



Patchwords

July 2024

President's Message

July has arrived, and with it, some very hot temperatures! It is a time of flip flops and bikinis. The flip flops for me, are a must in July, but the bikini....???

You know, the bikini was created on July 5, 1946 by a Parisian gentleman, named Reard. He used just 30 inches of fabric for this two piece swimwear. We, members of SABQG, can do so much more with 30 inches of fabric!!!

Speaking of creating, I hope some of our talented BEES 🐝 are planning a "Teachable Moment" to share. Next month, Art-tude Bee will be the first Bee to answer the challenge.

May your July be filled with patriotism, family fun times and outside activities. Remember though, quilting time can be done inside with the AC running!



Alana

We are so fortunate to have an amazing library of over 160 book covering so many quilting patterns and techniques. Explore what is available for you to check out at:

www.librarycat.org/lib/SABQGLIBRARY

July/August Calendar

July 3rd

No SEW-cial

July 10th

9:30 am Board Meeting
Rm 202

July 11th Night

6:30 Social 7:00 Program
Bell Hall

July 17th Day

9:00 am Social
9:30 Program
Bell Hall

July 24th

Workday Wednesday
9:00 am
Bell Hall

August 7th

SEW-cial

August 8th Night

6:30 Social 7:00 Program
Bell Hall

August 14th

9:30 am Board Meeting
Rm 202

August 21st Day

9:00 am Social
9:30 Program
Bell Hall

August 28th

Workday Wednesday
9:00 am
Bell Hall

Hospitality

- Thank you to all that assisted at the June meeting. Big thank-you to the Happy Scrappers & the Hummingbees for those yummy goodies.
- Our hostesses in July will be the Thread Catchers and the Piece & Love Bees. August meeting hostesses will be the BUSY Bees.
- As we are growing, we now need help getting the meeting space set-up and then put away. With a total of 15-16 tables with chairs all hands assisting make this task a lot easier.
- Thank you, Georgia Gunn
- If you call me please leave a message as your call is very important.

Night Quilters

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 11. The mini challenge for our July meeting is school pencil bags or totes. We will also be collecting school supplies for our local schools.

The theme for our quilt show is “I must have flowers, always and always!” My challenge for the night guild members is for each member to make a Flower quilt block – using white or white on white cotton fabric as background – this block can be English Paper Pieced, foundation, appliqué or a pieced block – it can be any size from 4.5” to 12.5” unfinished, it can be a square or a rectangle (cannot exceed 12.5” unfinished length or width). These blocks are to be turned in by the November 14, 2024 night meeting. I am looking forward to all the different flower blocks and to the quilt we can put together for the quilt show in February.

Happy quilting
Jo

Meeting minutes
can be found at:

[https://
sabqg.org/
newsletter/](https://sabqg.org/newsletter/)



send newsletter items
to:

no later than
the 22nd of each
month

Membership

Hello all! Busy June!!

Night meeting 6/13/24 had 31 Regular members, one guest and one new member (not present at the meeting- signed up by Sue Gulkis)

Day meeting had 87 regular members, 4 new members and 3 guests.

The current membership count is 184.

Address Change:

Karen Radcliff

NEW MEMBERS:

Chris Lockwood,

Shirley Steffey,

Susan Aranyosi,

Kim Goodwin-Thomas,

Finally, membership dues payment is up by half from this time last year with the help of PayPal. There are only 56/182 members that still need to pay.

This was a GREAT month!!

Have a wonderful weekend

Cindy Straebel-Membership Chair



SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Please contact me when a member has an illness, loss or just something to celebrate

Linda Tew



Guild member Linda Tew made baby blankets for The Foster Closet and donated them to Lynn Haven Methodist church in June 2024.

Community Services Current Needs



Sim's Twin Size Quilts	64" wide x 74" Long
Warrior Beach Retreat	Larger than 50" wide x 65" long
Women Shelter Twin Size	64" wide x 74" long
Elder & Disabled Lap Quilts	42" wide x 54" long
Childrens Quilts	42" wide x 54" long
Infant Receiving Blankets	42" wide x 42" long

2024-25 Board Members

President - Alana Yuratich

1st V.P. - Diane Wishart

2nd V.P.- Jo Wilbur

Secretary - Carolyn Finlayson

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Night Hospitality.

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Night Membership

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Quilt Show

Dianne Daigle

Retreats

Cindy Smith

Sound

Rebekah Wishart

Sunshine

Linda Tew

Warrior Retreat

Betty Marler

Community Service

The Community Service team would like to thank all the quilters who made and donated their items at the June 19th general meeting. Items donated included quilts, receiving blankets, NICU blankets, and walker bags.

