

Needle Notes August 2025

August 14 Program Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP

A Glimpse into QuiltCon 2025 **by Diane Roberson**

QuiltCon is the largest modern quilting event in the world with attendees from around the globe. It is hosted by the Modern Quilt Guild, a large network of national and international modern quilters and quilt guilds.

QuiltCon features a vibrant quilt show full of competition quilts, community outreach quilts, and special exhibits. There are also lectures and workshops with a variety of modern-themed topics. And of course, there is an enticing vendor hall, with all booths curated with the modern quilter in mind.

We will take a look at a sample of quilts displayed at the 2025 show in various categories.

August 28 Workshop Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP

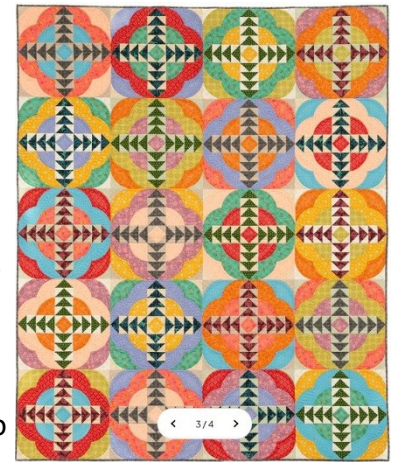
Crisscross Applesauce **By: Michelle Stewart**

Learn a simple way to sew curves to make this great block.

This pattern is a great stash-busting opportunity; be sure to raid your stash and cut for just one block for class purposes. This is also the perfect

opportunity to try a color combo you've never tried without investing a ton of money in fabric.

This quilt uses 18"x18" (unfinished) blocks. The block is large enough to make into a pillow when completed. The goal is to have every student complete at least one block in class.



August Calendar

- August 7: Board meeting
- August 7: Sit 'n' Sew
- August 9: QoV presentation at Eglin Air Armament Museum
- August 14: General Meeting
- August 21: Community Service Workshop
- August 25: Newsletter content due ****NEW SCHEDULE****
- August 28: Crisscross Applesauce Workshop

August Reminders

- Hostesses: Polly Shields, Jane Chiles
- Door Prizes: Polly Shields, Mary Barron
- Strip color: Yellow
- Bring your "Interwoven" blocks for the BOM drawing
- Bring your Row by Row
- Items for the Food Pantry are appreciated
- Items for free table—make sure you take home or dispose of your unclaimed items

2026 Retreat: Deborah Moen & Debi Roederer

Retreat Dates and Location:

Be sure to block off February 26-28 on your calendar and join us for our "Shaping Friendships" Retreat at Home 2 Suites Hotel in Fort Walton Beach. Use the links below, or find the links on the Guild's website for special pricing at both Home 2 Suites and the neighboring Holiday Inn Express.

Below are links for making your early hotel reservations.

[Flying Needles Quilt Guild Home2 Suites](#) and [Flying Needles Quilt Guild Holiday Inn Express](#)

Introducing Our 2026 Lineup of Classes:

What do you look for when deciding to attend a quilt retreat? Do you want to take a class from a favorite teacher? Do you have a special group of friends sharing your passion for quilting that you want to spend time with? Or is it to just get away from work or home and have a break from responsibility? Whatever your reason, retreats are almost always inspiring and invigorating!

This month, we want to highlight our lineup of teachers and classes. We are super excited to offer such a variety with something for everyone!

Kicking off the "Shaping Friendships" Retreat on Thursday is a reception followed by an evening program by featured teacher **Brigit Gail Dermott**. On Friday, during her 6 hour class "**Playing With Shapes**," quilters will create improv quilt tops using basic shapes, then arrange the shapes to tell a story.

Deb Chilcote is offering "**Disappearing L Block**," a class for beginners and experienced quilters to create a table runner or lap-sized quilt.

"**Octagon Shimmer**" is a traditional quilt block infused with style taught by **Marcy Gallagher** that will finish to a large-ish (but not huge) quilt.

Kaye Joachim's class, "**New York Beauty**," includes paper piecing for experienced quilters. Students can make a wallhanging or small quilt with their 9" blocks.

Anne Johnson will lead a class that any quilter can benefit from: "**Great Binding**." The class will cover various types of binding techniques and why you would choose one technique over another for a particular quilt.

Rounding out our curriculum and especially for those of us who love handwork, **Linda Weiss** will be teaching a project using **wool applique**.

Quilter's Walk:

We are excited to again feature our hugely-popular Quilter's Walk. If you're interested in donating items or creating a themed basket, please connect with Deborah Moen. She will have some baskets and themes to choose from at the August General Meeting.

President's Points: Lisa Lydston, President

Thank you so much for your many words of encouragement, comments, and suggestions. I am so very grateful for you all.

