

Missoula Quilters Guild
Member Meeting
September 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes provided by Jodi Bowser and Lanell Curry.

Guests were recognized and thanked for attending.

New Board Members were introduced: Debbie Gross, Member-At-Large; Kathy Klinge, Publicity; Lanell Curry, Secretary.

A special thank you was extended to past Board Members Lisa-Kay Prideaux, Secretary; Michelle Wieler, Publicity; Meredith Hoistad, Member-At-Large.

The May meeting minutes were not approved as they were inadvertently posted in the July Newsletter, rather than August.

Cindy Thiel provided a verbal review of the Treasurer's Report for July as the slide show was not working.

2025-2026 Proposed Budget Review - Cindy Thiel reviewed increases/changes to the proposed budget. Most of the budget requests from committees were similar or close to their previous year's requests. The proposed budget will be emailed to the members.

Volunteers Needed:

Sew Day - Will continue to be held at the Fire Station at 39th and Russell until further notice. Capacity of 32 people. Kathy Klinge and Jodi Bowser volunteered to email sew day reminders. Jodi will reach out to Wendy Gay to obtain the email list.

Hostess Table - Caroline Emmons volunteered to serve as Hostess. The Hostess sends a reminder email to those who volunteer to be treated to the monthly meetings and gives tickets to members with name tags at the door before meetings.

All door prizes have been purchased for the year.

Holiday Party Organizers - Sharon Croft volunteered to assist.

Library Challenge - Vicki Christie shared that two books have been purchased by A Clean Stitch in honor of Julie Radtke and will be available in the library. The library books have been updated and everyone who has books on loan is asked to return them as soon as they are finished with them. The challenge for this year is to check out a book, make something from the book, and write a review. The reviews will be shared with the members on the video screen at the meetings.

Quilts of Valor - Debbie Tomell shared information. Sew days are held on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church. Veterans must be in good standing and Honorably Discharged. Membership in QOV is \$10/year, but you need not be a member to participate. Kits are available at the meetings. Requests for quilts come from all over the United States.

Quilts for Kids - Emily Dix shared that they meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. upstairs at Grace United Methodist Church. The mission of Q4K is to provide Missoula County children in difficult circumstances with a quilt. Quilts are provided to City Police, Highway Patrol, Fire Departments and schools. Kits are available at the meetings and at the three quilt stores in Missoula – Vicki's Quilts Down Under, A Clean Stitch, and Confident Stitch. There are four sizes, neonatal through teen.

Stitchers in the Dark - Kathy Klinge said the group meets once per year at Atonement Lutheran Church, date yet to be decided, March 2026. You need not be a guild member to participate. A registration form is completed, drawn randomly, and the person has one year to make 12 blocks for the person whose name they drew.

Comfort Quilts – Mary Ellen Farrar and Lanell Curry chair this member committee. Quilts donated to Comfort Quilts are delivered to the Cancer Center at St. Patrick Hospital and are available to patients undergoing cancer treatments. Longarm quilters are still very much needed to quilt the many quilts that have been donated by our generous participants.

Camp Mak-A-Dream – Joyce Auer shared that they are 75% to their goal, with 300 pillowcases completed thus far. 14½” blocks are donated by Guild members and the “Arleessians” complete the pillowcases which are then donated to Camp Mak-A-Dream for camp attendees who are receiving cancer treatment and/or survivors.

Sunshine Lady – Meredith Hoistad receives requests from members for well wishes to be sent to Guild members who may be in need of encouragement and thoughtfulness during a difficult circumstance or a celebration of some kind. Although she winters in Arizona, you may send her an email and she will send cards from her home there.

Education, Teachers and Classes Committee – Nancy Terwilliger-Grube spoke of the upcoming Spirit Butterfly class to be held October 13-14 at Atonement Lutheran Church. A trunk show will be held at the November 12 meeting.

- For Guild members, the rulers are \$49 and the class cost for the two days is \$45, for a total of \$94. Registration for the class may be paid at the October meeting. 18-20 members typically register.
- Nancy requested that all those interested in being a class instructor please contact anyone on the ETC committee.
- The QOV 24” x 36” cutting mats which were borrowed for the tote class taught by Stephanie Minnick at Atonement Lutheran Church have disappeared. If you have the mats or know where they are, please let Nancy know. Otherwise, ETC will need to replace them.

Un-Finished Objects (UFOs) – As quilters we all have many uncompleted projects (UFOs). The UFO Challenge is a motivational tool to encourage us to finish them. If you have projects to complete in which you are no longer interested, one of our worthy groups (Q4K, QOV, Comfort Quilts) will be happy to accept your finished projects.

- If you wish to participate in the UFO Challenge this year, you may go to the website under the “Get Involved” drop-down menu, UFO Challenge! tab, print the form, complete, and turn in to Nancy Terwilliger-Grube for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate for the member who completes the most UFOs for which they registered.
- There are two UFO challenges; one from September - December, and one from January - May. If you can’t bring your completed UFOs to the meetings for Show & Tell, you may send Nancy a picture via email and she will keep track of completed projects for us.

Western Montana Fair - President Sue Olinger thanked all members who helped at the Fair entries drop-off in August. A standing committee will be formed for this endeavor as MQG will be helping next year, as well.

- Only 26 quilts were entered in the Fair and 13 were in one category. Sue encouraged members to please plan to enter more quilts going forward.

2026 Spread Your Wings Quilt Show –

- Will be held April 24 and 25 at the Western Montana Fairgrounds.
- Quilt entries are limited to MQG members only who have paid their membership dues by November 19.
- Each Guild member may enter up to four quilts.
- Co-Chairs Suzanne Sterrett and Kim Peterson provided an update and were thanked for their leadership by President Sue and the membership.
- Entry fees are \$10/day or \$15 for both days. If members work a shift their admission fee is waived.
- All youth who enter will receive a ribbon and ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each category per judged entry. Best of Show will be awarded by the judge and by viewers’ choice.
- The Butterfly House at the Western Montana Fairgrounds is partnering with the Missoula Quilters Guild in a reciprocal relationship. If you have ideas regarding ways of promoting this partnership, please email or text Suzanne or Kim.
- Donations of two-½ yard cuts of fabric per member for two fabric raffle baskets are requested – one basket is black and white and brights or wings and the second is red and white or blue and white. Fabric may be cotton or batik, good quilting fabric. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the show.
- A Clean Stitch is again donating an iron to be raffled.

- A quilt retreat raffle for members only will be held for a 3-4 night stay; raffle sales pays for the cost of the retreat.
- Heidi Bakula and Kathy Klinge are coordinating the Silent Auction. Members are asked to donate items. If it needs fed or watered, they don't want them! Quilt tops are acceptable. They will begin accepting items at the January Guild meeting. If you have wicker baskets you would like to donate, please bring them anytime beginning with the October meeting.
- Debbie Gross is coordinating the Boutique. 90% of the proceeds from an item will go to the seller and 10% will go to the Guild. You must price your own items and mark accordingly Please no yard-sale-type items – craft-sale-type items are not required, but somewhere in-between.
- Quilt Show expense reimbursement requests must be approved in advance and signed by a Show Co-Chair if you are not a Co-Chair. Treasurer Cindy Thiel stresses that reimbursement requests please be submitted as soon as possible when incurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.