

Needle Notes January 2024

January Program

Anne Johnson, 1st VP

Quilting Bucket List Quilt Journal

January is a month of beginnings. In that vein, **Lisa Lydston** will lead us through creating our own quilting bucket lists for those projects we want to begin and finish for the year. She will describe how she uses her love of journaling to help her track her projects, design new projects, keep her quilting shopping lists and much more.

What do you need in a quilting journal and bucket list? Join us for the meeting to get some ideas and help you on your way.

We want you to start thinking about the February and March programs, so please check out the article on the next page.

January Workshop

Konnie Glaze, 2nd VP

January 25, 2024: Yes You CAN Free Motion Quilt (FMQ) On Your Domestic Machine!

Led by Lisa Lydston

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration

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

Bring your lunch and drinks.

In this workshop you will gain the confidence to do your own FMQ on your domestic machine. Designs we will learn are: swirls, flowers in a square and triangle, crazy square, basic feathers and bump back feathers. Participants will bring three sandwiched fat quarters to practice on.



January Reminders

- Door Prizes: <no signups>
- Hostesses: <no signups>
- Strip color: purple

January Calendar

- January 4: Board Meeting
- January 4: Sit 'n' Sew
- January 11: General Meeting
- January 18: Charity Workshop
- January 25: Free Motion Workshop

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 membership 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.

If you haven't registered for the retreat, please consider joining in the quilting fun.

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.



2024 Programs Sneak Peak. Anne Johnson, 1st VP

February: We need your help for the February program!

What's in your Quilt Studio? Share Your Favorite Tools, Furniture, Machines, Organization Methods.

Please send Anne a picture (or 2 or 3) of your sewing/quilting room and a short description of your room size and how you use it. Do you have a design wall? What's your favorite machine to work with? How do you store your stash?

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. This is a great way to share ideas and must haves.

March:

It's time to start pulling together your items for our quilter's garage sale during the meeting in March. More details on this to come.

2024 ReTreat

Dates:

The retreat is rapidly approaching! Have you marked your calendar for February 23-25?

Registration:

It is not too late to register, and there are currently openings in all classes. The registration deadline is January 15th, and all related information is available on www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org. No refunds for cancellations after this date unless it's a medical or family emergency.

Workshops:

There are three classes each day. Photos of workshop projects are on the next page. Alternatively, you may opt to sign up for sit 'n' sew and work on your own projects.

Meals:

You must pre-register for meals. No breakfast will be served on Friday, but we will serve lunch, followed by both breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Breakfast is from 7:00 - 8:30 and lunch is from 12:00 - 1:30. Breakfast each day is \$10 and lunch is \$12. You do not have to purchase lunch. You can bring your own or go out to eat. The registration packet has a list of local restaurants.

Overnight stay:

There is still plenty of room in the cabins if you want to spend the night at Timpooshee. The cost is \$38 per person per night.

All monies are due upfront (registration fee, class fees, kit fees if applicable, sit 'n' sew, food, and cabins).

Challenge Blocks:

Challenge Blocks are due at the start of the ReTreat on Friday, February 23. If you will not be there that day, make arrangements with Cathy Ferkes to turn in your block ahead of time so your block will be in the competition.



Fun and Games:

There will be games both Friday and Saturday evenings of the retreat. If you would like to participate, please make sure to circle yes on the registration form, or contact Konnie Glaze. We ask that you sign up beforehand so we have a head count for preparation.

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.

Quilter's walk and Door Prizes:

We are collecting items for door prizes and baskets at the FNQG Retreat 2024. Suggested items include any type of fabric yardage, charms, cakes, rolls, kits, quilty items, notions, coordinating themes. Member-made quilted items are very popular. All donations are much appreciated.

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

Door prizes: Drawings will be held each day at 1:30. You must pick up your door prize by the end of each day or it will roll over to the next day's drawing.

Please contact Deborah Moen at 850-218-6607 or moen.deborah@gmail.com with questions or to donate. Thank you!

2024 ReTreat

FNQG T-shirts

Get your FNQG T-Shirt. Available to everyone, not just retreat attendees!

Deadline to order is January 11! Contact Konnie Glaze to order.

Shirts will be available for pickup at the registration desk at retreat.

T-Shirts – Don't miss ordering a T-Shirt with a gorgeous LOGO designed by Sandra Congleton!

