

Needle Notes

November
2025

November 13 General Meeting

Program is TBA!

November Reminders

- Hostesses: <no signups>
- Door Prizes: <no signups>
- Strip color: Fall colors
- Bring your "Name" blocks for the BOM drawing
- Bring last minute donations for Community Service
- Food items or cash donations for the Food Pantry are greatly appreciated
- Bring items for free table

November Calendar

- November 6: Board meeting
- November 7-8: Fall Flair featuring the FNQG Boutique
- November 6: Sit 'n' Sew
- November 8: QOV Presentation (tentative)
- November 13: General Meeting
- November 20: Community Service Distribution Day. Come join the fun!
- November 25: Newsletter content due
- November 27: Happy Thanksgiving y'all!

President's Points:

Lisa Lydston, President

Happy November everyone! This is the month of gratitude and to remember the blessings we've been given. Some obvious blessings in my life are the ability to quilt and give back to this wonderful community we live in, serving you all in the best Guild on the Emerald Coast, and the many friends I have made along the way. I hope all the blessings you have given me are returned to you in abundance.

November will be, yet again, another busy month. We have the Community Services distribution on the 20th. Please come join us, and bring refreshments to share. You can sit and sew too if you would like. Various community services will be coming to pick up their items and it's always nice to meet them.

Carol Stearns and our Boutique will be at the Fall Flair in Destin November 7th and 8th. Please get with her if you can help. This is an indoor event and was really nice last year. There are lots of opportunities for great Christmas gifts were available.

Help is still needed for a website manager. I know we have some more techno wizards out there! We do have Membership and Community Services covered and we will talk about that at our General Meeting.

So until Thursday, that's it for now folks!

Love y'all!

Lisa Lydston

2026 Retreat: Deborah Moen & Debi Roederer

The 2026 retreat committee has been busy and working hard to make the "Shaping Friendships" retreat an event full of fun, learning, and spending time with our quilting friends.

Registration is off to a strong start. While there is still room in Saturday's Sit & Sew session, Friday's session is full. If you are interested in the delightful Bluebird Woolie class on Friday or the Binding Secrets class on Saturday, those classes are filling fast, so you should register soon. All other classes still have openings. The Guild website has a link to the Retreat page, and from there you can find everything you need to know including registration details.

We want to highlight our featured class, **"Playing With Shapes" led by teacher Brigit Gail Dermott**. This promises to be a fun and creative exercise. In this class, Brigit Gail will first teach us construction techniques for a variety of units, then the class will use design walls to arrange their units to create their own vision. For those hesitating because the sample looks modern, here's the great part: your finished project will not look like hers or even anyone else's in the class; it will be what YOU want it to be; how YOU design it! Your fabric choice is key. For example, I am pulling my fabric from a fun piece of fabric in my stash; it's purple and filled with colorful shapes (apropos!). But this project can be done in bright or muted solids, Civil War reproductions, or do as I've done and find a great novelty fabric. The sky is the limit. Where will your vision take you?



Boutique Bites:

Carol Stearns

The Fall Flair is November 7 and 8 at Destin Methodist Church at 200 Beach Drive in Destin. The boutique will be set up to sell our wares at this event. If you would like to help with set up or take down or sitting at the event, let me know. This was a good event for us last year. There are lots of good vendors there so come on out and support the Guild.

On Oct 30, I will be at the Sit 'n' Sew pricing items. If you have anything to turn in, please bring at that time. I will also be at the church on Nov 6 to pack and load the car. You can also bring items that morning at 9:00.

Thank you all for your participation and crafted items. I think we have enough for a successful event.

Carol

Community Service:

Diane Roberson

Congratulations! Our guild has exceeded expectations by making a record number of Christmas stockings and pillowcases this year. The count as of October 16th was 1,482 stockings and 341 pillowcases. That is phenomenal! And we have three more weeks to turn in finished items. We are a bit behind last year's number of finished quilts with 88 as of yesterday, but I am sure more will be completed over the next three weeks.

Our distribution to the not-for-profit agencies we support will be on November 20th starting at 9:00 am. Please plan to join us. We will have a signup sheet at the November General Meeting for those able to bring light refreshments.