Our September Annual Meeting is forthcoming and I would love to hear from you about the following:

1. What would you like to see remain the same?
2. What do you think needs to improve AND provide a suggestion for the improvement?
3. How would you like the Guild to give back to its members?
4. How would you like to serve next year?

You can email me, call me, catch me at a meeting; whichever method you feel comfortable. I look forward to receiving your input!

Summer is quickly drawing to a close and school is about to reopen. This also means our contributions to various charities in our community is quickly approaching. All of you have been so generous with your time, talent, and resources to help our Community Services group reach our distribution goal. We are not quite there yet, so please endure a little longer. Thank you so very much! Our distribution is in November. More on that as time approaches.

Our August schedule:

- 8/7: Sit and Sew - bring your lunch and whatever project you want to do
- 8/7: Board Meeting
- 8/9: QOV presentation at the Armament Museum. Be there at 12:30
- 8/14: General Meeting - bring a yummy dish to share and/or door prizes
- 8/21: Community Services - come ready to work with a mandatory smile and laughter
- 8/23: QOV workshop with Silver Threads at the American Legion on Hollywood Blvd. Time will be either 9 or 10.
- 8/28: Workshop: Crisscross Applesauce with Michelle Stewart. Last chance to register for this workshop is our General Meeting.

Quilting (and other) Trivia (the answers will be somewhere in the Newsletter)

1. Susan B. Anthony did what at a quilting get-together at a local church in Cleveland?
 - a) Designed a coin with a quilt on it
 - b) Wrote the lyrics to a well-known quilting song
 - c) Declared quilting a national pastime
 - d) Gave her first speech about women's suffrage
2. Polyester batting was first marketed in the United States in 1955 by what company?
 - a) Stearns and Foster (Mountain Mist).
 - b) Quilters Dream
 - c) Hobbs
 - d) Warm
3. When she wrote the book How to Make an American Quilt, how many years had Whitney Otto been a quilter?
 - a) 0
 - b) 2
 - c) 8
 - d) 24

This has been a bit long so I had better say "Ta Ta For Now."

4. What children's storybook character said that frequently? That's a non quilting trivia question for you!

Looking forward to your smiles and hugs,

Lisa Lydston

2025 Workshops: Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP

Workshops are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except November and December. We meet from 9am to 2pm. Bring your lunch and drinks. The workshop fee is \$5.00 paid at registration. Some months have a kit fee, which is also paid at registration. Sign-up sheets and supply lists can be found at the General meetings, and supply lists are also on the website. Join me this year for some great fun and learning.

September 25 & 26

Mystery Trip

Details coming soon.

October 23, 2025

Inktense

By: Kaye Joachim

Details coming soon, but be sure to check out the class sample at the workshop table.



National Jelly Roll Day:

Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP

National Jelly Roll Day is September 20. Let's get together with our jelly rolls and make a quilt.

We'll meet at the church from 9-2. Bring your jelly roll and a lunch .

Sherry will have two jelly roll patterns to choose from.

Quilt Trivia

2. a) Stearns and Foster was the first company to market polyester batting under the brand name Mountain Mist.

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 **August** we are making this **Interwoven** block, and you may make two. Bring your block(s) to the August 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 **September** block will be announced at the meeting on August 14th. Bright, vibrant colored scrap fabrics in different values are needed, and you may have one or two colorways in your block. For example, use just greens in a block, or use two colorways like pink and purple. You will also need a solid black fabric. Examples:



2025 Row by Row:

Kaye Joachim



The row you have from the July general meeting is due at the August General meeting. Give it to Kaye Joachim. She will give you back your own project box to finish as you like.

FWB Library: *Diane Roberson*

For the month of July, we displayed a Quilt of Valor, Old Glory at the Fort Walton Beach Library.

Thank you FNQG members for sharing your artistic creations every month. The library staff and patrons look forward to seeing what is showcased every month.

If you have a quilt you would like to display, please contact Diane Roberson.



Boutique Bites:

Carol Stearns

We will be conducting inventory of boutique items on July 31 during the combined community and boutique workshop. This will determine whether we have enough inventory to participate in any fall craft shows. It will be interesting to do inventory to see what has come in since the quilt show.

As always, potholders, luggage tags, pin cushions, project bags, tote bags and more are always appreciated. At this time, I don't believe we have any crocheted items. We have nothing for babies.

Your donations are always appreciated.

Right now, we have a complete set of Riley Blake bench pillow kits, 12 of them unopened. If anyone is interested in the complete set or one or two of the kits at half price, please let me know.

Flying Needles in the News!

