

Needle Notes

December
2025

December 13

Pot Luck

December is our semiannual Pot Luck. Time to enjoy the talents of our good cooks, and time to visit with friends and celebrate the upcoming holidays. Members whose last names begin with L-Z are asked to bring a dish to share.

We will be eating at 10, so think brunch as you prepare your delicious dishes.

Bon Appetit!

December Reminders

- Hostesses: Members whose last names begin with L-Z
- Door Prizes: <no signups>
- Strip color: Christmas colors
- Bring your "Poinsettia" blocks for the BOM drawing
- Food items or cash donations for the Food Pantry are greatly appreciated
- Bring items for free table

December Calendar

- December 4: Board meeting
- December 4: Sit 'n' Sew
- December 11: General Meeting—Potluck!
- December 18: Possible Sit 'n' Sew (TBA)
- December 25: Merry Christmas y'all!**
- December 27: Newsletter content due

President's Points:

Lisa Lydston, President

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Can you believe 2025 is almost over? It has been an adventure to say the least!

As we wind down the year, let's take a moment to reflect on our successes, be grateful for the hard times that we managed through, and rejoice that we get another day to try again.

The Guild has an easy month ahead, so here is the schedule for your reference:

Dec 4: Board Meeting and Sit and Sew.

Dec 11: General Meeting and feast! Can't wait to see those Poinsettia blocks. We will have the free table in the board room and we will have show and tell. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so by this meeting.

Dec 18: TBA; maybe a Sit and Sew? We will discuss it at the General Meeting.

After that, we won't see each other until Jan 8, unless you all want a Sit and Sew on New Year's Day. We will discuss that too.

See y'all soon.

Christmas hugs,
Lisa Lydston



2026 Retreat: Deborah Moen & Debi Roederer

Hello everyone! We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. There are so many different traditional activities; some people travel, some host, some indulge in shopping, football or best of all, quality time in the sewing room.

Before we get too distracted with all the activities and crowded calendars that December brings, now is a great time to register for our "Shaping Friendships" retreat next February 26th-28th. We have some really talented teachers offering a variety of classes with something for everyone, including these three:

"**Playing With Shapes**" is taught by Brigit Gail Dermott from Gainesville. This class is a guided exercise in construction techniques of common units followed with work on a design wall to design a quilt uniquely your own. Brigit Gail does include the possibility of some curved piecing so if this is something you want more help with, this is the class for you!



If straight lines are more up your alley but you are bored with squares & rectangles, consider "**Octagon Shimmer**" by Marcy Gallagher. Working with neutrals and soft tones, students create spider web blocks full of positive & negative space. The full pattern makes a 70" x 86" quilt but the block design easily works for a wall hanging or table topper, a perfect opportunity to try something new without a large investment in time or fabric.



Or maybe you have always wanted to learn traditional paper piecing but get intimidated by the thought of sewing from the backside. And all that reverse flipping can be scary! Kaye Joachim's "**New York Beauty**" is the class for you. Kaye's expertise will have you confidently creating those perfect points and smooth curves that come with paper piecing.



And a reminder there is a full slate of fun activities planned, vendors on site and a fabulous Quilter's Walk with the most wonderful baskets.

Online registration and all the retreat details are available on our Guild website: flyingneedlesquiltguild.org.

Opportunity Quilt:

Diane Roberson

Our 2025 Opportunity Quilt will be drawn on December 11th! This is your last chance to get your tickets.

The “Boho Heart” blocks were made by 19 members of our guild. Then the painstaking task of constructing all those blocks and background was done by Ruthie Reynoso. Peggy Murrell did the fabulous quilting and LaLani James completed the quilt with the binding, label and hanging sleeve.

The quilt was appraised for \$1,375. We are on target for this to be a successful fundraiser. If the winner is not present at the drawing during the December guild general meeting, we will call the winner. Fingers crossed that YOU are the lucky winner.