It is always rewarding to hear from each organization how they will use the items we make to impact children and adults in our community, so the annual distribution is always a great event.

This year we will fill requests for the following organizations:

- Children in Crisis
- Christ of Redeemer Church for Twin Cities Pavilion
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Children's Advocacy
- PEARL
- Shelter House
- Beds for Everyone
- Opportunity Place
- Catholic Charities of America

Lastly, I would like to announce that we have a volunteer to lead our Community Service efforts for 2026! Please give your support to Debi Roederer! She is no stranger to this effort after her faithful attendance and significant contributions over the past few years. It has been my pleasure to work with Polly Shields and Deborah Moen this year and many others who support the mission of Community Service.

Niceville Library:

*Ginger Maddox & Barbi
Quellette*

In recognition of Veteran's Day, the Niceville Library on Partin Drive has a display of Quilts of Valor made by FNQG members. The display will be up until November 14. Please stop by and see the beautiful work done by our Guild members to honor veterans. Check with the library for their hours.



FWB Library:

Diane Roberson

In October, we featured a beautiful fall quilt, "Framed Flowers," made by Linda Weiss and quilted in gold thread by Peggy Murrell. The binding is a red and white flange. The library entry foyer is decorated for fall; this quilt display completes the welcoming look!



Quilts for Veterans: Barbi Ouellette

Happy November Guild Members! Thank you to everyone who participated in making this a great service opportunity. Couldn't do it without each of you.

I'm happy to share that we received a generous donation in October from VFW Post 7674, who donated \$3,000! Lisa Lydston, Jeannie Krzan, and I accepted the donation on behalf of the Guild. This amazing donation will help supply the QoV program with quilting supplies and longarm support at a discounted rate. Most longarmers for QoV refuse payment, but we can help resupply red, white, blue and variegated threads for you if you choose to do that. Order your thread, send me the receipt. We are always in need of longarmers, so call or text me if you are available to help.

I want to send a special thank you to Valerie Holmes and Anne Smith for stepping up to help in October while Jeannie and I went to the Houston International Quilt Festival. Unfortunately, with the government shutdown, our October QoV presentation at the Eglin Armament Museum was cancelled.

We are hoping to have a November 8 presentation at the Museum. I will let you know. We expect 6-8 presentations scheduled, so wrappers will be needed.

We were able to host a QoV presentation in October at the Island Resort in Ft Walton Beach. It was the Apache/Cobra Attack Helicopter Reunion. We presented three quilts. Two quilts were provided by Sherry Houser whose husband and sons attended the reunion, and FNQG provided the remaining quilt. The recipients were Brig General Neal Sealock, Spokane WA; Col Dave Sale, Mesa AZ; and Chief Warrant Officer Denis Dvorchak, Mesa AZ. Their bios are long and interesting. Their wives proudly wrapped the quilts around the shoulders of their spouses as part of the ceremony.



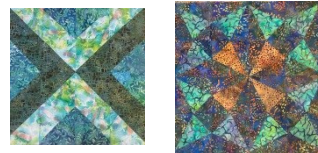
Brig Gen Sealock (pictured in the middle) received our quilt, STARS, pieced by Doris Olig and quilted by Peggy Murrell. Thank you ladies. Great Job.

Have a great November and enjoy the cooler temps. Love you all, Barbi

2025 Block of the Month: Konnie Glaze

The BOM program will be handled paperless, and patterns will be emailed to participants. Contact Konnie Glaze at any time to join in the fun.

For the month of **November**, using batik fabrics, you will make a 12 ½ inch block that begins with the first letter of your first name. You may also make a second block that begins with the first letter of your last name. Blocks pictured are for my name, Konnie Glaze. Bring your blocks to the November meeting and you will be entered in the drawing to win the blocks; one entry for each block you turn in. We will award the blocks in sets of 20. Please label your block with your name and the name of the block.



For the month of **December**, we will be making blocks with a poinsettia theme. It is your choice which block patterns to make within the theme and size range, and you may make up to two sets for a total of six blocks (see below).



