

Needle Notes

October
2025

October 9

General Meeting

Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP

FROG Hop

Get ready for some excitement and swapping! This month is our FROG (Fabric Needing Other Guidance) Hop where you can get rid of your UFOs and pick up someone else's relinquished treasures.

If you are like me, there are projects in your sewing room that you never seem to get around to and they weigh you down. Bring those projects and let someone else take them on.

Browse the projects and if there's something you like, put your name in the bucket (only one entry per project please). The winner of each bucket will be drawn, and you'll be able to take that project home.

Come, browse and have fun!!!

October 23

Inktense Workshop

Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP

Inktense

By: Kaye Joachim

This is a great way to get your creative juices flowing. If you can color, you can paint with these terrific Inktense blocks and pencils.

Everyone will be working on their own projects and designs. You can trace a picture from a coloring book (or other source) onto your fabric or canvas and go from there. You can quilt first, then paint, or paint first, then quilt. Kaye has samples of each, so check them out at the workshop table and pick up your supply list.



It's fun and relaxing and this class is a great introduction so you can try it without having to spend a lot of money buying supplies.

October Reminders

- Hostesses: Martha Rose
- Door Prizes: Martha Rose, Donna Gross
- Strip color: Purple
- Bring items for the FROG hop
- Bring your completed 2026 Workshop survey
- Bring your "Origami Flower" blocks for the BOM drawing
- Bring donations for Community Service and Boutique
- Items for the Food Pantry are appreciated
- Bring items for free table

October Calendar

- October 3: Board meeting and Sit 'n' Sew
- October 9: General Meeting
- October 11: QOV Presentation
- October 16: Community Service Workshop
- October 23: Inktense Workshop
- October 25: Newsletter content due
- October 30: 5th Thursday workshop; details will be shared at the General Meeting

President's Points:

Lisa Lydston, President

Hey! It's fall y'all!

We are winding down our year and boy has it gone fast. Christmas will be here before you know it, and the start of a new year.

We have a lot of things happening and we need some worker bees to fill in the gaps. Here is a list, and I hope I do not forget anything:

- ❑ 2027 Quilt Show Committee Chairman: our venue is under new management and they are saying we need to book now! Yikes!
- ❑ Membership Services Coordinator: gotta greet our members and guests with warmth and a smile.
- ❑ Community Services Coordinator: host workshops, talk to contacts in the community, and get us ready for next year's giving back event.
- ❑ QFV Opportunity Quilt Coordinator - we have a quilt top and it's a beauty, but we need someone who will coordinate getting the tickets ready and finding venues where we can sell tickets. Think of new places and ways we can sell tickets, you know, thinking outside of the "block."
- ❑ Website manager: diligence, creativity, and timeliness are great qualities for this role.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please get with me ASAP. We've gotta "get 'er done!"

Thank you all so very much for being such a great bunch of gals. You have no idea what a blessing you have been to me this year.

Hugs and love,
Lisa Lydston

2026 Retreat: Deborah

Moen & Debi Roederer

Happy Fall! The calendar says it's coming even if the temperatures say otherwise.

Your retreat committee has been busy this past month; there has been a successful registration launch for guild members with over 30 already signed up. On October 1 registration will open to non-guild members so if there is a class you really have your eye on, register soon. Everything you need to know—event details, links to the hotels, registration details, and online registration form—is on the FNQG website.

In the meantime, we are traveling to other area guilds promoting the retreat, each time renewing friendships with fellow quilters. And isn't that what retreats are all about? Shaping friendships and quilting forever!



2025 Block of the Month: Konnie Glaze

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



For the month of **October**, we are making the **Origami Flower Block**, and you may make up to three blocks. Bring your blocks to the October meeting and you will be entered in the drawing to win the blocks; one entry for each block you turn in. We will award the blocks in as many sets of 9 as possible, and split up the remaining blocks between the winners.

The November block will be announced at the meeting in October. We will be using batik fabric. Your background does not have to be a light color. Examples of blocks, but not the block you are making (some with light 'background' and some with medium to dark):



FWB Library:

Diane Roberson

In September, we displayed another ribbon award winning quilt, "Chip Out of Every Block," made by Theresa Atkinson and quilted by Peggy Murrell.

The beautiful fall colors were a welcome greeting when entering the library. Theresa has served in various leadership roles within the guild, including as secretary in 2024. She started quilting around 2000 and is an experienced, talented quilter.