Local publication, *Get the Coast*, published an article highlighting a recent QoV presentation. You can read the article at www.getthecoast.com/retired-col-dale-marks-receives-quilt-of-valor-from-local-guild/



Community Service:

Diane Roberson

We are on the home stretch making items for the 2025 charity distribution. This distribution will be held the third Thursday in November. As a reminder, in 2024, we contributed 1,142 Christmas stockings, 125 quilts (excluding QOVs), 307 pillowcases, and 38 drawstring bags to seven different organizations.

Our inventory as of July 17th:

- Stockings: 844
- Quilts: 43 (plus approximately 50 quilt tops)
- Pillowcases: 190
- Walker bags: fewer than 1 dozen

We have just over 3 months to increase our inventory, and we made great progress at our July 31 workshop. Additional quilt tops and walker bags came in. More walker bag kits were cut and some went home with makers. Stocking kits were cut. Kits will be available at the August General meeting.

The items we make support local families experiencing crisis in Walton and Okaloosa counties. We support the following not-for-profit organizations that in turn distribute to the local families in need:

- Children in Crisis
- Christ of Redeemer Church for Twin Cities Pavilion
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Children Advocacy
- The Pearl Project
- Shelter House
- Beds for Everyone

Quilts for Veterans: Barbi Quelette

Hello Guild members and friends!

Another very successful Quilt of Valor presentation was held on Saturday, July 12. Quilts were awarded to the following individuals:

- ❑ Joshua Sullivan, Army. Retired in 2024. He spent the majority of his time with the 82nd Airborne Division as a jump master army ranger, having completed over 125 jumps.
- ❑ Albert Rott, Air Force. Retired in 1982. He did two tours in Vietnam in support of bombing North Vietnam and maintaining F4s, KC135s, B52s. He was promoted to Command Chief Master Sergeant and retired at Eglin AFB.
- ❑ David Gibson, Jr., Army. He served during Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 82nd Airborne, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was stationed at many high level duty stations.
- ❑ Jeffery Fraley, Air Force. Retired in 1992. He did his pilot training at Columbus AFB in Mississippi, RAF Lakenheath England, Cannon AFB in New Mexico, and Fighter Weapons School in Mount Home AFB in Idaho. He flew many missions during the Persian Gulf War.

As you can see, some nominees give great info on what they do while others choose not to expand on their time in the service, and that is alright.

Upcoming events:

- ❑ August 9: QoV presentation at Eglin Air Armament Museum.
- ❑ August 23 from 9:30-3:00: Silver Threads QoV Workshop at the American Legion on Hollywood Blvd in FWB. Everyone is welcome. Bring your QoV UFO or work on the flag block that Flying Needles just did for the month of June.
- ❑ October: We will share a booth with Northwest Florida Comfort Quilts at the Okaloosa County Fair. We will showcase a few quilts and will have a donation jar for Quilts for Veterans.
- ❑ November: the Niceville Library will be doing a QoV display of several quilts.

Valerie Holmes has agreed to try her hand at presenting Quilts of Valor at our October Eglin Air Armament Museum as Jeannie and I will be out of the area during that time frame. Come on out and support Valerie. I know she will do a great presentation.

Finally, if you ordered a QoV kit from Quilted Twins and plan on sending back to Quilted Twins to enter in for door prizes, please let me know so I can inform our State Coordinator. Make sure the name of the quilt, maker's name and quilter's name is included to give credit. If you prefer the quilt made from your kit be given back to Flying Needles and awarded to a local recipient, pin a handwritten note to the quilt with your return address. All quilts submitted will stay with Quilted Twins for their local QoV chapter unless otherwise specified. They will be accepting quilts through August 30.

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

Opportunity Quilt:

Diane Roberson

Tickets for Boho Heart, our 2025 Opportunity Quilt are available until the drawing on December 11, 2025. If you are able to sell tickets at any upcoming events or to friends and family, please see Diane Roberson. They are a bargain at \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5.

Flying Needles Quilt Guild
Niceville, Florida

BOHO HEART
2025 Opportunity Quilt Fundraiser

Appraised Value
\$1,375.00

Quilted by
Peggy Marrell

Binding by
LaLani James

Dimensions
68" x 80"

QUILT TICKETS AVAILABLE:
Suggested Donation: 1 Ticket \$2.00 * 3 Tickets \$5.00 * 6 Tickets \$10.00
Winner to be drawn December 11, 2025 - Need not be present to win

Proceeds help support Community Service efforts!

Flying Needles Quilt Guild is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. Your donation may be tax deductible.
For more information about FNQG, see website: www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org

Thank you for supporting Flying Needles Quilt Guild!

Quilt Trivia

4. Tigger, in the *Winnie the Pooh* books is well knowing for saying, "TTFN! Ta ta for now!"

Membership:

Anne Johnson

July Meeting:

We had 59 members attend with 5 guests. And what a great program! Always wanted to learn more about quilt math! Kevin did such a great job.

