

# Needle Notes

February  
2026

## February 12:

### General Meeting

*Kaye Joachim, 1st VP*

Our February program is a Valentine's Day Potholder Swap. Make a potholder using all cotton fabrics and threads. Two pieces of Insul-Bright is preferred but cotton batting will work as long as you add a couple of pieces for insulation. Your potholder can be any size you want, and made using any technique you want (FPP, EPP, art, pieced, appliqué, etc.); just be sure to follow the Valentine's Day theme.

There is no need to put it in a brown paper bag. We will play a game, passing the potholders to other participants.



## February Workshops

All workshops this month will be held at the "Shaping Friendships" Retreat. See next page for all the Retreat details.

Hope to see you there!

## February Calendar

- February 5: Board meeting, 9am-10:30
- February 5: Sit & Sew, 9am
- February 5: coaching for Beginner's Ultimate Quilt BOM, approx. 10:30 (after the board meeting)
- February 12: General Meeting
- February 14: QoV Presentation, 1pm, Eglin Armament Museum
- February 19: Community Services Workshop
- February 25: Newsletter content due
- February 26-28: Retreat!!

## February Reminders

- Hostesses: Mary Barron, Konnie Glaze
- Door Prizes: Konnie Glaze, Donna Gross
- Strip color: Red
- Bring potholders to swap
- Bring heart blocks for BOM drawing
- Row by Row participants: bring your boxes
- UFO participants: bring your completed UFO #3
- Items for the Free Table always appreciated

## 2026 Retreat: Deborah Moen & Debi Roederer

Here we are at the final countdown to our Guild's "Shaping Friendships" 2026 Retreat. Are you excited yet? We are thrilled to welcome you to two and a half fun-filled days of quilting and fellowship!! Now for some reminders, timelines and details to help ensure a good time for all.

### Pre-Retreat Prep and Pack List:

- Check out the Guild's [Retreat page](#) for general reminders and details.
- You should have received emails confirming individual registration details, classes, and activities. We suggest you keep this email handy throughout the Retreat.
- Gather your supplies for any classes you are taking. Some classes have prework such as cutting or sewing. Completing this prework will help you get the most out of your class time. All the information can be found on our [class information page](#).
- Whether you are taking classes or doing Sit & Sew, [All People Quilt](#) has a great packing list.
- If you signed up for Quilter's Bingo, remember to piece [your own personal Bingo "card."](#) It's a fun excuse to dig through your scraps.
- If you signed up for Secret Quilter, you should also have received an email from Elfster.
- If you need a last-minute quilt-related item, The Sewing and Training Center will be set up with a variety of notions and supplies right outside the classrooms.

### Retreat schedule:

- If you are staying at either Home2 Suites or the Holiday Inn Express, hotel check-in begins at 3:00pm.
- The Retreat registration table will be set up just off the lobby at Home2 Suites during the following times: Thursday, 3-5; Friday and Saturday mornings, 7:30-9. They will have name tags, Retreat gifts, agendas, coupons, and door prize tickets for everyone, plus Thursday evening event kick-off tickets and t-shirts for those that purchased them.
- Thursday, February 26.** Yes, THURSDAY. The Retreat gets an early start this year. Our kick-off reception begins at 5:30pm, followed by the trunk show with Brigit Gail Dermott at 7:00.
- Friday and Saturday:** Start the day off with a morning devotional with Keven Holland at 8:30 outside the classroom area.
- Classes and Sit & Sew are from 9:00am-4:30pm with a lunch break from noon-1:30.
- Evening entertainment begins back in the classrooms at 7:00pm. Be prepared for a lot of fun (and prizes too)!
- Quilter's Walk will be set up throughout the Retreat in the reception area. Just wait until you see the variety and value of the baskets!! \$5 gets you 10 chances for your choice of baskets.
- We have permission to bring snacks into the classrooms with the one caveat that we do not bring in catered food from other businesses. Feel free to bring in candies, cookies, etc. from home. The hotel will have a coffee and beverage station available throughout the day.
- Because the Friday Sit & Sew session is full, there will NOT be room or power for individual irons at your work area, but we will have multiple ironing boards set up around the room.
- Reach out to Debi, Deborah, or any Retreat committee member with questions. We are SEW looking forward to retreating with all of you!!!

