



BOISE BASIN QUILTERS GUILD



BENTO BLOCK A DAY BY KATHRYN JOHNSON

INSIDE: UPCOMING GUILD ACTIVITIES
SCHOOLHOUSES + WORKSHOPS

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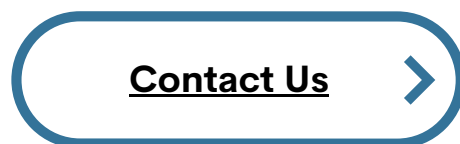


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Your 2026 Elected Officers





A Word from Your President

Howdy Quilters!

I'd like to talk about Small Groups. These are some of the questions I'm often asked: What are they? How to they get established? How can I find one to join?

Our newsletter lists several small groups that are open to new members. These are established groups where at least some of the participants are members of Boise Basin Quilters. One BBQ member has to agree to serve as a contact for that group, so, without publishing their contact information directly in the newsletter, other BBQ members can contact them using information in our online directory.

Some groups focus on a specific technique, such as the Treasure Valley Applique Society. Others, such as the Stories to Stitches group, are based on modes of inspiration. A few groups are community based, such as the Star Quilters or the Stitching Sisters of the Treasure Valley. And some just might be a group of friends that continue to meet many years after they first started quilting together. Regardless, the common thread in these groups is that SOMEONE took the initiative to get the group started.

So how do you find one to join? The easiest way is to ask those people around you.....hey if I started a small group, would you join me? Talk to the people you see at our general meetings. Ask those people that you are volunteering with this month and next. If you have the inspiration to start a new group, let me know and we can easily add a blurb to the next newsletter or announce it at our general meetings. Joining a small group is a great way to improve your skills and nurture lasting friendships.

I'd also like to take a minute to thank Amanda Bruesch for stepping in to cover me for our August meeting. I'll be in my hometown in Wyoming for the kickoff for a golf tournament that's a fundraiser for the local community college. I've run the logistics for this event for several years, and I cherish the chance to give back to my hometown. I'll see you all in September, if not at the closing days of the Western Idaho Fair.

Happy Quilting!

GUILD PRESIDENT



WELCOME TO MY GARDEN BY GAIL VAUGHAN

GUILD MEETINGS

BOISE BASIN QUILTERS GUILD

We open at 6:30pm for members to explore the fellowship hall tables.

7:00pm

Third Thursday of Each Month
Except July + December

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AUGUST

Featured Program Speaker

DARLA CHRISTIANSEN

Modern Quilting:

A Twist on Tradition

Explore characteristics of Modern Quilting and find out how a modern approach to quilting is, in many ways, a twist on tradition. See quilts that have been exhibited at QuiltCon in a slide presentation, followed by a trunk show with members of the Boise Modern Quilt Guild.

Darla Christiansen is a Boise native and a past president of the Boise MQG. Her quilt making leans heavily toward scrappy and she often uses rescued fabrics that otherwise might be destined for the landfill. She delights in the challenge of creating beautiful things from others' discards, and describes her process as design-build.



AUGUST 26TH AT QUILT CROSSING

David Owens Hastings Trunk Show

EXPLORING NATURE WITH PAPER + STITCH

The Quilt Crossing and Boise Basin Quilters are co-sponsoring a trunk show with David Owen Hastings. He will be teaching several classes at the store and is presenting a trunk show.

Tickets for the trunk show are available for \$10.00.

David Owen Hastings is a modern quilter, graphic designer, and textile artist living in the Pacific Northwest. He creates richly layered contemporary artwork and modern minimal quilt designs. Sharing knowledge, encouraging creativity, and teaching new skills are his passions. David gives lectures and workshops on branding, art, textile, and modern quilting techniques. He enjoys helping people bridge the gap between modern art and modern quilting!

In this lecture, David talks about his work as a visual artist, and how there are similarities to how he now works as a quilter.

DAVID'S JOURNEY FROM STITCHING PAPER, TO STITCHING FABRIC

1 hour + Q&A: This talk starts with a review of his stitched paper artwork, which he has been creating and showing in galleries for over 25 years. He will give examples of where his inspiration comes from, and what his creative process is like. His artwork appeals to those who love organic processes and the beauty of nature, color and texture. He combines his monotype-printed paper with stitching on a vintage sewing machine. He will show examples and include details for those interested in creating their own stitched paper artwork. He will then talk about how quilters can find inspiration in the world around us, and how his journey as a maker has taken him from gallery artist into the world of modern quilting. This lecture ties directly into his workshop, Stitched Paper Collage.

