

Brookings Area Quilt Guild



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Happy New Year everyone!! I hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends.

Now, we need to get all the final details done for our April Quilt Show! **There will be a quilt show committee meeting at 5:30pm before the guild meeting on January 19th.** Please plan to attend. If you are not signed up for a show committee, please come. We could always use extra help.

On November 27th I met with Jessica Schliesman, the mother of the family who lost their home and a daughter due to the fire in Arlington. A picture of her with two of the quilts will be included in this newsletter. Five quilts were given to the family. She was overwhelmed with the guild's generosity of the quilts. Her daughters had just asked for warmer blankets the day before. They are now moved into another house.

I would also thank those who have donated quilts for community service. Janet Myers, Deb Carlson, and Kay Jorenby are just a few who have donated quilts . Thank You!!!!

The Guild Challenge for 2026 is a mystery quilt! The cost per person participating is \$6.50. This is the cost of the pattern. I need to know if you are going to do the mystery quilt so I can order the number of patterns needed. Please sign up by the February meeting. If you will not be at a meeting to sign up, contact me by calling, text, or Email. Your payment will also be due when you sign up. The mystery quilt challenge will start in March. This will NOT keep you from getting your quilts done for the show. The first step will be telling you what you will need for fabrics to make this quilt.

Keep quilting,
Theresa Bennett
BAQG President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your Treasurer!

Membership Dues for 2026

Thanks to all members who have paid dues for the year 2026! Members who have paid as of 01/04/2026 are listed below. Also attached to this newsletter is the updated membership list for your personal use only. If there are any changes to your name, current mailing address, email address, phone number, or birthday, please let Jalene know. Please give your dues to Jalene at the meeting or mail them to: BAQG, PO Box 334, Volga, SD 57071. Greatly appreciated!

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



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| 1. Aulner, Sherrie | 13. King, Julie |
| 2. Bennett, Theresa | 14. Krier, Sharon |
| 3. Benson, Jalene | 15. Krog, Bev |
| 4. Cook, Bev | 16. Lentz, Betsy |
| 5. Dykhouse, Mona | 17. Lenz, Carol |
| 6. Fourney, Barb | 18. Linn, Sandy |
| 7. Herrig, Dee | 19. McMillan, Bonnie |
| 8. Himley, Stacy | 20. Nusz, Norma |
| 9. Horner, Rose | 21. Renkly, Anne |
| 10. Hurd, Ronda | 22. Smith, Kelly |
| 11. January, Sheryl | 23. Staniszewski, Kathy |
| 12. Johnson, Barb | |

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to another New Year! 2025 was so exciting with the block party and the excitement of many new Quilters joining our Guild. We are always up to something good. If you have your Block Party quilt tops complete, please bring them for a show and tell as we start our January meeting.

Please feel free to express your ideas. If you want to teach a new technique or quilt pattern to the group that is always welcome. We are all EARS!

The 2026 quilt show will come up fast so continue to prepare for that big event. We will dazzle our community I know.

**Kind Regards to you!
Judy**

VP'S MESSAGE

Holiday Party Recap— November 17th, 2025

Happy Holidays!

The BAQG Christmas party was another success this year, 40 plus members weathered the rainy night as they met at the First Lutheran Mission Coffee House for this year's holiday party. President Theresa opened the evening with a warm welcome and a couple of announcements. Dan Carlson led the group with a dinner prayer and then Amy Schlimmer invited everyone to partake in a holiday feast, the food was wonderful.

The theme for the party was "Christmas Movies", lovely centerpieces on the table tops included a Christmas movie DVD, a popcorn box with Christmas greenery, microwave popcorn, cocoa mix and lots of candy. There was a beautiful Christmas ornament which Shanda Ailts made for each member at each place setting, as well as, a quilter's emergency kit. One lucky member at each table was able to take home the centerpieces to enjoy. Members who choose to participate brought "a favorite thing" to share in the gift exchange, it was fun to see what treasures were shared.

Betsy Lentz organized this year's raffle of members donations for the fundraiser for the Brookings Food Pantry. Several members brought in food donations for the Food Pantry and/or many made monetary donations. Bonnie McMillan took the donated food in on Wednesday morning after our party and our donations were certainly appreciated. (Check out the picture.) Monies from the raffle and cash donations totaled \$760!!!! Kudos to each of you for your generosity.

Thank you to the member volunteers who organized this year's party: Shanda Ailts, Karen Algood, Sharon Krier, Bonnie McMillan, Amy Schlimmer, Kathy Staniszewski. It definitely was a success and enjoyed by all.

