

Needle Notes

April
2024

April Program

Anne Johnson, 1st VP

**Modern or Traditional:
What kind of Quilter are you?**

In **April**, Diane Roberson and her friend and master quilter, Laraine Acosta, will provide an introduction to what is considered **Modern Quilting** today. They will talk about how bold use of colors, improv piecing, minimalism, maximalism and many other quilting attributes define modern quilting. Think you could never be a modern quilter? You may find out that you really are using traditional quilting concepts reimagined using modern elements. Diane and Laraine will also have a trunk show of examples to illustrate the concepts.

Get ready to put a little modern in your quilting life! It will be fun and inspirational!

Our free table is back this month. And as always, there will be good food, fun door prizes, and a great Show n Tell.

Thanks to all the sellers and buyers who made **March's** sale a success. There was a good selection of items and many motivated buyers. I know I came home with a lighter wallet and I watched many others buying as well. Please let me know what you thought and if you would like to do something like this again next year.

April Reminders

- Door Prizes: Tracy Lindsay, Sandra Congleton, Donna Gross
- Hostesses: <no signups>
- Strip color: purple

April Workshop

Konnie Glaze, 2nd VP

April 25: Modern Round Robin Block Challenge

Led by Diane Roberson

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration.

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

The April 11th program and the April 25th workshop will focus on Modern Quilting. You will use the concepts presented in the program to choose one block to make during the workshop.

Goal: Create a 12.5 inch modern quilt block from fabric someone else has brought. You choose a modern block pattern or design your own, and then make that block from fabrics belonging to five different quilters in a round-robin fashion.

After the April program, you will be well prepared for the workshop, and you don't want to miss this opportunity to learn from our own resident master modern quilter.

See page 2 for lots more details.



April Calendar

- April 4: Board Meeting
- April 4: Sit 'n' Sew
- April 11: General Meeting
- April 18: Community Service Workshop
- April 18: Newsletter content due
- April 25: Modern Workshop

April 25 Workshop – FMOG Modern Round Robin

Here are a few modern blocks from patterns in *Tula Pink's 100 Modern Quilt Blocks* that can be constructed during the Round Robin Workshop. Some common elements are:

- ◆ Bold use of color
- ◆ High contrast and graphic areas of color
- ◆ Improvisational piecing
- ◆ Minimalism (lots of negative space)
- ◆ Maximalism (very little if any negative space)
- ◆ Alternate grid (asymmetrical)
- ◆ Modern traditionalism (reimagined traditional block)



To prepare for the workshop:

1. Pick out your fabrics using the elements above as a guide. Fat quarters are a good size. Add a fabric for a background color. Five or six fat quarters should be enough for 5 blocks. If you pick fabrics you love, you will be happy with the finished blocks, regardless of whether they are considered “modern or traditional” – florals, plaids, graph paper. Just pick what you love.
2. You will also need a fat quarter of your signature fabric. This is what you will add to every block you make at the workshop. In Diane’s samples shown at guild meetings, she used a black and white fabric with kanji writing. You can use a color, a fabric with writing, a small print of an item like a dog, a lemon etc. It’s up to you.
3. Decide on a 12.5” (unfinished) modern quilt block using the elements above. It can be any traditional block using modern fabrics, or change 1 or more features to modify a traditional block. Most blocks use a light, dark and medium, but you can use as few as 2 fabrics. It can be pieced, appliquéd, paper pieced, or any combination. Practice cutting out and making the block, using scrap fabric at home, in 30 minutes total. Don’t forget to add a piece of a signature fabric in the practice blocks. It is vital that you can select fabrics, cut, and sew the block in 30 minutes. This is the block pattern you will make the day of the workshop, only using someone else’s fabric.
4. Come to the workshop with your fabrics in a tub/basket/etc. You will hold onto your signature fabric, but pass your tub of fabric around for others to make their block pattern with. At the workshop, you will make your block 5 times, one for each of 5 different participants. You will rotate every 35 minutes until you have made 5 blocks.
5. Bring everything you need to sew your 12.5” block, including a good quality thread in a neutral color.

