

Needle Notes February 2024

February Program

Anne Johnson, 1st VP

What's In Your Quilt Studio?

Whether your sewing room is large or small, organized or a mess, you are producing works of art. We all work differently and this program will provide a look at the spaces other guild members quilt in. Be prepared to talk about your MUST HAVE furniture item or piece of equipment in your studio, room or space, and what item have you purchased that was a waste of money for you, but maybe not for someone else (this might be an item in March's garage sale).

Be prepared for some surprises as well as some eye-opening photos of member studios.

This program will be a fun time to get to know our fellow guild members a little better.

February Reminders

- No free table in February!**
- Door Prizes: Karen Garland, Mary Barron, Donna Gross
- Hostesses: Karen Garland, Mary Barron
- Strip color: yellow
- Bring money if you wish to purchase tickets for the Quilter's Walk Baskets

February Calendar

- February 1: Board Meeting
- February 1: Sit 'n' Sew
- February 8: General Meeting
- February 15: Community Service Workshop
- February 22: Newsletter content due
- February 23-25: ReTreat!

ReTreat Reminders

Kaye Joachim, Retreat Chairperson

Reminders:

- Please do not bring personal irons. There will be ironing stations set up for each class and in the sit 'n' sew area.
- There will be cutting stations, but you will need your own rulers and rotary cutters.
- Please read the supply lists and complete all necessary precutting before class.
- Make a pack list (including items needed for workshops as well as the items listed below) and be sure to label all of your belongings.
- Bring a copy of your registration as a reminder for your classes, meals etc.

Pack List:

- Sewing machine, power cord, foot pedal, and all required feet and accessories
- All class supplies and basic sewing supplies
- Your completed challenge block
- If you are staying at the venue: linens and toiletries
- For games: one 2-1/2" x WOF strip, one spool of thread, one notion, and 1 or 2 fat quarters
- \$ for meals (if you are not eating at the venue or bringing your own food)
- \$ for quilter's walk baskets
- Personal water bottle
- Chocolate, candy or snacks

More information about the ReTreat can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

2024 Workshops, Konnie Glaze, 2nd VP

Workshops are held on the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of February, November and December. We meet from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and bring our lunch. The workshop fee is \$5.00, paid at the time of registration. Some months may have pattern and kit fees, which are also paid at registration. Sign-up and supply lists can be found at the General Meetings, and the supply lists are also on the website. Join us this year for some fun workshops and try your hand at something new!

Contact Konnie Glaze with questions or to sign up for a workshop.

February: No workshop due to the retreat!

March 28: GEESE GONE WILD

Led by Kaye Joachim

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration

9:00 am to 2:00 pm (church will open at 8:30, arrive and be ready to begin at 9:00)

Bring your lunch and drinks.

Join us and practice three different ways to make flying geese; pictured left to right are scrap bin geese, stroked flying geese, and geese migration. You should be able to finish three different blocks at the workshop.



Upcoming Programs, Anne Johnson, 1st VP

March Program

March will be our Quilter's Garage Sale. Clean out those quilting items you just have not used and probably will never use. Please sign up by letting Anne know you will be participating.

Sellers will need to bring and setup their own table for items, and have items priced. Items can be anything...fabrics, patterns, totes and carrying bags, notions, equipment, etc.

Saturday, March 16th - National Quilter's Day

Debi Roederer will lead us through a shared sewing experience. More info to come.

2024 ReTreat. Kaye Joachim



Dates:

The retreat is rapidly approaching! February 23-25 will be here before you know it.

Registration is now closed. No refunds for cancellations unless it's a medical or family emergency.

Daily Setup:

Kaye will be at Timpoochee at 6:30 a.m. each day. Fill free to come anytime after that to set up your sewing station.

Be sure to read the supply list for each of your classes and bring everything you need. If you are doing Sit 'n' Sew, don't forget to bring the projects you want to work on and your basic sewing supplies.

Daily Devotional:

LaLani James will be offering a 15 minute devotional each day from 8:30 - 8:45. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Meals:

If you pre-purchased meals, breakfast will be available Saturday and Sunday from 7:00—8:30, and lunch will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 12:00—1:30.