We have recently learned that Bay County Council on Aging is in need of tote bags. There's no specific pattern but you can find a few different instructional videos on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). A good size is 18"x33" for the inner and outer pieces or smaller. 4" x 27" is a good size for the fabric straps. We will have fabric available at the next meeting. We will also have stocking kits available.

Thank you all for everything you do!
Aly, Gerry, Trudy



Quilt Show 2025

Our annual quilt show is now in the books for February 14th & 15th 2025. We will be back at the fairgrounds this year.

- Quilt Show week starts February 11th thru the 15th
- Our Quilt Show quilt theme this year is: "I must have flowers, always and always" Claude Monet
- Behind the scenes work is already in process.... lots and lots to get started.

Coming Very Soon:

- Registrations forms for quilt entry
- Our Judges Name
- Details for the event



Thank you all in advance for the support and hard work for this wonderful event to come alive in February. Stay tune!

Dianne Daigle, Chairman

Tiny Stitchers Bee

Tiny Stitchers Bee had their first meeting June 15 with 20+ members attending with their machine or machines in tow. We are going to meet again July 27th 9:00-12:00 at Bell Hall. We are planning to work on “dresses” and spool doilies at this meeting. I will email patterns and supply list before the meeting. The next project we work on will be Fidget Blankets for Alzheimer’s patients.

I have made a private Facebook page for Tiny Stitchers, if I haven’t sent you an invitation please contact me. It’s not too late to join Tiny Stitchers, if you want to join us or you have not gotten emails from me please contact me.

Diane Wishart

July’s Program

July’s program is “How to use our Library”. Loretta Akerlind will be giving a presentation at both meetings.

Donate School Supplies

Every year we donate school supplies to Bay District Schools. Superintendent Mr. McQueen gave a presentation at our June day meeting on his appreciation of our donations and how they will be distributed this year. We are asking members to please bring school supplies to our July meetings.



UFO Challenge

The challenge is on! Paperwork was distributed during the June meetings, completed paperwork and \$\$ are due by July 17th. This is a great way to encourage you to finish those projects that you have sitting around and this year there are three ways to win the challenge. *Paperwork is attached to the newsletter below.*

Diane Wishart



UFO Challenge 2024-2025

The UFO (unfinished objects) challenge is a great way to motivate yourself to finish your PHDs (projects half done). You will contribute \$1 for each UFO; you intend to finish using the 2024-2025 quilt guild year. Each time you finish a UFO, you will notify the UFO challenge keepers (Rebekah or Diane Wishart) which UFO you have finished, and your name will be entered into the drawing for the jackpot at the May 2025 meeting. For example, if you enter 10 UFO projects that you intend to finish, then you pay \$10 in the pot. If you finish 5 of those your name is entered in the drawing 5 times.

Rules for the challenge

1. A UFO is defined as an object that you have **ALREADY STARTED** but have not **FINISHED**. It does not include projects that you have not yet started. We are not the guild police, so this is on the honor system.
2. A UFO is not necessarily a quilt, but it should be customary for quilt guild. Examples are a set of placemats, tree skirts, fabric bags, a quilted garment, fabric bowls, jelly roll rugs, etc. Example that would not be included are paintings, jewelry, ceramics, etc. entries should be fabric focused.
3. UFOs become **FINISHED** when they are in their final form. For example, if a quilt is entered, it must be quilted, bound, and contain a label. Quilt tops "only" are not finished. If it does not meet the criteria, then please wait to declare it finished until it truly is finished. Other fabric items must simply be in their final form.
4. You must give a name to your UFO because you must be able to identify which project to mark off your list as finished. For example, I enter a quilt that I name "Three Bears" because it can identify it 6 months from now by that name even though the label reads "Bears on Parade".
5. The **DEADLINE** for UFO completed entry forms and monies is Wednesday, **July 17, 2024**. You may turn in the forms and money any time before than deadline.
6. You must show the finished quilt or object to the UFO Challenge Keepers to receive credit for finishing it and make sure the correct item is marked off your list. This can be done in person or with photos of completed project.
7. The **DEADLINE** for turning in finished items is **May 1, 2025**.
8. Prizes will be given at the May 2025 general meeting.

Prizes - New for this year's challenge

- ✂ The quilter that turns in the most completed UFOs will receive \$25. (\$25)
- ✂ 1st name drawn will receive 75% of remaining funds. (\$206)
- ✂ 2nd name drawn will receive 25% of remaining funds. (\$69)

Example for \$300 turned in is in parentheses.

Challenge Keepers: Diane Wishart Rebekah Wishart

UFO Challenge 2024-2025

Quilter's Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

UFO Number	Name of UFO	Date Finished
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