Community Service:

Diane Roberson

We set records with the number of charity items made and distributed! Thank you, members, for your dedication to this worthy cause! We were able to include three new not-for-profit agencies in addition to those we have supported in the past. First, let's review the numbers, we made a total of 2,199 items including:

- 1,527 Christmas stockings
- 129 Quilts 388 Pillowcases
- 75 Drawstring bags
- 49 Walker bags
- 31 pairs of Booties

Our contributions were presented to the following organizations on November 20th:

- Beds for Everyone
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Children in Crisis
- Twin Cities Pavilion
- Children Advocacy
- Shelter House
- Opportunity Place
- PEARL
- Point Washington Medical Clinic
- Safe Connections
- New Hope Baptist Church
- Pregnancy Resource Center

It was wonderful to hear from representatives of most of the organizations about how they will use our donations and how each one supports members of our community in Okaloosa and Walton County.



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 **December**, we will be making blocks with a poinsettia theme. It is your choice which block patterns to make within the theme and size range, and you may make up to two sets for a total of six blocks (see below).

1. Block Sizes: 12 ½" and 6 ½" unfinished. Please make blocks in sets of three, with each set consisting of one 12 ½" block and two 6 ½" blocks (three blocks total). Then, if you choose to make another set of three blocks, you may. You are free to use a different pattern for each block.



2. Use any method of quilting: piecing, foundation paper piecing, EPP, collage, appliqué, or art quilting.

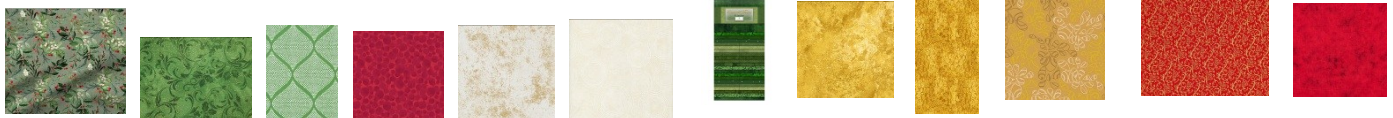
3. When considering fabrics please look at the varieties of poinsettias: white, ivory, bicolor, red glitter, white flecks, winter rose, and marbled. Fabric colors will be values of red, gold/yellow, white/ivory, and green. Let's stay clear of pinks and peaches.



4. Please do not use novelty fabric or fabric with an actual poinsettia print.
5. If so inspired, embellish away!

Bring your blocks to the December meeting and you will be entered in the drawing to win the blocks; one entry for each block you turn in (e.g. three blocks, three entries; six blocks, six entries). I will decide how many blocks to award based on what is turned in, and the winner will receive blocks in sets of three.

Yes Fabrics:



No Fabrics:



Food Pantry: Cheri Perry

Item	Needed
Canned Chicken	28
Canned Tuna	56
Cookies	28
Cranberry Sauce	28
Green Beans	56
Canned Tomatoes	28
Canned Yams	28
Corn	56
Peas	56
Applesauce	28
Vegetable Soup	56
Chicken Noodle Soup	56
Pasta Sauce	28
Pasta Spaghetti	28
Shelved Milk	28
Stuffing (in boxes)	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
Ground Beef roll (frozen)	to have on hand
Ground Chicken (frozen)	to have on hand
Thanksgiving pie (not frozen)	28
turkey breast (frozen)	28
Gravy packet	28

FWB Library:

Diane Roberson

Linda Weiss' beautiful quilt, All Creatures Great and Small was displayed in November. It was hand embroidered and hand applied showcasing her talent and skill. It was quilted by Sue DeSantis. The quilt took the second place ribbon in the 2018 FNQG Quilt Show.

In December, we will feature a Christmas quilt by LaLani James.



Membership:

Anne Johnson

October Attendance

What a wonderful meeting we had in November! I hope everyone has cleaned and oiled their machines. For those who were not in attendance with the **51 members**, be sure to research how to maintain your sewing machines for optimal sewing.