1. Block Sizes: 12 ½" and 6 ½" unfinished. Please make blocks in sets of three, with each set consisting of one 12 ½" block and two 6 ½" blocks (three blocks total). Then, if you choose to make another set of three blocks, you may. You are free to use a different pattern for each block.
2. Use any method of quilting: piecing, foundation paper piecing, EPP, collage, appliqué, or art quilting.
3. When considering fabrics please look at the varieties of poinsettias: white, ivory, bicolor, red glitter, white flecks, winter rose, and marbled. Fabric colors will be values of red, gold/yellow, white/ivory, and green. Let's stay clear of pinks and peaches.
4. Please do not use novelty fabric or fabric with an actual poinsettia print.
5. If so inspired, embellish away!

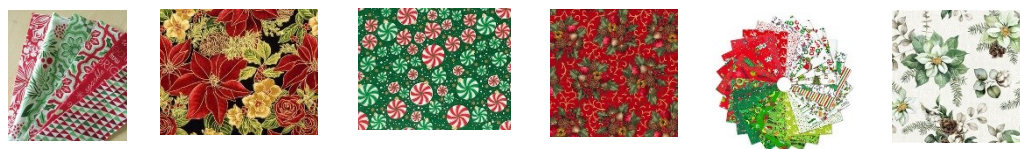


Bring your blocks to the December meeting and you will be entered in the drawing to win the blocks; one entry for each block you turn in (e.g. three blocks, three entries; six blocks, six entries). I will decide how many blocks to award based on what is turned in, and the winner will receive blocks in sets of three.

Yes Fabrics:



No Fabrics:



Food Pantry: Cheri Perry

I received the following email from Bunny Wilson, who coordinates the Church's Food Pantry and receives the many generous contributions of food and money from our Guild.

"We've scheduled our next food distribution for Nov 22nd. We try to include in the November boxes the usual items plus canned yams and turkey breasts, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and some sort of Thanksgiving pie.

I just read the following and it made me realize that the general food needs beginning in November may be greater than usual.

'About one of every eight Americans gets an average of \$187 a month in food assistance. Most of those who use SNAP are children, older Americans, veterans, people with disabilities, and working people,' Chief Executive Officer Joel Berg of Hunger Free America said. 'If the SNAP program shuts down, we will have the most mass hunger suffering we've had in America since the Great Depression.'

Our shelves are pretty bare so we're going to try to fill them up before the Nov 22nd giveaway date in case we have more needs than usual.

Please give our love and thanks to all the FNQG members for their hearts for the 'least of these' within our community.

*Love!
Bunny"*

Item	Needed
Canned Chicken	28
Canned Tuna	56
Cookies	28
Cranberry Sauce	28
Green Beans	56
Canned Tomatoes	28
Canned Yams	28
Corn	56
Peas	56
Applesauce	28
Vegetable Soup	56
Chicken Noodle Soup	56
Pasta Sauce	28
Pasta Spaghetti	28
Shelved Milk	28
Stuffing (in boxes)	28
Cheerios	28
Rice Krispies	28
Boxed Instant Oatmeal	28
Mac 'n Cheese	28
Bread Loaf	28
Jelly, Jam, or Preserves	28
Peanut Butter	28
Instant Mashed Potatoes	28
Ground Sausage Roll (frozen)	28
Ground Turkey Roll (frozen)	28
Box Margarine	14
Ground Beef roll (frozen)	to have on hand
Ground Chicken (frozen)	to have on hand
Thanksgiving pie (not frozen)	28
turkey breast (frozen)	28
Gravy packet	28

Membership:

Anne Johnson

October Attendance

It was so great to see everyone this past month. We had **51 members** sign in at the General Meeting. Please be sure to sign in when you come to a meeting so we can keep an accurate count.

New Member:

Please join me in welcoming our newest member:

Karen Payne
(850) 543-1002
karenpayne62@gmail.com

2026 Membership Dues:

We are collecting 2026 membership dues. Please use the [FNQG Online membership form](#) to renew your membership. By renewing through the form, we collect your current information for the directory, ensuring it is accurate when the directory is published in January.

