



President's Message

By Sue Lawrence

It's February, and winter rolls on. While digging into my fabric stash for the best piece in a new quilt project, a thought occurs to me: what if I do a sort, removing fabric I don't think I'll use? Donate, and I gain valuable space. It's a winning activity I recommend, freeing up space for tools and supplies, whether for sewing, cooking, gardening or other activities you enjoy.

In observing Valentine's Day, I'm share this with you:

A friend is someone we turn to
when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure,
for our friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our
lives
with beauty, joy, and grace
And makes the whole world we
live in
a better and happier place.
-by Valerie S. Rios



January Meeting with Elizabeth Chappelle

By Mai Whigham



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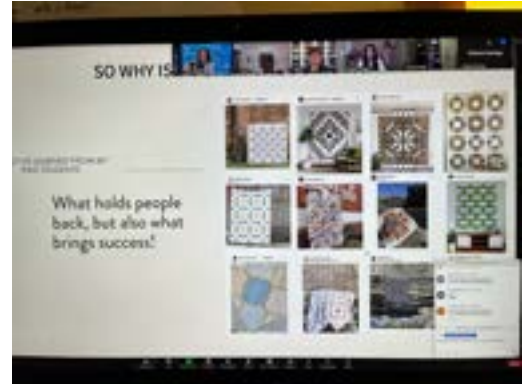
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Zoom Meeting

Please visit Elizabeth’s website: <https://quilterscandy.com/> for more information.

We had a wonderful zoom meeting with Elizabeth from Quilter’s Candy last Tuesday evening. She generously donated a fat quarter bundle of her new fabric, her book, and copies of her patterns. There were 28 in attendance. I took the list of people and numbered them, asked my husband to pick three random numbers and the winners are....

Cheryl Locke - fat quarter bundle

Phyllis Rother - her book

Sue Lawrence - her patterns

Congratulations! You will each be receiving an email from Elizabeth on how to receive your prizes.

Library



Library News: February might be the month to practice our theme of quilting with a friend. There are library books with small projects that

could be done in tandem or quilts with blocks to be done individually and then put together. There are lots of flower patterns, too, to go with a love theme. No time to quilt? Take a book home to enjoy quilting vicariously. Sharon Rockholt

**It doesn't need to be perfect
to be Amazing!**

New Member Appreciation in February

In February, we welcome our new members and thank them each for joining the Cotton Patch Quilters. Whether you joined to learn new skills, to enjoy the social aspects of meeting other quilters, or to get the opportunity to participate in a retreat, challenge or workshop, the guild is a great place to be.

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First All Day Charity Bee

By Barb Bauer



We met from ten to four. Most participants brought their own machines. Chris and Suzanne worked together on a brickwork quilt made from donated fabrics. Everyone admired Suzanne's Featherweight she bought 50 years ago, it looks, and runs great! Sue started and finished a complete quilt top, made from 12 fat quarters. She is our very own Eleanor Burns, quilt in a day!

Barbara Watson spent the day cutting and piecing half square triangles for a Quilt of Valor. Sylvia Wilson made, and attached binding for 3 large quilts. Others worked with Ellen Nelson, making strip sets and blocks from QOV scraps. Another made a Missouri Star pattern called X's and O's, from a beautiful charm pack. I pieced a backing for a QOV I made, then attached 3 borders to a scrap quilt for a child, and prepared its backing and binding. We accomplished a lot, enjoying friendly company and lunches from home, in a nice toasty room on a 16 degree day.