2026 Dues

Remember: it is time to pay your dues for 2026. If you have not yet paid, be sure to do so either online or in person so you will be included in the Guild directory to be distributed in January. The link for online registration is on the Guild website homepage, or click here: <https://form.jotform.com/240634085367156>. Here you can pay by credit/debit card, or bring a check to the December Guild meeting. If you need a new photo, please catch up with Anne Johnson, Anne Smith or Robin Easter-Neubauer to have a photo taken at the December meeting.

Welcome New Members!

Mary Anne Wiley
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Holly Van Wieren
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Hospitality:

Mary Ann Sharp

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing the delicious food and helping out behind the counter.

December Brunch Potluck will begin at 10:00 am. Members with last names beginning with L-Z are asked to bring a dish to share.

There were no door prize signups for December.

2026 signup sheets for hospitality and door prizes will be on the signup table.

December Birthdays

Happy birthday friends!!

Theresa Atkinson

Jane Chiles

Sonya Hart

Kaye Joachim

Paula Jurgonski

Michele Kerlin

Gail Menard

2026 Programs

Kaye Joachim, 1VP

The January 8th Program will be Judy Musteric from Stitcher's Quest talking about panels. The Judy will give us a variety of ways to use those beautiful panels that seem to appear in our stash.



February's program is with Rachel Reid, a friend of Diane Roberson, talking about skin health and other skin issues in mature women.

In March we will have our "Share Your Stash" sale. A signup sheet will be available at the January and February meetings. Please signup if you wish to reserve a space.

2026 Workshops

Diane Roberson, 2VP

Our January 22th workshop will feature Anne Johnson teaching "Piecing with Curves and Circles". If you love seeing circles in quilting but have not been happy with your applique results, this class is for you! She will include raw edge and needle turn applique as well as inset circles. Your supply list is posted on the FNQG website. This class promises to be an exciting one.



All workshops in February will be held at the retreat. Make sure you register for one or two classes, there are six to choose from.

In March, we will have Linda Hudson teaching a fused quilt layout technique.

2026 UFO Challenge: Robin Easter-Neubauer

Are you ready to complete six of your unfinished projects this year?

The cost is \$5.00 to join the UFO Challenge

To participate, fill out the signup form with your name and the six unfinished projects that you would like to finish in 2026. The signup form can be found on the next page, on the Guild's website, or from Robin at the December meeting. Be sure to give each project a name, so it's clear what's been completed when it's time to mark it off your list. Turn in the form along with your \$5 entry fee to Robin at the December 2025 meeting. The money collected at the December meeting will be put in a **POT** for a drawing at the December 2026 General Meeting. Everyone that completes at least one project will be eligible for the final drawing.

Every two months a number will be drawn, and that number will correspond with a number you have assigned to a project. Project draw dates are December, February, April, June, and August, with each project due two months after the draw date.

Everyone's number six (6) will be due at the December 2026 meeting. This is a project of your choice. So, if you have a big project you need a whole year to finish, then that is the one for your number 6 slot.

Example: If the number 4 is drawn in December, you will have to complete that project listed as #4 on your list by February. In February, if the #1 is drawn then you have until April to finish the project listed as #1 on your list. Again, you will always have at least two months to complete each project.

The rules are simple: A UFO is any project that you have **ALREADY STARTED** but have **NOT FINISHED**. It does not include projects that you have not yet started. This may include a quilt, wall hanging or other object of art that is made of fabric. Completed means quilted, bound, labeled, and ready for use.

2026 Row By Row:

Kaye Joachim



Sign up for the 2026 Row by Row at the December general meeting and receive the instructions. The first row (your own) is due at the January meeting.

FNQG Website: Kaye Joachim

www.FlyingNeedlesQuiltGuild.org

Contact Kaye Joachim 713-382-0452 for access to the Members Only section of our website, which contains the newsletter, SOPPs and By-Laws, and money forms for deposits and reimbursements.