New Member:

Roseanne Williams
(901) 337-0848
NicevilleHoney@gmail.com

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these members celebrating in August!

Sandra Dias
Karen Garland
Pam Giblin
Kevin Holland
Terry Kelly
Lori Paice
Laura Peacock
Barbara Roberts
Cheryl Tims

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 can not open any other files but .jpeg and .pdf.

Thank you.

Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp

Thank you ladies for all your contributions - two of the things that make our meetings fun - food and prizes.

Quilt Trivia

1. d) Susan B. Anthony gave her first speech about women's suffrage at a quilting get-together at a church in Cleveland.

Nominating Committee:

Peggy Murrell, Kerry Kastl, Sherri Hayes

It's almost time to finalize our slate of officers for 2026. We have been working hard to fill the positions. Thank you to all the members who took time to talk to us and consider a position or suggest other possible candidates.

Serving on the board is a rewarding experience. You will get to help decide the direction of the guild, you will get to help members, and you will get to meet a lot of the members you may not know. The vast majority of the members appreciate the work you will do and many of them will remind you of that on a regular basis. I encourage everyone to participate. I also encourage everyone to think about the people you want to see on the board, whose work you appreciate.

We are looking for candidates for each of 5 board positions. The positions and duties are:

President: responsible for presiding at all Board Meetings, General Meetings, Annual Meetings, and Special Meetings.

First Vice President: responsible for setting up Programs for the General Meetings.

Second Vice President: responsible for scheduling Workshops for the year.

Secretary: record the minutes of all meeting; maintain a notebook containing records, including minutes, Treasurer reports, all current and former Bylaws and SOPPs, and results of elections.

Treasurer: custodian of the funds; responsible for the budget; responsible for submitting financial and legal documents to the State.

The incoming board members will shadow the current board members from mid-September until the end of the year, at which time they begin their official duties, which run the entire 2026 calendar year.

As of now, the proposed candidates are:

- President—Lisa Lydston
- 1st Vice President—Kaye Joachim
- 2nd Vice President—Sherry Kruschke
- Treasurer—Donna Gross
- Secretary—Eileen Wittic

We will continue to accept additional candidates any time up to and during the August General Meeting. You may volunteer, self-nominate, or nominate another Guild member (with their agreement).

Per the Guild's Bylaws, if multiple candidates are submitted for any given office, the election will take place at the September Annual Meeting (with absentee ballots included in the September newsletter). If only a single candidate is listed for any given office, that candidate will be confirmed at the August General Meeting once nominations are closed.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Nominating Committee members if you wish to volunteer or nominate another member.

Treasurer's Report : Donna Gross, Treasurer

Checkbook Balance as of July 17, 2025: \$46,532.08		not the bank		
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 INCOME BUDGET	JULY INCOME	TOTAL INCOME YTD	% of Budget Spent
In-Kind and Grants	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Monthly Raffle	\$1,200.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 750.00	63%
General Donations	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 600.06	
Community Service	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 653.00	54%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 165.00	14%
Membership (100 Members)	\$3,500.00	\$ 16.69	\$ 352.92	10%
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2025)	\$1,000.00	\$ 85.00	\$1,363.00	136%
Quilts for Veterans	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,330.00	67%
2025 QFV Opportunity Quilt (Ticket Sales)	\$600.00	\$ -	\$ 435.00	73%
Workshop	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 151.50	
2025 Quilt Show	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 16,153.60	
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$16,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,715.00	\$ 359.69	\$ 21,954.08	24%
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET	JULY EXPENSE	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD	% of Budget Spent
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00	\$ -	\$ 641.94	99%
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	100%
ADMIN - FI Dept of Revenue	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ 70.00	35%
ADMIN - Operating/Misc	\$175.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,862.09	1064%
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$650.00	\$ -	\$ 275.88	42%
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$176.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,251.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,249.91	123%
Community Svc (Increased to \$2k Grants)	\$2,000.00	\$ 46.80	\$ 1,367.48	68%
Door Prizes	\$150.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$100.00	\$ -	\$ 21.38	21%
Historian	\$85.00	\$ -	\$ 124.99	147%
Hospitality	\$175.00	\$ -	\$ 89.58	51%
Membership	\$350.00	\$ 36.36	\$ 316.36	90%
Newsletter	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2026)	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ 144.95	29%
Programs	\$300.00	\$ -	\$ 52.78	18%
Publicity (General)	\$250.00	\$ -	\$ 44.20	18%
Quilts for Veterans (1.5k +1770.67 2024 Rollover)	\$3,270.67	\$ -	\$ 2,061.01	63%
2025 QFV Opp Quilt	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Sunshine/Shadows	\$175.00	\$ -	\$ 83.69	48%
Workshops	\$350.00	\$ -	\$327.50	
2025 Quilt Show	\$8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 11,128.12	139%
2024 Quilt Retreat	\$3,000.00	\$ 429.99	\$ 952.15	32%
	\$23,456.67	\$ 563.15	\$ 21,964.10	94%