Business



Cotton Patch Quilters Monthly Statement

1/2 Year 2023-2024	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 DEC YTD Final	2023-2024 January YTD Preliminary
INCOME			
Community Service Income	\$ 1,200.00	233.00	233.00
Door Prizes	\$ 500.00	404.00	404.00
Fundraising	\$ 100.00	-	-
Member Education	\$ 500.00	90.00	90.00
Membership Dues	\$ 2,400.00	2,225.00	2,225.00
Retailer Rewards	\$ 100.00	28.54	45.20
Raffle Quilt Tickets	\$ 1,600.00	-	-
2023 Net Quilt Show Income	\$ -	-	-
Transfer from Money Market	\$ -	-	-
Total Income	\$ 6,400.00	2,980.54	2,997.20
EXPENSES			
Challenges	\$ 75.00	-	-
Community Service Expense	\$ 1,200.00	1,097.09	1,097.09
Raffle Quilt Expenses	\$ 500.00	-	-
Door Prizes	\$ 200.00	107.83	107.83
Internet & Historian	\$ 1,000.00	359.00	359.00
Library	\$ 350.00	-	-
Membership	\$ 350.00	5.00	5.00
Member Education	\$ 5,000.00	2,151.86	2,151.86
Newsletter	\$ -	-	-
President's Expenses	\$ 150.00	150.00	150.00
Social	\$ 200.00	45.23	45.23
Sunshine	\$ 25.00	-	-
Officers Exp/Mailbox	\$ 300.00	176.00	654.48
Transfer to Money Market	\$ -	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 4,092.01	\$ 4,570.49
BALANCE	\$ (2,950.00)	(1,111.47)	(1,573.29)
OPERATING ACCOUNT			
Balance on hand of operating account/first day of period		\$ 7,113.05	\$ 6,001.58
Income		\$ 2,980.54	\$ 2,997.20
Withdrawals		\$ 4,092.01	\$ 4,570.49
Balance on hand of operating account /last day of period		\$ 6,001.58	\$ 4,428.29
Bank account balances/last day of month			
Checking		\$ 6,001.58	\$ 4,428.29
Money Market		\$ 20,734.88	\$ 20,737.61
Interest Income		\$ 5.23	\$ 6.11

March meeting!
We will be meeting on
March 5th instead of March 12th
due to a conflict
with the Lyndon house

Door Prizes

After no door prizes in December as scheduled but then zoom for our **January** meeting made door prizes an impossible task as no way of collecting the money. Now for the February meeting we will offer a chance for four door prizes. That's right. We will have four containers for you to choose which door prize you would like to win. There will be something for everyone. Come with your dollar bills. No increase in price for chances!! That's about the only thing that inflation hasn't caused an increase. Five tickets for \$2.00. One chance for \$.50. Or the special of 12 tickets for only \$5.00.

That's the February special !!!

Carol Ann Burns and Susan Herda Cochairs door prize committee.



Spring Challenge: “Mood of the City”

Focus: Modern Quilting

Object: Quilt will reflect the mood or character of the city

Size: Max. 24”/side

Due: June 11, 2024 Meeting – please come a few minutes early to check in

1. Choose: City of any size in the world
2. Choose the mood or character of the city: masculine or feminine; industrial, or pastoral, dark or bright; dynamic or historic. Weather or time of day may play a part.
3. Choose focus: Architectural structures, city scape, or slice of the city, cultural icon (i. e. Independence Hall)
4. Choose colors to reflect the mood/character of the city
5. Choose orientation: strong vertical, horizontal, triangular

Prizes:

1. Best representation of the theme: “Mood of the City”
2. Best technique/design
3. Best use of color

Card: List the city name and the mood that is reflected in your quilt. No name.

References:

Barton, Elizabeth. Inspired design. 2013.



Cityscape
T Aske



A particular building or icon
G Myatt



Slice of the City
E. Barton

Retreat



While we're staying warm at home this very cold winter, a lot of us are thinking about our spring guild retreat in April/May, what to make, what to buy for our gift swap. What fun we'll all have.

Our spring retreat is totally full, 26 crafty ladies are looking forward to 4 days of sewing, socializing and games. Of course, we can't wait for the cook to prepare some wonderful food for us also.

If you missed signing up for our spring retreat, you can reserve for our fall retreat. The dates are October 21 to 25, Monday afternoon to Friday noon. The cost will be \$ 245.00, double occupancy. There will be very limited single rooms available.

GAFFA (Future Farmers of America) has been our retreat location for the past 13 years. We enjoy hotel-like bedrooms with private bathrooms and in room heat/air controls, 2 double beds and all linen. Our gathering/sewing room is huge, with 5 thermostats to keep us warm or cool.

We enjoy 3 meals a day except for arrival and end days (guaranteed to put weight on). the cook staff can accommodate any special needs if notified ahead of time.