Once at the workshop:

1. You will be sewing in a group and pass your container of fabric to the person on your right.
2. You will have 30 minutes to cut out and construct a block with that person’s fabric, remember to add your signature fabric.
3. At the end of 30 minutes, place your block into the container with the fabric it was made from and pass to the next person on your right.
4. Another 30 minutes will be given to create the same block you just made with someone else’s fabrics, and so on.

Once you get home, you can complete your own project by adding more blocks if you wish.

Relax and enjoy, this is going to be fun.

2024 Workshops. Konnie Glaze, 2nd VP

Workshops are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except February, November, and December. We meet from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and bring our own lunch and drinks. **The workshop fee is \$5.00, paid at the time of registration.** Some months may have pattern and kit fees, which are also paid at registration. Sign-up sheets and supply lists can be found at the general membership meetings, and the supply lists are also on the website. Join us this year for some fun workshops and try your hand at something new!

Contact Konnie Glaze with questions or to sign up for a workshop.

May 23 - Abstract Landscape,

Led by Anne Johnson

\$5.00 Workshop fee

The church will be open at 8:00 am.

In this class we will learn about sewing on a curve and letting our creativity flow. You can be inspired by a seascape, landscape, sunset, or sunrise or just color combinations. We will be combining scraps to come up with the final piece of art. So, let yourself go and release that artist within! You do not have to be an artist...but who knows, after this time together you might be. In my book, abstract art can be anything you want it to be. We will be creating as we go. Remember the entire point of this workshop is to learn new techniques and have fun. Consider making a wall hanging or some placemats.



June 27 -Mystery Quilt Workshop – Wall Hanging Size

Led by Deb Chilcote

\$5.00 Workshop fee

The church will be open at 8:00 am.

For this workshop, you will select fabrics from your stash in 4 values, white (or off white), lights, mediums, and darks. This can be scrappy if you desire. All cutting will be done before the workshop, and you will enjoy the day making a mystery project one step at a time.

July 25 – Sew Together Bag

Led by Ruthie Reynoso

\$5.00 Workshop fee, \$12.00 pattern fee due at registration

The church will be open at 8:00 am.

Take the challenge and make one of these useful sewing bags. It's perfect to carry your sewing notions for workshops, retreats, and sit and sew.

Be sure to complete the pre-workshop cutting and fusing before arriving for the workshop.



Getting to Know... by Deb Chilcote, Historian



Pat Ferrell — Pat is one of our Honorary Members, and has been an integral part of the guild since she joined in the early 1990s. Not only has she taught workshops, she has made her mark in being involved in our retreats; for 2 years she was in charge of the whole thing, and other times she would make elaborate centerpieces, tote/goodie bags, or teach classes. She has been on the board as Corresponding Secretary and 2nd Vice President, and held positions as Hospitality Chairman, in charge of December Blocks, and was head of Community Service for several years. Pat designed a couple Opportunity Quilts, and showed support through the Quilt of Valor program and fundraising efforts at our booth during Oktoberfest.



Debbie Daigle – Debbie started quilting about 15 years ago, making baby quilts for her granddaughters. She joined our guild in 2021 once we started having meetings post-pandemic. She had been in charge of the door prize tickets for the last two years, and enjoyed meeting the members that way. Her favorite part of the quilting process is the planning and piecing. Then she's ready to move on to the next one! She has too many projects waiting to get started! She really likes giving her quilts away. She was part of a group of 6 quilters who made twin size quilts for nuns in a cloistered monastery last year, managing to finish 5 herself. Debbie also likes to knit, crochet, and travel. She's been married for 53 years. She lived near Panama City before moving to Crestview in 2020. She happily retired in 2017 after 30 years with the IRS, and as a licensed attorney in Georgia. She has two married sons, and 7 grandchildren.