Board Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

July 3, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 with a note that Donna Gross and Sherry Kruschke came into the meeting after the call to order.
 - 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
 2. Facilities - Deborah Moen
 3. Quilts for Veterans - Barbi Ouellette
 4. Webmaster - Kaye Joachim
 5. Retreat - Deborah Moen and Debi Roederer
 6. Peggy Murrell

II. Approve Last Board minutes: Diane Roberson brought to the board's attention corrections needing to be made including adding "draw" to drawstring bags, correction on the set-up time for the FTC event from 3:30 to 2:30 and other grammar corrections. Robin made a motion to accept the minutes with these corrections and Sherry seconded.

III. Treasurer Report/Review Committee Budgets:

- A. Guild: Donna asked if the board had received the updated report she sent out the day before. Lisa has concerns about getting a clear one-month report to the newsletter. Peggy has offered to move the publication of the newsletter to the first of each month with a deadline for submissions on the 25th.

Lisa referred to the prior treasurer Sherri Hayes's routine, she would balance at the beginning of the month when the bank statement was received and give a verbal update to the members of anything of note since the report at the general meeting and then after taking in money and/or giving money out after the general meeting would then get a report ready for the newsletter which would reflect the prior month.

After discussion, it was decided that Donna will have the account balanced and a treasurer's report ready and sent to the board for review on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The board will then review, and have any corrections made prior to being sent to Peggy on the 25th. Sending the report in excel is preferred.

Sherry Kruschke still had questions regarding what is listed as her available budget in the report. The checks she has taken into pay for workshops, she is to get back in cash to pay the teacher and for any kits that are needed and does not feel that this should affect her budget's bottom line. Donna says this is a formulary issue in the spreadsheet not a money problem.

Donna will be meeting with Barbi Ouellette regarding the quarterly QFV budget review and Deborah Moen with the treasurer's report concerning what she is seeing and will then notify the board via email no later than Monday prior to the General Meeting so that the board is up to speed.

- B. Member Services: Anne Johnson is not present, but Lisa questions the two charges taken, one for \$35.00 and another for \$26.25. Members joining after March 31st are to be prorated. Lisa will email Anne to clarify and will CC the board.
- C. Community Services: Diane Roberson had nothing new to report concerning her budget.
- D. Quilts for Veterans: Barbi Ouellette will be meeting with Donna to go over her budget after the meeting.

IV. Action Items:

- A. 2026 Retreat: Debi Roederer reports that they have finalized the class descriptions and pictures for all but one for the registration forms and website. Anne Johnson has been working on online registration. The plan is to have early registration in September for members and then open the registration in October.

The contracts are ready today.

They will be working on room assignments and pricing t-shirts.

They have contacted the catering manager to see about adding a dessert option to the menu.

Peggy has been organizing the making of project bags for all that will be attending.

They are estimating the profit from the retreat to be approximately \$5,000.00.

The retreat theme is "Shaping Friendships".

- B. 5th Thursday catering: Lisa indicates that with the Guild SOP pages 4 and 6 there must be a motion and a vote by the members on the guild purchasing the meals for the 5th Thursday workshops which would include July 31st. If accepted, it will need to be put in the Operating/Misc line item. Quilts for Veterans did pay for the last luncheon out of its funds. Jackie Youngblood questioned the cost of the last luncheon and why it was so high and if there was not another option. Lisa said she chose who she did for the delivery and had added drinks this time. She does not have access to Sam's Club to get sandwich trays from them but was open for her to check into Sam's Club.
- C. Nomination Committee Chair: Lisa said Monday she had contracted 8-9 members and had no takers and needed help finding someone. She will present this to the members again at the general meeting.
- D. Financial Review Committee for August review: The committee will include Sherri Hayes, Laura Peacock, and Peggy Murrell. Lisa asked Donna to arrange a date with them for the review.
- E. \$50 donation for Linda VanHoesen memorial: Lisa had talked with Linda's sister Mary Weathersby who is a member of the guild about donating to a charity in her memory and she indicated Linda's church The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. She also asked to have the quilt Linda made of silk be put on display at the library. Diane Roberson indicated that she did not have a quilt selected for August yet or maybe even September. Lisa asked if a display board could be included with a description of the quilt and the maker. Diane said she would do that and that right now the library is closed due to smoke in the building.

V. Programs: Jackie Youngblood says she has Kevin Holland going over quilt math this month and Diane Roberson will be talking about QuiltCon at the August general meeting.

Jackie asked if it would be possible to give a little gift to those that do the programs. It was indicated that programs have a \$300.00 budget, and it was suggested that she might give a \$10.00 gift certificate/card with a thank you card.

