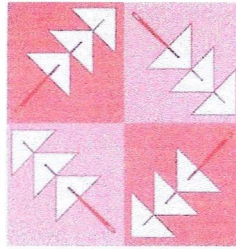


# Flying Needles Quilt Guild



Welcome to Flying Needles Quilt Guild. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you enjoy this time of fellowship, building friendships, creating for charities, learning new skills, and just plain 'ole fun!

Attached are some of the activities we hope you will participate in and enjoy.

We look forward to getting to know you better. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

*Lisa Lydston*

*FNQG Membership*

## *Welcome to our guild!*

We strive to make the Guild a learning and welcoming experience for all skill levels.

Below is our schedule, as well as activities, you can experience and expect from joining our Guild.

Our meetings begin at **9:00** a.m. at New Hope Church.

Our schedule is:

**1st Thursday Sit and Sew/Board Meeting**

**2nd Thursday General Meeting**

**3rd Thursday Charity Workshop**

**4th Thursday Skill Building Workshop**

Members are encouraged to take part in any of the guild's activities throughout the year. A brief outline of these activities are:

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKSHOP (3rd Thursday of the month):**

We make Christmas stockings, small quilts, drawstring backpacks, and pillowcases for local organizations who serve children in our community. These items can be made during the workshop, or kits can be taken home to sew. Kits are available at the General Meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month, or at the Community Service Workshop. This workshop is a great way to get to know other members of the Guild.

**DECEMBER BLOCK EXCHANGE (General Meeting):** The coordinator of this activity designs, or chooses, a block pattern and determines the number blocks required for a project. Members who sign up will turn in half of their blocks at the June meeting and the remainder by the November meeting. When all blocks have been turned in, the Coordinator sorts the blocks and distributes them to the participants at the December meeting.

**FABRIC STRIP CLUB (Monthly Fabric Exchange-General Meeting):** Participants bring 3, 2.5 inch strips of the designated color, with their name marked on the selvage of each strip. A strip is drawn at the General Meeting and the winner wins all the strips! Plus, the winner gets to choose the next month's color.

**FUNDRAISERS:** Flying Needles has two primary fundraisers that occur yearly. The Opportunity Quilt and a Quilt For Veterans. The members of the guild construct these quilts from provided kits, and tickets are then sold for a drawing.

**HOSPITALITY/DOOR PRIZES:** Members are asked to provide door prizes and refreshments at least once a year. Please sign up for the month of your choice at the General Meeting.

**NEEDLE NOTES:** Our monthly Needle Notes are delivered via email and can also be found on our website, <https://flyingneedlesquiltguild.org> under "Members Only."

**NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY:** New Hope Church has been a wonderful host to our Guild. We give back to their hospitality by contributing to their food pantry. Needs are published in the newsletter each month. Members may donate with food items listed in the newsletter or make a monetary donation.

**QUILTS FOR VETERANS:** The guild is a member of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The Guild makes and presents quilts to local veterans. There is something for everyone who would like to participate in this program from cutting fabric, making kits, sewing tops, sandwiching quilts, quilting, binding, labeling, and pillowcases for storage. We also make a veteran fundraising quilt every other year.

**RETREAT/QUILT SHOW:** The retreat and quilt show are typically held on the opposite years and are two excellent opportunities to get to know each other and make new friends. Volunteers are always needed for both of these events.

**SHOW-N-TELL (at the General Meeting):** Bring your completed projects to the general meeting and share your accomplishments. Pictures are taken and published in Needle Notes and on Facebook.

**SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS:** Sunshine and Shadows is an outreach program to express our love and support for members.

**UFO CLUB (at the General Meeting):** This program is designed to help you organize and complete 12 unfinished projects a year. Participants turn in a list of their projects in January and will be given a project number to finish each month. Monthly finished projects are shared with the Guild during the General Meeting. If you do not finish your project, you will turn in a fat quarter. At the end of the year, the collected fat quarters are used for prizes.

There are many other activities to participate in throughout the year at FNQG. Some of these activities are: The 4th Thursday Skill Building Workshop, Row-By-Row, Ugly Fabric Challenge, the Mystery Road Trip, and Round Robbins. Information on these activities will be provided as they occur.

Again, we are SEW glad to have you join our Guild and look forward to seeing your creations. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members. Happy sewing!!