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.

2026 UFO Challenge

Please fill out this form and return to Robin along with your \$5 entry fee at the December General meeting.

Quilter _____

	Project Name	Status of Project	Left to Complete	Due Date
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				Dec. 10 th

Angels Out There: Konnie Glaze

As I wrap up a year of handling donations for the guild, I would be remiss if I did not mention some of the beautiful people I have met along the way, as well as some I did not meet. Our guild is so fortunate to have a good standing in the community, and people now know our name.

The first donation I picked up was from a storage unit in Navarre, and I never did get the quilter's name. Her son lovingly called her mama. When I met the man, I was expecting someone my age, but no, he was 80. His mother was 100 years old and had just moved to assisted living after living on her own for years. I sent the gentleman some photos from one of our workshops so he could show his mother what we do. I was able to donate a lot of fabrics to the Niceville High School theater department as well.

I recently picked up donations from a man working through his parent's home in Fort Walton Beach, as they had both passed within five months of each other. This brought many treasures to our free table, and I directed Johnathan to FWB High School and Choctaw High School theater departments with the remaining interior and clothing fabric. Roz had made many quilt tops that appear to be pieced by hand, and she repurposed fabrics from other items. I think there are about 10 tops, and we will make decisions on how to use them.

Another lady shares my name, Connie, and she lives here in Niceville. I believe that I have made a friend for life in this generous soul; she is a real character. Connie and her ex-husband have been raising their three grandchildren, and Connie will soon marry! I have been to her house 6 times now, picking up donations. This will surely be the year of the rag quilt in community service, as there is a ton of flannel. Connie has donated at least 60-pairs of baby booties, in addition to the fabrics, patterns and sewing notions. We have had a lot of the items on the free table; we sold some booties and will donate the rest. Our storeroom is full of boxes and bags of fabric...what a blessing. I shared photos from the community service distribution day with Connie and she was so happy to see specifically where her fabric would put to use. She told me to "keep her in the loop."

Evelyn reached out and had some minky and flannels; off I went to Crestview for a pick up. Evelyn also donated a Brother embroidery machine, which Barbi is currently checking out for us. Then we can make a decision on how to best use that machine.

Debi Roederer picked up from Holly; she donated 7 large totes full of fabric. Holly was downsizing and moving, and she had to downsize her stash. Her specific request was that the fabric be used for community service and not just given out to members.

Donna Gross and Diane Roberson both picked up donations as well. One lady, Helaine, donated several pairs of scissors and thread. Eileen, a guild member, also made a generous donation. I know there are more that are not named, and of course our guild members are always contributing generously to the guild as well.

Our guild is so fortunate. My goal is to have you think about these people and their generosity in 2026 as you are washing, cutting, kitting, and sewing community service items. The donors all have a story, and my heart was touched as these quilters and family members shared their stories with me.

