45pm before the April guild meeting on April 21st. Anyone who is not on a committee and would like to be, please come!

Don't forget to bring your BAQG Block Party blocks for Show-n-Tell at the meetings. They are so fun to see all the different fabric choices! If you are missing any patterns or would like to start sewing the blocks, I will always have pattern copies with me at the meetings or you can contact me. The finished quilts will be displayed at the spring quilt show as a group - guild challenge project.

I want to thank the people who are making "guy" quilts for the Community Service Quilt Project. Also the people who took a kit home to sew. THANK YOU!!

Keep Quilting,  
Theresa Bennett  
BAQG President

*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

**NEWS ON LAKE POINSETT RETREAT:**

**FULL!!!!**

**Our Annual Lake Poinsett Spring Retreat will be held:  
Thurs April 3rd — Sunday April 6th at  
Living Waters Retreat Center, Lake Poinsett SD**

This retreat will take place in the beautiful facility at the Living Water Retreat Center on Lake Poinsett, also known as the Methodist Camp. The address is 20 S. Lake Drive, Arlington, SD 57212. We are requesting the camp provide Thursday lunch (12:30), Thursday supper (5:30), Friday brunch (10:00), Friday supper (5:30), Saturday brunch (10:00), Saturday supper (5:30), and Sunday brunch (10:00). They will take dietary requests, so please let me know if you need it. The prices below include your room, all meals as listed above, and taxes. Prices are as follows:

Sharing a room, the cost is \$290.46.  
A single room costs \$315.83.

If you have any other questions, feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee:

Karen Algood 690-8123  
Bev Cook 690-6463

Theresa Bennett 690-3246  
Jalene Benson 695-3943

**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER to pay membership dues for 2025. *Membership dues for the year 2025 must be paid by April 1st!* To continue receiving the monthly newsletter, please bring your payment of \$20 cash or check payable to BAQG and give to Treasurer Jalene Benson at the March meeting.**

**If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail your payment of \$20 to: BAQG, PO Box 334, Volga, SD 57071. Greatly appreciated!**

**If there are any changes to your name, current mailing address, email address, and phone number, please let Jalene know so the membership can be updated. Thank you!!**

**TREASURER'S MESSAGE**

"I never make the same quilting mistake twice. I make it a whole bunch of times just to make sure!"



- It all depends on how you look at it! 🤔✂️

## BAQG February 24, 2025 Minutes



The Brookings Area Quilters Guild met on February 24th, 2025, at GracePoint Wesleyan Church at 7:00 pm. President Theresa Bennett greeted the 27 members and two guests in attendance. We welcomed Norma Nusz-Chandler and Sally Pies to our meeting.

Tonight's program was presented by Rose Horner as part of our BAQG Block Party. Part VII. Instructions and handouts were given for two blocks, Card Trick and the Mexican Star Block. These patterns should make very beautiful blocks. We will show and tell them next week. Miss Sharon Krier is very behind making her blocks, in fact she hasn't started!!!

The next block will be presented by Deb Carlson

Theresa Bennett called the meeting to order.

Minutes from November 18th, 2025 were discussed and a motion was made by Sharon Krier to accept the minutes. They were seconded by Nancy Price, and passed by the membership.

The Treasurers Report was discussed by Treasurer, Jalene Benson, and a motion to accept was made by Karen Algood seconded by Sharon Krier, and passed by the membership.

### **Committee Reports:**

Burp Cloths: Deb Carlson is making burp cloth kits for the next year and more. She asked for volunteers to take over the committee. There were no volunteers. She reported with the closing of Joann's she will be retiring from this committee since most of the fabric came from Joann's. If no one steps in to take this committee we would discontinue it.

Education/Programs: Next month our vice president, Judy Duffy, announced that Cindy Bader will be here to present us with a trunk show as well as a presentation on the process of how she develops her patterns. This will be a longer meeting, so it will begin at 6:30 pm with the trunk show beginning at 7:00 pm.

Newsletter: Theresa thanked Barb Fourney for sending out the reminders of the meeting.