Lisa noted that from the Drawing Survey most members wanted it to continue. There was interest in taking some of the door prize money taken in and investing in new door prizes. There was no interest in 50/50 drawings and did not want gift bags held back but to draw for all that were brought in. Lisa will discuss this with Polly. Lisa stated that the In-house Raffle money would stay within the guild.

VI. Workshops: Sherry Kruschke said she has Anne Johnson's Dresden workshop this month and Michelle Stewart's Crisscross Applesauce for August. She has received a sample for Michelle's class to have on display at this month's meeting. This next weekend she has Linda Hudson and Robin Easter-Neubauer helping her scope out and plan the September Mystery trip. October will be Inktense with Kaye Joachim.

VIII. Committee Review:

QFV: Barbi Ouellette reports she has 13 quilts ready to be quilted, 4 are ready to be trimmed and add binding and 2 with boarders needing to be added to make them meet the required size of 55x65. She had 25 quilts ready to be presented. There are 10 out being quilted and 1 to be displayed at the library.

She has plans to be at the AC-119 Gunship Association reunion November 15th and attend the MCB reunion scheduled for September. Her visit to the Bob Hope Village was canceled but will be rescheduled.

She has 20 veteran nominees. So far, she has 5 veterans scheduled for July 4 in August and 1 in September with messages left for 4 others.

In November there will be 8 quilts hung at the Niceville Library for the November Memorial.

She plans to ask who ordered the QOV Summer challenge kits from the Quilted Twins and are intending to send them back which will then be forwarded back to our area. Barbi had ordered two kits which were utilized at Silver Threads.

Community Service: Diane Roberson was approached by Shelter House staff for zip pouches or drawstring bags to be used for hygiene items to be given out. They currently have a large number of these items. They need 30 to 40 bags and Diane is planning to ask the members for help. She plans to share a pattern for the drawstring bag.

July 31st will be the 5th Thursday workshop hosted by Community Service and The Boutique. Diane plans to work with 3-yard quilts and precuts.

She has been working on a grant for \$500.00 from All in Credit Union with the deadline being the 14th.

She plans to address quality control for community service items. There are pillowcases and quilts being turned in that are not made with 100% cotton.

IX. Open Forum for Non-Board Members:

Debi Roederer asked to borrow 2-3 power wheels to use at a retreat. Deborah Moen and the board did not feel that this would be a problem.

X. Further Action Needed/Tabled Items:

- A. T-shirts: This is an item that Lisa has tabled since the beginning of the year. It was discussed that it would be nice to have a guild shirt when going to events to identify who we represent. Lisa liked the shirts from the Paducah trip. Donna had the link to the site but needed to know which brand was used. Deborah thought that it was Port & Company but would check and let Donna know.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08am.

General Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

July 10, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Linda Weiss led the members in a prayer, pledge and the singing of "God Bless America".
- II. The last meeting minutes were approved as written after no changes were noted by the attendees.

III. Treasurer's Report:

Lisa Lydston apologized for not recalling from the SOPP Section 5 the need for approval from the members for expenditures in excess of \$200.00 from a member services budget when purchasing the meals for the 5th Thursday workshops in January and May. There is a 5th Thursday this month which will be for Community Service and the Boutique. Depending on the number of people who come, the meal may be \$400.00 to \$500.00 with the plan to divide this cost between Community Service and the Boutique.

Lisa asked for a show of hands for all those that would like to continue with the guild paying for the luncheons and then those that opposed. "Yes" was the majority.

There then was much discussion on the floor as to the perception of using money from grants and donations on supplying luncheons. There is the potential to lose future grants.

Lisa said that there was not a separate line item in the budget for this year and the guild should be thinking about addressing this when looking at next year's budget.

Penny Maus made a motion to spend over \$200.00 on a luncheon for the 5th Thursday in July split between the two member services. Sonya Hart seconded the motion.

There then was more discussion from the members in which Penny then rescinded her prior motion. With a new motion being to spend in excess of \$200.00 on a luncheon for the 5th Thursday in July split between the two member services. Sonya seconded this again.

There then was more discussion from the members. Penny then amended her motion to “expenses greater than \$200.00 come out the general fund for the meal offered to the members on the 5th Thursday in July”. Sonya seconded this motion.

The motion was voted on by the members and was passed.

Lisa addressed that since publication of the report, the board had found some discrepancies and to try and eliminate publication errors from occurring, the Treasurer will adopt a plan similar to the former Treasurer: to reconcile the report by the 3rd Thursday of the month and submit it to the board for review of errors and omissions before the Newsletter publication deadline on the 25th of the month. The checkbook/bank account reconciliation will occur on the 1st of the month as always.

The annual financial review will be in August. The review committee will consist of Peggy Murrell, Sherri Hayes and Laura Peacock.