Quilts for Veterans: Barbi Ouellette

Ladies, we will be going into the holiday season before we know it. It is coming quickly. This year has flown like doves in the wind. We have two more Quilts of Valor presentations at the Eglin Air Armament Museum left for the year, October 11 and November 8. We will start up again in January 2026.

In September, Valerie Holmes and Anne Smith graciously did a practice run honoring five nominees. What an awesome job they did. They will also be doing the October 11 presentation, as Jeannie and I will be out in Houston Quilt Festival that weekend. I know members will help them as needed.

Also in September, the MCB-11 Reunion honored five of their members from all over the U.S., including one from Pensacola. Four of the five received 50th Anniversary Vietnam pins. Gail Harkey, the QoV South Dakota Coordinator did the pinning ceremony. After this ceremony, we were given a \$500 donation for QoV from the MCB-11 Reunion Committee. Wow! That afternoon, we presented a QoV to a veteran in his home (he does not drive much). That brings us to a total of 11 quilts awarded in September. Whoo hoo! We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you.

Upcoming reunions are the AC119 Gunship in Ft Walton Beach in October and November. If you can help out, give a holler.

Ginger will be submitting 6 or 7 quilts to the Niceville library for 6 weeks in October and November in honor of Veterans Day. Once they leave the library, I will be using them for upcoming QoV presentations.

Military Appreciation Day, November 1st, is fast approaching. An event will be held at Ft Walton Beach Landing from 10.30-2.30. If you can help out for an hour or so, it would be greatly appreciated. This is mostly networking, talking about what we do for our veterans. I will have some for display, brochures, and some small patriotic items for visitors to receive when they donate to the QoV jar. This is not a huge fundraiser, just focused on networking with the military community.



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Boutique Bites:

Carol Stearns

The Boutique will be participating in the Fall Flair at Destin Methodist Church, 200 Beach Dr on November 7 and 8. It's a fun event. Community Service will also be there promoting our community give-back efforts, and we'll be selling tickets for the Boho Hearts Opportunity Quilt.

We have a few volunteers signed up to sit at the booth but need a few more. Please see me at the October General Meeting if you can help.

We passed out eight quilted items to be bound and ten tote bag kits at the September meeting. We would appreciate it if these items could be finished and turned in at the October General Meeting. Please turn in all other projects that you may have been working too. We will be pricing all our items at the end of the month.

Thank you for the efforts and participation!

Community Service:

Diane Roberson

We are nearing the end of our effort to finish those handmade items before distribution day on November 20th! Let's get the final projects finished this month. I look forward to a very productive day on October 16, the next Community Service workshop day.

Thank you for the abundant number of stockings, pillowcases, drawstring bags, walker bags, and quilts turned in in September! The agencies that we support are so appreciative of our donations as well as the local recipients those agencies support. Community Service and Quilts of Valor play an important role in our guild and your support makes it all possible.

Thank you!

Diane Roberson and Polly Shields

Food Pantry:

Cheri Perry

Item	Needed
Canned Chicken	28
Canned Tuna	56
Cookies	28
Green Beans	56
Canned Tomatoes	28
Corn	56
Peas	56
Applesauce	28
Vegetable Soup	56
Chicken Noodle Soup	56
Pasta Sauce	28
Pasta Spaghetti	28
Shelved Milk	28
Cheerios	28
Rice Krispies	28
Boxed Instant Oatmeal	28
Mac 'n Cheese	28
Bread Loaf	28
Jelly, Jam, or Preserves	28
Peanut Butter	28
Instant Mashed Potatoes	28
Ground Sausage Roll (frozen)	28
Ground Turkey Roll (frozen)	28
Box Margarine	14

2026 Workshop Survey: Diane Roberson 2026 2VP

Hello Guild members! I am excited about the workshops next year and hope to provide classes that interest you and are fun learning experiences! Please help me by providing feedback on this short survey. Your input will give me direction in planning and your willingness to share your skills and knowledge will greatly benefit those of us striving to improve in the art of quilting. Complete the survey and bring it to the October General meeting. There will be a drop box at the sign-in table.