Henley Style Shirt, Sizes S-XL: \$30.00, Sizes 2XL-3XL: \$33.00.

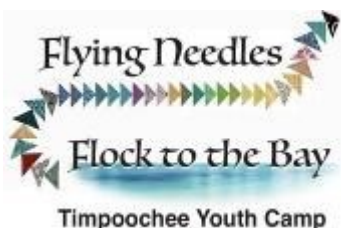
- Henley placket with two-snap closure
- Hi-Lo hem and side vents
- Stretch performance, active fit and easy care
- 69% polyester, 26% lyocell 5% spandex jersey
- Moisture-wicking and antimicrobial performance
- Retreat Logo (pictured) on the left side of shirt.
- Payment due at time of order.
- Indicate size and color on registration form.
- Opal Blue pictured

Available Colors - 3



Product Specifications

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Body Length	24.50	25.00	26.00	27.00	28.00	29.00	29.50
Body Width	18.25	19.25	20.25	22.25	24.25	26.25	28.25
Sleeve Length	15.13	15.63	16.25	16.88	17.50	18.13	18.63



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 check list of what you need to take and label all of your belongings.
- ❑ Bring a copy of your registration as a reminder for your classes, meals etc.

Your ReTreat Committee:

These ladies are working very hard to bring you a fantastic retreat:

- ❑ 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

2024 ReTreat Classes

Friday Classes



House Parade
Taught by Deb Chilcote

Saturday Classes



Fiesta
Taught by Gail Renna

Sunday Classes



Bargello Table Topper
Taught by Anne Johnson



Sliver Quilt
Taught by Marilyn Danielson



Reconstructed Sweatshirt
Taught by Tracey Walker



All My Exes
Taught by April Jaehn



Novak Handbag
Taught by Claudia Wolfe



Let's Zentangle
Taught by Cherie Matheson



All Year Round - Summer Wool
Appliqué
Taught by Jeanie Donnelly

Row by Row:

Kaye Joachim



The row by row is a friendship challenge where the participants make a row for the other participants. Usually this amounts to 5 or 6 rows plus your own row.

Participants submit a project box following the rules and schedule provided by Kaye at the time of signup. You then receive a box for another participant. You make a row according to their theme and fabrics and return it the following month. We meet to exchange project boxes before the general meeting starts.

This year's Row by Row starts at the January general meeting.

Contact Kaye Joachim at 713-382-0452 or k.joachim1950@gmail.com before the January meeting if you want to participate and she will send you the rules.

Flying Needles Website:

Kaye Joachim

www.FlyingNeedlesQuiltGuild.org is our website address. It's a great source to find out what you need to know before each meeting or throughout the month.

In addition to information about the current month's program and workshop, there is an event calendar showing what's coming in future months. Scroll around the entire website for all sorts of information.

The website also has a members only section, where you'll find the newsletter, member directory (coming soon), SOPPs and Bylaws.

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.

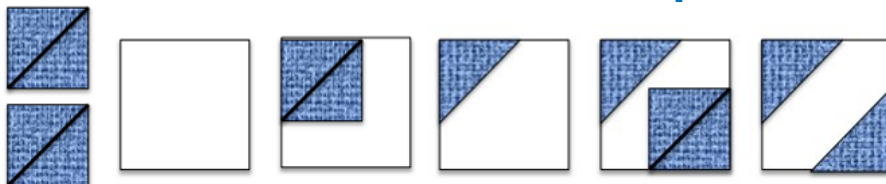
Please visit the website often as information changes frequently.

Friendship Quilts:

Jeanie Donnelly

I will have two friendship quilts at the January meeting that will go to two very special members. Please be sure to sign a block.

The pattern and instructions for the friendship blocks can be found on our website. The block uses a 5" white block with 3 1/2" black "wings." The black and white blocks make a stunning quilt. Please do not sign the blocks until the quilt tops are ready.



Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp

Thank you to all members who brought the wonderful dishes we enjoyed for our December potluck.

Someone left a fabric dish carrier, green with pink flowers, and a blue rectangular dish lid that says ENCORE. I will bring these to items to the January meeting.

Community Service:

Jeanie Donnelly

The community service efforts will continue as usual with workshops on the third Thursday of each month. Please bring your lunch and a drink.