## President's Points: Lisa Lydston, President

Hello Quilters!

Welcome to the Flying Needles Quilt Guild! If you are a new member, we are so happy you have joined us. If you are a seasoned member, thank you for sticking with us! We have a very busy year ahead of us, so please find your place of interest, ask questions, roll up your sleeves, and get those sewing juices flowing.

FNQG is more than a group with a common interest in pretty fabric; it's a place of friendship and community. We strive to be supportive of one another. Oh, we have our squabbles every now and then but we manage to work through them, grow, and love each other regardless. But isn't that part of all relationships?

FNQG is also a place for all levels of sewing, whether beginner or experienced, you will find something to meet your interests. We have had several new quilters recently join, so a special year long program is planned for them (see next page for all the details). So come on, bring your questions, share your skills, knowledge, time, energy, and smiles with us!

Our guild has been in existence since 1989 and emphasizes preserving the art of quilting with our community. Some of the original founders of the Guild are still with us. We continue their vision by helping our community through making quilts, Christmas stockings, walker bags, and other items for local charities. We have a monthly workshop to prepare for our give away of these items in November. I hope you will participate!

FNQG is a member in good standing with the national *Quilts of Valor Foundation*, and as a member, we make and distribute quilts to service members or veterans in our community. The ceremonial presentation of these quilts is a way of saying thank you to those who have served, ensuring we remain a free nation. All FNQG members are welcome to attend any of these ceremonies, but be sure to bring some tissues! Opportunities to make parts, or all of a QOV quilt, are afforded throughout the year.

FNQG has both a website (<http://www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org>) and a Facebook page (see [Flying Needles Quilt Guild of Niceville, Florida](#)) to communicate with our members. These sites offer information about guild functions, workshops, events, as well as provide a calendar of activities. Our monthly newsletter, *Needle Notes*, is emailed to members, and is posted on our website for easy reference. In addition to our meetings, I will email you to remind you of our events, but you are always welcome to call me with questions. We generally have something planned every Thursday, and some Saturdays too.

Again, thank you for joining us. On behalf of the 2026 Board, we want to serve you, be good stewards of the Guild, and afford you an opportunity of friendship, growth and support. Please be sure to contact any board member to let us know how we can best serve you and our community.

Ok y'all, it's time to sew. See you Thursday!

Hugs and love,  
Lisa Lydston, President  
[heylady214@gmail.com](mailto:heylady214@gmail.com)  
850 974 4663

## Beginner Block of the Month: Lisa Lydston

We are excited to offer a year long block of the month for all of our beginning quilters featuring "The Ultimate Beginner Quilt" by The Fat Quarter Shop.

The pattern is free and can be found at [Fat Quarter Shop's Beginner Quilt Series](#). Videos for each step can be found at: [Introducing... The Ultimate Beginner Quilt Series by Fat Quarter Shop](#)

This is the perfect quilt for all new quilters. The videos and pattern are available for free at the links above, and you will also receive personal assistance at each of our monthly 1st Thursday Sit & Sews.

You will learn cutting with accuracy; piecing and how to maintain an accurate  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam allowance; squaring your blocks; sashing, borders; sandwiching a quilt for quilting; some free motion quilting, if you like; and binding.

This is a year long project with the goal of showcasing your quilt at our December 2026 General Meeting and including it in the non-judged showcase category at the 2027 quilt show.

Each month at our General Meeting you will be assigned a different block. The more difficult blocks will be cut at the 1st Thursday Sit & Sew in June (June 3) and then sewn at our July workshop.

Supplies needed:

- Fabric, according to the pattern: you can use either solids or prints
- Rotary cutter
- Ruler: I prefer Creative Grids 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  general purpose but you choose any size you like
- Half Square Triangle ruler: suggest either Creative Grids Half Square 4 In 1 Triangle ruler or the Clearly Perfect Slotted Trimmer
- 12.5" square ruler
- Creative Grids Flying Geese Tool
- Seam ripper
- Sewing machine (get to know your machine well and have it prepped and ready to sew)
- Cotton Thread 50wt (suggest Aurifil #2020 or #2021)
- Straight Pins
- Frixion pen
- Best Press, starch, or a half and half mix of cheap vodka and water in a spray bottle

Sign up at our next General Meeting or contact me directly.

