

Needle Notes

March 2024

March Program

Anne Johnson, 1st VP

Quilters' Garage Sale

Thanks everyone for participating in the "What's in Your Quilt Studio?" February program. We learned so much about how our fellow members quilt. If the program provided plenty of inspiration to clean out your room, the March program is just for you.

During our March meeting, we will host a quilters' garage sale. Members can set up a table on which to display and sell their wares. We really have no requirements on types of items, but they should be of interest to our members. Items for sale could include notions, fabrics, machines, threads, cutters, scissors, etc. You will need to provide your own table and price your items.

This sale should help those of you who have been cleaning and organizing their sewing rooms for the new year! We look forward to seeing you in March!

Our business meeting will be shorter than normal to accommodate lots of buying and selling, and there will be no free table. Please let Anne know if you plan to set up a sales table.

March Workshop

Konnie Glaze, 2nd VP

March 28, 2024 - GEESE GONE WILD

Led by Kaye Joachim

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration

The Church will open at 8:00. Arrive and be ready to begin at 9:00. The workshop will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your lunch and drinks.

Join us and learn three different ways to make flying geese. Pictured left to right are scrap bin geese, stroked flying geese, and geese migration. You should be able to finish three different blocks at the workshop.



March Reminders

- Door Prizes: Janet Kinner, Donna Gross
- Hostesses: Janet Kinner, Debi Roederer
- Strip color: Green
- UFO Challenge 1st quarter projects are due
- Pick up your Month 1 Mystery BOM pattern

March Calendar

- March 7: Board Meeting
- March 7: Sit 'n' Sew
- March 14: General Meeting
- March 21: Charity Workshop
- March 21: Newsletter content due
- March 28: Geese Gone Wild Workshop

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.

April 25 - FNQG Modern Round-Robin Block Challenge

Led by Diane Roberson

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration

The Church will open at 8:00. Arrive and be ready to begin at 9:00. The workshop will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your lunch and drinks.

In April, we will focus on Modern Quilting during the program on April 11th and in the workshop on April 25th. I hope you will use the concepts presented in the program to choose one block you will make during the workshop. **Goal:** Create a 12.5 inch modern quilt block from fabric someone else has brought. You choose the modern block pattern or design your own and you will make that pattern from fabrics belonging to five different quilters in a round-robin fashion.



May 23 - Abstract Landscape

Led by Anne Johnson

\$5.00 workshop fee due at registration

The Church will open at 8:00. Arrive and be ready to begin at 9:00. The workshop will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your lunch and drinks.

In this class we will learn about sewing on a curve and let 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 your inner artist! 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.



National Quilting Day:

Deb Roederer

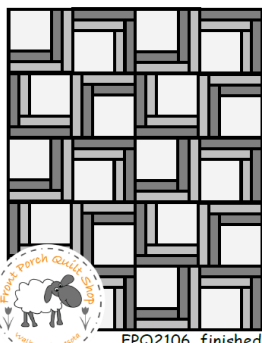
March 16 is National Quilt Day, a day designated for quilters from around the country to gather with friends either in person or virtually, and enjoy the heritage of our craft. Traditionally, the focus of the day is either working to pass the love of quilting onto the next generation, or working on a community service project.

Join us **on Saturday, March 16 from 9:00am - 2:00pm at the church,**

for a day of fellowship and sewing, as Deb Roederer leads us in a workshop to create one of two quilts using free patterns. Either quilt would make a great Quilt of Valor, or charity quilt if done in a Christmas theme or a color scheme for a young child's comfort quilt.



3 Yard 'TOPSY-TURVY'



FPQ2106, finished
48.5" x 60.5"

The sign up sheet will be at the workshop sign up table at the March general meeting. Please sign up so we know how many people to expect.

Print the patterns from our website. Bring the pattern, your machine and supplies, as well as

some lunch, and plan on having fun with friends.

Food Pantry: Gail Menard

Bunny at the Church said that the Food Pantry is short \$300 to be able to fill 25 baskets for the distribution in March. She didn't give me an updated list of needed items, just the dollar amount. If anyone plans to make a donation, please let me know so I can forward the information to her. As a reminder, church members will also be donating, not just the guild.