In January we are working on stockings. After the November charity delivery, we are low on all supplies. Fabric and batting donations are appreciated. Batting scraps need to be at least 15 inches wide, and perhaps the length of the quilt you just finished.

We have a roll of batting coming for our quilt, and with that we will need backing fabric. I would like to see some pieced backings, left over yardage from a project or fat quarters sewn together.

We are in desperate need of quilting. We have 99 — yes, 99! — quilt tops waiting to be quilted. We will have some available at each general meeting and at the charity workshops.

Many of you are signed up for the free-motion quilting workshop taught by Lisa Lydston in January. I'd like to challenge those of you taking Lisa's workshop to practice your newly learned skills on some of the charity quilts.

See you at the workshops.

Janie, Rosemary and I look forward to working with you.

Strip Club

Grace Grimsley

Join us for the 2024 Strip Club. No signup is necessary. To participate, bring up to three strips, 2 1/2" by the width of fabric strips in the color or theme of the month. Each strip must be different. Be sure to write your name on the selvage edge.

One strip will be pulled from those entered and whoever brought that strip will take home all of the strips and choose the color or theme for the next month.

Thank You Notes:

Several thank you notes were received from the charities that received gifts from the guild in November. Here is the text from two of them.

Dear Sherri and All Quilting Angels,

Thank you are such small words for the gift of amazing stocking and pillow cases you gave us for the Pavilion. They are simply gorgeous and it is so easy to see they are made with great love. We are putting their names on both and will fill the stockings with pillowcases, body wash, gift cards for them to ship with, and other stocking stuffers and of course candy canes and a few hugs and kisses.

You have no idea the joy your beautiful gift will bring them and has already brought us. How lovely you use your talents to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those most in need.

Have a blessed Christmas.

With much gratitude,

The Pavilion Meal Ministry at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church

Flying Needles Quilt Guild,

Thank you so much for including us in your Christmas giveaway. We are excited to share these items with children and families. We know they will love them— what a blessing. Thank you for partnering with us to help vulnerable children know their value.

— The Pearl Project Team

Quilts of Valor: Barbi Ouellette

We were pleased to award 70 quilts in 2023. 29 of them were awarded to the 2023 Red Horse 58th Reunion in October. Most of these members who were awarded in October were Vietnam Vets, including 9 personnel who represented the original first standup for the Red Horse Squadron.

Currently, we have:

- 5 kits available (more kits will be available in Jan/Feb timeframe)
- 21 quilt tops that need backings made
- 3 quilt tops with backings waiting for batting to be cut
- 5 quilt tops ready to be quilted
- 1 quilt needing binding and label
- 23 quilts ready to be awarded
- 42 nominees waiting on awards in national QOV database for our area

We will award quilts at the Eglin Air Armament Museum on these dates in 2024:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mar 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apr 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oct 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nov 9 |

There will most likely be a few home awards also for those unable to travel to the museum.

If you were at the December guild meeting, you saw our 2024 Quilt for Veterans fundraising quilt (isn't it a beauty!). We hope to sell tickets at a variety of local events and venues, such as Fairground events, FWB Police Department events, arts and crafts festivals, gun shows, motorcycle rallies (a lot of vets go to these), and possibly the BX. If you have event or venue suggestions, please let me know.

I hope guild members will continue to support our local military members through the guild's QOV program. Here's how you can help:

- Sew a kit, make a backing, quilt a top, add the binding, or make a coordinating pillowcase.
- If you are attending the guild's retreat, come to the sit 'n' sew area and make a QOV block (or 2).
- Attend the guild-hosted QoV Workshops on February 29 and August 29.
- Sign up to sell opportunity quilt tickets at one of the local events/venues.
- Attend one of the QOV presentations. These are always heart-warming experiences!

Flying Needle Facebook Page

Konnie Glaze

Have you joined the FNQG Facebook group? Come join in and see what is going on with our members and their quilting: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/137493669595631>

The guild Facebook group is comprised of guild members, local shop owners, people who have attended our quilt retreats, and many other people interested in our guild or quilting in general. While Facebook is not our main mode of communication for the guild, the group is a place to find reminders about guild events, see show and tell photos from monthly meetings, to share quilting projects and advice and also for members to sell quilt related items (not related to a business).

If you have a sewing machine to sell, our Facebook group is the place to do it. Other items of interest in the past have been quilt kits, sewing cabinets and the like. After making your post, we ask that you use private messaging to converse with the buyer.