This is a great quilt for both beginners and experienced quilters. I hope you join in the fun and collaboration! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Hugs,  
Lisa Lydston  
850 974 4663

## Community Service:

### *Debi Roederer*

I am currently sitting nice and cozy in my recliner, enjoying the warmth of a blanket tucked around me and my dog, safe from the cold outside. I am filled with gratitude for these blessings yet saddened there are so many in our communities that are not as blessed.

We have the opportunity to make a difference! At the February Guild meeting, there will be kits available for members to take home, sew and return. Thanks to all the volunteers who gathered in January to assemble kits complete with precut fabric and directions! You can choose to work on Christmas Stockings, pillowcases, or receiving blankets, all items that are needed and appreciated.

These projects and kits are ideal for both beginners looking to sharpen skills and for experienced quilters needing a break from more intense projects. So take a kit or two, finish at your leisure (maybe even during Sit & Sew at Retreat!) and return your completed projects at the March meeting (or once you've completed them).

As always, we will have a Community Service workshop on the third Thursday of February.

That's all for this month folks. Stay warm and safe.

## FWB Library:

### *Diane Roberson*

In January, we displayed "Improv Fun", a quilt in black, white, and gray with blocks containing letters or numbers. This was a UFO I started years ago. Last year's UFO challenge inspired me to complete the quilt.

In February, we will display the "Underground Railroad" quilt for which several members created blocks and Donna Gross completed last year.



## Quilts for Veterans: Barbi Quelette

Happy February to all.

Lots happening in the world of Quilts for Veterans. On Jan 10, we awarded QoV quilts to 9 veterans at the Eglin Air Armament Museum. We even had two couples who received their quilts together. The place was packed with such support from guild members who attended. Check out the pictures posted on Facebook. It's always wonderful to see those smiling faces and receive hugs from each of them.

For our members who would like to participate in making quilts but just don't seem to have the time, there will be a basket of block kits that you can take home. This lets you participate by making one or two blocks, so no huge time commitment. When you finish the block, return it to the basket. You can find the basket at the General Meetings at the sign in table, and Anne Smith will answer any questions you may have. This year's block is the Quilt of Valor Foundation National Block, and is very easy to assemble.

During January's guild meeting, I told you about a Patriotic Panel challenge for the Nation's 250th Anniversary. We currently have 22 panels that can be used; these will be available at the February meeting. Rules for Patriotic Panel Challenge:

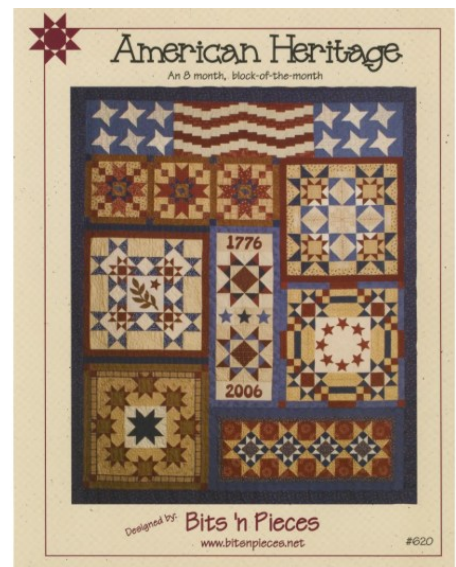
1. Pick any patriotic panel or use one of your own.
2. Create or find a panel pattern that you like.
3. Size should be not less than 60"x80" or larger than 72"x90". Anywhere in that range is fine.
4. Quilt and bind the top if you choose.

This challenge will end at the July General Meeting where guild members can choose their favorite.

Lisa Lydston has a great idea for a 2027 opportunity quilt for America's 250th Anniversary. The pattern is American Heritage designed by Bits 'n Pieces, and we will include the dates of 1776—2026. There are eight block kits available for you to make alone or with a friend. See Carol Stearns to collect a kit. Once the blocks have been completed, volunteers will be needed to assemble, quilt, and bind.

Michelle Stout has volunteered to organize tickets and venues for the opportunity quilt. We'd like to have the quilt completed no later than the July General Meeting.

