



Needle Notes

July
2023

July Program

Anne Johnson, 1st VP

Billece Morrison Trunk Show

Whether you have been a member for a while or you are new to the guild, this month's program will be a treat for you. Our own master quilter, Billece Morrison will be presenting a trunk show of her beautiful quilts. I am in awe of her quilt making!

In addition, we are looking forward to a visit from a friend who is an award winning master quilter from Louisiana.

No matter what, this meeting will be a display of some gorgeous quilts. And as always, we will have door prizes, food, fun and friends! See you all then.

Reminder

Remember: your ugly fabric blocks are due back at the August meeting. If yours are ready you can also turn them in to Linda Hudson at the July meeting. We look forward to a great display of everyone's blocks at the August meeting.

July Workshop

Konnie Glaze, 2nd VP

July 27, 2023 Workshop

Let's Make Rope Bowls!

Led by Diane Roberson

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration

Join in as Diane leads us through the process of making rope bowls. Make the bowl your own with thread choice, or by adding a little fabric or embellishments.



July Reminders

- ◆ UFO#: 4
- ◆ Strip color: Orange
- ◆ Hostesses: Jackie Youngblood, Nancy Kramer, Sherry Kruschke
- ◆ Door Prizes: Grace Grimsley, Jackie Youngblood, Nancy Kramer

July Calendar

- ◆ July 6: Board meeting
- ◆ July 6: Sit 'n' Sew
- ◆ July 13: General Meeting
- ◆ July 20: Community Service Workshop
- ◆ July 20: Newsletter content due
- ◆ July 27: Rope Bowls Workshop

Upcoming Workshops: Konnie Glaze

Workshops are held each month on the fourth Thursday of the month, with the exception of February, November and December. The workshop cost is \$5.00, paid at the time of registration. Some months will have pattern and kit fees which are also paid at registration. Sign up sheets 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.

August 24, 2023 Workshop

Any Witch Way Wall Hanging

Led by Anne Johnson

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration

Buy your pattern online.

These witches on this 24" x 24" wall quilt are anything but scary! Their hats entwine in the friendliest way at the quilt center. Join us for what will be a fun day of friendship and sewing.



September 28, 2023 Workshop

Mystery Trip – TBA

October 26, 2023 Workshop

“JOY” Needle Turn Applique

Led by Nancy Miller

Details coming soon

Row by Row, 2023: Kaye Joachim

The row you took home at the June general meeting is due back at the August general meeting.



Community Service : Sherri Hayes

Our next Community Service workshop will be July 20.

We have something for everyone - cutting, sewing, ironing, plus of course eating delicious food and great fellowship.

We will continue to focus on cutting kits for stockings and pillowcases. For those that want to sew, stockings and pillowcases are ready to be pieced together. We also have charity quilt kits ready to sew - jelly rolls and layer cakes with optional patterns.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone; even if you can only stay a short time, please come.

Community Support : Sherri Hayes

At our June General Meeting, Choctawhatchee Electric Company (CHELCO) Communications Specialist, Tyler Wood, presented \$1,500 to the Flying Needles Quilt Guild to support our community outreach efforts.

This donation is possible through the CHELCO Operation Round-Up community outreach program. Operation Round-Up is the result of generous CHELCO members who donate small amounts each month to benefit non-profit organizations in the local service area. We greatly appreciate the generous donation.



July Birthdays

Davis, Betty	7
Cyr, Kelly	9
Congleton, Sandra	10
Schauer, Angel	14
Kruschke, Sherry	18
Olig, Doris	21
Ripp, Carolyn	24
McDonough, Dawn	29

Hospitality: Mary Ann Sharp

Thank you, ladies, as you always continue to provide us with dishes we all enjoy.

Sign up sheets for door prizes and hostesses can be found on the class sign-up table.

Boutique: Marisol Kingsbury

This year the Flying Needles Boutique will participate at the Niceville Bazaar instead of October Fest.

Location: Mullet Festival Grounds

Saturday October 22 from 10:00- 4:00

We are looking for volunteers to work in our booth and we are also looking for items to sell in our Boutique.

We will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting. You can contact Marisol Kingsbury if you have any questions 850-499-3634.

Thanks for your continued support!!

Opportunity Quilt: Linda Weiss

Thank you to Margie's in Crestview for showing our Opportunity Quilt in June. Up next:

6/24 to 7/22 My Sewing Barn – Milton

7/24 to 8/26 Oh Sew Pretty – Op, AL

8/28 to 9/23 Stitch to Stitch – Crestview

9/23 to 10/21 Quilter's Place – Crestview

10/23 to 11/18 Stitcher's Quest – Mary Esther

Please be sure to stop by these shops and tell them thank you!