On Mondays we have a post to share what items you are currently working on. We encourage you to post on the main "Monday Funday" post to cut down on confusion created when Facebook shuffles everything around. If you have more than one photo to share, simply reply to your own comment and add another photo.

On Tuesdays, be sure to look for posts made by our local quilt shops. They are welcome to share products or events that may interest you. This has been a nice addition to our group and serves as a reminder of all things quilting in our community.

Remember, all guild related information is available in the monthly Needle Notes and on the website, www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org. Facebook is a fun extension of our conversations and projects related to our quilting passion.

As a reminder, here are the rules for the Flying Needles Quilt Guild Facebook Group:

Be Kind and Courteous

Please lift others up with your comments and posts. Bullying, political or religious posts will be deleted.

No Promotions or Spam

Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren't allowed. This includes posts about events, projects or clubs that are not part of the FNQG. Please keep your posts quilting and sewing related.

Business Promotion

Local quilt shops in our community may make one post a week, on Tuesday, to share their events and sales. Additional posts, or posts on days other than Tuesday will be deleted. Otherwise, please refrain from making business posts in the group as we wish to support our local shops. If you are a guild member, you can share your business information in the newsletter.

Sale of Goods

Guild members may offer personal quilting and sewing related items for sale. The guild can offer items for sale from non-guild members with the approval of the moderator. Once you have a buyer, please talk in messenger or on the phone and not in the group.

Posting Photos

Please create an album when posting photos from a guild meeting or event then title and date it as such.

December Block 2024:

Deb Chilcote

The 2024 December Block, will officially start in January, but here is a sneak peak as to what the block will be. If you are thinking of joining, start digging through your stash for blue, green, gold, orange, red, and a light neutral. It's scrappy, but only within these colors. And if you can't decide right away whether you want to participate, you can still sign up almost any time during the year!

The block consists of two HST's (Half Square Triangles) and two 4-patches in the colors as shown, measuring 8-1/2" unfinished.

Deb finished hers in a lap quilt as shown on the left.

More details will be shared and signups will begin in January.



In-House Opportunity Quilt:

Peggy Murrell

Our January in-house opportunity quilt is a gorgeous pieced and appliqué quilt by Jeanie Donnelly. The appliqué is all wool, with beautifully detailed hand stitching.

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 two contributions for future drawings lined up, and are looking for more. Want to contribute something, too? Contact me, or see me at the next meeting. We will find a month that works for your schedule.

Your contributed item can be a quilt, wall hanging, placemats, table runner, bed runner, purse, bag, painting or drawing, hand- or machine-embroidered item, or any other artistic item you've created. The possibilities are endless.

See Peggy with questions.

December Birthdays

Jacobs, Emily	1/3
Morrison, Billece	1/5
Jackson, A. Michelle	1/11
Easter-Neubauer, Robin	1/12
Standifer, Harriett	1/15
Carter, Shirlee	1/17
Smith, Anne	1/18
Holland, Monique	1/22
Pendergast, Jayne	1/27

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 January meeting. Monetary donations are always appreciated.

See you at the meeting.

Gail

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

Membership: Lisa Lydston

2024 Dues:

- 87 Members have paid thus far, \$590
- 112 people are on the member roll as paying members so that's 89% have paid.

December Meeting:

Members Present: 66

Guests: 6

- Doris Brown (Diane Roberson's friend)
- Hannah and Ashley Kruschke (Sherry Kruschke's grandchildren)
- Tammy Kennedy, Oh Sew Kountry
- Judy Musteric, Stitcher's Quest
- Michele Van Graan, Coastal Stitches

New Members:

- Kevin and Monique Holland joined by mail
5225 Hawks Nest Dr., Milton FL 32570
- Monique: moniqueholland77@gmail.com
850 266 4850
- Kevin: hollandkevin@bellsouth.net.
850 382 3108
- Kevin and Monique are friends with Cheri Perry. They work full time and have been quilting for more than 5 years.
- Kevin has taught math at Pace HS for the last 30 years. He has been a pastor in Floral AL for 10 years. Kevin has lived in Milton all of his life. His interests are piano, church, and longarm quilting. His favorite color is blue. DOB is 8/15/70.
- Monique also works at Pace HS. She has lived in Pensacola and Milton most of her life. She enjoys piano, guitar, and reading. Her favorite color is green or any dark rich colors. DOB is 1/22/68.