Name and email address (optional) _____

1. How would you describe your current quilting skill level?

- Absolute beginner
- Confident beginner
- Intermediate (comfortable w/ most techniques, seeks challenges)
- Advanced (expert, looking for specialized topics or projects)

2. What types of quilting techniques are you most interested in learning? (select all that apply)

- Traditional piecing
- Modern
- Foundation paper piecing
- Freezer paper piecing
- Hand applique
- Machine appliqué
- Longarm quilting
- Free-motion machine quilting
- English paper piecing
- Art quilting
- Improvisational quilting

3. What types of quilting projects would you be interested in making? (select all that apply)

- Wall hanging, table runners, placemats
- Quilted bags/totes
- Garments – quilted jacket, patchwork added to jeans
- Memory quilts such as T-shirt quilts, photos on fabric
- Sampler quilt, learning multiple blocks
- Full size quilts
- Small projects (pouches, pincushions, pillows)
- Quilt label and binding options
- Other _____

4. What has prevented you from attending a quilting workshop in the past?

- Not enough time in my schedule
- Topics offered were not interesting to me
- Schedule conflicts
- Nothing has prevented me, I have attended workshops

5. Is there anything else you would like to add about your quilting interest or what you would like to see offered?

6. What class would you consider teaching in 2026? (be sure to include your name)

Membership:

Anne Johnson

2026 Membership Dues:

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

Please check the current directory to verify that your photo is relatively recent. See me if you are a new member or if you need an updated photo. If I do not receive a new photo, the currently published one will be included in the 2026 directory. Many of our members find these photos helpful for putting names to faces.

September Meeting:

We had 60 members and 2 guests sign in.

New Member:

Krista Gardiner joined online. Welcome Krista!
(512) 589-3010
257 Fairway Dr., Santa Rosa Beach
gardiner@volenteboatclub.com

Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp

Thank you, members who bring in dishes and goodies for us to enjoy at our meetings.

Mary Ann Sharp and Barbara Roberts

October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these members celebrating in October!

Martha Rose

Mary Lou Roszhart

Mary Ann Sharp

Polly Shields

Rosanne Williams

FNQG Website:

Kaye Joachim

www.FlyingNeedlesQuiltGuild.org

If you cannot get into the members only page, please contact Kaye Joachim 713-382-0452. She will need your email address to give to GoDaddy. They will send you an invitation from Flying Needles Quilt Guild with instructions on how to access our members only page.

The members only page has the newsletter, SOPPs and By-Laws, and money forms for deposits and reimbursements.

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

As a reminder, if sending pictures to add to the website, please make sure they are .jpeg format. If sending text, please send it in .pdf format. I cannot open any other files but .jpeg and .pdf.

Thank you.

From the Kitchen of...

Polly Shields

Mexican Trash Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 bag Nacho Doritos, crushed
- 2 cups shredded chicken
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 package taco seasoning

Steps to make it:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and spray a two-quart casserole dish.
2. Mix all ingredients except Doritos
3. Layer half the Doritos on the bottom, then spread half the chicken mixture. Layer remaining Doritos followed by the remaining chicken mixture. Top with additional cheese.
4. Cover with foil and bake for 35 minutes.

Polly likes to double the recipe using 1 can Cream of Chicken soup and 1 can Cream of Mushroom soup along with lots of extra cheese. Use a 9x13 pan and add a bit of extra baking time.

Treasurer's Report : Donna Gross, Treasurer

Checkbook Balance as of Sept 25, 2025: \$48,664.95			
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 INCOME BUDGET	SEPTEMBER INCOME	TOTAL INCOME YTD
In-Kind and Grants	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Monthly Raffle	\$1,200.00	\$150.00	\$ 955.00
General Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 600.06
Community Service	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$ 125.00
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$134.00	\$ 875.00
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$60.00	\$ 225.00
Membership (100 Members)	\$3,500.00	\$8.21	\$ 403.28
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2025)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,363.00
Quilts for Veterans	\$2,000.00	\$375.00	\$2,215.00
2025 QFV Opportunity Quilt (Ticket Sales)	\$600.00	\$159.00	\$ 594.00
Workshop	\$0.00	\$56.00	\$ 617.00
2025 Quilt Show	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 16,153.60
2026 Quilt Retreat (amt less cc fees)	\$16,000.00	\$3,295.33	\$ 3,295.33
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,715.00	\$4,362.54	\$ 27,421.27
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET	SEPTEMBER EXPENSE	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$ 641.94
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,400.00
ADMIN - Fl Dept of Revenue	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$ 70.00
ADMIN - Operating/Misc	\$175.00	\$45.98	\$ 2,615.36
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$650.00	\$234.00	\$ 509.88
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$176.00	\$0.00	\$ -
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,251.00	\$279.98	\$ 6,237.18
Community Svc (Increased to \$2k Grants)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,367.48
Door Prizes	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Fundraising/Boutique	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$ 131.38
Historian	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$ 124.99
Hospitality	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$ 122.20
Membership (100 Members)	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$ 316.36
Newsletter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2026)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$ 144.95
Programs	\$300.00	\$204.01	\$ 256.79
Publicity (General)	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$ 60.25
Quilts for Veterans (1.5k +1770.67 2024 Rollover)	\$3,270.67	\$139.58	\$3,500.77
2025 QFV Opp Quilt	\$500.00	\$15.00	\$ 15.00
Sunshine/Shadows	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$ 83.69
Workshops	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$ 663.00
2025 Quilt Show	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 11,128.12
2026 Quilt Retreat	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 1,019.53
	\$23,456.67	\$748.57	\$ 25,171.69

