

San Juan Quilters usually the

Second Saturday of the month, 9:00 am
Crossroads Victory Church
515 S. Hillcrest Avenue
Montrose, Colorado

Next Meeting **Saturday November 18, 2023**

The church needs the meeting room on the second Saturday this month, so we moved our meeting to the third Saturday. Becky Thatcher will lead us through the "Fun and Done" quilt as you go method. She will bring supplies for us to make strippy scrap blocks, or we can bring our own blocks, backing and batting to use with her method. (Check out her email below.) We'll also plan our December holiday feast and elect officers for 2024. Jan Rosenbaum, president

November refreshments: Becky Thatcher and Jean Redding. **Set Up** Norma, **Clean Up** everyone

Treasurer: **Yvonne Zeman** combined put basket donations and name tag violation money.

Committee Reports What would you like to work on next year? Let's talk about it at our meeting. **Volunteer for a committee for 2024!**

Membership: [Maintain membership records, collect dues, send roster to members] **Sue Alexander** has copies of the list if you need one. 38 paid members Sue has also updated our yearly Calendar of Events.

Library: [Select and present reference materials] **Becky Thatcher** Check out our library treasures for your next project!

Retreat: [Plan two retreats a year] **Wendy Dyer, Pat Lutz and Roena Frank** Fall retreat was October 19-21 at the church. Food and memories "From Around the World" Tables were full of happy sewists. Big thanks to Wendy and her team.

Sunshine: [Send cards to members who need a little more sunshine in their lives] **Betty Favier**

Programs: [Coordinate programs for each meeting with assistance of the planning committee] **BettyAnn McCluskey, Wendy Dyer and Jo Warner.** Last month Wendy Dyer showed a very interesting video and program about machine ruler work, with many examples to get us excited. November Quilt as You Go with Becky Thatcher (voted on by members at August meeting), December holiday feast.

Community Outreach: [coordinate quilt making and deliver to local charities] **Norma Brim.** Bring donations to her at meetings or at Huggy Bunch on Wednesday mornings. Last month we sent 34 baby caps to the hospital, 3 quilts to Life Choices, and 6 to the Cancer Center.

Quilting: **Linda Jolley-Richards** is working on her own quilts, and growing her custom business. Be thinking of how to do your own quilting on donation quilts - Quilt as You Go, straight line quilting, stitch in the ditch, ruler work, tying, knotting???

Hospitality: [Get volunteers for refreshments and setup for meetings. Plan Christmas and anniversary parties] **Sandy Engraff** will remind you when you are signed up for refreshments. We'll plan the Christmas party at the November meeting.

Newsletter: [Publish a monthly newsletter via email to inform members of activities] **Jan Rosenbaum** has done it for several years, and is ready to turn it over to a new editor for 2024.

Welcoming: [Ensure that members and guests are welcomed at each meeting. Find a buddy for each guest] **Jo Warner**

Black Canyon Quilt Show Liaison:[Attend monthly BCQS meetings and report to the guild] **Sandy Engraff**

2024 Boutique proceeds will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace again (they still want the size to be about 43 x 78" so they don't hang too far over the sides of a bunk bed). Laura Loewen teaches 2024 classes at the show. Check out her interesting modern quilts. [Laura Loewen – Designer + Maker of Modern Quilts](#)

Block of the Month: [Plan for a series of blocks to be taught at meetings] **Pam Grow**. "Blueberry Pie" with red center, blues and green.

Homestead Quilts: **Jean Redding**. Quilts will hang at the end of a long hallway, so larger ones, larger designs are preferred. Jean has quilts lined up for the rest of the year.

This month's meeting: Nominating Committee will present candidates for 2024 officers and we will vote on them.

Here is Becky's email:

If they want to do their own squares, Precut the **backing squares 2" larger** than your finished square. Precut the batting squares the size of the finished square. Fabric for a couple of your squares can be precut as well (to sew up at the meeting). Bring Sewing machine, thread, scissors. If you want to work on the group quilt(s), I will have backing and batting ready to go, along with the starting center piece. If you have scraps of fabric you want to use, bring them along since it will be a total scrappy quilt. I have lots to bring if you don't have any. Otherwise, bring your machine, black thread, scissors, Jack (the ripper) in case you sew too far. Optional your own personal ironing area.

Remember! November meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday - Nov 18th. The church needs our meeting room on the 11th.

Announcements:: Rebecca Chatham has sent pillowcases to the Middle East for Navy and Marines. If you want to keep making them, the measurements are 27" x width of fabric for the body, 12" for the cuff, and 1.5-2" for the decorative band. The next shipment goes to the Air Force in the Middle East.

SJQ Officers for 2023 Jan Rosenbaum, president; Karen Bollinger, vice president; Yvonne Zeman, treasurer; Deborah Lazear, secretary.

Black Canyon Quilt Show News

Christmas Ornaments for "Treetastic": Montrose Center for Arts is again providing an opportunity for nonprofit groups to raise money by decorating a tree for public viewing at their Park Avenue facility during December. Thanks to those of you who have been busily creating

ornaments for the Black Canyon Quilt Show Tree. Funds raised from our tree will go to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the charity chosen to benefit from 2024 Boutique profits. Trees will be on display for the month of December. You and the public are invited to view the decorated trees and vote for your favorite by dropping \$\$\$ in the box provided next to the tree.

Participating nonprofit groups will receive all the \$\$\$ votes for their tree. Funds raised from the Black Canyon Quilt Show Tree will go to the Boutique and the ornaments will be sold in the Boutique booth at the Black Canyon Quilt Show in July, 2024. Bring your ornaments to the November Guild meeting where they will be collected or deliver to Karla at 23 Elm Ct. by November 25th. For questions, or to volunteer to help decorate the tree, please call Karla at 970-417-4842.

Hospitality Help Needed: Someone is still needed to fill the Hospitality position on the Black Canyon Board. Duties, as outlined in the bylaws are below.. Contact Sue Palmer if you can help with this responsibility. • Shall arrange lunch for those working on show set-up day. • Shall Contact Nursing Homes in reference to attendance. • Shall coordinate vendor lunch information with the Vendor chair. • Shall arrange for and deliver prepaid lunches to Board Members and vendors during the show and for Judging Day workers.