Getting to Know... our 2024 FNOG Board members!



Kerry Kastl, President – Kerry was born in Oregon, and lived in San Francisco, New York City, and a small town in Connecticut until she and her husband Peter retired here in 2005. Her professional career included being a project coordinator for two international executive search firms, and working in an architectural firm in Destin. She started “playing” at piecing in 2010, and then a few years later, joined our guild. Her favorite part of the quilting process is cutting the fabric, which she thinks is soothing, but also loves to see all the piecing come together. She says that Peter is her best fabric picker and sounding board for design ideas. Kerry enjoys listening to audio books when she is sewing. She also took up a part time job in a couple local quilt shops, but is now fully retired.



Anne Johnson, 1st Vice President – The oldest of 6 kids, Anne comes from a family of women who always sewed, knitted, or crocheted. She learned how to sew clothes, but caught the quilting bug after watching Alex Anderson on TV. This was before the rotary cutter was a thing, and templates were made from recycled plastic lids. She earned a degree in Education, then began a computer software consulting business that spanned 35 years. Anne retired from that 5 years ago, and now she has more time for her quilting obsession. She likes trying new quilting patterns, figuring them out, and loves the cutting and piecing part of the quilting process. She also likes to cook and grow vegetables. Her advice is....”Do what you love, invest in your tools, and challenge yourself!”



Konnie Glaze, 2nd Vice President – Konnie was born and raised in Reno, NV. After college, she became a JCPenney buyer and department manager, then returned to college to obtain her teaching license and K-8 certification. As an Air Force wife, she and John, her husband of 32 years, traveled the world, including Japan and England. They continued to travel after the birth of their two daughters. She treasures the friends she has made throughout her life. She has been a member of our guild since 2011, when the Air Force brought her family to this area. She took up quilting 28 years ago from a class in Albuquerque. She later enjoyed quilting with her mother, who taught her how to knit and crochet. She loves to do wool applique and scrappy quilts; her Appalachian Autumn and her three Row-by-Row quilts are her favorites! Konnie has a fondness for making all sorts of Christmas ornaments, either beaded, quilted, wool, or papercraft, and she also loves to read, play Mahjong, and bake. One thing you don’t know about her is that, as a young girl, she met Elvis at a Lake Tahoe hotel casino where he was performing and she was working.



Theresa Atkinson, Secretary – Theresa is a native Floridian who worked for the Department of Justice for 21 years, then Social Security and Office of Hearing & Appeals for 3 years before returning to Florida to retire. She has been a member of our guild for about 7 years, and started quilting after taking a beginners class 23 years ago because she had always wanted to learn. Her favorite quilt is her first Sampler quilt that she hand quilted, which she loves to do. She also enjoys sewing and crafts in general, is a dog lover, dog sitter, and likes landscaping.



Sherri Hayes, Treasurer – Sherri has been a member of our guild for a year and a half , but immediately made her mark by stepping up to be the coordinator of Community Service last year, making sure that we had enough Christmas stockings and quilts for our charity giveaway in November. She started quilting about 15 years ago, and comes from a quilting family. Her mother, grandmother, and great aunt all made clothes and quilts. She loves the piecing step of the quilting process, and loves the pineapple block in particular. She is currently finishing her Dragon’s Tail quilt by Judy Niemeyer. Sherri has been married for 44 years and has 2 children and 7 grandchildren. She was a military wife and she worked in civil service for the Department of the Air Force for 37 years, traveling the world, before retiring here in 2018. She now volunteers for several veteran support non-profits, and has a great time quilting with fellow guild members.

FNQY Board Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2023: Diane Roberson

Attendance: Kerry Kastl, Anne Johnson, Konnie Glaze, Diane Roberson, Sherri Hayes, Kaye Joachim, Theresa Atkinson, Kelly Cyr, Deborah Moen, Penny Maus, Marisol Kingsbury, Barbi Ouellette, Sharon Jacobs, Anne Marie Wilkerson

Called to Order: 9:03 AM by Kerry Kastl.

Agenda:

November 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: Kerry asked if there were any corrections. There were none. Konnie motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Anne. Approved.