Members are also invited to sign up for 4 different workshops that Mr. Hastings will be teaching at The Quilt Crossing from August 26 – 30th. To sign up, the following link will take you to the Quilt Crossing website: [Quilt Crossing Calendar of Events](#)



CHECK OUT DAVID'S
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Trunk Show
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Creative Design Workshop with Joe Cunningham

OCTOBER 16 (FRI) AND
OCTOBER 17 (SAT)

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Time to Register for the Joe Cunningham Workshop to be held in October.

In Joe's 2-day workshop, he will demonstrate and teach how to develop a small idea into an abstract quilt. He teaches techniques for freehand piecing, working with bias tape, and creating memorable compositions. With his assistance, you will develop your own designs and get them to a point where they can be completed.

This is primarily a sewing machine class but some hand sewing may be required. Registration opens to non-BBQ members on August 20th. That is also the final day for quilters to cancel and receive a refund.

\$145 for the 2-day class on Friday 10/16 and Saturday 10/17/26 and includes lunch on Saturday.



OCTOBER 24, 2026

10:00AM-5:00PM

Upcoming Schoolhouse

FEARLESS FOUNDATION PAPER PIECING: TIPS AND TECHNIQUES TO MAKE FPP EASIER AND MORE FUN



This class is for someone who has done some FPP, especially if some part of the process is frustrating to you. I really want to invite anyone that has tried FPP and given up on it. You are missing so much!

We will discuss everything from what constitutes a quality pattern to why the size of the pieces is not what defines the difficulty (and what does). I will give you ideas on how to organize your fabrics and how best to cut pieces to minimize frustration from too small pieces. We will also look at what "paper" is best to sew on and you will get to try 3 different kinds.

You will be making at least 3 blocks designed especially to demonstrate and practice the ideas discussed.

The class costs \$15 and will be held at Boise Rigging Supply. To register, or for more information, please [visit our website](#).

[Register Here](#)

Schoolhouse Gallery

MACHINE APPLIQUE WITH MAUREEN STEVENS



Call for Sunflowers

CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE SUNFLOWER BLOCKS

Let's continue providing cheerful sunflower blocks to Ukraine with the Wrap The World In Quilts organization. Please bring any 12 1/2" sunflower block you would like to create or pick up a pattern or fabric kit at the Workshop Table at the BBQ general meeting. We have kits in a yellow and blue theme but any color and design are welcome! Thank you to all who have already contributed beautiful sunflower blocks. For questions, please contact beckykinzer1@gmail.com.



Quilt Show

A NOTE FROM YOUR QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Time is flying by! Preparation for our 2026 quilt show, "My Country 'Tis of Thee" is shifting into high gear as we enter a vital month of preparation and community outreach. Before you know it, September will be here. Keep these key deadlines in mind:

- Quilt Entry Deadline: The final day to submit your quilt entry forms is Thursday, Aug 20, 2026. Whether you are putting the finishing touches on a sweet family heirloom or adding a hanging sleeve to your patriotic masterpiece matching our theme, be sure your submissions are completed on time so our committee can finalize the show floor plan.
- 2026 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: We are thrilled to showcase our beautiful 2026 raffle quilt at the Western Idaho State Fair from Aug 21–30, 2026. This is an amazing opportunity to share our passion with the valley and drive ticket sales.
- 2027 Raffle Quilt Reveal: With a lot of hard work and dedication from many of you, I am so proud to announce that the 2027 raffle quilt is making its debut as a competitive entry at the Western Idaho State Fair! Be sure to come out to see it – I may be biased, but I think it is one-of-a-kind spectacular!
- Volunteers Urgently Needed: Now is the time to step up to help! Please take a look at your calendars and sign up a shift (or two). There are jobs to fit everyone. We need dedicated volunteers to staff the raffle quilt table at the fair, as well as support the quilt show itself. [Sign up here for fair openings](#), or you can drop by the Quilt Show table at the Guild meeting to sign up.

Thank you all for your incredible support, shared knowledge, and artistic talent—we truly make the best team when we are working toward the same goal!