And finally the last item for this month: I'm requesting that FNQG longarmers commit to at least one Quilt for Veterans quilt to quilt this year. I also challenged Silver Threads Quilt Guild to do the same. We currently have 25 quilt tops ready to longarm. I will have quilts at all guild meetings to be longarmed or bound.



## Boutique Bites:

### *Carol Stearns*

The Boutique will have two events this year. We will also be preparing for the 2027 Quilt Show. We will participate in the Guild's General Meeting scrap sale. Our big event is the Fall Flair at Destin Methodist Church in November 2026. Items that have sold well in the past include:

- Potholders
- Tote bags
- Zippered bags
- Small Christmas stockings
- Chicken pincushions (free pattern from Missouri Star Quilt Co on YouTube)
- Other types of pincushions
- Items with collegiate fabrics
- Table runners, especially patriotic
- Lapsize quilts
- Giftcard and ID holders
- Tissue holders
- Cross stitch bookmarks
- Microwave bowl cozies
- Fall themed items

Anything with patriotic fabrics should do very well this year in celebration of the Nation's 250th year.

When making an item, think about whether you would buy it yourself. Keep the fabrics fresh and current. This is a chance to demonstrate our skills as sewists and quiltmakers.

Last year at the Fall Flair we had quite a variety of different items and that is why we did so well.

As always, thank you for sewing and donating!

## 2027 BOM:

### *Anne Smith*

Our 2027 BOM will follow the same basic format as last year. A key difference is that a different person will present the block each month.

Instructions will be available at the sign-in table at the General Meetings, and will also be posted on the Guild website under More —> Quilt Guild Activities —> BOM.

As always, participation is voluntary. You may make a block each month, or pick and choose which months you like.

In January, we presented a Heart block. These are due back at the February meeting. Put your name in for the drawing; you will get one entry for each heart block submitted.



Be on the lookout at the free table for colors needed for our March BOM: green, white/cream/beige scraps (2.5" squares).

# 2026 Workshops

**Diane Roberson, 2VP**

**January:** We had a fantastic workshop in January sewing inset circles! Anne Johnson broke down the task with easy-to-follow instructions, and everyone created stunning blocks. Thank you, Anne, for an outstanding class.

**February:** All workshops will be held at the "Shaping Friendships" Retreat on February 26-28<sup>th</sup>. The agenda is packed with loads of great opportunities for learning and fun.

**March:** Come celebrate **National Quilting Day on Saturday, March 21**, from 9 am – 4 pm with two "Make-and-Take" projects.

The first hour will be taught by Debi Roederer, a "Quilted Postcard" class that is fast and easy. Bring a postcard, approximately 4"x6" (or we will provide one), a cute block or favorite fabric to fit your card, and Wonder Under (or other fusible web) to attach the fabric to the postcard.



The second project, taught by Deb Chilcote, is a beautiful "Gift Bag Tote." This pattern uses one fat quarter for the exterior and one for the interior but can be customized to whatever size you would like.

You can have two completed handmade items to take home on National Quilting Day. Details will be posted on the Guild's website.

Come, bring a dish to share potluck style, and let's enjoy sewing together.

**March:** Linda Hudson will be teaching a time saving technique in a class called "Easy Peasy Placemats" on **March 26**. You will use a fusible interfacing with a pre-printed 2.5-inch grid to create your placemats. This is a great project to use lots of 2.5-inch squares that we have all been saving. So dig through your basket of scraps for this fun project. You can make one or a set of placemats. Check out the details on our website.



**April:** Carol Stearns will teach the "Fuji Tote." The pattern can be purchased at Stitcher's Quest in Fort Walton Beach. This is a great bag that allows you to feature a special fabric you want to showcase.

## 2026 Programs:

### *Kaye Joachim, 1VP*

**March:** Judy Musteric from Stitcher's Quest will be talking about how to incorporate **panels** into your quilts using various techniques.



**April:** Mrs. Davis from the Niceville Senior Center will be demonstrating **chair yoga** to keep us fit for all our hours of quilting and sewing.

## UFO Challenge:

### *Robin Easter-Neubauer*

The first UFOs for 2026 are due at the February 12th General Meeting. Bring your #3 projects and show off your talents.