Tracy Lindsay – Tracy started quilting in her early 20s after getting married and moving to Chicago. She learned by taking classes there. She joined our guild many years ago when we were meeting at another church, but then she started teaching full-time and had to stop being a part of the guild. She has been a Special Needs teacher for 20 years, and recently acquired her license to work with students on the Autism Spectrum. Tracy returned to the guild when she went to part-time. When the guild was looking for someone to help run the boutique this year, she gladly stepped up, as she has had experience in running events, including on the PTO Board at her children's schools, and as a leader in Scouting. She loves the whole process of making quilts, loves learning new skills, and even learned how to quilt on a long arm. She has a Bachelor's Degree in art, and has many art-related hobbies, including drawing, painting, stained glass, photography, crocheting, and building with wood. She also loves reading. Originally from Toledo, Ohio she loves to travel (Europe, Singapore, and Canada so far), and wants to do more. The goal with Michael, her high school sweetheart and husband of 25 years, is to visit all the U.S. National Parks. They have lived all over the country, moving for school and jobs. They have two children, who are both in Florida colleges.

May Social

Get ready for our May Social!. Our May meeting is the first of our semi-annual Socials when we eat and socialize through the meeting. There will be Show n Tell but there will not be a Free Table to make room for all the good eats.

For members with last names the first half of the alphabet, start thinking about your favorite recipes to share, and be sure to send a copy of the recipe to Peggy Murrell for inclusion in the June newsletter.

Row by Row:

Kaye Joachim



The row you took home at the March meeting is due back at the April general meeting. Give your box to Kaye before the meeting starts and she will give you your next row.

In-House Raffle:

Peggy Murrell

Congratulations to Robin Easter-Neubauer who took home the Crazy Daisy quilt made by Lisa Lydston. We raise \$85 for the guild.

In April, you have the opportunity to take home this lovely yellow and blue Vintage Stars quilt made by Linda Weiss. The stars are appliquéd to a white background and framed with blue sashing, then bordered in yellow and blue. It measures 49" x 60".



Tickets are available for purchase for just \$5 each, and each ticket gives you one opportunity to go home with this quilt. See me near the workshops table to purchase your tickets.

Community Service:

Jeanie Donnelly

Our March workshop was a huge production line! We have many quilts, stocking kits and pillowcase kits ready to make! We could use some help making some bags, so please consider this.

Sandra, you have outdone yourself on pillow cases, they are beautiful.

As always we need large cuts of backing. If you have any 2 or 3 yard cuts we could really it.

Please remember the birthday card party for Betty Davey! Her special say is April 10th, her address is in our directory.

Thanks, Rosemary, Janie and Jeanie

Community Outreach

On March 6, Mid-Bay Rotary President Wade Mason presented a \$500 check to Flying Needles to support our community service efforts of making stockings, quilts, pillowcases, aprons, receiving blankets and bags for children in need.

Guild members Anne Johnson, Sherri Hayes and Valerie Holmes represented the guild and received the check.



Food Pantry: Gail Menard

Here's the list for the Food Pantry. I haven't heard when the next Food Distribution will be so we will continue to use the regular list. As usual, let me know what and how many of the items you plan to bring and put them in the grocery cart at the February meeting. The folks running the food pantry like to know what's coming. Monetary donations are always appreciated, just give them to me at the meeting.

Thank you.

Item	Qty Needed
Canned Chicken	24
Canned Tuna	52
Cookies	28
Green Beans	52
Canned Tomatoes	28
Corn	52
Peas	52
Applesauce	24
Vegetable Soup	48
Chicken Noodle Soup	48
Pasta Sauce	24
Pasta Spaghetti	24
Shelved Milk	24
Cheerios	24
Rice Krispies	24
Boxed Instant Oatmeal	24
Mac 'n Cheese	24
Bread Loaf	28
Jelly, Jam, or Preserves	28
Peanut Butter	24
Instant Mashed Potatoes	24
Boxed Margarine	14

Hospitality: Mary Ann Sharp

Thank you, ladies, for all your contributions each month. We all appreciate them.