Konnie Glaze

Treasurer's Report : Donna Gross, Treasurer

Checkbook Balance as of Nov 20, 2025: \$57,421.28

2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 INCOME BUDGET	NOVEMBER INCOME	TOTAL INCOME YTD
In-Kind and Grants	\$2,000.00		\$ -
Monthly Raffle	\$1,200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,170.00
General Donations	\$0.00	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 1,615.06
Community Service	\$0.00		\$ 125.00
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 1,077.00
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$ 1,292.78	\$ 1,652.78
Membership (100 Members)	\$3,500.00	\$ 620.76	\$ 2,043.68
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2025)	\$1,000.00	\$ 751.00	\$ 2,114.00
Quilts for Veterans	\$2,000.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 5,715.00
2025 QFV Opportunity Quilt (Ticket Sales)	\$600.00		\$ 745.00
Workshop	\$0.00		\$ 632.00
2025 Quilt Show	\$0.00		\$ 16,153.60
2026 Quilt Retreat (amt less cc fees)	\$16,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 6,699.29
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,715.00	\$4,355.54	\$ 39,742.41
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 EXPENSE BUDGET	NOVEMBER EXPENSE	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00		\$ 641.94
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00
ADMIN - FI Dept of Revenue	\$200.00		\$ 70.00
ADMIN - Operating/Misc	\$175.00		\$ 2,935.36
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$650.00	\$ 86.36	\$ 596.24
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$176.00		\$ -
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,251.00	\$ 86.36	\$ 6,643.54
Community Svc (Increased to \$2k Grants)	\$2,000.00		\$ 1,471.70
Door Prizes	\$150.00		\$ 42.79
Fundraising/Boutique	\$100.00		\$ 131.38
Historian	\$85.00		\$ 124.99
Hospitality	\$175.00		\$ 122.20
Membership (100 Members)	\$350.00		\$ 316.36
Newsletter	\$0.00		\$ -
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2026)	\$500.00		\$ 144.95
Programs	\$300.00		\$ 256.79
Publicity (General)	\$250.00		\$ 92.25
Quilts for Veterans (1.5k +1770.67 2024 Rollover)	\$3,270.67	\$ 1,097.64	\$ 5,978.54
2025 QFV Opp Quilt	\$500.00		\$ 15.00
Sunshine/Shadows	\$175.00		\$ 83.69
Workshops	\$350.00		\$ 795.00
2025 Quilt Show	\$8,000.00		\$ 11,128.12
2026 Quilt Retreat	\$3,000.00		\$ 1,019.53
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,456.67	\$1,184.00	\$ 28,366.83

Board Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

November 6, 2025

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 with it noted that Donna Gross and Sherry Kruschke are absent.

A. Quorum: YES

B. Present: Lisa Lydston, President; Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP/Cheri Perry; Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

Others/Committee Chairs Present

Community Services - Diane Roberson/Polly Shields

Facilities - Deborah Moen

Facebook - Konnie Glaze

Boutique - Carol Stearns

Membership - Anne Johnson

Quilts for Veterans - Barbi Ouellette

Webmaster - Kaye Joachim

Retreat - Deborah Moen and Debi Roederer

Eileen Wittic

Laura Peacock

Cheryl Tims

Lisa noted that Debi Roederer would be heading up Community Service next year and Laura Peacock volunteered to assist her and Anne Smith and Robin Easter-Neubauer will be taking on Membership. There is still a need for someone to take over for Kaye as Webmaster. For the 2027 Quilt Show Chair, she has asked a couple of members and has been declined. This position needs to be filled asap. She is hoping to have the position filled by the end of next Thursday's meeting.

II. Approve Last Board minutes: With no changes noted by the board, the last meeting minutes were approved as written.

III. Treasurer Report/Review Committee Budgets:

Guild: The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$54,318.45. Lisa mentioned a \$3000.00 donation that QFV received from FW VFW and \$500.00 from the Blue Water Rotary Club. She also stated that the guild should receive a \$500.00 donation from FPL sometime this month.

There were no questions from the board.

B. Member Services: Anne Johnson reported 34 membership renewals. She will post a reminder on Facebook to members to renew by the end of December to ensure being in the 2026 Roster. She will have the UPC code at the sign in desk for members to use the online renewal. There was discussion regarding the members that would prefer to renew by cash or check. Lisa said she would reassure the members in the

General Meeting reminder email that checks, and cash are still accepted.

Community Services: Diane Roberston reported she has a surplus of items over the number of items requested. As of October 30th, she had 1481 stockings, 350 pillowcases, 101 quilts, 66 drawstring bags and 38 walker bags. She is expecting to have a few more quilts returned at the next General Meeting. She also has 10 bibbs and 2 receiving blankets that she offered to Carol Stearns for the boutique.

Charities set to receive items:

Children in Crisis

Twin Cities Pavilion

Guardian Ad Litem

Children's Advocacy

PEARL

Shelter House

Beds for Everyone

Opportunity Place

Catholic Charities to receive what is leftover.