I then will draw for the next UFO number that will be due at the April 9th General Meeting.

Can't wait to see your projects.

Your UFO Coordinator,  
Robin Easter-Neubauer

## 2026 Row By Row:

### *Kaye Joachim*



Please be sure to bring the box you received in January with a finished row inside to the February General meeting. Give the box to Kaye and she will give you the next box. The February box is NOT due back until April because of the Retreat.

## Membership:

Anne Smith & Robin  
Easter-Neubauer

### January Attendance

We had **54** members and **3** guests at the January meeting. Guests were Karen Krieger, Sherry Partridge, and Alicia Franklin. All three guests have joined the Guild, along with several others. Welcome ladies!

### Welcome New Members!

- ❑ Holly Van Wieren, (719) 439-2108, [holly.vanwieren@gmail.com](mailto:holly.vanwieren@gmail.com)
- ❑ Michelle Stout, 850-496-2670, [txkoala@gmail.com](mailto:txkoala@gmail.com)
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- ❑ Sherry Partridge, 850-830-0940, [sherri.partridge@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.partridge@gmail.com)
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## Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp &  
Barbara Roberts

Thank you to everyone who brought delicious food for everyone to enjoy. Share recipes if you can. The signup sheets for Door Prizes and Hostess will be on the signup table.

Barbara Roberts and Mary Ann Sharp

## February Birthdays

Happy birthday quilters!!

Deb Chilcote
Lalani James
Susan Johnson
Tammy Kennedy
Marisol Kinsbury
Jeannie Krzan
Ginger Maddox
Janie Morris
Barbi Ouellette
Debi Roederer
Anita Stephens
Mary Anne Wiley

# Treasurer's Report : Donna Gross, Treasurer

Checkbook Balance: 1/1- 1/22 - \$55,744.83			
2026 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2026 INCOME	JAN INCOME	TOTAL INCOME
General Grants	\$0.00		\$0.00
Monthly Raffle	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$185.00	\$185.00
General Donations	\$0.00		\$0.00
Community Service	\$0.00		\$0.00
Community Service Grants	\$0.00		\$0.00
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,200.00		\$0.00
Membership (100 Members)	\$3,500.00	\$275.02	\$275.02
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2027)	\$0.00		\$0.00
General Fundraising	\$300.00		\$0.00
Quilts for Veterans	\$2,000.00		\$0.00
QFV grants	\$0.00		\$0.00
2026 QFV Quilt (Opportunity quilt Hiatus for 2026)	\$0.00		\$0.00
Workshop	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Quilters Walk	\$0.00		\$0.00
2027 Quilt Show	\$3,000.00		\$0.00
2026 Quilt Retreat	\$4,500.00	\$157.37	\$157.37
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$16,900.00</b>	<b>\$792.39</b>	<b>\$792.39</b>
2026 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2026 EXPENSE	JAN EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00	\$641.94	\$641.94
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
ADMIN - Fl Dept of Revenue/File fees	\$90.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
ADMIN - Operating/Misc/machine repair/storage	\$500.00		\$0.00
ADMIN - Miscellaneous member give back	\$1,000.00	\$62.64	\$62.64
ADMIN - Technology/GoDaddy/ZOOM/Joform	\$750.00		\$0.00
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$180.00		\$0.00
ADMIN - Bank/credit card fees <small>fees not included on totals, for information only</small>	\$150.00	\$12.61	\$12.61
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,570.00</b>	<b>\$3,174.58</b>	<b>\$3,174.58</b>
Community Service (500 rollover from 2025)	\$2,500.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
Community Service Grants	\$0.00		\$0.00
Door Prizes	\$150.00		\$0.00
Fundraising/Boutique	\$50.00		\$0.00
Quilters Walk	\$0.00		\$0.00
Historian	\$80.00		\$0.00
Hospitality	\$150.00	\$31.77	\$31.77
Membership	\$350.00	\$224.00	\$224.00
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2027)	\$500.00		\$0.00
Programs	\$500.00		\$0.00
Publicity (General)	\$250.00		\$0.00
Quilts for Veterans (1301 rollover from 2025)	\$3,301.00		\$0.00
QFV Grants	\$0.00		\$0.00
2028 QFV Opportunity Quilt	\$0.00		\$0.00
Sunshine/Shadows	\$150.00		\$0.00
Workshops	\$350.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
2027 Quilt Show	\$5,500.00		\$0.00
2026 Quilt Retreat	\$8,000.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$27,401.00</b>	<b>\$3,569.35</b>	<b>\$3,569.35</b>