If you'd like more information or would like to reserve a spot on our fall retreat, just give me a call or email me. We'd love to have you.

Joan Garland Retreat Chairwoman

2025 Quilt Show



We have a Core Committee! We are off to a great start! Joining me are Frances Arnold, Ruhanna Neal, Mai Whigham, Sheila Shepherd, Linda Murray, and Rosie Crockett. The President of the guild 2024-25 will join us, too. We still need someone to take on Graphics for printing out the quilt info cards; and someone to take on directing parking on Friday of the show. Let me know if you'll accept one of these challenges.

Feb 27: setup Feb 28-Mar2: show

Happily Serving

Chairman: Sharon Rockholt

Chairman Elect:

Core Committee: (3 or 4)

President 24-25:

Show Treasurer: Ruhanna Neal

Boutique: Betsy Vonk

Graphics:

Hanging: Sheila Shepherd

Floor Manager: Mary Grider and Scarlett Dunne

Judging: Deb Henderson

Kitchen: Karen Holmgren and Sharon Sucher

Layout: Rosie Crockett

Photography: Anne Flippen

Properties (set up and take down) Frances Arnold

Publicity: Sue Lawrence, Scott Mason, and ?

Receiving: Mai Whigham

Ribbons: Susan Van Eck

Signs: Kyle Howington

Vendors: Linda Murray

Parking Director:

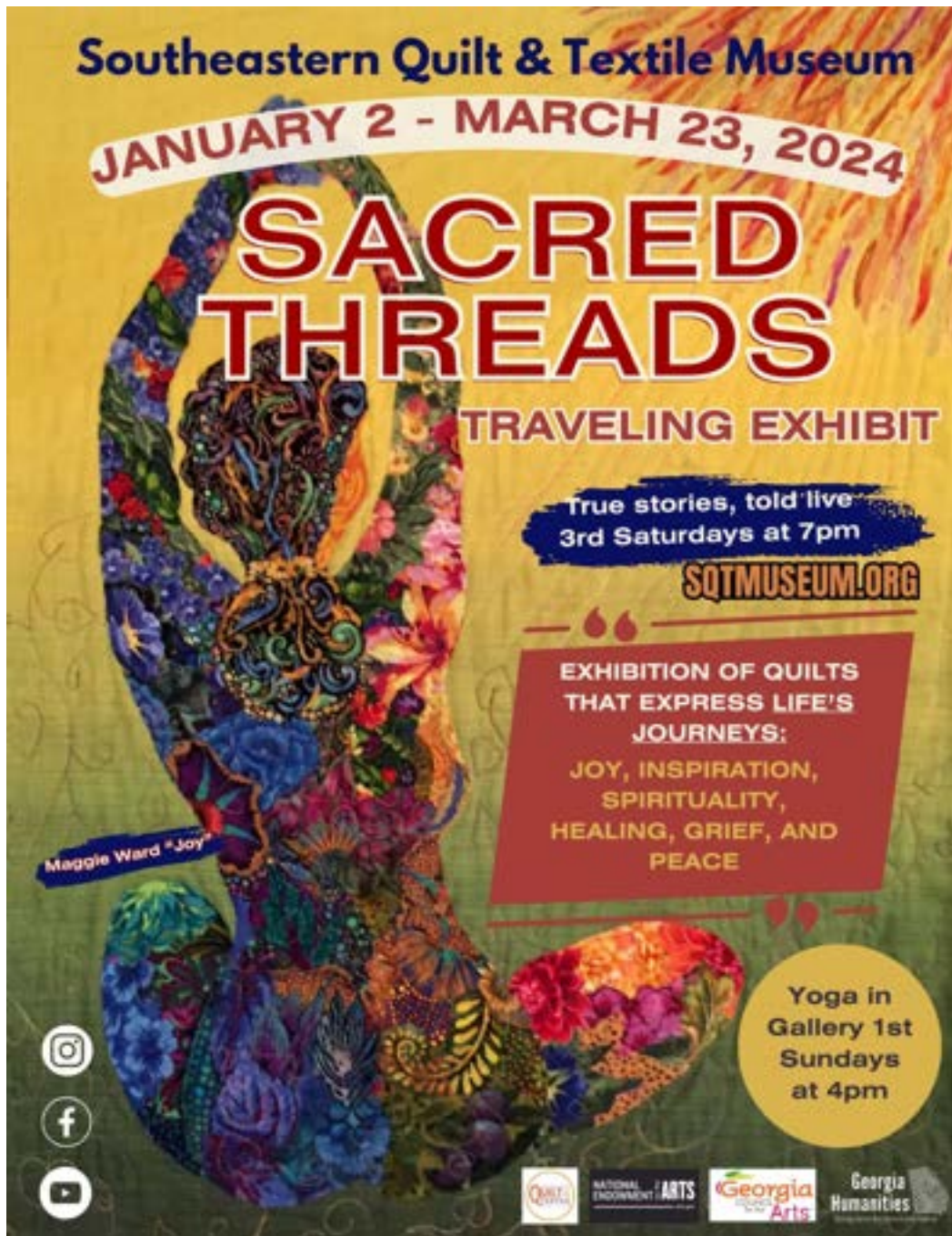
Award Ceremony:

Debi Chandler is computer guru for Receiving and Boutique

Sacred Threads Traveling Exhibit

JANUARY 2- MARCH 23, 2024

The Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum invites you to experience the Sacred Threads Exhibit, that will be on display from January 2 – March 23, 2024. Sacred Threads features 38 quilts all centered around the themes of Brotherhood, Grief, Healing, Inspiration, Joy, Peace, and Spirituality.



Cotton Patch Quilter Bees

Charity Bee: Every Wednesday 10:00 to Noon, Lyndon House Fiber room. Shop the stash to make a quilt top donation. Fabric scraps collected for dog beds, Orphan blocks and UFOs accepted. Sewing machines and supplies available for use. Charity Bee is extending its hours one day a month to sew all day.

Stitch and Bitch Bee: First Saturday of the month 10:00 to 3:00, Lyndon House Fiber Room. Bring a lunch and your project to work on. Friendship, expert advice and creativity

The Night Owl Sewing Bee is held on the first Monday of the month at Sue Lawrence's home from 6 to 8pm.



Smoky Mountain Quilters
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What is happening to prepare for our 43rd show June 21-22 at Knoxville Expo Center?

We are trying to spread the Call for Quilts far and wide, one of our best embroiderers is experimenting with some ideas for the Special Award ribbons, we are seeking ribbon sponsors and vendors, and we are trying to make final decisions on a few remaining undecided show items...

We hope you are making a quilt!

Smokymtnquilters.com



QOV Blocks

The Membership Committee thanks those that make a block for QOV. You can keep making blocks throughout the year and turn them in at the meetings. Make a block or two from your stash or come to the fiber room and get red, white, blue or patriotic patterned fabric at no cost to you. Make your favorite block or make that block you always wanted to try! All blocks are appreciated. Remember 10 1/2 inch finished block.





**Atlanta, Georgia
Gas South Convention Center
March 7, 8, & 9, 2024**

Three inspiring, satisfying, and fun days of ...

- ❖ Workshops and classes taught by inspired educators
- ❖ Outstanding quilt displays and Sewing's Next Generation Fashion Show
- ❖ Trunk shows, stage presentations and new product demos
- ❖ Incredible shopping with retailers from across the country
- ❖ Great prizes to win and *so much more!*



Your guild can...

- ❖ **Host a booth to showcase your guild.** Promote, recruit, and raise money for your guild. Email info@sewingexpo.com for all the information. Logos (in jpg format) are available for social media and your email newsletters.
- ❖ **Your members can become Ambassadors.** There are lots of ways to volunteer and enjoy free admission, earn free classes and more! See details at sewingexpo.com (click **Volunteer** at the top of website) or email info@sewingexpo.com
- ❖ **Gather a group, arrange travel and join us.** For just \$12/person each person in your group would receive general admission, one class session, and a limited-edition shopping bag with a value of \$49! Email info@sewingexpo.com for more details.

Please share the enclosed handouts with your members. If you'd like more, call 800-699-6309 or email info@sewingexpo.com. We have included complimentary tickets; they make great door prizes!

