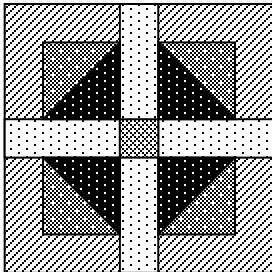

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MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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Forreston Grove Church, 7246 Freeport Road, Forreston, IL

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025

THE PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Hello all,

Welcome to October everyone. I am having a very hard time believing it is October with the temps we are having. The only thing that keeps me in reality is the fact the farmers are in the fields picking. Thank you to our farmers. Remember to share the road...be courteous and give them room.

Major Events

October 2-4, 2025: Original Sewing & Quilt Expo in Nashville-Lebanon, TN.
October 16-18, 2025: Original Sewing & Quilt Expo in Cincinnati - Sharonville, OH.

October 22, 2025: Teach the World to Sew Day.

October 20-23, 2025: Sewing dates for Sewing Seams of Hope, focusing on diaper making.

To our guild longarmers....when is your cutoff date for ensuring quilt tops need to be to you for holiday gifting?

It is not too early to start holiday gift projects. It will be here before we know it.

Please don't forget our charity projects. Book pillows and walker bags. Both projects were sent on a pdf with newsletters.

I hope everyone is participating in the Mystery Quilt. Rhonda has been supplying the clues to us monthly. I'm not picturing the final pattern yet. Any good guesses?

Stay safe, lighthearted, and sew on.
Jennifer

TREASURERS REPORT

COLLECTION OF 2026 DUES HAS STARTED.

SEPTEMBER 2025, MEETING MINUTES

The September 15, 2025, Country Crossroads Quilt Guild meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Newcomer at 8:26 pm. There were 40 members present and we had 2 guests, Jaimie Freier and Carole Anderson.

Drawing winners: Name Tag: Denise Rehnberg Show and Tell: Mary Block Mystery Quilt: Teri Janecek.

Nina Mueller motioned to approve the minutes as they appeared in the September newsletter. Kathy Clark seconded.

The Treasurer's Report as it appeared in the September newsletter was reviewed and held for audit by the Executive Board.

Programs: Kay Walker reported that in October Lisa Furleigh from Quilting in the Valley will be presenting the program. During the afternoon we will be working on book pillows to donate for the holidays.

The Bee will be open in the morning so come when you are able.

Service Projects: Doreen Hartman said she was contacted by Sandy Sheely who identified a need for prayer cloths and shawls for Serenity House. We are also to be working on walker bags.

Old Business: The Executive Board met and updated the constitution.

New Business: A discussion was opened on filling the slate of officers for 2026. For Vice President Mary Pizzolato nominated Liz Fabian and Liz accepted the nomination. Donalee Yenney has agreed to stay on as Treasurer and Sue Sturtevant has agreed to stay on as Secretary.

Because the Quilt Show will be in 2027, it was discussed that we needed to identify a chairperson to begin organizing. Margaret Rominski nominated Shauna Heck to serve as the Quilt Show Chairperson. Rhonda Streich seconded. The nomination was approved.

Announcements: Jennifer Newcomer informed us that September is "Dress a Girl Month."

Doreen Hartman received a 3rd place award in the people's choice at the Mt. Morris Straw Fest.

The 2026 refreshment list is available for sign up.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue Sturtevant. Carol Bellows seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Sturtevant, Secretary

OCTOBER PROGRAM/WORKSHOP

We plan on opening doors at 9 am. In the afternoon at 1 pm we will be making book pillows. We will have a limited fabrics for you to sew or if you can, please bring any appropriate children's fabrics (ages 10 & under) to contribute. You can do that in the morning too if you wish. We are aware that several of you have been making these pillows already at home and with your sewing groups. So, we would like to get a sense of how many of the book pillows we will have and if any additional pillow forms are needed. Also, we are compiling a list of organizations that may accept these for distribution, any help with this list would be appreciated. Final collection of the pillows will be made at the November meeting with disbursement to follow. Thank you for all your participation!

In the evening, we will host Lisa Furliegh from Quilting the Valley.

Kay Walker, Program Chair

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Hey Quilters

It's Doreen and Nina we are super excited to be hosting a sewing get-together at The Bee next month. Whether you're a total pro or just starting out, we'd love for you to join us! Think of it as a fun, relaxed sewing party! Are you interested? We'll bring the snacks.

Best,

Doreen Hartman & Nina Mueller
Service Committee Chairs:

QUILT SHOW 2027

I first want to thank you for voting me as the chairman for the next quilt show. I am excited and hope to make it better than any other show! First, please come to the meeting with some theme ideas for the show! I will have a basket that you can drop off theme ideas along with any other suggestions you may have. I will also be forming the committees so if you would like to be on a committee, please let me know. Some of the committees needed: Boutique, Raffle Quilt, Raffle Tickets, Publicity, Quilt Check in/Check out, and Decorations.

Thanks, Shauna Heck, Quilt Show Chair

MYSTERY QUILT

The Country Crossroads Mystery Quilt Final Clue #6 will be available at the October Meeting!

Final Clue presenting the Big Reveal will be at the November meeting. Also, an email will be sent with Clue #6.

It's gonna be fun!
Rhonda Streich

BEE KEEPER'S MESSAGE

The Bee will be open at 9 am. There will be a workshop starting at 1pm, inviting members to join us as we stitch up some Pocket Book Pillows.

Kay Walker, Bee Keeper

ATTENTION: We need your help. 2026 will be the year of making the Raffle Quilt. This is our only fundraiser for our Guild.

A Raffle Quilt Team needs to be established, including a Team Leader to coordinate the making of the Raffle Quilt.

Please consider volunteering for this very important/urgent need.

2026 REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEER LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. BE SURE TO SIGN UP!

General Notes and Reminders

Refreshments: There are two containers in the back room of the church that contain paper supplies for refreshments and other guild items. These supplies have been purchased by the guild and are intended for this use. Please check this container before you purchase any new paper products.

And: The church has asked that we restore the room set up as it was upon arrival and put away the tables and chairs that we take out of the back room for our meetings. Everyone please stay a few extra minutes after the meetings to help do this. It would be greatly appreciated.

Also: We need to keep the kitchen clean, so please clean up after yourself. The refreshment committee is responsible for taking the garbage out to the dumpster after the meeting, so please make sure you have tossed your trash before then.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jeannine Price	4
Carol Bellows	5
Dawn Vehmeier	6
Debbie Griffith	15
Kay Walker	30

COMING UP: NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Chasity Moorehead	15
Mary Block	24
Bonnie Lawfer	28

OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS

Jan Franks
Jodie Bowen
Deb Ley
Cathy King

Meeting Reminders:

Please wear name tag
Bring show and tell!
Please silence your cell phones.
Please keep table conversations to a minimum during our business meeting.

SAVE THE DATES!

Art in Every Stitch: A Quilt Show
August 15 – October 11, 2025
Freeport Art Museum, 121 N. Harlem Av
Freeport, IL
Opening Reception, August 15, 5-7 pm
Bed Turning Event, September 4, 430 – 7pm