## Board Meeting Minutes: Eileen Wittic, Secretary

**Date: January 1, 2026, Time: 10:01**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am

Quorum: YES,

Present: Lisa Lydston, President; Kaye Joachim, 1st VP (absent); Diane Roberson, 2nd VP; Eileen Wittic, Secretary Donna Gross, Treasurer

Others/Committee Chairs present: Facilities-Deborah Moen, Boutique-Carol Stearns, Membership-Robin Easter-Neubauer, Barbi Ouellette-QFV, 2027 Quilt Show-Peggy Murrell, 2026 Retreat-Deborah Moen, others-Gail Menard

Lisa welcomed the new board members.

Minutes from last meeting approved as written and emailed.

Treasurers report Donna Gross: The current checkbook balance is \$58522.62. Upcoming expense renewal for Insurance \$631.00 Hartford \$10 less than last year.

Guild: We have not received the \$1500 from CHELCO. The grant is for community services. CHELCO has indicated if we haven't received the check, they will cancel it and reissue new one (Post Office box was checked by Donna Gross before she came to meeting) Member Services: Barbi Ouellette is going to the Rotary club meeting on 28 Jan 2026. A donation of \$500 from Rotary Club was made for Quilts for Veterans. 85 members have renewed their membership. Quilts for Veterans expenses \$5709 vs expense \$6613: will be explained at general meeting.

Member Services: Peggy Murrell sent 112 emails for the newsletter. There are 116 members in the data base. Deborah Moen asked about the deceased members. Member cards for the new year are ready and will be distributed at the general meeting. Sign in sheets will be checked to see which honorary members haven't attend any meetings last year. The directory went to printer on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2025 [to be printed.](#)

C. Community Service: Debi Roederer is out for surgery.

D. Quilts for Veterans: Barbie Ouellette, Anne Smith and Neva Larson have made 100 blocks kits for the retreat. Basket of blocks need to be complete and turned back in. Workshop in May- Quilt top. At the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday in May QOV workshop, we will sew blocks into rows. Barbie will be doing an interview on 93.4 FM for networking. We were featured in "Get the Coast." Ten people have been confirmed for 10 January 2026 dedication ceremony. Next dates are February 14 and 14 March 2026. A presentation will also be made to Paul Singleton.

E. Boutique: Carol Stearns is taking a break. Only event currently planned is Fall Flair in November. We also need to start thinking about items for the Quilt Show.

Action items 2026 Retreat: Deborah Moen stated that she will be going to Home Suites on 20

January 2026 @ 900 AM. She will meet with the food service (for Thursday evening). Food will be at the reception. Anne has a reminder going out to all who have signed up. Did Jackie Blue donate a room?

B. Amend By Laws and SOPPs to include Technology Services: Committee will be formed by June per Peggy Murrell.

C. 2027 Quilt Show: Peggy Murrell provided research material (see Attached). Information was reviewed extensively. Option 3 appears to be the most efficient utilization of space for the event at Rigdon Center (aka FWB Fairgrounds). New renovations were discussed (see square on attachment). Additional items will be completed this summer. Subcommittee for food will be six months out from the event. Vendor spots will increase from 17 to 24. Donna will talk to Carolyn Ketchel about pricing. After Donna speaks with Carolyn, she will let Peggy know so contract will be signed. Send Lisa a copy of the contract.

Programs: New Flying needles Quilt Teacher Agreement form was reviewed. Lisa suggested that we add a date on the bottom and review the logo.

Workshops: Diane Roberson provided information on upcoming classes. The list for supplies needed is on our website.

Open Forum: Discussion was had as to when Friendship Quilts are given. Quilts are given for life threatening or sickness such as cancer treatments. There are however no criteria in bylaws. Also, we will take suggestions from the Guild on criteria for Friendship quilts.

Barbie does a great deal of longarm quilting of QOV, she will ask members with long arms to commit to one free quilt a year. We will know more in June or July.