Trifold Flyer: Diane reported that there are minor corrections to be made when Donna Gross returns from travel after the holidays. It will be ready for printing in January.

Quilt Shop Owner Appreciation: Anne reported that invitations were sent to six shops. Two have RSVP'd affirming intent to attend and one unsure response. Anne will follow up with the others this week. Board members will provide baked cookie/treat tins for each shop owner attending.

Directory: Anne discussed plans for formatting the directory differently to include information currently provided in the new member packet. She discussed including the first name of each members' spouse. The cost of additional pages to the directory is projected to be the same as the cost of making new member packets.

QOV: Barbi reported that the 2024 Quilt for Veterans Opportunity Quilt will be photographed prior to next week's general meeting when it will be revealed. Tickets have been printed and are ready for sale. Barbi plans to travel to Clearwater, FL to the Pellon Distribution Center to purchase rolls of batting for QOV. Sherri will also purchase one 30 yard x 90 inch roll for Community Service. Barbi verified that income from the previous Opportunity Quilt for Veterans ticket sales was approximately \$900. She plans to hold ticket sales at various community events where veterans are likely to attend during 2024. She announced that QOV presentations are scheduled at the AF Armament Museum on January 20th then every second Saturday of each month starting in February.

Programs: Anne reported that 90% of the 2024 monthly programs are planned. She expects to finalize the schedule soon.

Workshops: Konnie reports that the 2024 workshops have been planned. The August workshop will need two days and the schedule details have been worked out.

Treasurer Report: Sherri reported a current bank balance of \$45,347.53 with a pending check for the retreat outstanding for \$15,728.30. Cheri Matheson will be traveling through the end of the year. The 2024 board members will go to the bank for the required document signatures next week.

Community Service: Sherri and Deborah along with many guild members completed a very successful year. A record number of items were donated to six non-profit community organizations last month.

Food Pantry: Kerry reported that New Hope Baptist Church was able to double the number of families they supported at Thanksgiving this year from 25 to 50 thanks to the contributions of the Flying Needles Quilt Guild.

Fundraising: Marisol reported Boutique sales of \$275.00 on Community Service Distribution Day. She discussed plans to hold sales prior to the general meeting next week for last minute Christmas shopping by members.

PR: Diane reported that the Veterans Day QOV display will be taken down today and a Christmas Row-by-Row Quilt will be displayed until next month at the Fort Walton Beach Library.

Adjourn: Konnie motioned to adjourn at 9:36 AM. Seconded by Anne.

Secretary,

Diane Roberson

FNQG General Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2023: Diane Roberson

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.

Kerry welcomed the quilt shop owners in attendance. They included Michele Van Graan of Coastal Stitches, Judy Musteric from Stitcher's Quest, and Tammy Kennedy from Oh Sew Kountry. Judy provided each member with a cone of thread and a pen today. All of our local quilt shops support us throughout the year and we appreciate them.

Agenda:

Kerry asked if there were any corrections to the November General Meeting Minutes. There were none. The minutes stand approved. Kerry thanked Diane Roberson, secretary and Cheri Matheson, treasurer for their guild service in 2023. She welcomed Theresa Atkinson and Sherri Hayes who will be assuming those roles respectively in 2024. Diane will be doing public relations joining Donna Gross doing media content next year. She offered sincere appreciation to Anne Johnson and Konnie Glaze for their work and leadership throughout the year. Kerry thanked all the members for their support in keeping the guild running each month. There are new opportunities to serve the guild with a vacancy to chair the 2026 retreat and provide leadership of the boutique as Kaye Joachim and Marisol Kingsbury finish their duties. Please consider volunteering for these positions.

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. Sherri thanked the many members that faithfully worked on Christmas stockings, pillow cases, quilts, draw-string bags and other items that were donated to charities this year. Kerry announced three volunteers that will assume responsibility for community service in 2024, Jeanie Donnelly, Rosemary Stark, and Janie Morris.

1st Vice President: Anne Johnson reported that programs for 2024 are 90-95% planned and we have interesting, fun things to look forward to including domestic free motion quilting in January, photos of members sewing areas including best organizational tools and ideas in February and quilter's garage sale in March. March will be National Quilter's Month and a Saturday sewing event is planned. Anne asked all new members who have not had their photo taken for the 2024 directory to see her today. Any member wishing to update their photo and contact information, please do so today. To ensure you are included in the directory, please pay your guild dues today also.