If you did not pre-purchase meals, you can bring your own meals or go out to eat. The registration packet has a page listing local restaurants.

There is a water bottle filling station and there will be an extra pot of coffee each day until it's empty.

Door Prizes:

Door prizes will be drawn each day at 1:30. You don't have to be there at the time of the drawing, but you do have to claim your prizes by the end of each day. Any uncollected prizes will roll over to the next day's drawing.

Cabins:

If you are staying in the cabins, be sure to bring your linens (twin size sheets, pillow, pillowcase, blanket, towels and washcloths), plus your toiletries.

Quilter's Walk

Tickets for the Quilter's Walk are \$5.00 for 20 tickets. The drawing for the baskets will be on Sunday at 1:30. You do not have to be present at the retreat to win a basket.

Fun & Games

Friday night is Left-Right-Center (LRC). Bring one 2-1/2" x WOF strip, one spool of thread, and one notion. We will also play Quilt Anagrams and Quilt Pictionary on Friday.

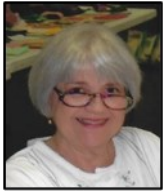
Saturday night is Quilt Bingo. Bring one fat quarter for a single card, or double your chances with two fat quarters for two cards.

Your ReTreat Committee:

- Kaye Joachim, Chairperson
- Konnie Glaze, Registration
- Deborah Moen, Door Prizes & Quilter's Walk
- Cathy Ferkes, Challenge Block
- Ruthie Reynoso, Name Tags and Banners
- Cherie Matheson, Games
- Sherri Hayes, Goodie Bags
- Pat Ferrell, Centerpieces
- Theresa Atkinson, Vendor
- Sandra Congleton, Flyers, Posters, and T-Shirts

Getting to Know...

by Deb Chilcote, Historian



Sandra Congleton – One of our Honorary members, Sandra has spent countless hours supporting our guild since 2007, much of it behind the scenes, but no one can mistake her presence when she is in the room! She approaches everything with positivity and a smile! Her expertise lies in computer graphics, something she was trained in. She produces professional products for us like the flyers and graphics for publicity for the retreats and quilt shows. She designs the quilt labels for the Quilts of Valor, and has been closely involved in several Opportunity Quilts. Not only does she also make the quilt care/storage labels for these (over 1,600 labels to date), she has been in charge of a couple of Opportunity Quilts, in charge of the ticket sales, as well as being involved in the making of those quilts over the years. Sandra has also been on the board as Treasurer, and has been the Publicity coordinator. She has shared her knowledge of specific techniques during workshops or programs, and she has supported the Quilts of Valor, Wounded Warrior programs, as numerous fundraising programs.



Karen Garland – Karen started quilting about 10 years ago when asked to make 9-patches for a church project, followed up by a basic quilting class with a local quilt shop. She has been a member of our guild since October 2021, and was on the Nominating Committee for our last election for board members. She likes making stars and applique work, and her favorite classes have included purse/bag making, free motion quilting, collage, and Storm at Sea. Karen loves hand embroidery, beading, decoupage, reading, and baking, and looks forward to learning more about paper piecing. She's been married to John for 36 years, and they have two children; Abby is married and currently going through Air Force Tech School, and Ryan is married and lives in Shalimar. Her two kitties, Harmony and Emma, complete her family. Before they started a family, she was a nurse for many years, then did volunteer work. The family moved to Niceville in 2003, and now occasionally volunteers at the Niceville Library Book Store.



Gail Menard – Gail worked as a medical technologist, and when her husband took an early retirement in 2000, they moved to New Hampshire where she took a quilting class. She joined a quilt guild there, and also worked at a quilt shop. She was involved in doing agility with her dogs. She started a machine embroidery/stained glass business with her husband – he did stained glass, and she embroidered items featuring her PBGV dogs, a rare breed. They moved to Northwest Florida in 2013 to get away from the cold. She quickly joined our guild, and also worked at Lynn's Sewing Center in Ft. Walton Beach. She has been on our board twice as Secretary, and is now the coordinator for the FNQG Food Pantry in the church where we meet, New Hope Baptist Church. She loves paper piecing the Judy Niemeyer designs; she has taken four classes from Judy, and once considered being one of her certified instructors. Gail's family includes a son and family (in Aiken, SC), and daughter and husband (in Freeport).