Deborah Moen said a lid is cracked on the plastic container in store room. She suggested we get the new Black and Yellow totes. Lisa said we may need to rent storage space in the future. There are still issues with historical information and storing items. Lisa asked Deborah to bring a proposal by March (Further action needed). Peggy gave Donna insurance 1<sup>st</sup> form.

Further Action needed/tabled items:

T-shirts for members. Mentioned will be tabled for further discussion.

Lisa has asked Anne to get laptop for Treasurer

Added: Feasibility of storage facility-Deborah Moen

Adjourned at 11:11 am.

# General Meeting Minutes: Eileen Wittic, Secretary

Date: Jan 8, 2026, :10:03

- I. Call to order/prayer/pledge: The meeting was called to order at 10:03. Linda Weiss led the prayer and pledge.
- II. Approval of last meeting's minutes: Are there any changes?  
There were no changes, approved as written.
- III. Treasurer's Report - Donna Gross: Donna reported that the checkbook balance on the account is \$56,255.15. This amount includes monies for upcoming retreat which will lower the balance approximately \$6000 once all expenses are paid. There has not been any additional income since the last report other than Membership Dues of \$33.68. QFV is within their budget. Donations were generous in 2025 and have offset the cost to the guild. This program has another carryover.
- IV. Program - 30 minutes: Diane Roberson led the program today discussing errors and how to fix them.
- V. Show and Tell: only 3 items per person
- VI. Drawing #1
- VII. Back to Business
  - Block of the Month - Anne Smith/Lisa Lydston: February BOM is a heart block. No sign up needed. Winner of a drawing will receive blocks. Keeping this as simple as possible.
  - Ultimate Beginner Quilt BOM- Lisa Lydston: Sign up needed for email of all the details. Goal is to complete a quilt by December and to have all the quilts on display at the 2027 Quilt Show.
  - Community Services - Debi Roederer and Laura Peacock: Putting kits together will begin at this month's workshop. Debi Roederer is out for medical reasons temporarily.
  - December Block - Deb Chilcote: Little houses and trees. Instructions for this block are on our website.
  - Facilities - Deborah Moen: no report
  - Strip Club - Grace Grimsley: Winner of this month's strips was Kathy Percis. Red was chosen for the color next month.
  - Facebook - Konnie Glaze: no changes
  - Food Pantry - Angel Schauer: Angel thanked everyone for the donations
  - Boutique - Carol Stearns: Free patterns are frequently posted on our Facebook page. Carol shared items that successfully sold last year: Children's book, totes, bowl cozies, pin cushions and mini stockings. Carol will note these on Facebook as well.
  - Historian/photography - Deb Chilcote: no discussion
  - Hospitality - Mary Ann Sharp/Barbara Roberts: Mary Ann thanked everyone for their donations. Barbara shared one of our members is missing a pot holder from our December luncheon. Please return if found.
  - Membership - Anne Smith and Robin Easter-Neubauer: 56 members in attendance, 3 new members: Alisha Franklin, Michelle Stout, Holly Van Wiedren.

Birthdays: celebrated

Perfect 2025 Attendance Honorees: Deb Chilcote, Kathy Crews, Robin Easter-Neubauer, Konnie Glaze, Linda Hudson, Donna Gross, Lori Paice, Cheri Perry.