Quilts of Valor: Linda Vollan asked for volunteers to help stitch quilts for QOV. She also asked for names as recipients.

Community Service: Theresa continues trying to get quilts to the victims of the Brost fire. It has been difficult. She is going to check with Kirsten Gjesdal at the Carrot Seed for help. She is very short on male quilts. She brought four quilt kits to hand out and all of them were taken to complete.

Habitat for Humanity:

Web Page: It's still broken!!!

Sunshine: Nothing to report.

### **Unfinished Business:**

2026 Quilt Show: Date is April 18, 2026, with the set up on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a one day show. Our Judy Niemeyer raffle quilt, The Amazon Star, was hung at the meeting. Theresa Bennett pieced it and it is stunning. She is naming it "Natures' Jewels." We will start selling tickets sometime this Spring. We will have a quilt show meeting in April.

2025 Salad Supper: The date is August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at GracePoint Wesleyan Church's great room. The room has been reserved from 4-9 pm. A committee will be formed to organize this event. Amy Schlimmer will be taking care of our trunk show presenter since she is her mother! She is coming from Kansas. This should be a fun evening.

**SECRETARY'S MESSAGE**

## **BAQG February 24, 2025 Minutes — continued**

### **New Business:**

Community Service Quilts: Theresa Bennett brought up our policy for the quilting of our donation quilts. At this time the guild pays for thread and batting of our donation quilts. She proposed that we include the quilts from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, QOV, and the USS SD Submarine Quilt Project in our nonprofit entities which would be included in our quilting policy. Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Jeri Nelson, passed by the membership. Questions were asked about the submarine project. If you would like to donate a quilt to a service man/woman on the USS SD submarine for their personal bunk, it should be 55"-60" x 75"-80", and it doesn't need to be patriotic. We have a contact in Rapid City when you are ready to mail it out.

Lake Poinsett Retreat: Dates April 3-6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Karen Algood reported that there are still a couple spots open. We each get our own table and Theresa said to expect surprises! They will be at the door to help you unload. It was so fun last year.

Daughters of the American Revolution State Convention: Theresa has been contacted by Mary Deleeuw and she is asking for a couple QOV to present at their convention for two veterans, one from Brookings and the other from Volga. Linda Vollan reported that we do have quilts. A motion was made by Amy Schlimmer to provide two quilts to them, seconded by Lois Ladegaard, and passed by the membership.

Brookings Habitat Fund Raiser: Theresa reported that Habitat wanted a quilt for the silent auction of their fund raiser in March. It was discussed. We have made a policy in the past that our guild would not donate for fund raisers; however, if an individual would like to donate, it would be done personally. However, Theresa couldn't find the policy in previous newsletters. She asked that our guild once again vote on it and make a policy. Motion was made to limit our fund raising to our guild and not to private entities. This would not limit an individual from donating personally. Seconded by Belinda Kruse, and passed by the guild. It was mentioned that many times the price they get for the quilts doesn't cover the cost of making the quilt.

Dues are Due!!! If you are not a paid member by April 1<sup>st</sup>, our BAQG policy is that you will no longer receive our newsletter.

Remember ladies and gents....the cost is only 1 ½ yards of fabric be a part of this vital organization

Julie King reported that she gets requests to publish items in our newsletter and is wondering what she should do. It was decided that if we did publish something for someone they would have to provide their contact information so we wouldn't have any responsibility to act or respond to anyone.

### **Announcements and Door Prizes:**

Door Prize Recipients: Amy Schlimmer, Sharon Krier, Kay Jorenby, Julie King, Jalene Benson, Karen Algood, Mona Dykhouse, Lois Ladegaard, and Samantha Algood.

All members that get new cell phones must learn how to mute them before they come to our meetings! LOL! Mrs. Krier got a new phone and it kept going off during the meeting. We had a few laughs over it and she was a good sport! There's always a problem child!