April Birthdays

Barnes, Liz	4/2
Roberson, Diane	4/3
Gibson, Zandra "Zee"	4/5
Walker, Pat	4/5
Getting, Julie	4/7
Davey, Betty	4/10
Crews, Kathy	4/18
Barron, Mary	4/26
Kastl, Kerry	4/29

Flying Needles Website:

Kaye Joachim

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

If you cannot get into the member's only page, please see Kaye Joachim.

Membership: Lisa Lydston

Members in attendance: 67

Guests: Shelly Wilka; Liza Guilles; Ann Ritther. Big thank you to the ladies who brought them to us!

New Members:

Susan Johnson

131 Argyle Church Rd. DeFuniak Springs FL 32433
850 635 1587.

Email: ragdolltherapy@yahoo.com

DOB: Feb 20

Susan is married to Scott. Her favorite colors are blue, aqua, pink, and purple. She is also a member of the Chautauqua Quilters Guild in DeFuniak Springs. She is willing to teach a class on paper piecing and rulers. (We will hold her to that offer for sure!) Susan is interested in learning easy techniques for stars, art quilts, small patterns for miniature quilts, and curves.

Susan is a US Army veteran and we are so grateful for her service!

Sonya Hart

727-B Valparaiso Parkway Valparaiso FL 32580
850 865 4410.

Email: sonya@sweetsonya.com

DOB: Dec 4

Sonya is married to Joe and together they own Valparaiso Farm, a horse riding facility. She is a certified paralegal. Sonya's interests are sewing, quilting, embroidery, and paper crafting. She has been quilting for 5 years.

Welcome to our guild Sonya and Susan! We are delighted to have you with us.

Treasurer's Report, as of March 1, 2024: Sherri Hayes

FNQG Monthly Treasurer Report

Balance as of 1 March 2024: \$34,127.07

2024 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	BUDGETED INCOME	FEB INCOME	TOTAL INCOME YTD	% of Income Rcvd
In-Kind and Grants	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
In House Monthly Raffle	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$325.00	0%
General Donations	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	0%
Ugly Block Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Community Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$140.00	\$284.00	24%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Membership	\$3,500.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	4%
Opportunity Quilt	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Quilts for Veterans & 2025 Opportunity Quilt	\$1,000.00	\$145.00	\$200.00	20%
Workshop	\$ -	\$40.00	\$40.00	0%
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$20,552.90	\$20,552.90	411%
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,465.00	\$21,137.90	\$21,556.90	

2024 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	BUDGETED EXPENSES	FEB EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD	% of Budget Spent
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$636.18	98%
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	100%
ADMIN - Fl Dept of Revenue	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	35%
ADMIN - General/Misc	\$175.00	\$286.25	\$418.89	239%
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$176.00	104%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$3,945.00	\$286.25	\$3,701.07	94%
Community Service	\$900.00	\$546.28	\$546.28	61%
Door Prizes	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Historian	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Hospitality	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Membership	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$298.00	66%
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Opportunity Quilt	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Programs	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Publicity (General)	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Quilts For Veterans & 2025 Opportunity Quilt	\$2,000.00	\$105.00	\$271.25	14%
Sunshine/Shadows	\$150.00	\$125.78	\$125.78	84%
Workshops	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$17,148.66	\$17,148.66	343%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$14,465.00	\$18,211.97	\$22,091.04	

Treasurer's Report, as of March 9, 2024: Sherri Hayes

2024 QUILT RETREAT	EXPENSES	2024 QUILT RETREAT	INCOME
Instructors	\$5,426.28	Registration	\$18,822.90
Timpoochee	\$7,670.00	Quilters Walk	\$1,505.00
Swag Bags	\$366.22	Vender Fees	\$225.00
Advertising	\$66.50	TOTAL INCOME	\$20,552.90
Challenge Blocks	\$82.08		
Registration Supplies	\$240.55	Retreat Income	\$20,552.90
Charms/Name Tags	\$54.03	Retreat Expenses	\$17,148.66
Quilters Walk	\$375.15	Retreat Net Profit	\$3,404.24
Registration/T-Shirt Refunds	\$2,195.85		
TOTAL RETREAT EXPENSES	\$17,148.66		

Board Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2024: Theresa Atkinson

***Attendees:** Anne Johnson, Konnie Glaze, Sherri Hayes, Theresa Atkinson, Diane Roberson, Jeanie Donnelly, Linda Weiss, Deborah Moen, Kaye Joachim, Tracy Lindsay, Marisol Kingsbury, Lisa Lydston, and Barbi Ouellette

Called to order: 9:00 AM by Anne Johnson, First Vice President.