Please check the current directory to verify that your photo is relatively recent. If I do not receive a new photo, the currently published one will be included in 2026. Many of our members use the directory to familiarize themselves with members and the photos are very helpful.

Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp

There are no signups for refreshments or door prizes for the November meeting. Contributions are always appreciated!

Mary Ann Sharp and Barbara Roberts

November Birthdays

There are lots of birthdays this month. Happy birthday friends!!

Tina Broyles

Jeanie Donnelly

Kathy Everett

Maureen Farabaugh

Linda Hudson

Tracy Lindsay

Cherie Matheson

Peggy Murrell

Ruthie Reynoso

Rosemary Stark

Valerie Valade

Mary Weathersby

FNQG Website: Kaye Joachim

www.FlyingNeedlesQuiltGuild.org

Contact Kaye Joachim 713-382-0452 for access to the Members Only section of our website, which contains the newsletter, SOPPs and By-Laws, and money forms for deposits and reimbursements.

Visit the website, newsletter, and Facebook for all the current information regarding our guild and upcoming events.

As a reminder, if sending pictures to add to the website, please make sure they are .jpeg format. If sending text, please send it in .pdf format.

2026 Sneak Peek!

Our 2026 1st VP, **Kaye Joachim**, and our 2026 2nd VP, **Diane Roberson**, are already hard at work putting together some great programs and workshops for next year.



Kaye is pleased to announce that the January 2026 Program will be **Judy Musteric from Stitcher's Quest** talking about panels. The question on everyone's mind is okay, I have this panel, now what, what do I do with it? Judy will give us a variety of ways to use those beautiful panels that

seem to appear in our stash.

Then, later in January, Diane will be hosting the first 2026 Workshop featuring our very own **Anne Johnson**; Anne will teach us about inset circles. Anne says she loves seeing circles in quilting but was never happy with results using various methods of appliqué until she discovered a

tutorial for inseting circles. She will explore different methods of incorporating circles into a quilt: raw edge applique, needle turn applique and inset circles and urges you to give inset circles a try.



From the Kitchen of...

Diane Roberson

Cranberry Cream Cheese Spread

2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
5 Tbsp granulated sugar
2 Tbsp brandy
2 (8oz) pkg cream cheese, softened
6 Tbsp heavy cream
2 tsp finely grated lemon zest
¼ tsp kosher salt
1 Tbsp sliced almonds or crushed walnuts
2 tsp thinly sliced scallions
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper (optional)
Extra-virgin olive oil for drizzling
Bagel chips or assorted crackers for serving

- In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring cranberries, sugar and ½ cup cold water to a simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until liquid has thickened to a saucy consistency and cranberries have burst, 12-14 minutes.
- Add brandy and cook, stirring occasionally, until most of the liquid is evaporated, about 2 minutes more. Transfer to a medium heatproof container or bowl and let cool.
- Meanwhile, in a large bowl, using a handheld mixer, beat cream cheese, heavy cream, lemon zest, and salt, starting on low speed and gradually increase to high until smooth and fluffy, about 1 minute.
- Scoop cream cheese mixture into a serving bowl. Spoon cranberry sauce over. Top with almonds and scallions, season with pepper and drizzle with oil. Serve with crackers.

