

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 21, 2026



Barbara Mathews called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

WELCOME AND REMINDERS – Barbara Mathews

- Reminded everyone to check in at the kiosk
- Members should have received a membership booklet at check-in
- Reminded everyone if they brought a finished charity item or food for the Goeske Food Bank, be sure to ask at check-in table for an extra ticket for the attendance drawing.
- Reminder to buy tickets for Blue Bag drawing
- Angie Bags – 1 returned and taken by Angie Nudge
- Reminded everyone that the next challenge reveal will be at the September meeting.
- Barbara reported that her collage workshop was a great success. She and Amy Printup shared their collages with the group – Amy not only finished hers but presented it framed! Barbara invited other attendees to bring their projects to the next meeting.
- While reminding everyone that the monthly Saturday Sew Day was being discontinued, she indicated that the room was still available to reserve for occasional use.
 - She encouraged members to consider sharing their expertise by doing some “Easy Peasy Fast and Easy” projects as mini workshops
- Bring a Friend
 - Introduce friends (all posed for group picture)
 - Deanna Fales (Barbara Mathews)
 - Charlene Garcia
 - Rumiko Lamme (Janice Balakoski)
 - Debbie Rodgers (Vickie Mihelich)
 - Becky Bely (Ruth ?)
 - Shirley Davis
 - Vangie Garibay (Kay Whiteside)
 - Judy Williams
 - Kate Braniger (Linda Kim)
 - Each friend was given a welcome gift
 - Invited to join the Guild (\$20 for remainder of 2026)

INVITATION TO POTLUCK

PROGRAM

- BJ Kaiser, Eva Newman, and Kay Whiteside shared their experiences and projects from an amazing workshop on improvisational quilting hosted by Quilting for Community (Chatsworth, CA) with Maryann and China from Gee’s Bend Quilters (Boykin, AL). If interested in learning more about their history, look up the YouTube video, “Quiltmakers of Gee’s Bend”.

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS – Barb Filbin

- Thanked everyone who brought a non-perishable food item for the Goeske Food Bank
- Reported on two new charity projects
 - Project Linus – Chair, Nancy Roth
 - Attended a special Project Linus sew along with others from around the area
 - Over 20 blankets were completed.
 - Nancy has kits available to get us started
 - Senior Comfort (Meal-on-Wheels, etc.) – Chair, Jennifer Mahl
 - Jennifer shared completed placemats and a shirt saver
 - She has a few kits ready now, and will have patterns available soon.
 - Dog & Cats – **(Still looking for a chairperson)**
 - Barbara explained that the chairperson's responsibility is basically to collect items and deliver them to the shelter
 - She attended the inaugural Mary S Roberts Sew Day where 15+ items (cat carrier covers and crate pads) were completed. They are hoping to make the Sew Day a monthly occurrence.
 - A new super-easy pattern for carrier covers will be posted on the website shortly.
 - NORA Bags – Chair, Dorothy Martinez
 - Very easy patterns for 2 sizes of bags can be found on the website.
 - All help with this important charity is always welcome!
 - Quilts of Valor – Chair, Barbara Filbin
 - Next awards ceremony will be Saturday, August 22, 2026, 12:30 p.m. at the Goeske Center, Ken Calvert room. If interested in helping that day and/or with any part of the quilt process, check with her at the break.
 - Sew It Forward – Chair, Barbara Filbin
 - Based on the results of the recent survey she conducted, Barb is starting this new monthly group designed to focus on creating for our charity projects.
 - Meetings will the 2nd Tuesday of the month (beginning August 12th) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Goeske Center (actual room to be announced)
 - Kick-off meeting on the 12th will focus on putting together quilts and basic planning (no sewing machines at this meeting)
 - Guild members are encouraged to attend; open as well to Goeske members and visitors.

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SHOW AND SHARE

- Margaret Higgins, Janice Balakoski, Paula Wilcoxon, Marjorie Sholes, Linda Kim, Amy Printup, Angie Nudge, Kathy Votzmeyer, Kay Whiteside, Patti Gutierrez, and Barbara Filbin shared many lovely quilts and other projects.

BREAK

YES, YOU CAN! ROUND ROBIN – 4-station demonstrations

- Amy Printup – making HSTs
- Barbara Mathews – several uses of HSTs
- Barb Filbin – making flying geese
- BJ Kaiser – making a 2-color binding

RETREATS – Amy Printup

- Ayres Retreat – Nov 13-15, 2026
 - \$35 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot
 - Christmas themed
 - Still overnight spaces available; only 1 day-only available
- Viña Retreat 2027 will be Mon-Thurs, May 24-27
 - \$50 non-refundable deposit will save your place
 - Still space available and more can be added if interest warrants.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH – Jeri Read

- 11 completed blocks from previous months displayed
- Jeri shared samples of the next block
 - 2 9-inch blocks
 - 2 colorways
 - Pattern will be emailed and also posted on the website
- Kudos to Angie Nudge for the one-block baby quilts she is making from each of the BOMs.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

- Winners – Margaret Higgins, Maria Copak, and Joyce Stanger

BLUE BAG DRAWING

- Winners – Katy Haley, Marjorie Sholes (2), Denise Rountree, Christine Oliver, Rumiko Lamme, and Katherine Rolletta
- Special Door Hanger Kit winner – Becky Belty

Time Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Barbara Kaiser