



## Quilt Guild

srvquiltguild.org

### Meeting Time

3rd Thursdays

6:00pm Doors Open

6:30 General Meeting

### Meeting Location

Calvary Baptist Church

785 1st St

Idaho Falls, ID

### Upcoming Events

May 21 -

Regular Meeting

# SNAKE RIVER VALLEY QUILT GUILD MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

## A Sewing Room Chat with the President

Hello Guild Friends!

Spring is in full swing, and it feels like everyone has been busy stitching up something wonderful! I love seeing all the creativity, enthusiasm, and excitement happening in our guild!

One topic that has generated a lot of buzz lately is the possibility of hosting a quilt show in 2027. There seems to be plenty of interest, which is exciting! But as with any great quilting project, it takes more than one person to piece it all together. If this is something we want to make happen, we will need members willing to step up and serve on a committee right away. If you would be interested in helping, please let me know.

For those participating in the Dash Along, by now you should have your bars sewn together and be working on your HSTs. Keep those machines humming so we can reveal our finished quilts at our Christmas in July meeting. I can't wait to see all the different versions come to life.

As always, thank you for making our guild such a fun, welcoming, and inspiring place to be. Whether you're finishing a masterpiece or adding to your UFO pile, remember that every stitch counts.

**Until next time—keep calm and quilt on. If anyone asks how many projects you have started, the correct answer is “not enough.”**

Happy Stitching  
Christy Christensen

President, Snake River Valley Quilt Guild.

# Getting to Know...

Debbie Hamrick



**Where did you grow up?** Olympia, WA

**Tell us about your family:** Married, Divorced, Married;

One Son age 45 born on Christmas Eve

**Describe yourself in 3 words:** Organized, Loyal, Loving

**What's your favorite quote:**

**Do you have a longarm? Which one?** No

**How did you get started quilting?**

I retired and a lady I worked with told me about a quilt guild in Olympia. I went and they took me under their wings and taught me how to quilt.

**What do you wish you knew when you first started to quilt?**

That I needed a room in my house for a "Fabric Stash"!

**What is your favorite quilting tool and why?**

My light box! I love applique.

**What's the coolest quilt you ever made?**

An applique block of the month by Shabby Fabrics, hope to get it quilted & show at guild in 2026

**What is your favorite color pallet?** Brights

**What do you like about guild?**

How much I can and have learned from all the wonderful ladies in the guild



# Membership

Hello everybody!

We had 2 new members (two joined after the meeting) join us in April. That along with updating members who are not renewing, brings our total membership to 125!

If you still owe your dues you should have received an email from me.

If you have questions feel free to reach out to me at (208)313-5123 or [renee.phillips25@gmail.com](mailto:renee.phillips25@gmail.com).

If you are not able to make it to the meeting and would still like to pay your dues, you can send a check to the address below

Renee Estrada  
1437 Alayssa Dr.  
Idaho Falls, ID, 83402

I'm still working on putting together a directory so we can match a face to your name. Please get your picture taken at the membership table (next to the intraguild table) at our next meeting.

Thanks,  
Renee Estrada

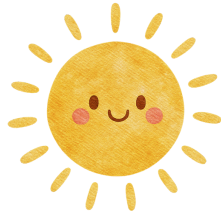


# Secret Quilter

**Remember Your Secret Quilter this month!**

Other good times are their birthday month, or during their favorite holiday. Remember to have a name tag visible on the outside of your gift.

Thanks!  
Susan Collins



## Sunshine

If you know someone who is having a hard time, I'm here to help! I am Robin Tate, excited to spread "sunshine" where it is needed. If someone is a bit blue, not feeling well, or going through a hard time, let me know. I want to ensure all members are feeling loved and part of this wonderful quilt guild family.

You can contact me by emailing [sunshine@srvquiltguild.org](mailto:sunshine@srvquiltguild.org) or by filling out a card at the information desk.



## Raffle

Remember your stash money to buy some raffle tickets!

There will be some fun items up for the winning!

2 Tickets for \$1



## Education

### **May's Education--Special Guest Jessica Drennan**

We're excited to welcome Jessica Drennan from Gary's Bernina to our next guild meeting! Jessica will share the story behind her award-winning art quilt, Grandma's Sewing Kit, which earned First Place in the 2026 New Quilts From an Old Favorite challenge at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah.

Inspired by treasured sewing memories and beautifully crafted with incredible detail, Grandma's Sewing Kit captured national attention for its creativity and artistry. Join us for an inspiring presentation as Jessica discusses her design process, techniques, and the journey of creating an award-winning quilt. You won't want to miss this special evening!



# Community Support

Christy gave us a Guild Challenge "2026 Hours for 2026" and "100 Quilts".

Keep track of your community service time, including the time you spend working on quilts to give, and report your time at the next meeting.

Have a quilt or two to donate to one of our awesome community charities, bring it to the community service table at the next meeting and put your name on a ticket.

Our awesome community service chair, Trudy Stubbs [communitysupport@srvquiltguild.org](mailto:communitysupport@srvquiltguild.org), facilitates all of our gifts.

Let's stack the hours and quilts in 2026!



## Intraguild

Hello Guild Members!

Can you believe it is already the middle of May?!

**It is SHOW YER STUFF May at Guild this month.**

Don't forget to come early and bring your other hobbies (besides quilting) to display for everyone to see. This is a great way for us to get to know other things about our fellow Guild Members.

Bring a small table, if you have one, and a small "sign" with your name and a short description of what you brought. This "sign" can be as simple as a handwritten note card, it does not need to be fancy.

We will set the displays for everyone to see before the meeting and during the break.

Don't forget to bring your May Raffle Blocks and Fat quarters.

**May Fat Quarter Raffle Colors**  
**This month bring colors of red, white, and blues!**

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**This Month's Raffle block is Carol Thielen "Whirl" Block!**



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Have you made your stocking for the **Christmas in July Stocking Swap?**

Mine is done!!

This is going to be such a fun activity at the park!



**Are you working on the Mystery Quilt?**

**Don't forget to stop by my table and get the next clue!**

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**How about the Color Wash Quilt?**

Such a good way to use up even the smallest scraps.

If you missed picking up an instruction sheet, be sure to see me at the interguild table.

The instruction videos are all posted on [the Guild Facebook page](#).

or check them out here:

[Scrap Buster Video #1](#)

[Scrap Buster Video #2](#)

[Scrap Buster Video #3](#)

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Don't forget to bring along a guest for the **Bring a Friend Challenge**.

Bring them to the Intraguild table and introduce them to me. Get your tickets in the Intraguild Raffle! We can let them flip through an Intraguild folder to see all of the fun things we have in store for the year.

See you all at the meeting and I can not wait to see your other talents!

I am bringing one of mine! Shan



## Exhibit Schedule Announcement

**America the Beautiful, May 13 through September 9, 2026**



Quilt Heritage Museum,  
110 E Center Street, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.  
Call ahead for seasonal days and hours (208) 776-5254.

# SNAKE RIVER VALLEY QUILT GUILD BOARD MEMBERS 2026

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## OFFICERS

President- Christy Christensen  
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If you would like to contribute to the guild please contact a Board Member.



### Find us on Facebook!

See photos of recent Show and Tells from Guild Meetings and Sew-Ins. Or Join our group by searching for [Snake River Valley Quilt Guild Group](#).

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