Season's Greetings!!!

PS: Ida Slocum could not attend the party this year, but Theresa shared a quilt that Ida made for "Show and Tell." **We missed you Ida.**



Kathy Staniszewski

Ida's Show & Tell

BAQG Business

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 2026

General Account

Beginning balance \$ 5,268.47

INCOME

Membership dues for 2026 \$ 340.00

Auction tickets (for Food Pantry) \$ 300.00

Cash donations (for Food Pantry) \$ 460.00

Total income this month \$ 1,100.00

EXPENSES

Kathy Staniszewski, paper products for Xmas Party \$ 68.16

First Lutheran Church, facility for Xmas Party \$ 50.00

Brookings Food Pantry, donations from Xmas Party \$ 760.00

\$ 878.16

Ending balance \$ 5,490.31

Quilt Show Account

Beginning balance \$ 8,497.18

INCOME

Raffle ticket sales \$ 216.00

Total income this month \$ 216.00

EXPENSES, none this month

Ending balance \$ 8,713.18

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.

2026

Jan 19 -

(Quilt Show Meeting 5:30)

Feb 16

Mar 16

April 17-18 BAQG Quilt Show & Setup

NEW DATES FOR RETREAT !!!

April 23-26 LAKE POINSETT RETREAT

May 18

June 15

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.



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

<i>Ida Slocum</i>	<i>Jan 9th</i>
<i>Kathy Staniszewski</i>	<i>Jan 10th</i>
<i>Kay Jorenby</i>	<i>Jan 17th</i>
<i>Betsy Lentz</i>	<i>Jan 19th</i>
<i>Barb Fourney</i>	<i>Jan 20th</i>
<i>Nancy Price</i>	<i>Jan 20th</i>
<i>Carolyn Covrig</i>	<i>Jan 27th</i>
<i>Dee Herrig</i>	<i>Jan 29th</i>

HAPPY UPCOMING FEBRUARY BIRTH- DAY TO:

<i>Bev Cook</i>	<i>Feb 1st</i>
<i>Sharon Hanson</i>	<i>Feb 8th</i>
<i>Stacy Himley</i>	<i>Feb 11th</i>
<i>Sheryl January</i>	<i>Feb 15th</i>
<i>Bev Krog</i>	<i>Feb 17th</i>
<i>Mary Beth Kolar</i>	<i>Feb 27th</i>

Quilt Registration Form

Your Name _____

Name of Quilt _____

Quilted by _____

Size of Quilt _____ Width by _____ Length _____
(necessary to plan show layout)

Quilt Pattern Name _____

(Please indicate if this is an original design pattern)

Optional: Personal notes about your quilt (only a line or two is suggested)

Indicate (x) if your item belongs to Special Displays listed:

- Linda Louder's Quilt Sampler
- BAQG Block Party Challenge
- Mystery Quilt taught by Linda Louder
- Fabric Challenge – Blue Fabric by Dan Morris Design
- Fabric Challenge – Feather Fabric by Hoffman Spectrum Print
- Pipestone Area Quilters
- "Eldon" Quilts

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Volga, SD 57071
castle97@mchsi.com

Due February 1st, 2026

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie dropping our donations from the Christmas Party to Brookings Food Pantry



200 was given to Ronald Gross by Bev Kroq

Community Service Quilts to Jessica Schliesman



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM:

KAREN ALGOOD



Quilt Retreat Spring 2026

Quilt retreat will be here before we know it. The dates this year are Thursday, April 23-Sunday, April 26. It is right after the BIG quilt show so a nice time to unwind with a little quilting and friends. The cost including meals is \$322 for a single. Those sharing a room are \$296 each. I will be talking briefly about the retreat at the January Guild meeting and will start signing people up. You must have a down payment of at least \$100 when signing up to hold your spot, as our number of spots are limited. Look forward to seeing you all soon!!

Quilt Raffle

Please bring any tickets and money sold thus far for the quilt raffle. Thanks!!

BAD NEWS: NO SHOW & TELL THIS MONTH



GOOD NEWS: LOTS OF FUNNIES!!!!

New year, new seams, zero mistakes....hopefully.



From Kathy S



Be honest... how many of you have a fabric stash big enough to build a Christmas tree? 🌲 🧵 ...

IF SOMEONE TELLS YOU THAT YOU HAVE ENOUGH **FABRIC** STOP TALKING TO THEM. YOU DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF **NEGATIVITY** IN YOUR LIFE!



From Janet M.

