Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

General Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026

Submitted by Robin Gibbons

Approved

Call to Order:
Guild president, Christy Christensen, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026, meeting by Marilyn seconded by Marei, and passed by a vote of the membership.

Business & Announcements:
Christy took a moment to remember Debbie Lyon.

Welcome visitors, make sure to grab a fat quarter out of the basket and anyone who is celebrating an anniversary.

The quilted bow class is this Saturday. Cost is five dollars. There is still some room if anyone wants to come to sew. You can pay on the day. The location has been changed to the church at 1860 Kearney, use the NW door. Please have your "homework" done. There are instructions up front if you need them and a video Christy did on Facebook.

The May sew day will be the 16th at the Masonic Lodge. Five dollars for the class fee. Bring whatever project you want to work on. Bring items to make the stockings for exchange at the Christmas in July guild meeting. If you purchased a mystery grab bag from Allen Drug during the Sept 2025 Presidents bus trip, bring those to work on. Celia has clipboards in the back to sign up and pay for the class.

The June "chicken bag" class is full, but you can put yourself on the waitlist with Celia.

The guild's first "quilt in" will be October 16, 17, 18 at the Bonneville County Fairgrounds in the Carriage house. Cost is 30 dollars for all three days. Retreat during the day will be 8 am to 11, then go home and sleep in your own bed and come back to sew the next day. Christy has games and treats planned.

Vanessa at Granny's in Rexburg has a flier for those interested in a shop hop bus trip she is doing in June. Be sure to pick one up at the welcome table.

If you are following along with Christy's "Dash-a-long" you should be finished with your bars and ready to start the next instruction. If you were absent last month, please feel free to pick up a folder with the instructions.

Retreat:
The guild's annual retreat will be in Challis at the Living Waters Ranch. It is a great opportunity to get to know other members of the quilt guild. Connie has info sheets with forms to sign up. A 100-dollar posted dated check for October 1st saves your spot with the rest due at the September meeting. There are spots left in the mini lodge, and in the School of Ministry building. For those with mobility issues the School of Ministry building would be ideal. If you want more info please see Connie at the break. There will also be a mobile quilt store on the Wednesday of the retreat from Copper Mt. Quilting.

Community support:
Trudy has a few quilt tops with backs to pick up and quilt. The community service hours were up to 494 in total. Once 1000 hours are turned in Christy will have a drawing. Service hours do NOT have to be sewing related.

Secret Quilter:
There are lots of gifts on the back table. Be sure to pick one up if it is yours.

Intraguild:
May intraguild activity is "Show your stuff". Bring any craft items you wish to show off that is something other than quilting. Crochet, jewelry, cards etc. Bring a small table if you have one and a sign with your name and what you do.

The raffle blocks this month come with sashing and borders. The winner is Karen McComas.

Fat Quarter swap raffle winner is Robin G.

For next month's raffle block, be sure to use rich jewel tones in purples, teals, etc. Pay attention to the photo in the pattern and make sure your pinwheels are facing the right direction.

The 3rd clue of the mystery quilt is at the intraguild table. Pick up last month's clue if you missed it.

Reminders before break:
Pick up your dash-a-long pattern if you haven't yet.
If you have a birthday this month pick up your gift from Christy.
Anyone who wants to join the guild please see Renee in the back.
Buy raffle tickets, it pays for our rent.
Enter the name tag drawing.
Talk to Connie regarding the retreat.

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Name tag drawing winners: Shanna
Key chain winners: Wendy H, Wendy S, Trudy, Celia, Marilyn Dedman, Linda

Membership:
There were six visitors tonight and two new members, Deana England and Leslie Johnson

Education:
Renee did the education this month on the ergonomics of sewing. She went through 8 points of good ergonomics.

1. Maintain natural posture. 90-degree angles at hips, knees and elbows
2. Work in the power/ comfort zone or “handshake” zone
3. Allow for movement and stretching
4. Reduce excessive force
5. Reduce excessive motion
6. Minimize contact stress
7. Reduce excessive vibration
8. Provide adequate lighting

Show and tell:

Robin Gibbons	Shanna Lyon	Candice Clark
Karen McComas	Linda Michaelson	Marilyn Dedman
Celia Weekes	Brooke Ashby	Jeanette Hanson
Karen Meyer	Marilyn Bee	Christy Christensen
Crystal Foster	Julie Finnigan	Anne Marie Tomlinson
Anne Seymore		

Raffle Conducted by: Katie Cowling

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.