Warmly,

Lisa Malaniak 2026 Quilt Show Chair



SEPTEMBER 24TH + 25TH

Volunteer at the Quilt Show



Would you like to get into the BBQ Quilt Show for free? All BBQ members who volunteer for at least one shift at the quilt show will enjoy free admission. Please help make this the best Quilt Show ever by volunteering your time.

The easiest way to select the volunteer days and times that fit your schedule is to sign up on SignUp Genius.

Volunteer Here

Thank you for being part of the team! If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Becky at beckykinzer1@gmail.com.

Gift Garden Vendors Wanted

The Gift Garden is looking for additional vendors for this year's show. This is a fantastic opportunity to sell your handcrafted items during our Quilt Show. While quilts are a big seller, any type of handcrafted items can be sold. We've had baby items, bags, jewelry, crocheted and knitted items, glass works, pottery, you name it. If it's new and handcrafted, we'll help you sell it.

There is a small registration fee of \$15 for guild members, which covers the guild fees for your first \$100 in sales.

The guild then keeps a small portion of additional sales (12% if you volunteer to work a shift during the show).

Check out our website here for additional information. Contact Janice at qsgiftgarden@boisebasinquilters.org if you're interested in participating.

Gift Garden Information



Special Projects

You all were very busy in June! We delivered to St Luke's Foundation the following items:

39 Pillowcases

35 Chemo Caps

35 Pretty Pockets

15 Port-a-Cath Pillows

The Foundation is so grateful to everyone that helps put together these gifts that help those in the care of the hospital system. A child's hospital stay is brighter, a bald head is covered, drain tubes don't pull, and seat belts don't bind because of your generosity.

Although it's hard to believe in this heat, Christmas will be here before we know it. We need an extra push to sew Christmas stockings to donate to deployed service personnel. We need to have stockings turned in by October so the Blue Star Mothers can stuff the stockings and send them overseas.

Please stop by the Special Projects table to pick up kits for all the Special Projects. You can also raid your stash. The instructions for all of these are on the BBQ website under:

Community Outreach

Special Projects

Thanks again for all your generosity,
Carol Bearce
Special Projects Facilitator



Show + Tell



August Show + Tell | Books + Reading

Show & Tell is one of the highlights of each guild meeting, and we'd love to see what you've been working on! The themes are simply for inspiration, so bring along your quilts whether they fit the theme or not! We enjoy seeing brand-new finishes, works in progress, and even treasured quilts you made years ago. Every quilt has a story, and sharing them sparks ideas, encouragement, and creativity for everyone in the room. So please don't be shy—bring a quilt (or two!) and share your creativity with the guild!

Don't forget to print & complete your Show & Tell registration prior to the meeting.

[Type and Print Registration Form Here](#)

UPCOMING THEMES FOR 2026

August – Books + Reading
September – Trees + Leaves
October – Jelly Roll Quilts

November – Paper Pieced
December – No Meeting

Fat Quarter Exchange



August Exchange | Flannels

The Fat Quarter Exchange is a fun part of our monthly quilt guild meeting! It's a simple yet delightful way to share fabrics and spark creativity. Each month, members bring in a fabric fat quarter (a 18" x 22" piece of fabric), and in return, they get to put their name into the raffle. When the drawing takes place, the lucky winner or winners receive a whole stack of fat quarters that match the theme of the month. Whether it's bright florals, cozy plaids, or bold solids, it's always a surprise and a great way to build up a fabric stash with new and inspiring materials.

This exchange is meant to encourage everyone to participate, regardless of skill level, and to have fun with the process. Who doesn't love the thrill of winning a beautiful collection of fabrics that might just spark a new creative venture? So, bring your fat quarter, take a chance, and join the fun!

