

Stitching Sisters Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2026

President Pam Edblom called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with 19 members present.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 20, 2026 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Janice emailed the Treasurer's Report to all members prior to the meeting.

QT

The QT notebook was passed around for members to update or add their entries.

Clubs

Puzzle Quilt Block of the Month (BOM)

Pam introduced the Puzzle Quilt Block of the Month and explained how the program will work. She demonstrated several quilt blocks made from the same pattern using different fabric placements, showing how changing the fabric arrangement creates completely different designs. Since the BOM is designed as a 12-month program, the group will complete two blocks each month, allowing members to finish the quilt in six months.

Programs and Speakers

The program calendar for 2026 is now full. The Board is currently working on ideas for next year's calendar and will present those to the membership later this year.

Patriotic Challenge

Marla reported that 130 votes were cast for the Patriotic Challenge projects. The first- and second-place entries were separated by only 2 votes.

Winners:

- **1st Place:** Josie Bricco
- **2nd Place:** Pat Brewer
- **3rd Place:** Cindi Arndt

2027 Quilt Show

Members voted to hold a two-day Quilt Show in 2027 at the Center.

2027 Challenge Project

Members were encouraged to begin thinking about next year's challenge project. The consensus was that members preferred having a theme rather than receiving a fat quarter as the challenge.

Brentwood Quilt Show

Pam reported that the Brentwood Quilt Show was very successful. She received a thank-you from the Center, sharing that the residents enjoyed the show and are still talking about the show.

Fall Party

The Fall Party will be held on September 21 at Chetek Lanes.

Activities will include:

- QT Drawing
- **12½-inch Fall Block Exchange** – Blocks should measure 12½ inches and feature fall-themed fabrics. Please do not use Halloween fabrics.
- **Gift Exchange** – Bring a gift valued at approximately \$10 in a brown paper bag. Members are encouraged to decorate their bags.
- **Past, Present, and Future Show & Tell**

Fall Retreat

The Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 19. Members suggested holding the retreat at the Rice Lake Center. Pam will check on the availability of the facility for that date.

Sunshine

There were no Sunshine updates.

Upcoming Programs

- **August 17:** Scrappy Table Runner Demonstration – Barb Ryan
- **September 7:** No Meeting
- **October 5:** Quilt of Valor Presentation – Marla Berg

Sew and Tell

Members shared the following projects:

- **Terry Glandon** – Quilt kit from Heart Blossoms titled *Negative Spaces*
- **Terry Etton** – Flannel quilt for her grandson's wedding
- **Audrey** – Calendar quilts
- **Karen Barlow** – Quilt made for her granddaughter

Demonstration

A special thank you to Pam and Terry for today's demonstration, "I Cut This Block in Half and It Changed Everything." The presentation was very informative, and members were amazed at how dramatically the block changed with a simple cut. Terry will post the handout on the guild website.