***Agenda:**

FNQG Board Meeting Minutes February 2024: Konnie Glaze made a motion to approve the February 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, Sherri Hayes seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.

***Treasurer Report:** Sherri reported a balance of \$34,127.07 after the retreat was finalized; noting an approximate profit of \$3400. The guild was awarded another \$500 from the Mid-Bay Rotary Club. Sherri will write a thank you note. Mid-Bay Rotary Club will make sure the guild has an application again next quarter. An application has been given to CHELCO for a grant, and they begin processing in April when their new year begins.

***Follow up on sound system:** The purchased sound system has been returned and credit received as it did not work. Anne is researching different systems and wants Kerry Kastl's input. The better sound systems will run \$600-\$700.

***Discussion on the Guild making a monthly donation to the church for the food pantry:** A discussion was held with the board members present along with attending guild members. The consensus was that we do not want the guild to make a monthly donation to the church food pantry, and it should be left up to the individual guild members to give if desired. We can beef up the newsletter, website, and presentation at the general meetings to share information monthly. Konnie made a motion to leave the New Hope Food Pantry donations as is. Sherri seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

***Update on Quilt Show Status:** Linda Weiss reported having spoken to both the Emerald Coast Convention Center and Brian at the Fair Grounds. They are not able to book a contract right now as new fees are unknown, and renovations are planned at some point. The ECCC will not take over the FG until October 2024. Discussion was held on other possible venues, and Linda plans to get a Quilt Show Committee together and look at the alternate venues.

***Recap of the Retreat:** Kaye gave a report on the finances of the Retreat and that there was a \$3404.24 profit. The 2026 Retreat committee was announced: Konnie Glaze, Sherri Hayes, Deborah Moen, and Debi Roederer. The new committee is considering moving the retreat a week or two earlier in the year.

***Online Registrations and Membership:** Anne has been working on an online membership form which will allow excess paperwork to be eliminated and consolidate information which can be used to improve an incoming member's transition into areas in which they are interested in serving. Furthermore, payments can be made online by credit card. Members would still be able to pay by check if desired. After this test, the hope is to have both the Quilt Show and the Retreat registrations online.

***Facilities:** Deborah and Jeanie requested 2 shelves and bungee cords to brace the bins and protect the windows in the storage room. Sherri made a motion for Deborah and Jeanie to purchase 2 shelves and bungee cords and Konnie seconded the motion, all in favor. Deborah will develop a storage room space plan. Primarily so items don't get misplaced and are easy to locate.

***Community Service:** Jeanie complemented the layout of the last general meeting. It was quieter, smoother, and more focused on the meeting topics. Diane announced a quilt from Kaye Joachim will be on display at the FWB library and a quilt from Ginger Maddox will be displayed in April. She is looking for a summer quilt.

***Boutique Events:** Marisol Kingsbury made a transition of the boutique storage with Tracy Lindsay, and gave Tracy her key.

***QoV:** Barbi Ouellette stated there is \$318.00 in ticket sales for the QOV opportunity quilt. She noted all guild members can sell tickets. Military Family Appreciation Day presented by Forever Warriors, event starts on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Fort Walton Beach Landing Park.

She currently has 32 quilts to be quilted.

Theresa Atkinson made a motion to adjourn, and Sherri Hayes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Secretary,

Theresa Atkinson

FNQG General Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2023: Theresa Atkinson

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 AM by Kerry Kastl.