2nd Vice President: Konnie Glaze announced that 2024 workshops are scheduled. Registration is open for Free Motion Quilting in January taught by Lisa Lydston. We will not have a workshop in February due to the retreat. Kaye Joachim will be teaching three flying geese methods in March.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Lisa Lydston reported attendance today is 66 members and 6 guests. Guests include 3 quilt shop owners, Doris Brown (friend of Diane Roberson) and Hannah and Ashley Kruschke (grandchildren of Sherry Kruschke).

Boutique: Kerry announced that the planned Boutique sale today was cancelled due to illness. She thanked Marisol Kingsbury for her outstanding service coordinating the Boutique and asked for volunteer(s) to continue this fund raising activity.

Hospitality: Mary Ann Sharp thanked members for the wonderful dishes brought today for the holiday meal 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 December 27th.

Historian: Deb Chilcote announced a new series called "Getting to Know You" will be featured in the Needle Notes Newsletter each month starting in 2024. If you are contacted with a questionnaire, please participate and be highlighted in a future article.

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. 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: Linda Weiss coordinated the drawing of a lap size quilt, Flowers, made by Linda and Ruth Reynoso and quilted by Michele Van Graan at Coastal Stitches. Cheryl Tims was the winner.

Quilts for Veterans Opportunity Quilt: Barbi Ouellette revealed the 2024 fund raiser quilt, Patriotic Flower, made by Pat Walker and quilted by Michele Van Graan at Coastal Stitches. Ticket sales begin today. The drawing will be held in February 2025. Barbi thanked members for supporting QOV and announced she would have kits available for a workshop on the 5th Thursday in January.

Strip Club: Grace Grimsley coordinated the drawing of holiday fabric strips. The winner was Deborah Moen. The color selected for next month is purple.

UFO: Sharon Jacobs announced that all 6 members of the group completed all of their projects this year, a first since inception.

Birthdays: Members with birthdays in December were recognized. The winner of the birthday drawing was Theresa Atkinson.

Special Drawing: Peggy Murrell coordinated the drawing for the “Tulip” wall hanging. The drawing was won by Anne Marie Wilkerson. Funds raised this month were \$145. Next month’s prize will be a wool applique wall hanging quilt made by Jeanie Donnelly.

Quilt Shop Owners Appreciation: Gifts of appreciation were presented to our visiting quilt shop owners. Anne presented Kerry with flowers for her dedication, leadership, and work as president in 2023.

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

Adjourned at 10:53 to enjoy lunch and fellowship.

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

Secretary,

Diane Roberson

Attachment:

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Annual Report, as of December 14, 2023: Sherri Hayes

Bank Balance as of 12/14/2023: \$42,020.54

PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	BUDGETED EXPENSES	ACTUAL EXPENSES	BUDGETED INCOME	ACTUAL INCOME
Administration	\$3,500.00	\$4,011.43		
Insurance		\$638.04		
Rent		\$2,400.00		
General (FL Dept Rev, Letterhead, Donation, Technology/Website)		\$543.19		
Post Office Box		\$176.00		
Grants			\$0.00	\$2,000.00
General Donations				\$186.28
Ugly Block Auction				\$250.00
Boutique	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,692.12
Opportunity Quilt	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$539.00
Fundraising Revenue				\$1,559.62
Monthly In-House Opportunity Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$345.00
Community Service	\$500.00	\$751.68	\$0.00	\$70.00
Door Prizes	\$50.00	\$42.32	\$0.00	\$1,591.10
Interest Income				\$2.23
Programs	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.00
Workshops	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00
Membership	\$300.00	\$33.98	\$2,500.00	\$3,037.62
Historian	\$75.00	\$94.15	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hospitality	\$175.00	\$194.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Publicity (General)	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Quilts For Veterans (QOV)	\$2,000.00	\$3,094.66	\$0.00	\$4,226.00
Sunshine/Shadows	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc	\$0.00	\$7.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$8,025.00	\$8,554.34	\$3,500.00	\$15,586.97
2024 QUILT RETREAT	EXPENSES		2024 QUILT	INCOME
Gail Renna	\$150.00		Registration	\$15,962.30
Timpooshee Deposit	\$834.00		Vender Fees	\$225.00
Goodie Bags	\$366.22		TOT RET INCOME	\$16,187.30
Advertising	\$66.50			
Challenge Blocks	\$42.08		NET TOTAL	\$13,075.46
Registration Supplies	\$27.01			
Charms/Name Tags	\$54.03			
Quilters Walk	\$335.15			
Registration Refunds	\$1,236.85			
TOTAL RETREAT EXPENSES	\$3,111.84			

December Show 'n' Tell



Our Winter Potluck was a success!