From Delish Magazine Nov 2025

Treasurer's Report : Donna Gross, Treasurer

Checkbook Balance as of Oct 20, 2025: \$54,318.45			
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 BUDGET INCOME	OCTOBER INCOME	TOTAL INCOME YTD
In-Kind and Grants	\$2,000.00		\$ -
Monthly Raffle	\$1,200.00	\$140.00	\$ 1,095.00
General Donations	\$0.00		\$ 600.06
Community Service	\$0.00		\$ 125.00
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$105.00	\$ 980.00
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$135.00	\$ 360.00
Membership (100 Members)	\$3,500.00	\$1,019.64	\$ 1,422.92
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2025)	\$1,000.00		\$1,363.00
Quilts for Veterans	\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,715.00
2025 QFV Opportunity Quilt (Ticket Sales)	\$600.00	\$151.00	\$ 745.00
Workshop	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$ 632.00
2025 Quilt Show	\$0.00		\$ 16,153.60
2026 Quilt Retreat (amt less cc fees)	\$16,000.00	\$2,953.96	\$ 6,249.29
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,715.00	\$8,019.60	\$ 35,440.87
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET	OCTOBER EXPENSE	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00		\$ 641.94
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00
ADMIN - Fl Dept of Revenue	\$200.00		\$ 70.00
ADMIN - Operating/Misc	\$175.00	\$320.00	\$ 2,935.36
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$650.00		\$ 509.88
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$176.00		\$ -
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,251.00	\$320.00	\$ 6,557.18
Community Svc (Increased to \$2k Grants)	\$2,000.00	\$104.22	\$ 1,471.70
Door Prizes	\$150.00	\$42.79	\$ 42.79
Fundraising/Boutique	\$100.00		\$ 131.38
Historian	\$85.00		\$ 124.99
Hospitality	\$175.00		\$ 122.20
Membership (100 Members)	\$350.00		\$ 316.36
Newsletter	\$0.00		\$ -
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2026)	\$500.00		\$ 144.95
Programs	\$300.00		\$ 256.79
Publicity (General)	\$250.00	\$32.00	\$ 92.25
Quilts for Veterans (1.5k +1770.67 2024 Rollover)	\$3,270.67	\$1,380.13	\$4,880.90
2025 QFV Opp Quilt	\$500.00		\$ 15.00
Sunshine/Shadows	\$175.00		\$ 83.69
Workshops	\$350.00	\$132.00	\$ 795.00
2025 Quilt Show	\$8,000.00		\$ 11,128.12
2026 Quilt Retreat	\$3,000.00		\$ 1,019.53
	\$23,456.67	\$2,011.14	\$ 27,182.83

Board Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

October 2, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 with note that Donna Gross was not present.
 - A. Quorum: YES
 - B. Present: Lisa Lydston, President; Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP; Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP; Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary
 - C. Others/Committee Chairs Present
 1. Community Services - Diane Roberson/Polly Shields
 2. Facilities - Deborah Moen
 3. Boutique - Carol Stearns
 4. Membership - Anne Johnson
 5. Quilts for Veterans - Barbi Ouellette
 6. Webmaster - Kaye Joachim
 7. Retreat - Deborah Moen and Debi Roederer
 8. Eileen Wittic

II. Approve Last Board Minutes:

- A. President Lisa Lydston addressed Barbi Ouellette's verification in the last board meeting that she was to spend from the budget before using donated money. Lisa made a motion that all donated funds need to be utilized before budgeted monies. She also indicated that this should go for all Services. Jackie Youngblood seconded the motion and the rest of the board approved.

III. Treasurer Report/Review Committee Budgets:

- A. **Guild:** Donna Gross was absent but emailed a report that the checkbook balance was \$49,405.00 and has been receiving money thru the credit card for Retreat and a few Membership renewals.
- B. **Member Services:** Anne Johnson reported receiving 10 membership renewals. She would prefer online renewals to be able to get more accurate information. If members fill out the form fully, this will help the guild better service the members. The database has a filter feature that can be used to retrieve information needed, but it was noted that it must then be unfiltered once the information has been retrieved. Anne will address the members at the next General Meeting regarding the importance of having updated information and a current picture for the Roster.
- C. **Community Services:** Diane Roberson reported that she has contacted all but one organization. She has been playing phone tag with The Pearl Project. The distribution date is set for November 20th. She has not made any commitment to The Catholic Charity. Children in Crisis requested 30 stockings, which is less than last year and 30 pillowcases. Lisa requested that a list be provided to the board of

the organizations that will receive items. Diane indicated that she is not in need of any more fabric but suggested replenishing the batting before the end of December in preparation for the new year.

- D. Quilts for Veterans:** Barbi Ouellette will be gone for the next QOV presentation, but Valerie Holmes and Anne Smith will be stepping in.

Barbi reported 14 are left on the list at this time, which changes all the time and to date there have been 60 quilts presented.

There were 5 quilts given at the MCB 11 Reunion which 4 were Vietnam Vets. Barbi was surprised with a \$500.00 donation from the organization at the reunion.