Anne Smith – Anne was an Air Force nurse stationed with her husband in Hawaii before coming to this area 30 years ago. Both were active duty, and then retired; he has since passed. Anne started sewing dolls, and swore she would never get into quilting. But she tried sewing squares with her leftover fabric and that's all it took! She's been a FNQG member for about 3 years, really enjoyed the Jelly Roll class in Sept. 2023, and loves to hand sew the binding on the back of quilts because it is relaxing. She learned to crochet at age 12, and was a long-time crocheter and knitter until she started quilting! She snow skis out West every year, and bikes a lot. She's a USO volunteer, and belongs to the Rosary-Makers at her church. She is also a mother and a "Mimi"!



Jackie Patton – Born and raised in Montana, Jackie has sewn clothes since junior high school, and loved working with fabric. A busy mom of two daughters, going to college, and working full-time as a Special Education/classroom teacher kept her from learning how to quilt for a long time. After she retired and moved here, she began taking classes, and joined the guild about a year ago. She loves to read and do landscaping. She and her husband share 4 children, and one granddaughter. Jackie loves her dogs, but is more of a cat person. She had to give up her beloved chickens when they moved here. She also likes walking and riding her bike.

Quilter's Walk: Deborah Moen

Our Quilter's Walk baskets will be set up at the February General Meeting. Tickets are 20 for \$5.00. The drawing will be on Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 pm. You do not have to be present at the retreat to win.

A special thank you to all donors!

In order to accommodate the baskets, **there will not be a free table at the February General Meeting.**

February Birthdays

James, LaLani	8
Nettles, Melanie	8
Patton, Jackie	10
Scalia, Eliza	9
Kingsbury, Marisol	14
Chilcote, Deb	15
Krzan, Jeannie	16
Maddox, Ginger	16
Morris, Janie	16
Ouellette, Barbi	22
VanHoesen, Linda	22
Roederer, Debi	23
Stephens, Anita	25

Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp

Great food in January! FNQG members are awesome!

Membership: Lisa Lydston

February Reminders:

2024 directories and membership card are available so please be sure to pick them up at our February General Meeting, if you have not already done so.

Please remember to sign in before each meeting.

January Meeting:

- ❑ We had 68 members in attendance for January.
- ❑ 1 guest joined us: Anne Jervis. Anne found us on the internet and is a beginning quilter. She currently lives in Destin but is planning a move to Texas.
- ❑ 1 new member joined on 1/4: Donna Williams. Donna's contact info is in the directory. She has been sewing since the 4th grade and quilting for the last two years. She is a retired nurse and has lived in Niceville since 1981. Donna travels frequently. Hopefully everyone will get to meet her soon.

Directory Changes:

- ❑ Anne Marie Wilkerson's birthday is 6/30
- ❑ Betty Davis's address is:
43 Marina Ct
Niceville FL 32578
- ❑ Pat Ferrell's phone number is 850 307 8616

Food Pantry: Gail Menard

Here's the list for the Food Pantry. I haven't heard when the next Food Distribution will be so we will continue to use the regular list. As usual, let me know what and how many of the items you plan to bring and put them in the grocery cart at the February meeting. The folks running the food pantry like to know what's coming. Monetary donations are always appreciated, just give them to me at the meeting.

Item	Qty Needed
Canned Chicken	24
Canned Tuna	52
Cookies	28
Green Beans	52
Canned Tomatoes	28
Corn	52
Peas	52
Applesauce	24
Vegetable Soup	48
Chicken Noodle Soup	48
Pasta Sauce	24
Pasta Spaghetti	24
Shelved Milk	24
Cheerios	24
Rice Krispies	24
Boxed Instant Oatmeal	24
Mac 'n Cheese	24
Bread Loaf	28
Jelly, Jam, or Preserves	28
Peanut Butter	24
Instant Mashed Potatoes	24
Boxed Margarine	14

Community Service:

Jeanie Donnelly

We WILL have a community service workshop in February. We will be working on stockings again this month.