Donna Gross reported that the quick book balance remains at \$46,705.54. Since she was out of town, no changes have been made. The entire year was printed in the last newsletter. There were notes that were color coded for items she thought there might be questions on. One being workshops which have been addressed with Sherry.

Donna addressed members about how the confrontation she received during last month’s General Meeting made her feel.

IV. Program: Kevin Holland presented a program on “Quilt Math”.

V. Show and Tell

VI. Back to Business

- **Block of the Month:** Konnie Glaze had 82 “Glory in Scraps” blocks turned in with four winners which were Barbi Ouellette, Donna Gross, Patty Roof and Barbara Roberts. Next month’s block is “Interwoven” a 16” block by Carol Thelen using black and white and gold fabric. Konnie will send the YouTube link so that you can download the pattern. She will group the blocks into 9 for the drawing next month.
- **Community Services:** Diane Roberson reports that next week’s workshop will be working on getting kits done. There is a push to get items done for giving out in November. The next 5th Thursday is this month and will be for both Community Service and the Boutique.

On a quality assurance note she asked the members to be sure to use 100% cotton on all items.

The quilt at the library this month is a QOV quilt “Old Glory”. Next month there will be a quilt made by Linda Van Hoesen which was a special request from her sister Mary Weathersby. It will also include a poster about Linda and her service to the guild.

- **December Block:** Deb Chilcote stated that it was not too late to join. It is a 6 ½ x 12 ½ inch flying geese block. You can make as many as you would like. They must be turned by November, and she will mix them all up and return the same number of blocks back to you.
- **Facilities:** Deborah Moen reports that the old library rolling cart will be leaving today.
- **Strip Club:** Grace Grimsley held the drawing for the 2 ½" strips. Konnie was the winner and chose Yellow for next month.
- **Facebook:** Konnie Glaze had nothing new to report.
- **Food Pantry:** Cheri Perry reported that Bunny has given her a list of items needed, and they plan to give food out August 3rd. Angel Schauer has been working with Emerald Coast Food Rescue they donated to New Hope last week.
- **Boutique:** Carol Stearns said all items are welcome. There is no special project planned for the 5th Thursday workshop. Plans to do an inventory of items that day.
- **Historian/photography:** Deb Chilcote had nothing new to report.
- **Hospitality:** Mary Ann Sharp thanked everyone for the good food and help.
- **Membership:** Anne Johnson reported 60 members were in attendance with one new member Rosanne Williams and 4 visitors Emma Joachim, Katie, Cherinn Norman and Marcy Gallagher.

Lisa informed the members that the guild will make a \$50.00 donation to Linda Van Hoesen's church, The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's quilt program.

- **Newsletter:** Peggy Murrell reminded the members that the newsletter will now go out on the 1st of the month and all content is due on the 25th of every month. Lisa thanked Peggy for all the work she puts into making our newsletters.
- **Opportunity Quilt:** Diane Roberson reports that the money taken in from tickets has almost reached the value of the quilt which was valued at \$1375.00. Tickets are \$2.00 for a ticket or 3 for \$5.00. Each envelope has 30 tickets with a value of \$50.00. The last QFV opportunity quilt raised \$3100.00 per Barbi.
- **Publicity:** Donna Gross had nothing new to report.
- **2026 Retreat:** Deborah Moen indicated that the next committee meeting is via Zoom next Tuesday.

Peggy Murrell is heading up making project bags for each attendee. Please see Peggy if you can help.

The dates are February 26th – 28th and the link to the hotels are on our website.

- **Quilts for Veterans:** Barbi Ouellette indicated that Saturday the 12th is the next draping, and she has 5 veterans scheduled. Those that can help please arrive between 12:30 and 12:45. It is a 30-minute program at the Air Force Armament Museum. There are 21 names in NAMS. She has received 4 quilts from Silver Threads.

She will be attending the AC-119 reunion in November and the MCB reunion. She has a workshop scheduled for Silver Threads on August 23rd.

The size requirement for quilts is 55x65 and Barbi requested that those being turned in be at least 60x70 due to the shrinkage and that they are no larger than 75x90.

She has obtained 2 rolls of batting and needs whites and creams. She checks out store sales racks and online for bolts on sale.

Ginger Maddox has started to receive books for the "Operation Paperback" drive.