After a discussion on refreshments, it was decided to have minimal refreshments. Maybe some pastries, coffee, juice and water.

Quilts for Veterans: Barbi Ouellette reported receiving \$54.00 in the donation jar at the Military Appreciation Day and 6 new nominations in the database all from the local area. Currently there are 26 in the queue.

November's QOV presentation has been canceled due to the government shut down but she is hoping to start up again in January or February of 2026.

She reports 5 quilts being quilted, 7 are being displayed at the library, 2-5 needing binding and 10 quilts that need to be laundered and is looking for someone to take on the laundering. There are usually 9 to 12 quilts to clean each month. She has requested 13 labels. There has been a total of 58 quilts given this year.

For upcoming events, she has the AC-119 Reunion.

Boutique: Carol Stearns said she has Sonya Hart, Laura Peacock and Eileen Wittic helping with the set up today at the Fall Flair at the Destin Methodist Church. Carol said she would be posting again on FB and asked all to share the post.

IV. Action Items:

2026 Retreat: Debi Roederer reported that they have reached the number of registered rooms needed to reduce the daily room charge to \$400.00 which will be a savings of about \$1800.00.

The Woolie and Binding classes are filling up quickly and Friday Sit & Sew is closed. The class number for the guest instructors is low with six for Brigit and three for Marcy.

She has two more quilt guilds to visit, with visits to Pensacola to put up posters at Derrel's, Martelli, A&E Fabric and Classi Creations.

Deborah Moen said she had two more baskets returned for Quilter's Walk and expects to have 20 baskets.

Deborah had a request from the Chautauqua Quilt Guild to share information on how to organize a Quilter's Walk and wanted to make sure that it was okay. The board did not have an issue with sharing information.

V. Programs: Jackie Youngblood has Bobby Hanson from Bobcat Sew & Vac scheduled to demonstrate the basic machine maintenance and repair.

Lisa asked that with the December General Meeting being the holiday meal, that there be a survey at that time to see what the members would like to see for programs for next year. Kaye indicated that she has already been talking to members. She will have a list of what she has so far and will address the members in December.

VI. Workshops: Diane Roberson said she has one month left on her list. She would like to have a Beginning Quilter's sewing that might be June and July.

VIII. Open Forum for Non-Board Members:

Barbi Ouellette indicated that she would like to continue to utilize the 5th Thursdays in 2026 as usual.

Polly Shields said that she has items left for the in-house raffle for November and December but will need items for 2026.

Diane Roberson said that there may be a higher need for food donations this month. It was noted that the church needs were posted in the newsletter.

Peggy Murrell asked for clarification that with Angel being the new point person for the food donations next year and her work with Emerald Coast Food Rescue that the guild donations were continuing to go to the church pantry. Lisa said yes and that the church also benefits from the Food Rescue program.

Kaye Joachim said she received a message on the website from Dave Martelli asking about coming. She asked Debi Roederer if this was intended for her regarding the retreat. Debi said that she would contact him.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43.

General Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

November 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 with the prayer and pledge being led by LaLani James.

The last General Meeting minutes were approved as written after there were no changes noted by the attendees.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Gross reported a bank balance of \$55,141.48. She shared with the members the donations that were received since the last meeting, which included a check for \$500.00 from the Cole Law Firm to be used for any cause to help forward the guild's mission. A check for \$500.00 from FPL for Donna's heroic actions for putting out a roadside fire.

She also shared an email received from CHELCO that the Operation Round UP Committee had approved a \$1,500.00 grant to buy the material/fabric/batting to make items to donate to charitable organizations. Donna has sent an invitation to CHELCO to attend the Community Service presentation next Thursday.

Lisa also mentioned the \$3000.00 donation from FW VFW.

Program: Bobby Hanson from Bobcat Sew and Vac gave a very informative presentation on general maintenance on our machines.