National Quilts of Valor

Organization: Ginger Maddox

QOV Memberships are due March 1st. If you are currently a member under the Flying Needles group membership or would like to become a member, please contact Ginger Maddox by March 1. QOV membership under the group is \$10, compared to an individual membership cost of \$40.

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.

March Birthdays

Perry, Cheri	3
Robert, Marie	7
Holmes, Valerie	11
Lowry, Addie	12
Rodriguez, Danna	15
Belcher, Christina	19
Stearns, Carol	19
Martin, JoAn	20
Johnson, Anne	22
Ferrell, Pat	27
Kinner, Janet	27

Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp

Thank you to all the members who sign up to bring snacks and door prizes, and to those that bring them without signing up!

Membership: Lisa Lydston

February Meeting:

- ❑ Attendance: 71
- ❑ Guests: Debra Cruz, Kathy Conway, Sonya Hart. Huge thank you to Michelle Jackson, Diane Roberson, and Linda Van Hoesen for bringing these guests to us.
- ❑ New Member: Sheryl Blaylock joined during the retreat. Sheryl lives in LA full time and has been quilting for 5 years. She enjoys quilting, traveling, and photography. Her address is

18513 Manchac Lake Dr
Praireville LA 70769

Email: sherylblaylock@gmail.com
225-931-0022

Birthday: May 18

- ❑ Renewing Member: Paula Jurgonski renewed her membership at the retreat. Her address is:

2615 Cove Road
Navarre FL 32566

Email: pjurgo@gmail.com
317-989-8335

Birthday December 31

From the Kitchen of...

Coconut Cake, Submitted by Janie Morris

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 can Eagle brand milk
- 1 can cream of coconut
- 1 can coconut
- 1 package Cool Whip

Bake cake as directed. Cool. Poke holes in cake after cooling. Mix Eagle brand milk and cream of coconut together and pour over cake. Let cake soak overnight. Frost with Cool Whip, then add coconut.

In-House Opportunity Quilt:

Peggy Murrell

Our February in-house opportunity quilt raised \$105!

In March, we will feature this gorgeous "Crazy Daisy" quilt pieced and free-motion quilted by Lisa Lydston. It's approx. 41"x42".



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

We have several contributions for future drawings, and I can't wait to show you what's in the line up.

We still need a few more to finish out the year. Want to contribute something? Contact me, or see me at the next meeting. We will find a month that works for your schedule.

Row by Row: Kaye Joachim



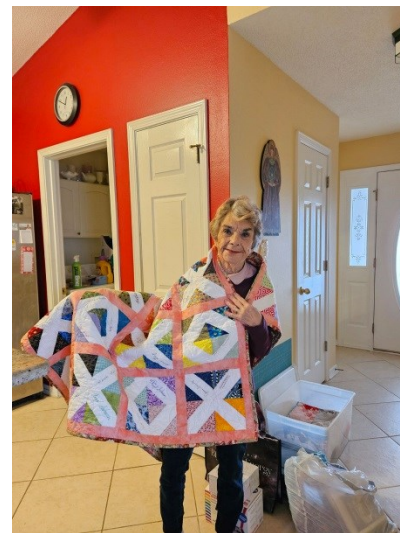
The row you took home at the January general meeting is due at the March general meeting. Please give to Kaye Joachim before the meeting starts and she will give you your next row.

Friendship Quilts:

Jeanie Donnelly

Friendship quilts were presented this month to two long-time guild members.

Dawn McDonough will be moving out of state soon to be closer to family.



Betty Davey moved a couple of years ago, also to be near family.



Betty will turn 95 on April 10. Her family would love it if guild members sent birthday cards. Her address is:

2455 Sawgrass Place
Apt 35
Altoona WI 54720

Thank you to all members who made and signed blocks for these quilts.

Getting to Know... Deb Chilcote, Historian



Doris Olig - An Honorary member, Doris has been an active member from the beginning, and continues to be actively involved after 30-some years! She was our first Newsletter Editor, and she has held several Board positions: Secretary, Vice President for 2 years, and President. She has made award-winning quilts with national recognition, has made 102 Quilts of Valor for deserving veterans, and has shared her knowledge by teaching many workshops. She was head of Block of the Month for several years, and presented a few programs during our general meetings covering such diverse topics as fabric dyeing, making mitered corners, making 25" blocks with a shortcut method, and making string quilts. She has been involved in helping make several Opportunity Quilts, including the first one in 1996.