Lots of OPPORTUNITY quilts!



- Our 2024 Quilt for Veterans at left was debuted; designed and pieced by **Pat Walker** designed and custom quilted by **Michele of Coastal Stitches**
- **Anne Marie Wilkerson** won our monthly Opportunity project made by **Peggy Murrell**, that garnered \$145 worth of tickets sold for the guild
- The 2023 Opportunity Quilt "Rainbow Roses" was won by member **Cheryl Tims**

Owners of several local quilt shops were invited to participate in our meeting with our potluck, and those who came were presented with gifts of appreciation -- pictured are Michele from **Coastal Stitches** in Destin, Judy from **Stitcher's Quest** in Ft. Walton Beach, and Tammy from **Oh Sew Kountry** in Defuniak Springs.



Diane Roberson saw a picture of The Cross quilt, and decided to make one, complete with a religious song on the label. She also finished a couple pillows, and a small quilt for her 4-yr-old prayer pal at church.



Cathy Ferkes made this "12 Days of Christmas" quilt with lots of applique and pieced work.



Jackie Youngblood made this stocking with her serger, then made Grinch things -- her shirt (using her ScanNCut), a pouch from a Hershey Kisses bag, and earrings!



Another successful 2023 Row by Row started and finished by **Karen Garland**, using Riley Blake fabrics. It was the first time she used a flange binding and scalloped edge.

Karen also made this table runner with Christmas fabrics.



Gail Menard made this "Beach House" quilt, full of curved Flying Geese.



Linda Weiss made this Jelly Roll quilt from fabric in a collection that was won in a gift basket at a retreat.



Linda also made this appliquéd wreath with birds.

Linda Hudson made this "Tree of Life" quilt



Robin Easter made a duffel bag, complete with lots of pockets, and a Christmas tree wallhanging.

Laura Peacock made this Christmas tree quilt that was quilted by Coastal Stitches



Karen Garland also made a flat trivet using the rope method -- it's reversible, one side for Fall and one side for Christmas.

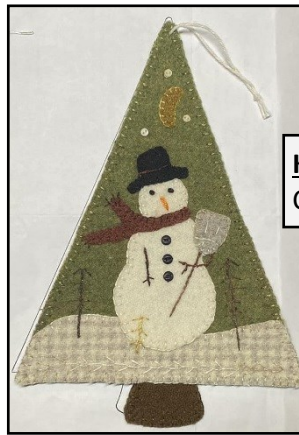
After Show 'n' Tell, flowers were presented by **Anne Johnson**, 1st Vice President, to **Kerry Kastl**, our President of the guild for the past year.

We are lucky to have them both for next year, too!



Karen Blaise made fabric gift bags, and 11 sets of matching pajamas for her family!

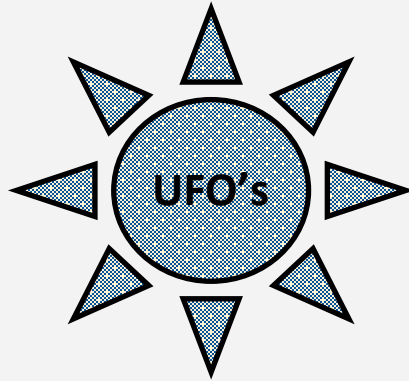
Other items members finished this month, and posted on Facebook after our Show 'n' Tell....



Konnie Glaze made these wool applique Christmas tree ornaments



A denim jeans upcycled apron by **Deb Chilcote**, with her first ever machine embroidery on the pocket.



All of the participants in the UFO program this year completed all 12 of the UFO's on their list, so a little gift was given to them all.



UFO -- **Angel Schauer** finished her husband's duffle bag, just in time for their cruise!



UFO -- **Jayne Pendergast** finished Joseph that she crocheted for her Nativity scene



UFO -- **Margaret Jacobs** finished these 3 quilts for a co-worker and friends