V. **Block of the Month:** Konnie Glaze reported having 29 blocks turned in. Cathy Ferkes won again but asked Konnie to draw again and Joan Martin was the lucky winner.

Next month's block will be a Poinsettia block using reds, greens and golds with white or ivory as the background. A set will include one 12" block and two 6" blocks and members can turn in 2 sets.

Lisa announced that Anne Smith will be taking over the Block of the Month for 2026.

Drawing #1

Back to Business:

Community Services: Diane Roberson reminded the members that next Thursday November 20th is the Community Service presentation and that the first charity is scheduled for 9:45. She asked for members to arrive at 8:30. There will be a presentation every 15 minutes and runners will be needed to help get the items loaded in cars. She asked for light refreshments to include coffee, juice and pastries.

She reported she had more items on hand than were requested by the charities. For example, she

had a request for 30 drawstring bags, and she has 69 on hand. She will contact the charities to see if they have need for more items. Items left are earmarked for The Catholic Charity. She has also been contacted by Point Washington United Methodist Church.

Lisa announced that Debi Roederer would be taking over for 2026 with the help of Laura Peacock.

Opportunity Quilt: Diane Roberson reported having raised over \$2,000.00 in total ticket sales. This month having raised over \$200.00 at each the Military Appreciation Day and the Fall Flair. Konnie Glaze also sold tickets through Facebook.

The drawing will be held at the next General Meeting on December 11th.

She also announced the quilt on display this month at the FWB Library is a quilt by Linda Weiss called "All Creatures Great and Small".

December Block: Deb Chilcote said that 25 people participated this year and she would have a sneak peak for next year at the December General Meeting.

Strip Club: Z Gibson handled the drawing in Grace's absence and won for the third month in a row but decided to have another name drawn. Mary Barron won and chose Christmas colors for December.

Food Pantry: Cheri Perry said that there are plans for a November 22nd distribution and that they are planning to include Thanksgiving food items. Members should contact the church for items like turkeys. Checks can be made out to New Hope for those wanting to make a monetary donation.

Members were reminded that Angel Schauer would be the new contact person for 2026.

Boutique: Carol Stearns said that the Fall Flair was a success making over \$1,300.00.

Hospitality: Mary Ann Sharp reminded members that there is a sign-up sheet. She said she knows that some do not sign up but bring food in their birthday month.

Next month will be the Christmas Potluck and those members with the last name beginning with L through Z are asked to bring a food item.

After discussion, it was decided to have food ready at 10:00 and conduct the meeting while members are eating.

Membership: Anne Johnson said there were 51 members in attendance and reminded members that online renewal is available for debit and credit cards. Those paying by check or cash are being asked to fill out a form and confirm their information.

Donna Gross announced that she had guild brochures if anyone needed them.

Lisa announced that Anne Smith and Robin Easter-Neubauer would be taking over for 2026.

Newsletter: Peggy Murrell said that with the holiday this month the deadline will be the 28th.

Quilt Show 2027: Lisa announce that Peggy Murrell would be chairing the 2027 Quilt Show Committee and Ruthie Reynoso would be assisting her.

Row By Row: Kaye Joachim said she had the signup sheet available. There were 5 people participating this year and would love to see more next year. She will have the instructions out in December since the first exchange will be in January.

2026 Retreat: Debi Roederer and Deborah Moen showed Brigit Dermont's quilt from the "Playing with Shapes" class. Brigit will have a "From Soho to Savannah" program and trunk show at the reception.

Debi reported the Woolie class had one spot left and three spots left for the Binding class. The Sit & Sew on Saturday still has openings.

She said that Ruthie has been making the name tags when the registration comes in.

Deborah has been working on Quilter's Walk and has had baskets returned.

Anne Johnson said that there are 65 individual registrations so far.

Quilts for Veterans: Barbi Ouellette was absent, but Lisa reminded members that the QOV has been canceled due to the government shut down. It was said that there was still the AC-119 Gunship reunion coming up.