There was a presentation at the Joyful Place to a Major General which Barbi received a thank you via email.

Lisa asked Barbi to work on an end of year inventory for the board to include the number of quilts given, the donation total, inventory of material and supplies on hand, number of quilts ready to give, tops in progress and the number of service members in the queue for 2026.

Military Appreciation Day is November 1st at the FWB Landing 10:30 – 2:30. This is a networking opportunity. She will have brochures and a donation jar. She is planning to give a small patriotic item to those that donate.

She will not be participating in the Fall Flair. Carol Stearns offered to put the donation jar out at the Boutique booth.

Sherry Kruschke inquired if there were any quilters in the local area that quilted for QOV for free. She had thought there was a member of the Chautauqua Guild that at one time quilted for QOV. Barbi was not aware of her. Barbi has been quilting as many as she can along with Sonya and Ginger. She has sent four to Coastal Stitches and two to Stitcher's Quest.

- E. Boutique:** Carol Stearns has a signup sheet ready for the Fall Flair November 7th and 8th with setup on the 6th. She feels she has a good inventory at this time with more items coming in.

IV. Action Items:

- A. 2026 Retreat:** Deborah Moen and Debi Roederer report 42 members have signed up for the retreat. Friday's Sit & Sew has been closed with Saturday filling up fast. Thursday and Friday evening activities show good numbers.

Debi will start making the rounds to the other guilds, starting with The Modern Quilt Guild in Crestview and the Gulf Coast Modern Quilt Guild.

Lisa asked about the room capacity for the evening activities concerned about fire safety. Debi explained that each attendee will be asked to pack up at the end of each day, and the rooms are opened up with a 200-person capacity.

Donna will be helping to get window flyers and brochures out to the quilt shops.

The Sewing and Training Center is set to be a vendor and Debi has sent out an inquiry to Oh Sew Kountry wanting to offer Tammy a chance before exploring another vendor.

B. Needed help thus far:

1. **Committee chair for 2027 quilt show:** With Linda Weiss having stepped down we need to find another chairperson soon if we want to have the show at the fairgrounds again in 2027. The cost may be going up. Debi Roederer questioned if we can go ahead and set a date without a chair. Kaye said that we could always cancel but Lisa did not want to do that without seeing a contract. Deborah Moen indicated that Linda Weiss may be willing to mentor but not chair.
2. **Membership Coordinator 2026:** With Anne Johnson moving to the Technology Services and Penny stepping back there is a need for someone to take on Membership.
3. **Community Services Coordinator 2026:** With Diane Roberson moving to 2nd VP there is a new person needed. Diane stated that Linda Weiss has indicated to her that she is considering mentoring.
4. **Website Manager 2026:** Kaye is moving to the 1ST VP position there is a need for a replacement.

Lisa said that with her moving to Crestview that unless she finds a comparable laundromat to the Laundry Room which is where she has been taking the QOV quilts, there may be a need for someone to take over. The guild will load the pay card and supply the detergent and color catcher sheets.

V. Programs: Jackie Youngblood has FROG Hop set for the October program. Members can bring a project that they no longer have interest in so that someone can take it on. Members will be reminded that they can only enter their name once per basket. It was decided to move the free table into the boardroom. There was an idea to have Sashiko as the December program.

VI. Workshops: Sherry Kruschke has 7 members signed up for the Inktense workshop this month with Kaye as the instructor. There will be no workshops in November and December. She asked Diane to get the January workshop information to her so that she can promote it.

VIII. Open Forum for Non-Board Members: Deborah Moen wanted to make everyone aware that the backroom will be back to being organized once all the inventory is gone.

IX. Further Action Needed/Tabled Items:

- A. **Guild T-shirts:** Lisa said that she has been getting positive feedback from members on having guild T-shirts and will keep this tabled for next year.
- B. **2027 Quilt Show**

X. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52.

General Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

October 9, 2025

I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Jackie Youngblood who was standing in for Lisa Lydston. The prayer and pledge were led by Linda Weiss.

II. The last General meeting minutes were approved as written after there were no changes noted by the attendees.

The Annual meeting minutes were approved as written after there were no changes noted by the attendees.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** Donna Gross reported money is coming from the retreat registrations and membership dues. The checkbook balance is currently \$49,631.80.