Penny Maus - Penny has been quilting on and off since 1989 when her Air Force husband Mike permanently relocated to Eglin AFB. She had started working in a doctor's office and needed a "me" outlet, so she took her first quilting class in 1990 where all the sewing was done by hand (Pat Ferrell was in her class!). The pattern they made happened to be the same one that her paternal grandmother had made many years ago. She has been a member of the guild since 2012, and was Membership Coordinator for several years until Lisa Lydston took over this year. She loves the Log Cabin block because of its simplicity. The hardest thing for her in the quilting process is picking out fabrics. She's always wanted to make a watercolor table topper. Beside quilting, she enjoys reading and working in the yard, and loves to crochet in the cooler months while watching TV.



Lisa Lydston - Lisa was born in Birmingham, AL but spent time in Orlando, Huntsville, and upstate NY before heading south again (she relished getting back to "the land of grits, collards, sweet tea, yes ma'am, warmth, and sunshine"). She had a career in child abuse investigations in both NY and FL, (and she once interviewed a serial killer on death row with just the two of them in the room!), as well as managing therapists and case managers at a behavioral health clinic. Upon her retirement in 2018, quilting became a full-time hobby. She joined our guild 3 years ago, and is currently our Membership Coordinator. Cutting and piecing are her favorite parts of the quilting process, seeing how it all comes together. Lisa has one son who works outside of the country, and her dad is 90 years young. She loves to do anything artistic: drawing, painting, journaling, and knitting. Lisa met actor Morgan Freeman at a fancy fundraiser for Children's Advocacy Center, and had her picture taken with him. Afterwards he wanted to see the picture, then said "we look like we belong together!" He was very kind, hugged and kissed her on the cheek before leaving, and said that he loved her!



Mary Ann Sharp - We all know Mary Ann as our hard-working Hospitality Coordinator who orchestrates all the food brought in by members, and presents it at our general meetings. She started doing this a year after she joined the guild, and she's been doing this for 10 years now, with a few helping hands in the kitchen along the way. Mary Ann has been a sewer since her Home Economics class in high school, but mainly for clothing construction. She's been married to her husband Dean for 44 years this November, and as an Air Force wife, this native of Central Texas has traveled overseas and back. She took her first quilting class on the Army post in Stuttgart, Germany, and was hooked! She is still a member of Rhineland Pfalz Quilt Guild in Ramstein, Germany. Dean was stationed in this area 3 different times - to Eglin AFB, Pensacola, and Hurlburt Field, and is now retired. Mary Ann also enjoys doing yard work and trying to get things to grow, especially tomatoes!

2024 ReTreat: Kaye Joachim

While I enjoy all the retreats, I thought this one was extra special. Everyone was so nice and friendly. The view of the bay was breathtaking and we had such beautiful weather. Excellent food. Super classes. Amazing teachers. Clair and Ariel and the rest of the staff at Timpoochee and were super hosts.



There are so many pictures of this retreat it's hard to pick just a few. Go on our Facebook page and look for the "Quilt ReTreat 2024" album to see pictures shared by the committee and many of the retreat attendees.

Check out our challenge block wall! We had so many participants this year and each block was beautiful.



Congratulations to Carol Stearns, best appliqué block (Viewer's Choice), Sheryl Blaylock, best pieced block (Viewer's Choice), and Pat Ferrell, best overall block (Committee's Choice).

A special thank you to each of the Quilter's Walk basket doners! Congratulations to the winners: Anne Johnson, Barbara Roberts, Barbi Ouellette, Betsy Albertson*, Deb Chilcote, Doris Olig, Dottie Kushma, Jackie Youngblood*, Jill Hudgens, Julie Delage, Julie Getting*, Kathy Conway, Kaye Joachim,

Pat Ferrell*, Patty Roof, Paulina Melvin, Robin Easter-Neubauer, Susan Johnson, Teresa Cowman, Theresa Atkinson*, Valerie Holmes, and Zee Gibson.

*These ladies were lucky enough to win two baskets!