Prayer was led by Linda Weiss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda:

Kerry stated the minutes of the last General meeting were published in the Needle Notes and are available on our website. Kerry asked if there were any corrections to the February General Meeting Minutes. There were no corrections, and the minutes are approved as distributed.

Kerry discussed the new sound system that was mentioned at the last meeting. The last system we purchased didn't work properly and was returned. Anne Johnson is looking for a new system however it may be a bit more expensive. More to follow.

She said we were going to move on with the meeting so we can start the garage sale in a timely manner. Kerry said there wasn't any new business.

1st Vice President: Anne Johnson noted that May is the luncheon social and reminded members A-K to bring a dish for the pot-luck luncheon. There will be no free table in May.

2nd Vice President: Konnie Glaze reminded everyone of Kaye Joachim's March class, "Flying Geese" and provided samples for viewing. April is "Modern Quilting" by Diane Roberson and provided description/instructions for the class. May is "Abstract Landscape" by Anne Johnson.

Konnie made a special recognition to Deborah Moen for all her assistance with the retreat and presented her with a plant. She presented Kaye with a plant and cup for her work as Retreat Chairman.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Report/Community Service: Sherri Hayes reported our balance as of March 1, 2024, is \$34,127.07. She noted a slight change to the report; added a column to show actual monthly expenses and income next to the year-to-date column, coordinators can easily compare to make sure we are tracking the same income and expenditures. The retreat made \$3,404.24.

Retreat Committee Report: Kaye Joachim noted that we had a Fabulous Retreat. She thanked all the committee members and helpers. Konnie Glaze presented Kaye with a plant a quilters thermos as a BIG thank you for running a fantastic retreat.

Membership: Lisa Lydston provided the March membership attendance. Members in attendance: 67

Guests:

Shelly Wilka, Liza Guilles, Ann Ritther.

Big thank you to the ladies who brought them to us!

New Members:

Susan Johnson

Her favorite colors are blue, aqua, pink, and purple. She is also a member of the Chautauqua Quilters Guild in DeFuniak Springs. She is willing to teach a class on paper piecing and rulers.

Susan is a US Army veteran, and we are so grateful for her service!

Sonya Hart

Sonya's interests are sewing, quilting, embroidery, and paper crafting. She has been quilting for 5 years. Sonya is a certified paralegal.

Welcome to our guild Sonya and Susan! We are delighted to have you with us.

Community Service: Jeanie Donnelly said there were stocking kits available for pick-up/completion.

Hospitality: Mary Ann Sharp thanked members for the wonderful dishes brought today and the door prizes. She will not be at the next meeting and Linda VanHoesen and Mary Weathersby will be filling in for her.

Food Pantry: Gail Menard announced New Hope Baptist Church will have a food distribution next weekend. Thank you all for your donations.

Newsletter: Peggy Murrell announced the deadline for submitting information for the next issue is March 21, 2024.

Quilts for Veterans Opportunity Quilt: Ginger Maddox is substituting for Barbi Ouellette. Ginger said the QOV membership fee is \$10.00 under the group plan.

Strip Club: Grace Grimsley provided the drawing for the green strips. Konnie Glaze won the drawing and chose the color Purple for April.

BOM: Linda Hudson announced Mystery Block Quilt (scrappy mystery quilt), there will be two patterns every month for six months. It is \$5.00 to sign up.

UFO: Robin Easter-Neubauer reminded all participating in the UFO's, 2nd quarter projects due at the June 13th general meeting. She reminded members they can join at any time. Forms are on the website and there is a \$5.00 fee for joining. Funds will be distributed in a December drawing.

Birthdays: Members with birthdays in March were recognized. The winner of the birthday drawing was Danna Rodriguez.

In-House Raffle: Peggy Murrell coordinated the drawing for the quilt made by Lisa Lydston. Robin Easter-Neubauer won the quilt. (Raised \$85.00). Linda Weiss donated a quilt for the April drawing.