Membership: Penny Maus

June attendance:

62 members

1 guest: Tyler Wood from CHELCO

63 TOTAL

Earnest Nettles has a new email address:

earnestnettles65@gmail.com

If you have received a new nametag since January, we have learned the hard way the ink is not waterproof! Penny is working on a solution, but until then, please stay dry!!

Tea Towel Exchange: Grace Grimsley

The tea towel exchange is a new friendship group which will begin as soon as at least 5 people have signed up.

There will be 5 or 6 people per group and each person in the group will be assigned a month. In each month, the assigned person will make or decorate a tea towel for everyone else in their group.

The designs and techniques will be entirely up to the decorator. Designs may be embroidery (most will be embroidery) but those with no embroidery machine may hand embroider or applique, etc.

The towels can be fancy tea towels or kitchen type towels, but please, no terry cloth.

We will continue as long as people are interested. The groups will change as membership grows so the same people will not always be in the same group.

Member Outreach:

Jeanie Donnelly

Jeanie Donnelly made this quilt for Gloria Thomas using friendship blocks made by FNQG members.



Retreat, 2024 : Kaye Joachim

Our 2024 Retreat theme is “**Flying Needles Flock to the Bay.**” Here’s a sneak peak of the classes being offered, and don’t forget there’s also Sit n Sew.

Friday Classes:



House Parade taught by Deb Chilcote

Let’s Zentangle taught by Cherie Matheson



Reconstructed Sweatshirt taught by Tracey Walker

Novak Handbag taught by Claudia Wolfe



Sunday Classes:

Bargello Table Topper taught by Anne Johnson



Sliver Quilt taught by Marilyn Danielson



All My Exes taught by April Jaehn

Saturday Classes:

Fiesta taught by Gail Renna



All Year Round - Summer Wool Appliqué taught by Jeanie Donnelly



Sharing & Caring: Gail Menard

Here is the Food Pantry wish list for the New Hope Baptist Church. Please let me know if you plan to bring something and what it is. Bring the items to the General meeting and put them in the yellow shopping cart near the membership table. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to New Hope Baptist church and give the checks to me at the meeting,

Remember to let me know what you're bringing before the meeting.

Thank you for all your support.

Item	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

Quilt Tips

Here are a few of the tips shared at the June meeting.

For disposal of bent pins and used needles, have an empty spice or herb container. Larger ones work well to drop the needles into the holes and shut the lid. When full, it is safe to throw in the trash.— Martha Rose

When your rotary blade gets a little dull, flip the blade to extend the life.—Doreen Hoyt

When my rotary blades get dull, I don't get rid of them. I transfer them over to another rotary cutter that I only use to cut paper. I label this cutter with the word "PAPER" so that I don't mix them up.—Deb Chilcote

Keep the containers the rotary blades come in, and mark one of the "used." Put your used blades in this, and when it's full you can tape it up and throw it out, saving some bleeding fingers if you inadvertently reach into your trash can.

For those who sew clear vinyl into pouches and bags, wrap a piece of masking tape underneath the back half of the sewing foot to allow the clear vinyl to be sewn without sticking to the foot as it feeds through.—Deb Chilcote

Use textured vinyl shelf liner under quilt rulers to hold your rulers in place when doing ruler work. They hold securely, can be cut to whatever size you want, and can be moved around to let you read markings on your ruler.—Mary Lou Roszhart

Get eyebrow razors from the Dollar Tree or Amazon; they make excellent seam rippers.— Sherri Hays

Use leftover pieces of batting on your Swifter floor sweeper to gather up all the dust on your floors.—Linda Hudson

Smaller pieces of leftover batting can be used to dust tables, sewing machines, and other surfaces.— Peggy Murrell

Got a tip? Send it to Peggy Murrell, for publication in a future newsletter

A Trip Down Memory Lane: Deb Chilcote, FNQG Historian

JULY This is the 7th installment of a new series that focuses on what happened during the current month, and I will share tidbits of interesting information for that particular month over several years to give you a glimpse of what we did as a group. -- Deb Chilcote, FNQG Historian

1992 – Gloria Thomas made a label for the quilt guild that will go on the quilts for Sharing & Caring. It depicts a banner with flags & stars.