Huge thank you to all the teachers. I received nothing but compliments for each of you and how well you taught your classes.

- Deb Holmes Chilcote - House Parade
- Marilyn Danielson - Stella Star Sliver Quilt
- Claudia Wolf and Theresa Atkinson - Novak Bag
- Gail Renna - Fiesta Quilt
- Cherie Matheson - Let's Zentangle
- Gege Walker - Reconstructed Sweatshirt
- Anne Johnson - Bargello Table Topper
- April Jaehn - All My Exes
- Jeanie Donnelly - All Around Summer (Woolies)

Lastly, I want to thank my committee and everyone who also helped for such hard work putting on this retreat.

- Kaye Joachim, Chairperson
- Konnie Glaze, Registration
- Deborah Moen, Door Prizes and Quilter's Walk
- Cathy Ferkes, Challenge Block
- Ruthie Reynoso, Name Tags and Banners
- Cherie Matheson, Games
- Sherri Hayes, Goodie Bags
- Pat Ferrell, Centerpieces
- Theresa Atkinson, Vendor
- Sandra Congleton, Flyers, Posters, and T-Shirts

Each one of you did an outstanding job from registration to goodie bags to the beautiful name tags to challenge block to the amazing centerpieces and the door prizes to the quilter's walk baskets (they were fantastic) to the extremely fun games played at night. (Cherie you need to quit your day job and be a game show emcee.)

And thank you to those who set up before the retreat and took down after the retreat. The camp was cleaner when we left than before we arrived.

Now on to the next big event!

Treasurer's Report, as of February 17, 2024: Sherri Hayes

2024 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2024 BUDGETED INCOME	TOTAL INCOME	% of Income Rcvd
In-Kind and Grants	\$1,550.00	\$0.00	0%
In House Monthly Raffle	\$0.00	\$325.00	0%
General Donations	\$0.00	\$5.00	0%
Ugly Block Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Community Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$284.00	24%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$0.00	0%
Membership	\$3,500.00	\$150.00	4%
Opportunity Quilt	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0%
QOV 2025 Opportunity Quilt	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	20%
Workshop	\$ -	\$40.00	0%
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,465.00	\$1,004.00	7%

2024 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	BUDGETED EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES	% OF Budget Spent
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00	\$636.18	98%
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	100%
ADMIN - Fl Dept of Revenue	\$200.00	\$70.00	35%
ADMIN - General/Misc	\$175.00	\$181.23	104%
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$350.00	\$0.00	0%
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$170.00	\$176.00	104%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$3,945.00	\$3,463.41	88%
Community Service	\$900.00	\$400.03	44%
Door Prizes	\$235.00	\$0.00	0%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$100.00	\$0.00	0%
Historian	\$85.00	\$0.00	0%
Hospitality	\$175.00	\$0.00	0%
Membership	\$450.00	\$298.00	66%
Newsletter	\$25.00	\$0.00	0%
Opportunity Quilt	\$500.00	\$0.00	0%
Programs	\$300.00	\$0.00	0%
Publicity (General)	\$250.00	\$0.00	0%
Quilts For Veterans & Opportunity Quilt	\$2,000.00	\$196.23	10%
Sunshine/Shadows	\$150.00	\$75.78	51%
Workshops	\$350.00	\$0.00	0%
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$14,465.00	\$4,433.45	31%

Board Meeting Minutes, February 1, 2024: Theresa Atkinson

***Attendees:** Kerry Kastl, Anne Johnson, Konnie Glaze, Sherri Hayes, Theresa Atkinson, Diane Roberson, Jeanie Donnelly, Linda Weiss, Deborah Moen, Kaye Joachim

Called to order: 9:00 AM by Kerry Kastl.

***Agenda:**

FNQG Board Meeting Minutes January 2024: Kerry asked if there are any corrections to the published minutes to the January board meeting.

1. Change the Quilt Show date from 2005 to 2025.
2. Konnie made the motion to change the name of Fundraising to Boutique Events Planner.
3. Konnie made the motion to adjourn the meeting, not Kerry.

Corrections made and Anne made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections as written. Konnie seconded the motion. There was verbal consent to approve the minutes.