We are in need of Christmas fabric, backing for quilts, and batting. Any contribution is welcome and appreciated.

Flying Needles Website:

Kaye Joachim

www.FlyingNeedlesQuiltGuild.org is our website address.

If you do not have access to the members only section, contact Kaye Joachim at 713-382-0452 or k.joachim1950@gmail.com. She'll provide your email address to GoDaddy and that site will send you the invitation to the members-only section.

Be Attitudes: Lisa Lydston

1. Be grateful
2. Be kind to yourself
3. Be creative
4. Be courageous and try something new
5. Be organized, whatever that means to you
6. Be determined to finish what you start
7. Be mindful of all that you do
8. Be goal oriented
9. Be giving and generous
10. Be loving

New 2024 Participation Programs

UFO Challenge:

Robin Easter-Neubauer

Our 2024 UFO Challenge will be a great motivator to inspire us to finish those projects we have started and hidden away. It will run differently than in recent years. This year there will be a quarterly due date for your UFOs to give you time to work on those larger/stubborn projects you might have.

Just choose four projects you want to finish this year, then pick the quarter that each project is due. Fill out the UFO Challenge form (found on the last page of this newsletter), and submit the form, along with the \$5 entry fee to Robin, our UFO Challenge Keeper at the February General Meeting. Be sure to keep a copy of the form as a reminder of which projects are due on which dates.

Got more than four UFOs you want to complete? Just fill out a second entry form for an additional \$5. All entry fees will be put in a pot and set aside until the December meeting.

At each quarterly due date, March 14th, June 13th, September 12th and December 12th, submit your completed project to the UFO Challenge Keeper so she can mark it complete. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you can send it with another member or email or text a picture with the information prior to the due date so that you will receive credit for it.

Participants finishing projects on time will be eligible to win the pot. You will receive two chances to win the final pot for each UFO you complete by its due date. You will receive one chance to win if the UFO is completed by the next quarterly due date. The drawing will be held at the December General Meeting.

We want you to then show your UFOs off proudly at Show & Tell. Who knows: Maybe your UFO will even end up in the next Quilt Show.

Scrappy Mystery Quilt:

Linda Hudson

Are you ready to create a beautiful scrappy mystery sampler quilt? This quilt could measure 62 x78, depending on your border, and can be made with scraps or new fabrics!

The mystery will kick off in March. There will be two different blocks each month for 6 months. The setting of the blocks will be in month 7. The reveal of your finished top (does not have to be quilted) will be in October during the Show 'n' Tell.

There will be a one time fee of \$5.00 per person, to offset the cost of printing. It should be a fun quilt, and it will be delightful to see everyone's choices of fabrics.

Please see Linda Hudson at the February General Meeting to sign up and pay your entry fee. The first two blocks will be distributed at the March General Meeting.

Row by Row:

Kaye Joachim



ROW BY ROW - The row by row you took home at the January general meeting is due back at the MARCH general meeting.

Contact Kaye Joachim at 713-382-0452 or by email at k.joachim1950@gmail.com if you have any questions.

December Block 2024:

Deb Chilcote

It's not too late to sign up for **DECEMBER BLOCKS!**

Make at least 16 of the "Jewel Blocks" throughout the year, and give them to Deb Chilcote.

Instructions given after signup.



In-House Opportunity Quilt:

Peggy Murrell

Our January in-house opportunity quilt raised \$220 for the guild. Thank you Jeanie Donnelly for your contribution.

Our February in-house opportunity quilt is this beautiful pieced quilt by Sherri Hayes, measuring 35" x 42". The colors are so warm and inviting!

Tickets are available for purchase for just \$5 each, and each ticket gives you one opportunity to go home with this quilt. See me near the workshops table to purchase your tickets.



We have a few more contributions lined up, but are continuing to accept donations to round out the year. Contact me, or see me at the next meeting if you have a contribution. We will find a month that works for your schedule.

See Peggy with questions.