Show and Tell: Items completed from the retreat as well as many other beautiful handmade items were shown by members.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were awarded.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Secretary,

Theresa Atkinson

Flying Needles Quilt Guild of Niceville, Florida
presents

Flying Needles

Feb. 23, 24 & 25, 2024
Flock to the Bay

Timpochee Youth Camp
4750 Timpochee Lane • Niceville, Florida 32578

HOURS: Friday & Saturday 9 am - 5 pm + Sunday 9 am - 4 pm
Registration: \$25 per Person per day* + Registration Deadline: January 15, 2024
*Pre-Registration is required for all Attendees plus cost of classes and/or kits.

FEATURES:
GAIL RENNA with her quilt - "Fiesta"
Private Facility + Bay View + Challenge Block + Breakfast & Lunch Available Onsite
Snacks Available + Vendor + Quilter's Walk + Shirts Available to Order + 9 Classes
Quilt of Water Block Party + Sit N Sew + Night time Activities + Cabins Available

Flying Needles "Flock to the Bay" Retreat Classes

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
House Parade Instructor: Deb Chelode Learn 3 ways to make a wall hanging, wrapped around a canvas, on a wall, and as a table topper with added canvas. Size: 18.5" x 38.5"	Fiesta by Deb Tucker Studio 108 Instructor: Gail Renna Topsy-turvy construction to make this unique star quilt. 3 Sizes	Bargello in the Round Table Topper Instructor: Anne Johnson Quick and easy! Size: 28" Diameter
Stella Star Quilt Instructor: Marilyn Duziolova Leave the silver quilt method, no paper, no glue. Size: 36" x 36"	Reconstructed Sweatshirt Instructor: Tracy Walker Choose your favorite fabric colors to make a beautiful table runner.	All My Eyes Instructor: April Jacks Learn the technique method to make Half-Square Triangles. Size: 32" x 32"
Novak Handbag Instructor: Claudia Welfs Patterns from Julie Tomlin. Size: 8 3/4" wide, 8 3/4" high, and 7" deep.	Let's Zentangle Instructor: Christie Matheson Leave the relaxing art of free form drawing.	All Year Round Instructor: Jackie Drexel Learn some wall applique stitches while creating this beautiful table runner.

For Additional Information or Registration Forms, please go to flyingneedlesquiltguild.org
P.O. Box 1652 • Niceville, Florida 32588 • www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org

Our 2024 ReTreat at Camp Timpochee was a success!
(More detailed information was in last month's newsletter, but here are more pictures. There are 140 more pictures in our Flying Needles Facebook page, under album labeled "Quilt ReTreat 2024.")



ReTreat Chairman
Kaye Joachim

Setting up the day before everyone arrived are:

Konnie Glaze & Ruthie Reynoso in front

Kerry Kastl, Pat Ferrell, Anne Johnson, Sherri Hayes & Deborah Moen in back

Classes were held in two buildings (in red circles on the map to the right) →



Several students overnighted in the nearby cabins and cottages at the camp.



One of the many centerpieces made by **Pat Ferrell** and her committee that were door prizes

Gift baskets all worth over \$100 each



The Dining Hall, looking back to the area where two classes were held..... and looking from the back corner of the same room.

Our Master of Ceremonies for Games, **Cherie Matheson**, who did a great job controlling a sometimes rowdy crowd of quilters!



Upstairs from the Dining Hall was a space for two classes.



Sit 'n' Sew, and our retreat vendor, The Sewing & Training Center of Ft. Walton Beach, all in the Auditorium, along with the Registration table, Challenge Block display, Quilt of Valor blocks, and Quilters' Walk.

Door prizes were handled by **Kaye Joachim** and **Deborah Moen**. Each day, names of all participants for that day were put in a basket, and 10 names were pulled to receive door prizes, for a total of 30 door prizes for the weekend, plus the centerpieces on the last day.



Show 'n' Tell -- March 2024



A mix of finished UFO's, Retreat class projects, and others!