Sunshine and Shadows: Ruthie Reynoso said she had sent out three cards last month.

UFO: Robin Easter-Neubauer gave a short description of the UFO program for next year and that Kaye Joachim had uploaded the instructions and registration form on the website and that she also had a signup sheet that she could email them to the members.

Website: Kaye Joachim and Lisa reminded members that they are still in need of someone to take this responsibility on.

Workshops: Sherry Kruschke was not in attendance, but Diane Roberson announced that Anne Johnson would be having a workshop "Circle Insert" in January and a sample quilt was shown which was noted would work well with Tula Pink fabrics. Anne said it was "NOT THAT HARD".

The drawing was held for the in-house raffle. Z Gibson won a quilt which was made by Peggy Murrell. Polly Sheilds asked for items to be donated for the in-house raffle.

The November birthdays were celebrated.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

From the Kitchen of...

Lisa Lydston

Cranberry Pinwheels

8oz cream cheese, softened

1 cup feta cheese

1/4 cup dried cranberries

Handful spinach

2 green onions, chopped

Burrito wraps

- Process cheeses, cranberries, spinach and green onions in food processor until creamy
- Spread 1/4 cup on burrito wraps and roll
- Refrigerate for at least an hour

December Pictures

at the General Meeting



Bobby Hanson of Bobcat Sewing & Vac came to speak to us about cleaning & maintaining our sewing machines.



Debi Roederer showed her "Interwoven" quilt made from the BOM's, and a child's quilt with a panel.



Carol Stearns and her Granny Square quilt, a UFO.

Cathy Ferkes put together these two quilt tops made from the BOM's she won in previous months -- the top one is the 1930's Reproduction prints, and the bottom one is the Origami Flower.



Anne Smith and her two table toppers: "Tossed Leaves" and "Patriot Log Cabin"



Deb Chilcote and her combined free motion quilting/Inktense project, and two zipper pouches with matching credit card holders.





Kathy Crews made this "Life is Better with Friends" panel into a wallhanging.



LaLani James made this "Lattice Bones" Jelly Roll quilt from her Jelly Roll Day that she was in charge of a couple years ago. She also made this Christmas quilt from when Sharon Jacobs had the Block of the Month program years ago. The quilt will be featured in the Ft. Walton Beach Library in December.



A UFO of **Kathy Crews'**



Angel Schauer started this "Fast Forward" Jelly Roll quilt top on Jelly Roll Day with the Silver Threads Quilt



Mary Barron made this Jelly Roll quilt that was started during Jelly Roll Day with **LaLani James**.



Laura Peacock made this snowflake design out of buttons for this pillow



Diane Roberson with her "Shapes" quilts -- they are made with 24" blocks, and the left one is for her tall son.



The front and back of Diane's second "Shapes" quilt, with the backside shown below (not pieced, the fabric is printed on there).



Diane and her "Little Miss Sawtooth" quilt

Diane is part of a sewing group where the members take turns being the "Queen Bee." When it was her turn, she provided fabric and the pattern for others to make blocks for her, and then she made the quilt.



Betty Davis showed a Quilt of Valor that was made by our Honorary Member **Gloria Thomas**. **Anita Stephens** sewed the binding on it.



Ruthie Reynoso made these two quilts, “Unweavable” on the left, and “Total Eclipse” above.



Robin Easter-Neubauer was trying to get her daughter interested in quilting, so she made the left one for her daughter, and the right one with the patchwork backing for herself. Both quilts were the “Strip Star Burst” pattern.



Anne Johnson on the left made a table/bed runner with 3 “CrissCross Applesauce” blocks, and **Kaye Joachim** made this canvas pouch with an InkTense design on the front & back of it.

Z Gibson won the Christmas Opportunity Wallhanging made by **Peggy Murrell**



JoAn Martin won the 29 Blocks of the Month!