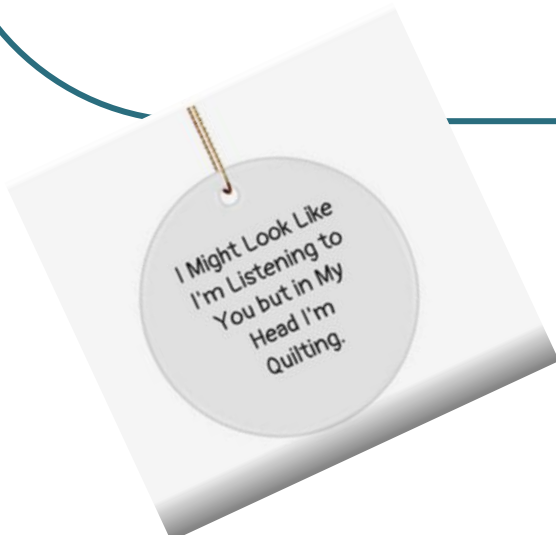
### **Show and Tell:**

February's Show and Tell.... Kay Jorenby, Belinda Kruse, Mona Dykhouse, Amy Schlimmer, Charlotte Whiteford, Linda Vollan, Judy Duffy, Theresa Bennett, and Barb Fourney all delighted us with their quilted creations. Always a highlight at our meetings.

Meeting adjourned by President Theresa Bennett

Respectfully Submitted by BAQG Secretary, Deb Carlson

***SECRETARY'S MESSAGE***



## MARCH PROGRAM

Dear ladies,

Happy Saint Patrick's Day. **Our March meeting will be starting at 630 PM.** This early start is to accommodate our program. We will welcome Cindy Bader from Marshall, MN. Cindy designs fusible applique' patterns. She will show us how she designs her patterns and will show the beautiful Quilts she has made from these patterns. I took her class to learn this technique and made a pretty cool giraffe wall hanging.

I know you will enjoy Cindy and perhaps want to take a class to do your own creation. So, we will see you all at 630PM on the 17th!

Kind regards,

Judy Duffy

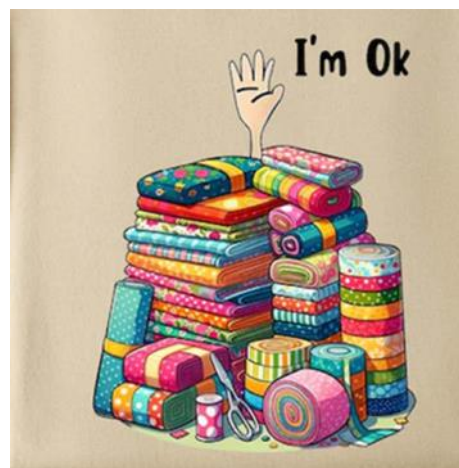
P.S. Please bring a friend for this exciting presentation! Deb & I are planning a few treats to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

Pattern on the Prairie website:

<https://www.patternsontheprairie.com/?>



*Judy's Giraffe - Raffie*



# BAQG Business

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2025

### General Account

Beginning balance		\$ 7,597.40
INCOME		
Retreat deposits	\$ 2,043.50	
Membership dues for 2025	<u>\$ 115.00</u>	
Total income this month		<u>\$ 2,158.50</u>
EXPENSES		
Judy Duffy, burp cloth flannel	\$ 50.76	
Deb Carlson, burp cloth flannel	<u>\$ 114.03</u>	
Total expenses this month		<u>\$ 164.79</u>
Ending balance		\$ 9,591.11

### Quilt Show Account

Beginning balance		\$ 8,901.68
INCOME, none this month		
EXPENSES		
Breezy Knoll Quilts, raffle quilting/supplies	<u>\$ 356.34</u>	
Total expenses this month		<u>\$ 356.34</u>
Ending balance		\$ 8,545.34

Respectfully yours,  
Jalene Benson  
BAQG Treasurer

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our regular meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. the third Monday evening of the month.