Treasurer's Report, as of January 22, 2024: Sherri Hayes

2024 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2024 BUDGETED INCOME	TOTAL INCOME	% of Income Rcvd
In-Kind and Grants	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	0%
In House Monthly Raffle	\$0.00	\$220.00	0%
General Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Ugly Block Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Community Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$144.00	12%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$0.00	0%
Membership	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0%
Opportunity Quilt	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0%
QOV 2025 Opportunity Quilt	\$1,000.00	\$55.00	6%
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$1,324.00	26%
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,465.00	\$1,743.00	12%

2024 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	BUDGETED EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES	% OF Budget Spent
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00	\$636.18	98%
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	100%
ADMIN - Fl Dept of Revenue	\$200.00	\$70.00	35%
ADMIN - General/Misc	\$175.00	\$0.00	0%
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$350.00	\$0.00	0%
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$170.00	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$3,945.00	\$3,106.18	0%
Community Service	\$900.00	\$0.00	0%
Door Prizes	\$235.00	\$0.00	0%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$100.00	\$0.00	0%
Historian	\$85.00	\$0.00	0%
Hospitality	\$175.00	\$0.00	0%
Membership	\$450.00	\$298.00	66%
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$0.00	0%
Opportunity Quilt	\$500.00	\$0.00	0%
Programs	\$300.00	\$0.00	0%
Publicity (General)	\$250.00	\$0.00	0%
Quilts For Veterans & Opportunity Quilt	\$2,000.00	\$166.23	8%
Sunshine/Shadows	\$150.00	\$0.00	0%
Workshops	\$350.00	\$0.00	0%
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$40.00	1%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$14,465.00	\$3,570.41	25%

2024 QUILT RETREAT	EXPENSES	2024 QUILT RETREAT	INCOME
Gail Renna	\$150.00	Registration	\$17,286.30
Timpooshee Deposit	\$834.00	Vender Fees	\$225.00
Swag Bags	\$366.22	TOTAL INCOME	\$17,511.30
Advertising	\$66.50		
Challenge Blocks	\$42.08	NET Exp/Inc TOTAL	\$14,579.46
Registration Supplies	\$27.01	February Exp - Timpo/Inst	\$10,662.88
Charms/Name Tags	\$54.03	EXPECTED NET	\$3,916.58
Quilters Walk	\$335.15		
Registration Refunds	\$1,056.85		
TOTAL RETREAT EXPENSES	\$2,931.84		

FNQG Board Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2024: Theresa Atkinson

***Attendees:** Kerry Kastl, Anne Johnson, Konnie Glaze, Sherri Hayes, Theresa Atkinson, Diane Roberson, Jeanie Donnelly, Barbi Ouellette, Lisa Lydston, Linda Weiss, Deborah Moen, Pat Ferrell

Called to order: 9:00 AM by Kerry Kastl.

***Agenda:**

FNQG Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023: Kerry asked if there are any corrections to the published minutes to the December board meeting. Sherri made a **motion** to approve the minutes as written. Anne **seconded** the motion. There was verbal consent to **approve** the minutes.

***Treasurer Report:** Sherri reported a bank balance of \$49,029.47. In December we received \$4,378.00 primarily from retreat registrations. Expenditures were \$176.00 for the PO Box 224 renewal.

***Programs:** Anne requested feedback for March garage sale location within the church, fees for tables used by sellers, setup, and time in conjunction with the general meeting. Recommended to speak with Deborah Moen about her past setup procedures. (Pat Ferrell requested 2 tables for the garage sale.)

Anne discussed the request for members to provide pictures of their quilting studio (sewing rooms) for the February program, "What's in your Quilt Studio?".

She provided information on the upcoming changes to the UFO program from Robin. UFO challenges to run quarterly up to 4 items. \$5.00 fee, will receive tickets as you submit your UFO's, and a ticket will be drawn in December to win the pot. Robin will introduce the new UFO Program during the January general meeting.

***Workshops:** Konnie discussed upcoming workshops, **July**, Deb Chilcote, Mystery Quilt Project, **August 22nd/September 5**, a two-part Judy Niemeyer class with Gail Menard, **October**, Symbolism in Quilting with Donna Gross. She has requested samples be provided **as soon as possible**.