***Treasurer Report:** Sherri reported as of 1 Feb 2024 the bank balance was as of 1 Feb 2024, the bank balance was \$45,289.25.

1. Called Pak mail – 850-897-9688. Our balance has 331 copies available. Diane Roberson used up the remaining copies on the account, so it is now closed.
2. Delivered Power Extension Cord Reels (4)
3. Delivered duct tape
4. Grant application submitted to Mid-Bay Rotary (\$750) and Chelco (\$1,500). Will follow up with All-In-One Bank this month as well with Donna Gross for Craigslist opportunity.
5. Saint Andrew Bay Quilters' Guild Quilt Show 15-16 March 2024. Central Panhandle Fairground, Panama City, Fl.

***Publicity:** Diane had 60 brochures printed at Pak Mail to be used for the moment. More will be taken to a traditional print shop to be printed.

She indicated that Linda Hudson's quilt will come down at the Library and Gayle Menard's quilt will be displayed.

Anne discussed the sound system which is in disrepair. She provided detailed information on the research into a new Mic and Pa system. (2 Cordless Mic, PA system, maneuverability) The approximate cost on Amazon, \$305.00.

Sherri motioned to buy the system, Theresa second and Kerry gave verbal consent to approve the purchase.

Kerry presented the Storytime Quilt kit, donated by Bunny Wilson of New Hope Baptist church. There were discussions on how we should work the quilt into our fund raising. Discussions included auctioning,

purchasing tickets and opportunity quilt. Sherri recommended having a group to make the quilt and there was discussion on how to publicize and sell ticket I.e. Facebook

Anne motioned to table discussion about dealing with fundraising using this quilt until we could get a chairperson in place.

* **Retreat:** Kaye provided an update on the February Retreat.

1. 89 students registered, 5 teachers and 2 vendors = 96 for the goodie bags.
2. We owe a balance to Timpoochee of \$7,078. plus, payments to all teachers for the number of students taking their class, kits, patterns, and ruler fees.
3. Expenditures from retreat committee, \$930.99 of the \$1,550 budget planned expenses. More expenses are due by the February general meeting.

***Facilities:** Deborah provided information on sewing machine repairs. There were two guild sewing machines repaired at \$80.00 each and she will provide receipts.

Konnie discussed the possibility of charging other organizations a rental fee, this would assist in machine service and repairs. Discussion that we need to set up a contract/guideline for loaning/renting the sewing machines, providing a rental/loan start date and return dates. Deborah will work on creating a contract for anyone borrowing the sewing machines, particularly non-guild members.

Kerry asked if there was any other business.

Anne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Konnie. Adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Secretary,

Theresa Atkinson

General Meeting Minutes, February 8, 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 asked if there were any corrections to the January General Meeting Minutes. Changes were made to the minutes, specifically correcting the spelling of LaLani's name. The minutes approved as corrected.

Kerry indicated at the last board meeting there was an approval to purchase a new audio system. The new audio system has been purchased and is pending delivery. The cost was less than \$350.00.

Kerry thanked Deborah Moen for her excellent job on the Quilter's Walk Baskets, for the retreat.

Kerry thanked all the members that provided pictures of their sewing rooms and to Anne for the program.

Anne provided information on upcoming programs. March 14th Garage Sale and April 11th is "Modern or Traditional: What kind of Quilter are you?"

March 16th is National Quilting Day: Deb Roederer will lead the day. Debi has provided us with a choice of two free patterns. Fabric requirements and patterns can be found on FNQG website. Anne reminded anyone interested, please sign up for the day of quilting fun.

2nd Vice President: Konnie provided the March, April, May workshops. March 28th "Flying Geese", three different ways to make flying geese, led by Kaye Joachim. April 25th "Let's Define Modern Quilting (round robin quilt)" led by Diane Roberson. She will bring fabrics to the April 11th general meeting to show what makes a modern twist. May 23rd "Abstract Landscape" led by Anne Johnson.

2024 Quilt Retreat update: Kerry thanked all retreat committee members and guild members for all their hard work. Ruth/Kathy, name tags.