IV. **Program:** The October program was a "Frog Hop".

V. **Show and Tell**

VI. **Drawings**

VII. **Back to Business**

- **Block of the Month:** Konnie Glaze had 24 flower origami blocks turned. After taking a pole, the blocks were divided in half with the winners being Anne Johnson and Cathy Ferkes.
- **Community Services:** Diane Roberson had many items turned in at this meeting. She reported having over 1300 stocks before meeting. Next Thursday's workshop will be focusing on pillowcase kits. The nursing home has asked for 38 walker bags, and she is needing a few male bags made. She had quilts ready to be taken and quilted. She had 54 tops ready to be sandwiched. She asked for the quilts donated to be no bigger than 55 x 60.

Diane thanked all those that turned in the 2026 Workshop Survey. She already had January scheduled with Anne Johnson teaching "Inset Circles"

Diane has Linda Weiss's "Framed Flowers" quilt on display at the library which was quilted by Peggy Murrell. She reported that the library has done a great job of decorating for the Halloween and fall season.

Jackie reminded the members that there is currently a need for a new Coordinator for 2026.

- **December Block:** Deb Chilcote said she is still receiving blocks and the November General Meeting is the last time to turn blocks in.
- **Facilities:** Deborah Moen had nothing to report.
- **Strip Club:** Grace Grimsley held the drawing for the purple 2 ½ inch strips. Zee Gibson was the winner and chose fall colors for October.
- **Facebook:** Konnie Glaze asked the members to please limit their postings of techniques, project ideas and funnies...etc. to one a day due to the guild business postings getting lost.

- **Food Pantry:** Cheri Perry said food items are still in need. It was announced that Angel Schauer will be taking over next year. With her involvement with Emerald Coast Food Rescue, she has already been working with Heather, the church contact person. Angel talked about the Emerald Coast Food Rescue Fall Harvest, which is October 24th, 6 – 9pm at The Local Market. This event will include a silent auction.
- **Boutique:** Carol Stearns said she had a lot of items turned in along with most of the tote kits being returned. She still has slots available to help cover the Fall Flair on November 7th and 8th. She announced that after the November event, she would be putting out the items left for the guild members at a discount to help clear out the storage room.
- **Historian/photography:** Deb Chilcote had nothing new to report.
- **Hospitality:** Barbara Roberts indicated that Mary Ann was off to see her grandchild and would be back next month while Barbara will be gone next month.
- **Membership:** Anne Johnson reported 50 members present with two visitors Cherinn Norman and Bobbi Willoughby.

Anne encouraged members to renew their membership online and fill out the information form with dues being \$35.00. The online process will help capture accurate information. If you renew by check, she will have you complete a form and verify that the information in the current roster is correct.

Anne also addressed the importance of having a current photo which helps new members put a name to a face.

Anne mentioned the need for a new Coordinator for next year.

- **Newsletter:** Peggy Murrell announced the deadline for the newsletter is the 25th. She asked if you are not receiving your newsletter to contact her.
- **Opportunity Quilt:** Diane Roberson reported having over \$1300.00 in ticket sales and to get with her for more tickets.
- **Row By Row:** Kaye Joachim said that the instructions will be coming out in December, and it will start in January.
- **2026 Retreat:** With Debi Roederer out sharing the retreat information at another guild, Deborah Moen reported having received 55 registrations. She announced that Friday Sit and Sew is closed which then had some members questioning room size and if a class does not have very many signed up to cancel that class or to use the unused space in that classroom for sit and sew or even a wait list. Deborah explained that there was not the capability to expand room size and there is not a wait list. Saturday does still have room as well as the other classes.

The Secret Quilter program on Friday will be processed through Elfster.

Deborah said that the Quilt Walk baskets could be returned any Thursday, but it would be better for her if not on a General Meeting Thursday.

- **Quilts for Veterans:** Valerie Holmes stepped in for Barbi Ouellette who was absent. She announced that this month's QOV presentation has been canceled due to the government shutdown, but November 8th they will have 7 to 9 vets. There will be two couples and those that were scheduled for October. She asked for presenters to arrive between 12:15 to 12:30.