Konnie provided an update on upcoming retreat applications. She has received more applications. Possibly projecting more than 92 in attendance. There will be a retreat zoom meeting on the 23rd of January.

Pat Ferrell provided a sample of the retreat center piece with table topper. She will have a table decorating workshop at her house on Saturday January 13th at 9 a.m. and invite anyone interested to attend. Please RSVP to Pat Ferrell, so she has an idea of how many participants.

Kerry announced Linda Weiss will oversee the future 2025 Quilt show, contingent on locating an acceptable venue. Konnie suggested closing out the Pak Mail account.

***Fund Raising:** Kerry reminded that the guild still needs someone to take over the fundraising/boutique program. Additionally, she suggested changing the title "Fundraising" to "Boutique Event Planner". Theresa made a **motion** to approve, Anne seconded the **motion**. Kerry suggested that the Boutique consider participating in the "Christmas church event" in 2024.

***QOV:** Barbi indicated there is backing ready and available for quilt tops to be quilted. She said there are 6 quilt tops ready for quilting. On January 20th there will be a presentation for 4 people at the Air Force Armament Museum.

***Member Services:** Lisa provided membership dues update. So far, 26 have not paid dues for 2024. Membership is approximately 100-103.

***Community Service:** Jeanie discussed the upcoming workshop for this month. She indicated we need backing fabric. Kerry suggested buying discounted bolts of 108" neutral backing fabric. Jeanie suggested she would take any donated fabrics from members, and she would piece backings for the quilt tops.

Jeanie requested not to donate too large quilt tops. Discussion on parameters: Quilt tops be no larger than 45 x 60.

Additionally, Jeanie reminded, please **do not sign Friendship blocks** submitted. Signing is after piecing of the blocks. They will be provided during General Meetings for signing once the tops are completed. Two Friendship quilts will be presented to two members. (tba)

***Public Relations:** Kerry indicated Donna Gross would oversee Publicity with Diane Roberson as backup.

Kerry made a **motion** to adjourn, **seconded** by Anne. **Adjourned** at 9:50 AM.

Secretary,

Theresa Atkinson

FNQG General Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2023: Theresa Atkinson

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Kerry Kastl.

Prayer was led by Linda Weiss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Kerry asked if there were any corrections to the December General Meeting Minutes. There were none. The minutes stand approved.

1st Vice President: Anne Johnson discussed February's program, **What's in your Quilt Studio?**

Share Your Favorite Tools, Furniture, Machines, Organization Methods.

Please send a picture (2 or 3) of your sewing/quilting space and a short description of your studio's size and how you use it. It makes no difference whether your room is clean or messy, large, or small. We all want to know how others produce such beautiful works of art in their sewing space.

Anne opened with months program and speaker. **Build Your Own Quilting Bucket List and Journaling** by Lisa Lydston. She spoke about quilting bucket lists to help us work on those projects we want to begin and finish for the year. She discussed how to use journaling to assist in tracking our projects, design new projects, to keep quilting shopping lists and much more.

2nd Vice President: Sherri announced for Konnie, January Free Motion Quilting program on January 23rd and Geese Gone Wild for March 28th.

2024 Quilt Retreat update: Kaye Joachim provided updates on the upcoming quilt retreat. She discussed the Challenge Block, \$1.00 for fabric piece. (see Kaye for fabric, instructions)

Kaye announced that Lelani would be providing daily devotional 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Monday, January 15th, deadline to cancellation, changes for refunds unless an emergency.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer Report/Community Service: Sherri Hayes reported a bank balance of \$49,029.04. Expenses for the FNQG Retreat will be paid in February.

Membership: 61 members, one guest, Anne Jervis. Thursday sit and sew, Donna Williams joined the guild.

Community Service: Jeanie Donnelly provided stockings to complete on each table. Jeanie asked for donations of any excess batting pieces.

Boutique Event Planner: Kerry announced Tracy Lindsay is the new Boutique Event Planner.

Hospitality: Mary Ann Sharp thanked members for the wonderful dishes brought today and the door prizes. The sign-up sheets for 2024 are on the table and members are encouraged to participate.