***We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta and thank you
in advance for sharing the fun!***



Original Sewing & Quilt Expo
909 Canterbury Road, Suite F
Westlake, OH 44145

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MEMBER EDUCATION

February 2024



Nancy Hutchison will be speaking to us! She is an accomplished quilter, certified instructor for Fiberworks and a trained quilt judge. She will be giving us a lecture and trunk show about collage quilts specifically related to the collage patterns by Laura Heine. Here are some examples...



March 2024



There has been a change for the March meeting. We will be meeting on March 5th instead of March 12th, due to a conflict with the Lyndon house. We will also have a change in speakers. Muriel Pfaff will be joining us. She has a fascinating background in history relating to quilting. She will talk about a famous historical woman (to be determined as to which one!) and how she influenced quilting in the world. Which character will be announced shortly. Muriel has spoken to us several years ago and she is always informative and very interesting. This meeting is one you won't want to miss!

April 2024



Dawn Filzen will be speaking to us about Bags by Annie. She learned to quilt in grade school from her Mom. She's been quilting for about 30 years now. She loves all things quilting: pieced, collage, art quilts, paper piecing, bags, appliqué, free motion and she longarm quilts! She enjoys bright, fun, and creative fabrics. Her favorite designers include Riley Blake (Lori Holt), Moda, McKenna Ryan, Buttermilk Basin, By Annie, Sallie Tomato, and Angela Walters. We will have a workshop taught by Dawn April 10th.

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May 2024



Our own Charles Nicolosi will be speaking to us. He joined our guild many years ago and has supported our IT needs of the guild for many years. He became interested in quilting because of his Grandmother. His quilting has become very modern over the years and has developed some very interesting techniques. He lives locally in Athens and works for UGA with their IT department. He also owns his own company called Geek in Stitches and sells his work in local venues in Athens.

June 2024

We will celebrate the new board positions of President, Past President, President Elect, VP of Membership, VP of Education, Secretary, and Treasurer. We will also present the challenge quilts, and vote on them. Please bring a meal and enjoy the fellowship with one another. We will also have show and tell for anyone that has something to share.

Community Request

Egleston's ICU is asking for quilt donations (anything for crib size, throw size, to adult size-? maybe that means twin size?) for their unit. Mai can be the "go-to" person because her son is an ICU Nurse there. Since it has been so cold recently, they really could use them! Sally from Charity Bee met with Mai to donate 14 quilts of various sizes to them. If you have a quilt to donate contact Mai Whigham.



Georgia Celebrates Quilts^(R) Quilt Show & Market

June 6-8, 2024
Cobb County Civic Center
Marietta, Georgia



It's Time To Enter Your Quilts

Quilt Entry Is Now Open

in Georgia's largest juried and judged quilt show

Over \$4000 in prize money + beautiful handmade ribbons

All Georgia quilters are eligible to enter

We encourage quilters from all across the state
to show their quilts, large and small,
traditional and contemporary,
complicated and simple,
miniatures, art pieces, group quilts, etc.
All are welcomed and appreciated!

Key Dates:

January 1, 2024 – Quilt Entry begins

March 25, 2024 – Mail-in entry forms postmark deadline

March 29, 2024 – Online entry forms deadline

May 3, 2024 – Notifications of acceptances/non acceptances

June 2, 2024 – Quilt Drop-off at Cobb County Civic Center

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We're hiring! Do you love to sew and want to spend your time with pretty fabrics, are interested in working with innovative sewing machines, and would be delighted to assist fellow sewists and quilters? Are you a natural-born teacher who's energized at the thought of teaching others how to make one-of-a-kind projects? Are you looking for ways to monetize your extensive sewing knowledge?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, Sew Sew Studio is the place for you! Our store is growing, and we need talented sewists to help us with these changes.

These are the positions that we want to fill:

- Class instructor*
- Private lesson instructor*
- Sales floor associate

**We especially need instructors, so if you have extensive sewing knowledge and have ever wanted to teach, we highly encourage you to apply!*

Applicants must have sewing experience. Familiarity with using a sewing machine is an absolute must, and quilting skills are highly recommended. Sales floor associate positions are available for Saturdays and Sundays; there are flexible hours available for instructor positions.