1993 – The first mention of a Guest Speaker. Bewlay Maney came back from Russia with fabrics, and shared her information on the Russian heritage.

1994 – Our newsletter started having a combined July/August issue. It wasn't until 10 years later that we had an issue for each month.

2000 – It was announced that the Singer Sewing Machine store on Beal Parkway & Racetrack Rd. (now known as The Sewing and Training Center) has a new owner – Sherry. (She has recently retired, and Brandi has taken over).

2006 – There was a show called “Porcelain and Quilts” held at the Ft. Walton Beach ADSO (Arts & Design Society), arranged by Tann Dallas.

2010 – We're now on Facebook, thanks to Gina Curtis! The next year, member Ernest Nettles started taking pictures during Show 'n' Tell, and posting them on Facebook.

2013 – A big month for Quilts of Valor presentations this year! Some members travelled to New Orleans for a Quilt of Valor presentation of 88 quilts (30 of them from our guild) – it was the Armed Forces Reunion for returning Wounded Warriors, primarily for Navy veterans. The Admiral who was the key note speaker was presented with one that was made by our own Barbara Fyffe!

(Sandra Congleton also presented Tom Rice with the Fisher House Quilt of Valor a couple months ago this year.)

2015 – Big news about where our guild meets! Our last month to be at the Niceville Church of Christ was in July 2015, which is when we started going to the New Hope Baptist Church in Valparaiso, and where we remain today.

2016 – The 2016 Quilt of Valor Opportunity Quilt “Lone Star Salute” was featured in the July newsletter. Made by Janet Kinner, it was a Jenny Beyer design. It garnered \$1,266 in ticket sales, according to Sandra Congleton who managed the sales, and the winning ticket was drawn in December of that year. Winner was Kira Bell.

2018 – New member from last year, Deb Chilcote volunteers to take over the Historian duties from Gloria Thomas, who has been the Historian on and off for the last 25 years.



FNQG Board Meeting Minutes—June 1, 2023: Diane Roberson

Attendance: Kerry Kastl, Konnie Glaze, Anne Johnson, Diane Roberson, Sharon Jacobs, Penny Maus, Peggy Murrell, Sherri Hayes, Deborah Moen

Meeting called to order by Kerry at 9:04 am

Agenda items discussed:

By-Laws/SOPP: Peggy reported that the committee met and began a side-by-side comparison review of the existing By-Laws document and the most recent recommended changes and will continue that work. Review of the By Laws will be completed prior to starting the review of SOPPs. Cindy Vines stepped down from the committee and will not be replaced at this time.

Membership: Kerry and Penny announced that Lisa Lydston will begin training and assume Membership Coordinator responsibility.

Publicity Coordinator: Kerry announced that Valerie Holmes has assumed Publicity Coordinator responsibilities. FNQG recently was awarded grants for \$500.00 by the Mid-Bay Rotary Club and \$1,500.00 by CHELCO Operation Round Up. A presentation will be made by CHELCO at next week's general meeting. The Rotary Club award has already taken place. Thank you letters have been sent to both organizations. Kerry discussed the need to contact Mid-Bay News for an article to publicly acknowledge both contributions supporting our on-going community and QOV work.

Quilt Display at Fort Walton Beach Library: Diane announced plans to display a QOV at the FWB Library during the weeks before and after the 4th of July holiday. The quilt will be passed on to Valerie Holmes to coordinate with the library staff for the display.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will be announced at the June General Meeting to put forth a slate of officers for 2024.

Door Prizes: Sign-ups for providing door prizes has dropped off in recent months, however, members continue to bring prizes. Kerry noted the great success of the spring pot-luck.

Programs: Anne reviewed the scheduled programs for the summer with Left/Right/Center & Tips in June, How to Prepare your Quilt for Long-arm Quilting in July by Peggy Murrell and Ginger Maddox and a Trunk Show by Billece Morrison in August.

Workshops: Konnie provided the schedule for summer workshops with Quilting with Antique Linens by Linda Weiss in June, Rope Bowls by Diane Roberson in July, and Any Witch Way Wall-hanging by Anne Johnson in August. Attendance has been good and members have enjoyed recent workshops.

Adjourned at 9:16 am.

Secretary,

Diane Roberson

Guild General Meeting, June 8, 2023: Gail Menard

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Kerry Kastl.

Prayer led by Linda Weiss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Kerry Kastl asked if there were any corrections or omissions to the May General Meeting Minutes and asked for a **motion** to accept the minutes as written. A **motion** was made by Cindy Vines to accept the minutes, **Seconded** by Deb Chilcote and voted approved by verbal vote.