Food Pantry: Gail Menard announced that New Hope Baptist Church was able to donate food boxes to 50 families at Thanksgiving, double the number supported last year thanks largely to the contributions of our guild. The church expressed their sincere appreciation for the non-perishable food items and over \$800 cash donations contributed by our members in November. Gail provides a list of needed food items in the newsletter each month. New Hope will host a Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00 PM and our members are invited to attend.

Sunshine and Shadows: Nancy Kramer will assist Mary Ann with hospitality and Ruthie Reynoso will assume sunshine and shadows. If you know of a member who is ill, in need, or has a significant loss, please contact Ruthie.

Newsletter: Peggy Murrell announced the deadline for submitting information for the next issue is January 18th.

Historian: Deb Chilcote a new series called "Getting to Know You" will be featured in the Needle Notes Newsletter each month.

December Block: Deb Chilcote introduced the 2024 December Block called Jewel Box. The colors are red, gold, green, orange, blue and neutrals in an 8 ½ inch block. Minimum of 16 blocks. You may make as many blocks as you wish, and you will receive the same number of blocks in December. Look for more information in the newsletter and on the website.

2023 Opportunity Quilt Drawing

Quilts for Veterans Opportunity Quilt:

Strip Club: Grace Grimsley coordinated the drawing, Jeanie drew strip for January, Kaye Joachim won the strips and February color is **Yellow**.

UFO: New UFO program was outlined by Robin. Directions and sign up in February General Meeting. See website for additional information.

Birthdays: Members with birthdays in January were recognized. The winner of the birthday drawing was Janet Kinner.

Special Drawing: Peggy Murrell coordinated the drawing for the wool applique wall hanging quilt made by Jeanie Donnelly. Diane Roberson Won Wool Applique Wall Hanging. (Raised \$220.00) Next door prize will be donated by Sherri Hayes.

Show and Tell: Many beautiful handmade items were shown by members.

Adjourned at 11:47 to enjoy lunch and fellowship.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were awarded during the holiday meal.

Secretary,

Theresa Atkinson

Pictures provided by Deb Chilcote



Kaye Joachim showed her 2023 December Blocks quilt, complete with a dog-themed fabric on the back. She donated this one to Community Service.

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Kaye also made a Snail's Trail quilt for her sister's 50th anniversary



January Show 'n' Tell



Deb Chilcote finished her "Bonnie Hunter NOT so Bonnie Hunter" mystery quilt top called Indigo Way. It's only 1/4 of the blocks, with different colors, not set on point, and a different border than the original design by Bonnie.



Kathy Crews made this quilt with Asian-inspired fabrics



Anne Johnson's quilt started out as a "Trip Around the World", but she tweaked the design, and it came out beautiful. She made a pieced back with some leftovers.



Anne Smith finished her quilt that she started during Jelly Roll Day last September.



Barbara Roberts made two "By Annie" projects. The top one was called "Running with Scissors" and is for scissors/ rotary cutter storage and has a pocket for a small mat and ruler. It stands up by itself, and she got good use of it when making her bag (at left), the Travel Duffel 2.1, with lots of pockets.



Donna Gross showed her “What Lies Below” wallhanging with a marine life theme, including embellishments.



Peggy Murrell made this T-shirt quilt for her granddaughter.



Diane Roberson was the proud winner of our In-House Opportunity quilt, made of cotton and wool by **Jeanie Donnelly**. The guild made \$220 in ticket sales.



Our January program was all about organizing and keeping track of all your WIP's (Works in Progress). Guild member, **Lisa Lydston**, talked about the ways she keeps a journal, how she stores her projects, and much more. She even showed a couple of her projects. The one below is now finished, been donated to the guild as a future In-House Opportunity quilt!



Lisa's Disappearing 4-Patch quilt



Lisa's BOM that still needs some things to finish it -- she keeps detailed notes in her journal on all her unfinished projects for what she still needs so that when she's out shopping, she knows exactly what to buy (and hopefully it will be on sale!)

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Quilter _____

	PROJECT NAME	MONTH	STATUS OF PROJECT	LEFT TO COMPLETE	DATE COMPLETED
1		MARCH 14th			
2		JUNE 13th			
3		SEPT 12th			
4		DEC 12th			