We hope you'll join our fun and creative team! To learn more about our open positions and to apply online, visit SewSewStudio.com/Employment.

January 2023

By Mai Whigham

Tonight's Zoom Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sue Lawrence.
There were 28 members present tonight.

CPQ Information:

- Lyndon House is now accepting applications for the 49th Annual Juried Exhibition Show. Submission Open until January 26, 2024
- at 5 p.m. The exhibition will run from March 12th through May 4th, 2024. Jen Sudul Edwards, Chief Curator and Curator of Contemporary Art at the Mint Museum in Charlotte, NC will be the art juror. Fiber Artists are encouraged to apply. There will be a \$150.00 fiber arts prize awarded from Cotton Patch Guild. Area Artists age 18+ working in the visual arts field are encouraged to apply. (Athens-Clarke, Oconee, Barrow, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Hall, Banks, Franklin, Hart, Elbert, Wilkes, Morgan, Walton and Oglethorpe Counties are included.) See the Lyndon House website for more details. <https://lyndonhouse2024juriedexhibition.artcall.org/>
- **Calling local artists!** The Lyndon House is also having an "Art Mart" in May. **The Lyndon House Arts Foundation is looking for artists/vendors for our 2024 Art Mart - to be held May 11, 2024. Apply on-line and sign up to sell your artwork.** <https://lyndonhouse2024juriedexhibition.artcall.org/> Applications are due by January 15th. Reserve your spot now!
- The East Cobb Quilt Guild is now accepting applications for their quilt show. Apply on-line at <https://www.georgiacelebratesquilts.com/enter-a-quilt/> Entry Deadline is March 29, 2024. Notification of entry acceptance is May 3, 2024. For questions about Quilt Entry, contact **Carolyn Powers**, Quilt Entry Chair.
- Jan Goddard gave us our next Challenge! The title of the challenge is "Somewhere in the City". The focus will be Modern Quilting. Your piece may be architectural or cultural and can be up to 24 x 24 inches in size. Your piece could depict the city's weather, a street in the city, or the whole city, you decide. There will be three categories for winners: Best Representation of a city, Best Technique or Design, and Best Overall.
- Sharon Rockholt, Cotton Patch Quilt Show Chairman, requests that if possible, volunteer to help with the 2025 Cotton Patch Quilt Show. Show dates are February 28th through March 2nd, 2025. If you would like to be a vendor or know of any vendors that would like to have a booth at the show, please let Sharon know.
- Sew Sew Studio is looking for instructors to teach classes at the studio. If interested, please contact Sarah at (678) 661-0201 for more information.
- The Charity Bee meets at the Lyndon House on Wednesdays from 10 am-12 pm, but on the 3rd Wednesday of each month the bee will be meeting from 10 am to 2 pm. The Charity Bee will no longer be accepting fabric scraps to make dog beds for the Athens Area Humane Society. They have received a grant to cover this. Feel free to reach out to local vets or kennels if you would like to continue to make pet beds. But please continue to donate fabric or your time to the Charity Bee or to Quilts of Valor.

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. HAPPY.
Valentine's
Day

Cotton Patch Quilters 2023 - 2024

2023-24 Officers

President: Sue Lawrence

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Programs & Education VP: Sheila Shepherd

Secretary: Mai Whigham

Treasurer: Scott Mason

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Standing Committees:

Community Service: Sally Robbins and Ellen Nelson

Fundraising: Open

Internet/Web Site: Frances Arnold and Debi Chandler

Library: Sharon Rockholt

Newsletter: Rosie Crockett

Quilt Show Chair: Sharon Rockholt

Social: Susan Van Eck

Additional Committees

Challenges: Jan Goddard

Door Prizes: Carol Ann Burns and Susan Herda

Retreat: Joan Garland

Show & Tell: Sandee Eaton-Heter

Sunshine: Barbara Redmond

Wear your name tag
so new and old
members can get to know you!

Member's items for sale

If you have quilt related items you wish to sell and are a member in good standing, (paid your dues) you can place an ad in the newsletter at no cost. The newsletter deadline is the 24th of each month. Send your photos and description with your contact information to the newsletter chair.

Rosie Crockett heybede@yahoo.com