Attendance: 62 members, 1 guests: Tyler Wood; 63 total.

Agenda Items Discussed:

Treasurer Report: Cherie Matheson reported the account balance of \$26,781.52.

Nominating Committee: Per the standing By-Laws, the President must appoint a Nominating Committee at the June meeting to select a slate of candidates for officers to be voted on at our September Annual Meeting. The nominating committee is Sherri Hayes, Neva Larson and Polly Sheilds

CHELCO Check Presentation: Kerry introduced Tyler Wood, Communications and Community Affairs Supervisor with CHELCO. Kerry thanked Sherri Hayes for submitting the paperwork for this grant, and Mr. Wood presented the Guild with a check for \$1500.00 for Community Service.

Hospitality: Kerry thanked members who brought food and door prizes.

Hostess: Mary Ann Sharp thanked everyone that brought food today., and asked that members take their leftovers at the end of the meeting.

New Hope Food Pantry: Gail Menard reported that we will continue using the same list which will be sent to the members and posted in the newsletter and website. Any donations are appreciated.

Community Service: Sherri Hayes put stocking kits on the tables for members to take. She thanked everyone for attending the Community Service workshop. Approximately 15 to 18 members have been attending.

Newsletter. Deadline for the July newsletter is June 26th.

Program:

June program was Left-Right-Center. There were 5 tables and the winners were Cherie Perri, Sherri Hayes, Deb Chilcote, Deb Daigle and Dottie Kushma. Members shared quilting and sewing tips.

Next month Billece Morrison will do a Trunk Show. Ginger Maddox and Peggy Murrell will do "I've Finished My Quilt Top...Now What" in August.

Retreat

Ruthie Reynoso made banners for the Flying Needles retreat and they were displayed. The theme for the Retreat is Flying Needles Flocks to the Bay. Registration will start in August and Kaye Joachim will email the registration packet to each member. Registration for non-Guild members will be available a month later.

Kaye stated that this is the last time she will Chair the Retreat. She asked if anyone was interested in taking it over and wanted to Shadow her this year.

QOV: QOV kits are available. See Anne Marie Wilkerson if you would like one.

Fund Raising: Marisol asked that members continue to donate items to her to sell. There is nothing scheduled now until September for fund raising..

UFO's: Members presented completed projects, next month will be #4.

Strip Club: Laura Peacock won this month's strips. Color for July is Orange.

Birthdays: June birthdays were celebrated. Konnie Glaze won the drawing.

Workshops: This months workshop is Quilting with Antique Linens led by Linda Weiss, July's workshop is Rope Bowls led by Diane Roberson and Karen Garland. More information about the workshops is on the FNQG website.

Opportunity Quilt: Linda Weiss and Bunny Orr are displaying the Opportunity Quilt a varies Quilt shops. Right now it is at Margies Sew Much Fun and will go to the Sewing Barn in Milton on 6/24. Anne Marie Wilkerson is handling the ticket sales.

Door Prizes: Debbie Daigle coordinated drawing for prizes.

Show and Tell: Beautiful projects were shown by members.

Announcements:

Kerry announced that Guild participation has really grown this year. 7 new members, 20-25 people at Sit and Sew and more members are going to workshops; plus, we have received \$2000.00 in Grant money.

Kerry also mentioned that 3 members were featured in the Hammock Bay Stroll magazine Ruthie Reynoso, Linda Weiss and Gail Menard. The article had a number of photos of their quilts.

Grace Grimsley wants to start a Friendship Group making Tea Towels. She's looking for 5 members to be in each group. Each month 1 member will own the month and make 5 tea towels and give 1 to each member. Contact Grace if interested.

Laura Goebal is selling a Sweet 16 quilting machi-ne, a Magic Steam Press, and a 4 piece set of Pfaltzgraff dishes. Contact her at 850-520-1425 if interested.

Anne Johnson asked members to bring FNQG business cards to local Quilt Shops when they visit.

Motion to adjourn at 11:31 was made by Linda Hudson, **seconded** by Linda Weiss.

Submitted by Gail Menard, Acting Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report: Cherie Matheson

Previous Balance:		\$25,263.44
Transactions:	2 Deposits	\$2000 (donations Rotary Club and Chelco)
		\$133.00 Fundraising
		\$11.00 Membership
	3 Checks	\$95.50 (Retreat expense)
		\$496.44 (Community Service expenses)
		\$33.98 (membership-name tags)
Balance as of 05/08/23		\$26,781.52

Submitted by Cherie Matheson, FNQG Treasurer

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June Show 'n' Tell



Anne also made this pinwheel quilt for charity.