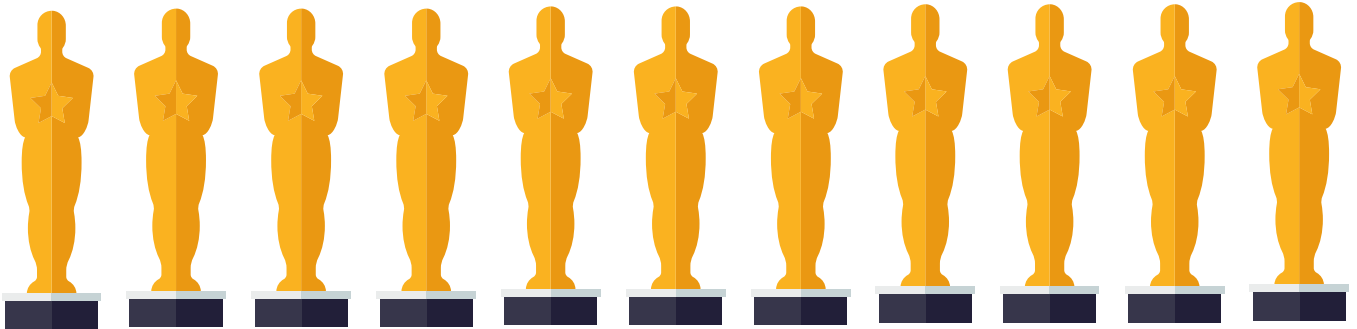
Upcoming exchanges are below

UPCOMING EXCHANGES FOR 2026

August - Flannels

September - Ugly Christmas Fabrics

Join the Nominating Committee



Let's start early!

Per our bylaws, a Nominating Committee shall be established in August. The committee consists of:

- One elected board member other than that president (Amanda, Laura, or Lisa)
- Two board members (committee chairs and members qualify)
- Two members from the general membership

If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please contact Janice at president@boisebasingquilters.org.

SMALL GROUPS

Please register your group today by emailing Linda Sturm at smallgroups@boisebasingquilters.org. Include the name of a BBQ member willing to serve as the contact for your group, group focus, and if you are accepting new members. Include information about your meeting location and schedule.



Boise Peace Quilt Project

Contact: Karen Falvey *

Location: Member Homes

Day: Usually 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Time: 2pm

Focus: Social Justice

Boise Rip 'n Stitch

Contact: Janice Black *

Location: Boise Rigging Supply,
6750 W. Victory Rd., Boise

Day: Second Saturday of most months

Time: 10:00 am

Focus: Eclectic Show & Tell

Canyon County Idaho Quilts of Valor

Contact: Sue Laird *

208-899-5238;
CanyonCountyIdahoQOV@gmail.com

Location: Pleasant Ridge Grange
18514 Upper Pleasant Ridge Road, Caldwell

Day: 1st Friday of each month

Time: 10am – 4pm

Focus: Quilts of Valor

Star Quilters

Contact: Kathy England *

Location: Star Library

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 10:30 am to 1:30 pm (June until school starts in August) then 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Focus: General Quilting

Quilts of Valor Quiltmakers

Contact: Nancy England *

Location: Veterans Memorial Hall,
22 West Broadway, Meridian

Day: 2nd Wednesday

Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Focus: Quilts of Valor

Stash House Quilting

Contact: Jessi Shaw *

Location: Middleton, Member Home

Day: 3rd Saturday

Time: 10am – 5pm

Focus: Comfort Quilts

Stitchin' Sisters of the Treasure Valley

Contact: Lois Alice *

Location: Caldwell Email
ssoftreasurevalley@gmail.com for location information

Day: 1st & 3rd Fridays 9-4:00 (open sew days)

Focus: projects, quilts for Canyon County children in foster care, socializing, sharing.

Treasure Valley Applique Society

Contact: Mary Mangum, Esther Kleinkauf *

Location: Library! at Cole & Ustick, Boise
Sagebrush Room

Day: 2nd Wednesday

Time: 1:00 pm

Focus: Applique

Stories to Stitches

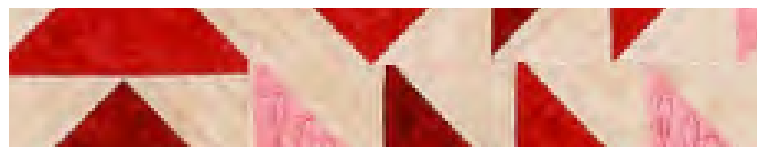
Contact: Dianne Kane *

Focus: Create quilts inspired by books.

Location: Nampa Public Library, Member Homes

Day + Time: 4th Thursdays @ 1pm

We would be happy to help you start your own book-to-quilt group.



Meeting Activities



HELP DESK

Do you have a project sitting around that you just don't know what to do with? Maybe you're stuck trying to decipher a pattern. Or you're just not sure what fabrics to use for a border. You've finished a top but can't decide how to quilt it. Bring your project to the Help Desk and let your fellow guild members help you get back on track. **Improved process** – *add your name and what you want help with to the box. They will be read at the beginning of the meeting, then be sure to hang out at the Help Desk during the break so those with ideas for you can find you. We are a great community with lots of expertise, lets share it with each other.*



PROJECT ON A PAGE

"Project on a Page" is continuing with a **Travel Tissue Cover**. Each meeting, a small project will be displayed, something you can put together with leftover fabrics in a short amount of time. A sample will be on display along with a (hopefully) one page instruction sheet. Take the sheet home, bring your project back the following month for a group photo and a chance to win a small prize. Don't forget to bring back your completed project for a chance to win a prize.