Board Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

September 4, 2025

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:01.

A. Quorum: YES

B. Present: Lisa Lydston, President; Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP/Cheri Perry; Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP; Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary; Donna Gross, Treasurer

C. Others/Committee Chairs Present

1. Community Services - Diane Roberson/Polly Shields
2. Facilities - Deborah Moen
3. Facebook - Konnie Glaze
4. Boutique - Carol Stearns
5. Membership - Anne Johnson
6. Quilts for Veterans - Barbi Ouellette
7. Webmaster - Kaye Joachim
8. Retreat - Deborah Moen and Debi Roederer
9. Nomination Committee - Peggy Murrell
10. Eileen Wittic
11. Deb Chilcote
12. Sherri Hayes
13. Linda Weiss
14. Laura Peacock

While review the committee chairs in attendance, Lisa noted that Penny Maus has had to step down from her loved position of Membership.

II. Approve Last Board minutes: The last meeting minutes were approved as written after no changes were noted.

III. Treasurer Report/Review Committee Budgets: Donna Gross noted no changes to the treasurer's report that was posted in the September Needle Notes.

A. Donna presented the proposed budget for 2026 to the board. While reviewing each line item and holding discussions there were changes noted.

Income:

General donations were changed to zero due to not being able to predict what would be received.

Carol Stearns did not feel that the Boutique would be able to raise \$1500.00 next year so the proposed income was changed to \$1200.00. She has the Fall Flair left for this year. More volunteers are needed to be able to do more events.

Barbi Ouellette noted that she does not apply for grants, so the QFV grants line item under income was removed.

General Fundraising was added to accommodate the quilt that Ginger Maddox and Kerry Kastl have donated to raise money.

With these changes to the proposed income, it changed the total from \$17,800.00 to a proposed income of \$16,900.00.

Expenses:

It was proposed that the Newsletter line item be removed with it going out via email. To date this year there were no expenses accrued.

Publicity: it was noted by Debi Roederer that there may be a need to purchase more of the trifold brochures.

QFV still shows \$2124.00 left in the budget after using donation money prior to pulling from the budget. Sherri Hayes suggested that the income and expenses should be the same. She explained that donations are a plus and can be tracked in quick books. Lisa asked that the proposed expense budget be changed from \$2500.00 to \$2000.00.

Barbi verified with the board that she was to spend from the QFV budget first before pulling out of the donations.

Barbi proposed using a quilt that was donated to Ginger in 2022 be used for the QFV Opportunity Quilt. Lisa asked that she shop around for pricing to have it quilted.

It was noted at 10:20 that the 1st VP Jackie Youngblood had to leave the meeting.

IV. Action Items:

- A. 2026 Retreat: Debi Roederer presented the proposed retreat budget going over each revenue items totaling \$13,215.00 and expense items totaling \$12,137.00 with a projected profit of \$1078.00.

Sherri Hayes recommended that with the retreat spanning a two-year budget, a chart be added to the bottom of the proposed budget to give the members an overall picture.

V. Open Forum for Non-Board Members:

Konnie Glaze asked which line item the expenses from the BOM this year came out of, and Lisa indicated ADMIN Misc.

Peggy Murrell inquired about the income from the Boutique and Quilter's Walk being lumped under the quilt show and retreat income. It was discussed and Lisa asked that a new line item be added under income for Quilter's Walk and the money the Boutique raises at the Quilt Show will also show under the Boutique income.