Ginger Maddox shared that there are quilts on display at the Niceville Library to honor Veterans and they will be up until November 15th.

- **Sunshine and Shadows:** Ruthie Reynoso had nothing to report.
- **UFO:** Robin Easter-Neubauer said that the last quarter UFOs are due in December and she is working on a new program for next year.
- **Website:** Kaye Joachim had nothing new to report but there is a need for someone to take over for next year.
- **Workshops:** Sherry Kruschke said Kaye Joachim is all set to show members how to use Inktense on October 23rd and this is the last workshop of the year. Anne Johnson is set to have "Inset Circles" in January. Anne explained that this is not only about inset circles but working with curves and circles.
- **5th Thursday Sit and Sew:** Jackie Youngblood said that she has suggested in the past to get lunch items from somewhere like Sam's Club instead of having it catered, which would be less expensive. It was indicated that neither QOV nor Community Service are scheduled for the 5th Thursday. It was then opened to the members for discussion. Anne Smith made a motion not to pay for this month's 5th Thursday lunch and have a potluck. Linda Hudson seconded. The motion was passed with no nays noted.

VIII. Birthdays

- IX. **Final Drawing:** Z Gibson won the in-house drawing. Polly Shields reported \$105.00 were raised with the In-house drawing and \$140.00 for door prizes.
- X. Ginger Maddox turned over the 74 x 74 completed opportunity quilt that was pieced by Kerry Kastl and quilted by Ginger along with the survey results on how to get the "most bang for our buck" to Jackie for the board to find someone to take over the project.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

October Pictures

Our October program was the F.R.O.G. Hop -- Jackie Youngblood, Cheri Perry, and Kerry Kastl pulled the names of the winners.



Anne Johnson with two of her quilts



Anne showed the creativity that went into her Judge's Choice ribbon she received at the Jacksonville QuiltFest for her wallhanging Mobius Radius.



Deb Chilcote modeled a recycled top that she downsized from a 2X to something she could wear for Halloween. Deb also made some Snowman bowl fillers with wool applique and hand embroidery.



Kathy Crews finished her quilt from Jelly Roll Day (left) and a "Big Star" quilt (right).





Diane Roberson showed two quilts; one for her 4-yr-old Prayer Pal, and another colorful one with a medallion in the center.



Linda Hudson's wallhanging says it all !



Martha Rose made this house quilt for her great-granddaughter



Pictures above include **Martha Rose** with a punch needle piece she acquired, and her crafty jeans, and **Linda Weiss** with her Fall and Christmas wallhangings.



Sandra Congleton showed us her watermelon quilt that she made about 20 years ago when she first started quilting. This is one of her seasonal quilts that she puts on her bed.



Sonya Hart showed three great quilts that she has made; the Halloween quilt was made with a panel, the middle one had a lot of machine embroidery incorporated into it, and the third is a machine-embroidered Kimberbell quilt.



Finished just in time for **Valerie Holmes** to present this quilt she made to Grandbaby #7, with the help of **Peggy Murrell's** quilting.



Laura Peacock made two long table runners, and then another small one with her leftover fabric. She also showed a quilt made with blocks of the same design as a recent BOM. She didn't win the blocks that month, so she made her own.



Kaye Joachim made this "Faceted Star" quilt, similar to the one she made for her daughter, but smaller and with one more color.

Rosemary Stark made this quilt using the pattern called "Courthouse Steps". She is donating it to Community Service.



Mary Ann Sharp made this Halloween quilt for her adorable grandson (has she mentioned she's a grandmother?).



Jackie Youngblood showed us her pillow made using the “CrisCross Applesauce” block from the recent workshop. She also made a wallet from cork.

Robin Easter-Neubauer showed a pencil wallhanging she made for her daughter who is a teacher, and a table topper.

Z Gibson won our In-House Opportunity quilt made by new member Pam Giblin in honor of Breast Cancer Month.



Our October BOM winners were **Anne Johnson** and **Cathy Ferkes**, for the 3D “Flower Origami” Block.