Pictures courtesy of Deb Chilcote



Anne Johnson's Bargello table topper class was a hit! Anne finished her sample that was assembled in class, **Ginger Maddox** made hers like a color wheel, **Konnie Glaze** used Christmas-themed fabrics, and **Sherry Kruschke** used hers as a medallion in a quilt top with Flying Geese!

Barbara Roberts and **Lisa Lydston** finished their Stella Star quilts from the retreat class.



Anne Johnson finished her "Swirly Twirly Hearts" table runner (UFO). ←

Martha Rose was asked by a friend to make a table runner for her.



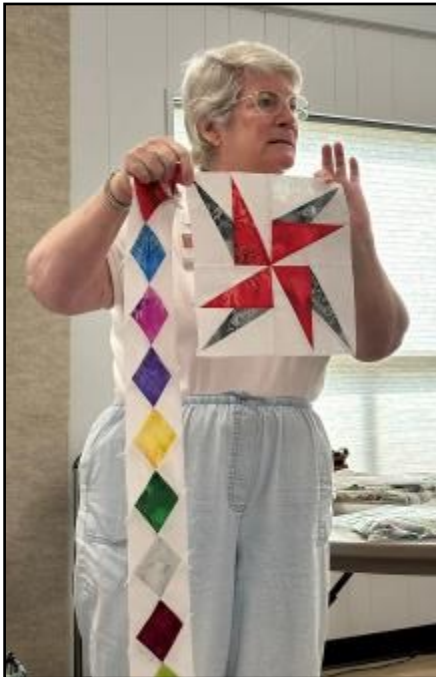
Pat Ferrell's Zentangle hat, from **Cherie Matheson's** retreat class



From **Deb Chilcote's** class "House Parade" -- Deb finished her sample as a table topper, and **Karen Garland** finished hers as a wallhanging.



Kaye Joachim combined her Zentangle and embroidery skills into her Novak bag from the retreat.



Ginger Maddox finished a block from her Fiesta class, along with lots of borders for the quilt.



Robin Easter-Neubauer modeled her "reconstructed sweatshirt" from the class by Tracey Walker.



Gail Menard showed her Judy Niemeyer quilt called "Pepperdish"



Karen Garland finished her Mile-a-Minute quilt.





A pieced quilt that proves that **Donna Gross** CAN make block quilts and not just art quilts!



Two more by **Karen Garland** -- a Christmas table runner, and a tote bag with zipper made from fabric taken from the Free Table.



Middle row of quilts made by **Lisa Lydston**, newcomer **Donna Williams**, and **Linda Weiss**



Bottom quilts belong to **Jeanie Donnelly** ("Tree, Turkey, and Me" applique), **Kerry Kastl** (Mermaid "Storm at Sea"), and **Kaye Joachim** who made a charity quilt from some purple strips she won.



Patty Roof's two Snuggle quilts she made with her church group.



A quilt Patty assembled called "One Year of Blocks", with label.



An Easter quilt

Konnie Glaze's finished UFO called "Sunday Stars" →



Michelle Jackson made this "Christmas Pinwheels & Poinsettias" table runner



Diane Roberson showed her Quilt-Improv quilt (UFO)

Linda Hudson's 2023 Row by Row →



Sherri Hayes finished her 10 placemats (UFO)





Peggy Murrell's 2019 December Blocks quilt and Lotus Flower were UFO finishes, plus embroidered flowers that now have binding, and a whole cloth quilted piece.



Not only did **Robin Easter-Neubauer** make these miniature quilts in two different size blocks, she won the In-House Opportunity Quilt made by **Lisa Lydston**! It garnered \$85 for the guild.



The program for March 2024 was a "Garage Sale." About 12 tables were assembled for members to sell quilting-related items after the general meeting.



In appreciation for all that the Retreat Chairman Kaye Joachim has done, she was presented an Orchid and a mug. Deborah Moen also deserved recognition for all that she did to help wherever needed, not only the Quilters' Walk, but Door Prizes, setting up, and volunteering to help those needing to get their sewing machines where they needed to go! She received a Calla Lily.

Pictured are **Kaye, Konnie Glaze, and Deborah.**