Peggy asked about having the luncheons separated from the Misc expenses suggesting it be Member Give Back. Lisa asked for a new line item of Miscellaneous Member Give Back be added with \$1000.00 available if members want to continue the luncheons for the 5th Thursday workshops or other options for member give back.

Lisa asked Donna to make all the above noted changes and email the updated proposed budget to Sherri to review and once Sherri is good with it to forward it to her by Monday so that she can email it to the members to review before the Annual Meeting September 11th.

Cheri Perry made a motion to accept the proposed 2026 budget with the corrections and Robin Easter-Neubauer seconded. This was accepted by the rest of the board.

VI. Technology Services Group: President Lisa proposed the creation of a Technology Services Group to serve as chair for all tech needs of the guild to include social media, website, equipment purchases, costs for digital sales, maintenance of cloud services, keeper of passwords for all accounts except bank accounts. Anne Johnson has stepped up to chair this committee. With this, the Technology/Website line item will update to Technology/Website/GoDaddy/Zoom with a proposed expense amount of \$750.00 which Anne felt was appropriate. Anne's goal is to have all or at least most of the membership renewals and retreat registrations done online.

This new Member Services Group will mean having to update the SOPP's. This was approved by the board members.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Annual Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

September 4, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 with the prayer and pledge being led by Linda Weiss. The National Anthem was sung by Joan Martin.
- II. **Quorum:** Yes, Lisa asked Anne Johnson how many members were in attendance, and it appeared to be 60. 25 members were needed for a quorum.
- III. **Nomination Committee:** Peggy Murrell announced that since August's General Meeting, Sherry Kruschke stepped down as 2nd VP but Diane Roberson has agreed to take on the position.

Diane took just a few minutes saying that with there being 9 workshops in 2026 she has a couple already in mind introducing new skills.

Peggy opened it to the members for new nominations or self-nominations, but no one stood up. The nominations were closed with one candidate per position. Per the By-laws, with no contested positions, no election is required.

The 2026 Board:

President: Lisa Lydston

1st VP: Kaye Joachim

2nd VP: Diane Roberson

Treasurer: Donna Gross

Secretary: Eileen Wittic

- IV. **Financial Review Committee Report:** Sherri Hayes, Peggy Murrell and Laura Peacock. Sherri said Peggy, Laura and herself conducted an annual review of the guild's financial records. There were no anomalies identified during their review; however several recommendations were made, and the results will be provided to the 2025 and 2026 boards for inclusion in the Treasurer's records.
- V. **Technology Services Group:** Lisa announced the introduction of a new member service for technological support. Anne Johnson will be heading this up which will include online membership dues and retreat registration, maintenance of the FNQG cloud services. She advised the members that the line item for this is already in the 2026 proposed budget.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** Donna Gross had the proposed budget displayed on the television and Donna gave members time to bring it up on their phones. It had been emailed to all the members earlier in the week.

Donna gave a full report of the 2026 budget explaining the new line items.

Income:

General Fundraising income for the quilt that was donated by Kerry Kastl and Ginger Maddox.

Quilter's Walk to show the income generated from the Quilt Shows and Retreats.

Expenses: Miscellaneous Member Give Back to remove it from the Misc operating, Technology, Quilter's Walk and Bank/credit card fees.

VII. Discussion: Anne Johnson felt that the bank fees should be under Admin: operating expenses. Konnie Glaze questioned why there was not a dollar amount in association with the Bank/credit fees. Lisa said that there would be a 3% cost for the membership dues done online. Donna can review the last 12 months and add the estimate of the cost of the bank fees.

Jackie Youngblood made a motion to accept the proposed budget with the changes being to move Bank/credit card fees to ADMIN - Operating/Misc expenses and show an estimated cost from last year. To also remove lunch from under the Operating/Miscellaneous line. Kaye Joachim seconded. Lisa asked for all in favor and then all those opposed. There were none that opposed. The 2026 Budget was then passed.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

General Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

September 11, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:02
- II. The last meeting minutes were approved as written after no changes were noted by the attendees.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Donna Gross had nothing new to add to the report that was submitted to the newsletter.
- IV. **Show and Tell**
- V. **Drawing #1:** Polly Shields reported \$134.00 in money taken in for the door prizes.
- VI. **Back to Business**
 - **Block of the Month:** Konnie Glaze reported 30 blocks were turned in this month and Konnie was the lucky winner of the blocks. Next month is an Origami Flower Block. Members can make up to three blocks. She will send an email with all the information including a video to watch and a website tutorial.
 - **Community Services:** Diane Roberson reports that she is on target. November 20th is the date set for the giveaway. The first organization will be scheduled for 9:45 and then every 15 minutes after that. The Catholic Charity reached out for items, but they would not be able to guarantee those items

would be used in Walton and Okaloosa Counties, so Diane said that what ever they had left would be donated to Catholic Charity.