### 2025

**March 17 (@6:30 pm)**

April 3-6 Lake Poinsett Retreat

**April 21**

**May 19**

**June 16**

**July/Aug Salad Supper**

### 2026

**April 17-18 BAQG Quilt Show**

Unless notified otherwise, the usual meeting location is at:

**GracePoint Wesleyan Church  
1420 Orchard Drive  
Brookings, SD**

Signs inside the complex will direct you to the meeting location.

## BAQG OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT—** Theresa Bennett  
605-690-3246

**Vice President —** Judy Duffy  
605-695-1451

**TREASURER—** Jalene Benson  
605-695-3943

**SECRETARY —** Deb Carlson  
605-695-3116

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thank you to all members who have paid your dues for the year **2025!** Attached is the updated membership list for your personal use only. If there are any changes to your name, current mailing address, e-mail address, and/or phone number, please let Jalene know.

### \*\*\* 2025 Membership dues paid as of 03/07/2025\*\*\*

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Algood, Karen       | 23. Josephsen, Cindy     |
| 2. Algood, Samantha    | 24. King, Julie          |
| 3. Aulner, Sherrie     | 25. Krier, Sharon        |
| 4. Bennett, Theresa    | 26. Krog, Bev            |
| 5. Benson, Jalene      | 27. Kruse, Belinda       |
| 6. Bollinger, Raenette | 28. Ladegaard, Lois      |
| 7. Carlson, Dan        | 29. Lentz, Betsy         |
| 8. Carlson, Deb        | 30. Lenz, Carol          |
| 9. Cook, Bev           | 31. Linn, Sandy          |
| 10. Covrig, Carolyn    | 32. McFarland, Sandy     |
| 11. Duffy, Judy        | 33. McMillan, Bonnie     |
| 12. Dykhouse, Mona     | 34. Myers, Janet         |
| 13. Fourney, Barb      | 35. Nelson, Jeri         |
| 14. Gamradt, Sandy     | 36. Pies, Sally          |
| 15. Glawe, Barbara     | 37. Portschy, Marita     |
| 16. Hanson, Sharon     | 38. Price, Nancy         |
| 17. Herrig, Dee        | 39. Quam, Shar           |
| 18. Horner, Rose       | 40. Schlimmer, Amy       |
| 19. Hurd, Lisa         | 41. Slocum, Ida          |
| 20. January, Sheryl    | 42. Staniszewski, Kathy  |
| 21. Johnson, Barb      | 43. Vollan, Linda        |
| 22. Jorenby, Kay       | 44. Whiteford, Charlotte |

Any questions? Please contact **Jalene Benson** by calling or texting: **(605) 695-3943** or emailing her at: [jalenekbenson@gmail.com](mailto:jalenekbenson@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Sally Pies !!!!!**

## QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATIONS

*Presented to:*

Chief Petty Officer

Robert L. Carlson—Navy

Randy Chavez—US Marine  
Corps



## RAFFLE QUILT FOR 2026 SHOW



# SEW & TELL

*Kay Jorenby*



*Belinda Kruse*



# SEW & TELL

*Mona Dykhouse*



*Amy Schlimmer*



*Charlotte Whiteford*

# SEW & TELL



*Linda Vollan*



*Judy Duffy*



*Theresa Bennett*



## ***CLASSIFIEDS***

Hi, just reaching out on behalf of Brookings Habitat. I was just reaching out to see if you guys or possibly one of your members would consider making a quilt to donate to our silent auction for our annual fundraiser in March?

Reese Louwagie  
[605.697.2540](tel:605.697.2540)

Hello, I have some old quilt tops I'd like to have completed into quilts. Do you know of someone in the Brookings community that could look at these and possibly finish for me?

Ami Arneson  
[541-251-4833](tel:541-251-4833)

Good morning.

I hoped to find a local talent to make a throw sized quilt for me. Seems I've found some talent! I'm newer to Brookings, and hoped you could pass along the names a few ladies I could reach out to, to run my pattern/fabrics/etc. by, to create the throw I'm hoping to have created.

Kristin Monroe  
[262-707-2017](tel:262-707-2017)