Kaye gave a special thanks to Deborah Moen for her work on the baskets for the Quilter's Walk. Thanks to all for the donations provided for the baskets. Today we have a sneak preview of the baskets provided for the Quilter's Walk. There are 4 baskets for free drawing today.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Report/Community Service: Kerry noted that Sherri was out of town and provided the current bank balance is \$46,617.44. Sherri will provide a full report at the end of month with an updated balance after monies have been paid out for the retreat.

Membership: Lisa Lydston provided February membership attendance. 71 in attendance.

We had 3 guests: Debra Cruz, Kathy Conway, Sonya Hart. Many thanks to Michelle Jackson, Diane Roberson, and Linda Van Hoesen for bringing these guests to us.

Community Service: Jeanie Donnelly thanked all who provided fabric and batting donations. She indicated there were many stocking kits available to be completed.

Hospitality: Mary Ann Sharp thanked members for the wonderful dishes brought today and the door prizes.

Food Pantry: New Hope Baptist church will hold another food drive the end of March. Thank you for your contributions.

Newsletter: Peggy Murrell announced the deadline for submitting information for the next issue is February 26, 2024.

Quilts for Veterans Opportunity Quilt: Barbi Ouellette thanked everyone for their donations. There will be a presentation on the 10th for five people: two ladies and three gentlemen. February 29th there is a QOV workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Strip Club: Janet Kinner assisted in the strip club program for Grace Grimsley. Today's strips are yellow, the winner is Konnie Glaze. March color will be green.

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 reminded all participating in the UFO's, 1st quarter projects due at the March general meeting.

Birthdays: Members with birthdays in February were recognized. The winner of the birthday drawing was Deb Chilcote.

Special Drawing: Peggy Murrell coordinated the drawing for the quilt made by Sherri Hayes. Cheryl Tims won the quilt. (Raised \$105.00)

Show and Tell: Many beautiful handmade items were shown by members.

Door Prizes: Door prizes were awarded.

Quilter's Walk drawing winners: Cheryl Tims, Diane Roberts, Cathy Ferkes and Billece Morrison.

Announcements: Jeanie asked members to take home a stocking kit to complete.

Adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Secretary,

Theresa Atkinson

February Show 'n' Tell



Ruthie Reynoso made this "Rainbow Hosta" quilt (photo courtesy of Coastal Stitches, who quilted it).



Linda Weiss made her hand embroidered vest, as well as a wallhanging inspired by Tilda.



Theresa Atkinson finished her "Chip out of the Block" quilt from a previous retreat class.



Robin Easter-Neubauer put her newly-learned Free Motion quilting skills to the test on her "Spin Me Round" quilt.



Liz Barnes made this wool appliqued Christmas tree skirt.



Kathy Crews made this appliqued Easter door hanger



New member, **Michelle Jackson**, has been quilting for less than a year, but already is making some great things!
This is a table runner and matching placemats.



Next up are jackets made for her grandsons, using a sweatshirt as a template -- the left one has a Mine Craft theme, and the right one has a Spider-Man theme.



Michelle hasn't finished this one yet, but it is a turtle panel she bought at Coastal Stitches.



Our February program was presented by **Anne Johnson**, who highlighted several of the members' sewing rooms through pictures. It was a great way to pick up ideas for organizing and utilizing the spaces we have, no matter how big or small.



A preview of the 27 gift baskets that will be offered at our Quilters Walk in our upcoming Retreat allowed everyone to buy tickets and put them in the buckets designated for each basket they wanted a chance to win. It was a great way for those who cannot attend the Retreat to still have a chance to win a basket. All of the baskets have items worth a total of \$100. or more! The cost of a packet of 20 tickets is \$5. The guild took in \$600 in ticket sales that day!!

There were 4 additional gift baskets (not part of the Quilters Walk) worth about \$75 that were given away at the meeting. Everyone in attendance received a numbered ticket which could be placed in the bucket of one of the baskets. Winning tickets were drawn, and the winners were **Diane Roberson, Cathy Ferkes, Cheryl Tims, and Billece Morrison!**

Our new program of In-House Opportunities is becoming very popular. Items are donated, and members can buy tickets for \$5 each for a chance to win the particular item offered that month at our general meeting. This month was a **small quilt made by Sherri Hayes, and it was won by Cheryl Tims!**

A total of \$105 was taken in for ticket sales, and the money goes right back to the guild.