- Newsletter - Peggy Murrell: deadline is the 25th
- 2027 Quilt Show - Peggy Murrell: Lisa Lydston spoke on Peggy's behalf and provided the following: Dates of the 2027 Quilt Show are Feb 19 and 20. The venue will be announced once the contract is signed. Carol Stearns is on the publicity committee and 1 more volunteer is needed. Contact Peggy Murrell, Donna Gross, or Debi Roederer if interested. Start planning your quilts for this show.
- Opportunity Quilt - Mary Ann Sharp is donating kits. The president asked for 2 volunteers by the February General Meeting to chair this program.
- Publicity - Donna Gross: no report
- Row By Row - Kaye Joachim: boxes are being distributed today.
- 2026 Retreat- Debi Roederer/Deborah Moen: The Secret Quilter names will be distributed by Jan 15. The price range for gifts is around \$30, not \$50. There seems to be a glitch on the website that Deborah Moen will look into. The kickoff evening attire is casual.
- Quilts for Veterans - Barbi Ouellette: There will be a ceremony on Jan 10 at the Air Armament Museum. Be there by 12:30 if you want to help. The March event will be the 14th. Barbi is preparing baskets of blocks to take and complete a quilt. She is asking all longarmers to commit to quilting 1 QOV quilt for free 1 time in 2026.
- Sunshine and Shadows - Ruthie Reynoso: 3 cards were sent last month.
- UFO - Robin Easter-Neubauer: First project is due next month to be shown at the Show and Tell.
- Website - Tracy Lindsay has volunteered to take over the website duties.
- Workshops - Diane Roberson: Workshop signups are at the back table. No workshop in February because of the retreat. March: Easy Peary Place Mat. There is also a Saturday workshop on March 21 to commemorate National Quilt Day. We will be making a fabric postcard and a tote. This workshop will be from 9:00 to 4:00. April Workshop is the Fiji Tote; purchase the pattern from Stitcher's Quest. The Underground Railroad Quilt the guild sewed last year will be at the FWB Library in February. A quilt is needed for the March display.

VIII. Final Drawing

IX. Close and adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:50.



## January 2026 Pictures

Our program was all about learning from our quilting mistakes. Diane Roberson led the discussion that involved everyone at the meeting, and several people talked about their mistakes, what they learned from them, and how they resolved their issues.



Anne Johnson made the quilt top at left which emphasizes the circle block that she would teach in the upcoming January workshop, a cork purse, and her quilt made from the 2025 December Blocks.

Barbi Ouellette made this table runner at a retreat.

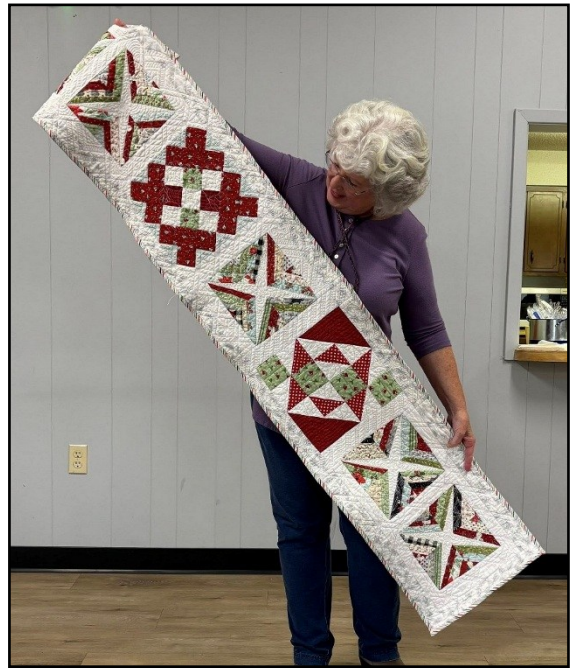


Rosemary Stark made these quilts from layer cakes, and donated them to Community Service.

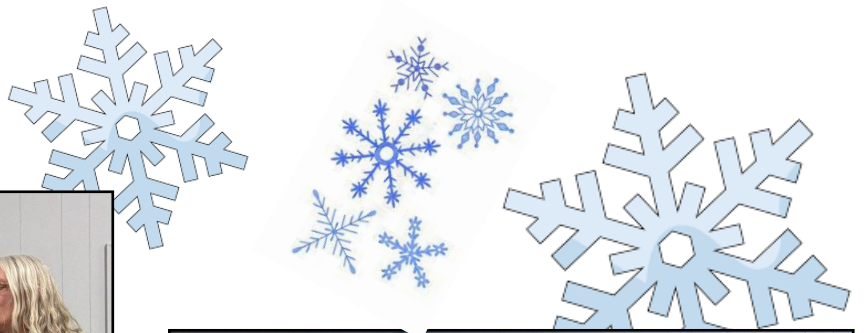




Barbi also made this quilt with Kimberbell embroidery designs.



Lisa Lydston made this long Christmas table runner



Joan Martin made this quilt top that will be donated to the NWFL Comfort Quilts



Konnie Glaze was our In-House Opportunity winner this month! She won this quilt made by Sonya Hart.