Need to Get Your Edge Back?

Stuart of The Cutting Edge will be at our October 15 meeting to sharpen your scissors including pinking shears. You may also bring kitchen knives.

How it works:

Show up as early as 6:00 PM to drop off your scissors and/or knives to Stuart. He will sharpen them during the meeting. Pick up and pay during the meeting break or at the close of the meeting. Prices for scissors at around \$7 a pair and \$8 for pinking shears. Knives at \$1 per inch of blade length, \$5 minimum.

If you have any questions, you can reach Stuart at (541) 285.2820.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



- △△ Presentations + workshops by national and local artists.
- △△ Discounted quilt entries into annual quilt show.
- △△ Access to an extensive quilting library of books, patterns, and templates.
- △△ Community! Participate in programming, projects, small groups, and even become a part of our leadership team!
- △△ Affordable classes for beginning to advanced quilters.



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Did you know the Boise Basin Quilters Guild has a vibrant and lively Facebook page? If you are active on Facebook, we'd love you to follow us to stay up-to-date on info about current guild activities, speakers, classes, and other things of interest to quilters.



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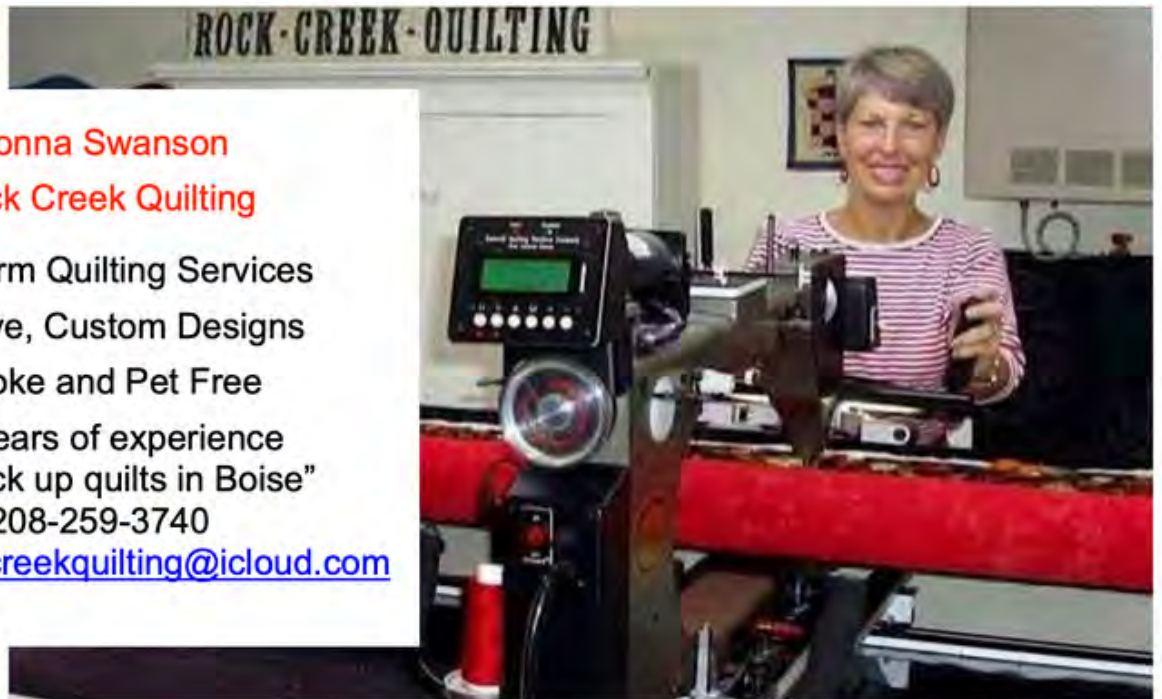
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Submissions are due the 3rd Thursday of the each month.
No newsletters are published in December or July.
Additional Cost of \$20 if we build your ad.

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VIKING HERITAGE BY PENNY SCIASCIA + KATHI GIBSON



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