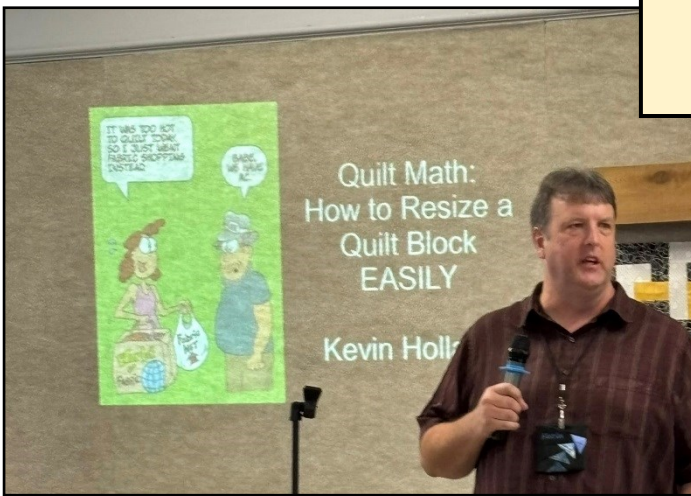
The Niceville Library will hang quilts in November in honor of veterans.

- **Nomination Committee:** Peggy Murrell is chair with Kerry Kastl and Sherri Hayes joining her. Between now and August you can expect to receive a phone call from one of them. There are 5 positions. At the August general meeting she will give a description of each position. There will be a vote at the September Annual Meeting. Peggy opened it up to take nominations. She received a nomination for Peggy Murrell for president from Linda Hudson. Peggy declined the nomination. There were no other nominations on the floor. She will try again next month.
 - **Workshops:** Sherry Kruschke has the Dresden workshop with Anne Johnson this month. August is "Criscross Applesauce" with So Kind of Wonderful certified instructor Michelle Stewart. The class is \$18.00, pattern \$12.00 and ruler \$19.00. She is offering a discount if you need the ruler and pattern. This block is scrap friendly. She will be making a trip to check out shops for the September Mystery Trip.
 - **UFO:** Robin Easter-Neubauer had nothing new to report.
 - Jane Chiles has worked with a few of the NWF girls' basketball team showing them how to sew. There are a few that are staying for the summer and she is asking for anyone that would be willing to teach them at their dorm.
- VII. Birthdays:** Each month the members with birthdays that month receive a fat quarter and are entered into a drawing for gift certificate.
- VIII. Final Drawing:** Lisa said that the overwhelming response to the door prize survey was to continue it and a large number to have a portion of the drawing proceeds used to purchase new door prizes. Lisa will get in touch with Polly to see how she would like to handle this.
- IX.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Quilt Trivia

3. a) Zero. Whitney Otto is a novelist, not a quilter.

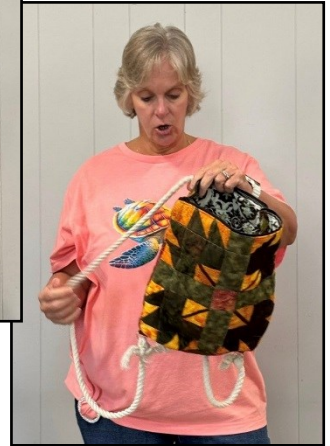
July Pictures



The July Program -- Member **Kevin Holland** gave us great tips on re-sizing blocks and provided a multi-page handout that had great information in it!



Barbi Ouellette made this sewing machine cover, pattern was By Annie.



Anne Marie Wilkerson made a backpack out of an orphan block and some leftover rope.



Ginger Maddox is working on getting some projects finished. This quilt had some 9-patches that someone else had made, and she put it together.



Bobbie Dye made this New York Beauty quilt while joining her husband on a business trip.



Guest **Cherinn Norman** made a baby blanket with the help of **Z Gibson**.



Cheryl Tims made this organizer.



Anne Johnson made this black & white quilt. The back (shown below) is also beautiful! It's a single piece of fabric with this overall design on it.



Diane Roberson finished her December Blocks from a few years ago, and added a Panda applique.



Grace Grimsley made two zipper pouches using a sublimation printer to transfer designs onto faux leather.



Ginger finished a Twisted quilt, a pattern taught in a workshop several years back.



Jackie Youngblood also finished a Twisted quilt, and another Floral Garden quilt.



Janet Kinner made 3 purses.



Rosemary Stark made two quilts that will be donated to Community Service for our charities. The left one is called "Somebodies" quilt, and the right one was one she made during the 2024 Mystery BOM.



Kathy Everett took on the challenge of creating a fish pillow in memory of someone who loved to fish before he died. She drew up a pattern of a fish, and then turned it into a pillow.



Kathy's sewing tip includes the use of a rubber spatula -- after you use your seam ripper to cut the threads, use this to wipe over all those loose threads to pull them out instead of picking them out one by one.



Our In-House Opportunity winner: **Deborah Moen** won this piece that was made by **Carol Stearns**.



Penny Maus wanted to show what happens to all the Friendship blocks that are collected each month. When we were making the heart blocks years ago, a quilt was made for Penny when she was going through cancer treatments, and she cherishes it!

The Friendship blocks we now make are the snowball blocks -- pattern found on our website.