With Diane stepping into the role as 2nd VP, Lisa asked for a volunteer to head up Community Services.

- **Strip Club:** A 2 ½ inch strip was drawn and Laura Peacock won a second month in a row. She chose purple for next month.
- **Boutique:** Carol Stearns had placed kits on each table to make a tote bag that she had the video and instructions put on the website.

She has a signup sheet for the Fall Flair which is an indoor event November 7th and 8th. The boutique will be sharing a booth with the Opportunity Quilt.

- **Hospitality:** Barbara Roberts thanked all who brought a goodie in to share. The casserole was a big hit.
- **Membership:** Anne Johnson reported 60 members in attendance with two visitors. Mary Anne Wiley and Vicky Gabrielson. Birthdays were celebrated and Lisa Lydston was the winner of the birthday certificate.
- **Row By Row:** Kaye Joachim would love to see more people participate next year she says it is a lot of fun.
- **2026 Retreat:** Deborah Moen announced that registration is now open online which members can access through the website. The theme this year is “Shaping Friendships”. There will be a T-shirt available from Port & Co. for \$20.00 which there was a sample of.

Peggy showed a couple of samples of the Project Bags that will be the registration gift. There were some that indicated that they would appreciate the project bag over little goodies.

Thursday will be the Kickoff Reception for \$25.00 featuring Brigit Gail Dermott. There will be hot and cold appetizers and a cash bar available.

Konnie announced that there would be sign-ups for evening activities and a Secret Quilter. With Secret Quilter you will be given the name of another quilter that you will give 3-5 small items sometime throughout the day when they are not looking.

Friday evening activities include a skit from the “Darlings”, Ukulele music featuring Jackie Youngblood and Fabric Bingo. The instructions for making the bingo cards are on the website. When the game is over the bingo cards will be donated to be turned into charity quilts.

Saturday’s evening activities include Line Dancing with Ruthie Reynoso and Kathy Crews. Thread Those Needles and Majority Rules.

Ruthie Reynoso displayed samples of the name tags which are in different shapes.

Diane Roberson shared the class samples of the New York Beauty by Kaye Joachim, Blue Bird Wool Applique by Linda Weiss which the kit includes all but the needle and scissors, Binding by Anne Johnson and Octagon Shimmer by Marcy Gallagher.

Anne Johnson explained that she would prefer online registration. If you run into any issues to please contact her. It may take a few when checking out to connect to the square.

There are two things that you will get: an email confirmation and the receipt for payment. You will also receive reminders for your upcoming classes.

The cancelation cutoff date is January 15th, and this will not include any kit fees.

- **Quilts for Veterans:** Barbi Ouellette displayed the two quilt tops that were put together at the Silver Threads QOV Workshop using the block pattern from Konnie's BOM. One quilt titled "Silver Stars" and the other "Flying Stars".

September 13th will be the QOV presentation which Valerie Holmes and Anne Smith will be stepping in for Barbi.

September 17th Barbi will be in Pensacola for the MCB Reunion which she has 5 quilts to present.

September 23rd she will be presenting a quilt to a Major General at Joyful Place.

November 1st will be celebrating the military at The Landing, and she is asking for small items to sell.

- **Sunshine and Shadows:** Ruthie Reynoso reports that it was a slow month.
- **Workshops:** Sherry Kruschke has a workshop set up to celebrate National Jelly Roll Day. It will be 9am to 4pm. She had a few patterns to choose from. She requested that you put your email on the pattern you would like, and she will email it to you. Bring a potluck item to share or bring your own lunch if you prefer.

21 people have signed up for the Mystery Trip. She is just two rooms shy of being able to have the meeting room for free at the hotel for the evening fun and games.

Lisa asked for a show of hands for those not going who would like to have a Sit & Sew that Thursday. There were 5 members interested, and Lisa indicated that Sit & Sew is on.