Anne Johnson made this Lattice quilt that was supposed to be a Quilt-Along, but she couldn't wait to finish it! Using 5" squares, and the design carried to the back.



Debi Roederer made this "Disappearing Pinwheel Twist" quilt top during a workshop taught by **Carol Stearns**. She also finished this "Farmer's Wife" quilt for a friend who started it, but then had a stroke and couldn't finish it.



Donna Gross made this for the Hoffman Challenge "When the Universe Began", and won an Honorable Mention for it!



Cheryl Tims made this bag, as well as a chenille pillow.

Nancy Miller made an oval wool table mat with 3-D flowers





Joan Martin made the quilt on the left for her uncle, from a layer cake, and the quilt on the right for her aunt.



Polly Shields made this quilt for her granddaughter's graduation. She wants to be a vet, and the quilt has horses on it.



Kerry Kastl made this quilt with a cat panel to be given to the Destin Women's Club for an auction.



Sandra Congleton made this quilt for her great-granddaughter, "Bonnie's Bunny". Quilted by hand using long stitches.



Martha Rose made a "Lightning Strikes" quilt top from a pattern she got from **Margaret Jacobs**, who had just made one.



Penny Maus was asked to make a laptop cover for a friend, but had to try making one for herself first, since she had never made one. Hers is the blue one.



Mary Lou Roszhart decided to finally finish her quilt made with Kaffe Fassett fabrics.



Sherry Kruschke made this quilt for a friend's son who was in Military School to become a Marine.



Karen Garland finished 4 Christmas ornaments in the shape of hearts, and made with patchwork.



Jayne Pendergast finished another one in her Nativity series, the Donkey, complete with a tail in the back.



The June Program was the Left-Right-Center game, where everyone brought 3 Fat Quarters to play with. We had 6 tables, and 6 winners!

Recipes

CHICKEN CASSAROLE: from the kitchen of Sherri Hayes

Ingredients:

1 large package of Extra-Wide Egg Noodles
1 BIG can of white chicken (drained) - 2 if you like a lot of meat – can also use tuna
1 big can of cream of chicken soup
1 small can cream of mushroom or celery
1 soup can of milk
Salt and pepper to taste
~2 tsp of chicken powder (Wylers Bouillan)
3 cups shredded Seriously Sharp Cheddar Cheese (Cabot White Cheese)
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (orange)
Paprika

1. Cook egg noodles in salted water until tender
2. In a big bowl, combine the chicken, soups, milk, salt (sparingly) & pepper, bouillon, & the Seriously Sharp Cheddar Cheese. The texture should be creamy – not soupy. If it is too thick, add more milk.
3. Drain the egg noodles and gently fold into the soup mixture
4. Place into a large casserole dish and top with remaining grated cheese and a sprinkle of paprika.
5. Cook at 350-degrees for 45-50 minutes.

** Caution: Go easy on the salt since there is salt in the boiled noodles, bouillon, and cheese

** Note: If you are making the night before, add a bit more milk – the noodles will soak up some of the liquid and when it is cooked later it will still be creamy. If you don't, your dish will be a bit dry.

Alaska Sheet Cake: from the kitchen of Grace Grimsley

Cake:

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter
1 cup water
3 eggs
2 cups white sugar
½ cup buttermilk
1 ½ teaspoons baking soda
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon almond extract (Optional)

Icing:

½ cup butter
5 tablespoons milk
1 (16 ounce) package confectioners' sugar, sifted
1 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F and grease and flour a 10x15 inch sheet pan.
2. Stir together the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl.
3. Place 1 cup butter with the water in a saucepan, and bring to a boil over medium heat. Remove from the heat, and set aside to cool.
4. Beat eggs in a separate mixing bowl, and stir in the sugar, buttermilk, boiled butter mixture, baking soda, baking powder, vanilla extract, and almond extract until well combined.
5. Pour the egg mixture into the flour mixture, and stir until the batter is well mixed. Pour the batter into the prepared baking sheet.
6. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Let the cake cool before icing.
7. To make icing, place 1/2 cup of butter and the milk into a saucepan, and bring to a boil over medium-low heat. Remove from the heat, and beat in the confectioners' sugar, chopped pecans, and vanilla extract. Ice the cooled cake with the warm frosting.