October Kaye Joachim will have a workshop on using Inktense. With the cost of the inktense she will have hers there to try out.

VII. Final Drawing: Kerry Kastl won the Halloween wall hanging that Peggy Murrell donated for the in-house drawing. Polly reported that \$150.00 was raised.

VIII. Programs: For programs Jackie Youngblood had a fatquarter toss and a word game. Next month it will be Frog Hopp. Bring a project that you have lost interest in and donate it for others to have a chance to win. There will not be a cost to participate.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm.

September Pictures



Deborah Moen and the 2026 Retreat Committee filled us in on what to expect at our “Shaping Friendships” Retreat next February: classes, evening activities, Thursday night Kickoff, and more. Here, **Ruthie** is showing the shapes of the name-tags that she and **Kathy Crews** made. Registration is now open online on our website.



The September program was fun and games! **Jackie Youngblood** introduced us to the Fat Quarter Toss. **Ruthie Reynoso** successfully tossed all her fat quarters into the bucket, winning the entire collection of fat quarters!



Linda Weiss made this Quilt of Valor designed around a center panel.



Anne Smith made this “Star Rail” quilt.



Diane Roberson finished this UFO made of blocks she won at our 2022 Retreat.



Robin Easter-Neubauer and **Anne Johnson** finished their block into table toppers.

The September workshop was learning how to make the “Crisscross Applesauce” block. **Diane** was quick to make a whole quilt from them!



Bobbie Dye made this quilt as a challenge in one of her guilds in Louisiana, acknowledging all of the destruction from Hurricane Katrina, and how it changed so many lives. A lot of symbolism went into this wallhanging.



Barbara Roberts made a very versatile bag, one that can be used over her shoulder, as a back pack, or as a crossover body bag! It’s a By Annie pattern called “Every Day in Every Way.”



Ruthie Reynoso made this By Annie Overnight bag, just in time for the September (overnight) Mystery Trip!



Anne Johnson made this "Dark and Light" quilt with Half Square Triangles and inset circles, inspired by quilt designer Nancy Mahoney.



Carol Stearns made this quilt from (lots and lots of) Half Square Triangles.



Kaye Joachim finished her 2025 Row by Row!



Laura Peacock made several Christmas-related items, including two Santas, and a paper-pieced tree that she found unfinished at an estate sale.



Sonya Hart made this quilt from a kit she paid \$22 for at a shop that was closing in Alabama, and made a matching pillowcase to go with it.



Barbi Quellette presented two quilt tops made with patriotic blocks like the ones in our July BOM program. The Silver Threads Quilt Guild made the top one called "Silver Stars", and some in the Flying Needles guild made the bottom one called "Flying Stars".



Tammy Kennedy showed the quilt top that will be the "Floralscape" Block of the Month project in October through her shop, Oh Sew Kountry.

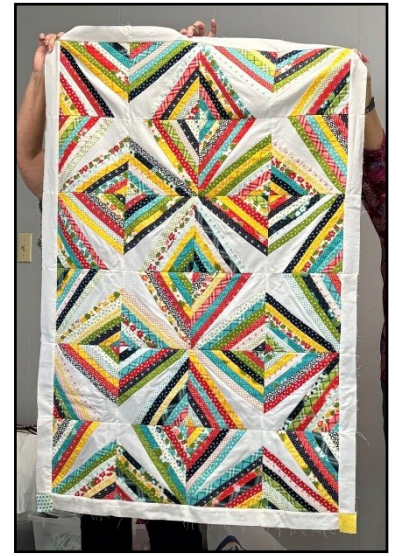


Ginger Maddox made three quilts; the top two were started on "Jelly Roll Day" last September, and the bottom one uses the pattern called "Walkabout".



Peggy Murrell showed her quilt "Embroidery" Flower, a pixelated bouquet best viewed from a distance, and her "Jelly Roll Day" quilt from last September using the "Contessa" pattern.

Penny Maus showed two quilts -- her string quilt from a workshop led by **Kaye Joachim**,



.... and the "Appalachian Trail" (below), workshop led by **Konnie Glaze**.



Robin Easter-Neubauer finished her Mystery BOM from last year, led by **Linda Hudson**. She didn't have enough fabric for the back, so she added more blocks to make it reversible.



The In-House Opportunity quilt/wallhanging had a Halloween theme, made by **Peggy Murrell** and won by **Kerry Kastl**.