

# Needle Notes

September  
2025

September 11

Annual Meeting

Lisa Lydston, President

**The Annual Meeting will begin at 9:00am.**

Donna Gross, our Treasurer, will be reviewing the 2026 proposed budget and asking for approval from the members. The Board is putting the final touches on the budget and Lisa will email it to everyone soon. Please take a few minutes to review it so you're prepared to discuss and vote at the meeting.

The Nominating Committee will discuss an opening on the 2026 Board. See the Nominating Committee Report inside the newsletter for more information.

September 11

General Meeting

Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP

Get ready to have fun! We had planned to introduce the new officers but that got done at the August meeting, sooo... it's time to PARTY!!!

Bring a couple of fat quarters and wear your thinking cap. We will have a few different activities so everyone can participate in what they do best!

September Reminders

- Hostesses: Diane Roberson, Sonya Hart
- Door Prizes: Sonya Hart
- Strip color: blue and green
- Bring two fat quarters for games
- Bring your "Improv Stained Glass" blocks for the BOM drawing
- Items for the Food Pantry are appreciated
- Bring donations for Community Service
- Bring items for free table

September 25-26

Mystery Trip

Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP

Our annual Mystery Trip is September 25 and 26. Yes, once again, we are doing an overnight trip.

We still have openings. Contact Sherry if you wish to join in the fun. Get your carpool and roommates organized, and let Sherry know who you'll be riding with and rooming with.

Sherry will share details with the driver on the 24th so the drivers can organize meeting places for their riders.

Be sure to bring a signed copy of the waiver that Sherry emailed to the attendees, or find a copy in this newsletter.

September Calendar

- September 4: Board meeting
- September 4: Sit 'n' Sew
- September 11: **Annual Meeting, beginning at 9am, followed by General Meeting beginning at approx. 10am.**
- September 18: Community Service Workshop
- September 25: Newsletter content due
- September 25-26: Mystery Trip

## President's Points: Lisa Lydston, President

Fall is almost here! But let's not overdo the pumpkin spice thing. However, pumpkin pie is another matter!

Another busy month is ahead. The biggest item is our budget. At the board meeting on the 4th we will be finalizing our 2026 proposed budget to present to you all at our Annual Meeting.

**All Member Services Coordinators and Committee chairs should be present at the Board Meeting so we can review your budget needs before we present them to the membership on the 11th.**

Items I would like you to consider:

- ❑ Increasing the admin budget to accommodate any giving back to the members programs next year.
- ❑ The Board and I will be discussing the possible creation of a Technology Committee to cover our website, social media, payments of our activities through our website, management of our cloud drive account (where our business documents are now stored), purchase of any tech equipment (such as audio equipment, laptop for the treasurer, etc.). If we proceed with this committee, we will be asking you to approve a line item in the budget for the Committee's various activities.

**Our Annual meeting will start at 9 and end by 10.**

Once we are done with our Annual meeting, fun and festivities will consume our General meeting. Show and Tell and the Free Table will be part of our program. We will eat whenever Mary Ann and Barbara are ready.

Be sure to bring lots of goodies to soothe our souls, your creations to share, and drawing prizes.

And finally, thank you for allowing me to serve you in 2026 again. While I'm sorry to see some board members go, I'm excited for the new. It's a bittersweet kind of thing.

Love y'all,  
Lisa Lydston  
President, FNQG

## Nominating Committee:

*Peggy Murrell, Kerry Kastl, Sherri Hayes*

Once nominations for the 2026 Board were closed at the August General Meeting, we had a single candidate for each of the 2026 Board positions. With only one candidate, there was no need for an election and the 2026 Board was finalized.

Since then, **Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP**, has had to resign her position for 2026, due to personal reasons. Sherry will finish her 2025 term, but we need to identify a new 2nd VP for 2026.

In accordance with the Bylaws, we will begin this process in September by accepting nominations at the Annual Meeting. Please be thinking about excellent candidates to fill this position. You may volunteer (aka self-nominate), or nominate another member (with their consent).

If multiple candidates are submitted, the election will take place at the October General Meeting (with absentee ballots included in the October newsletter). If only a single candidate is nominated, that candidate will be confirmed in September Annual once nominations are closed.

Huge thanks to the rest of the 2026 Board:

- ❑ President—Lisa Lydston
- ❑ 1st Vice President—Kaye Joachim
- ❑ Treasurer—Donna Gross
- ❑ Secretary—Eileen Wittic

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Nominating Committee members if you wish to suggest a candidate for 2VP.

2026 Retreat: Deborah Moen & Debi Roederer

# Flying Needles Quilt Guild

## Quilt Retreat



February 26 -28, 2026

### KICK OFF EVENT THURSDAY EVENING

Reception: 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
Hot/Cold Appetizers with cash bar.  
Program: 7:00pm with Brigit Gail Dermott  
From Soho to Savannah: A Quilting Journey

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENING

Fun and Games with  
quilting friends: 7:00pm

### Guest Teacher: Brigit Gail Dermott



Brigit created Brigit Gail - [www.brigitgail.com](http://www.brigitgail.com) - as a way to share her love of modern quilts, color and design. She had the honor of being featured in Quilt-folk, Modern Patchwork and the Modern Quilt Guild Quarterly. Many of her quilts have been shown at the Modern Quilt Guild's QuiltCon. In addition to writing patterns, she also teaches modern quilting workshops. She taught at QuiltCon and at local guilds. She lives in Gainesville, Florida, with her husband and daughter.

### FRIDAY CLASSES\*

Brigit Gail Dermott - Playing with Shapes  
Deb Chilcote - Hall of Mirrors  
Marcy Gallagher - Octagon Shimmer  
Linda Weiss - Blue Bird Wool Appliqué  
Sit and Sew


### SATURDAY CLASSES\*

Kaye Joachim - New York Beauty  
Anne Johnson - Quilt Binding Secrets  
Sit and Sew

\*9am -12pm ♥ Lunch ♥ 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Registration  
coming soon for  
FNQG members:  
opens, October 1  
for non-members. Go to:  
[www.Flyingneedlesquiltguild.com](http://www.Flyingneedlesquiltguild.com)  
for more information and link for  
accommodations, now available.

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## 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.

**October 23, 2025**

#### **Inktense**

**By: Kaye Joachim**

Be sure to check out the gorgeous class sample at the workshop table and pick up your supply list. Everyone will be working on their own projects and designs. You can quilt first, then paint, or paint first, then quilt. Kaye has samples of each.



## 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.

## 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

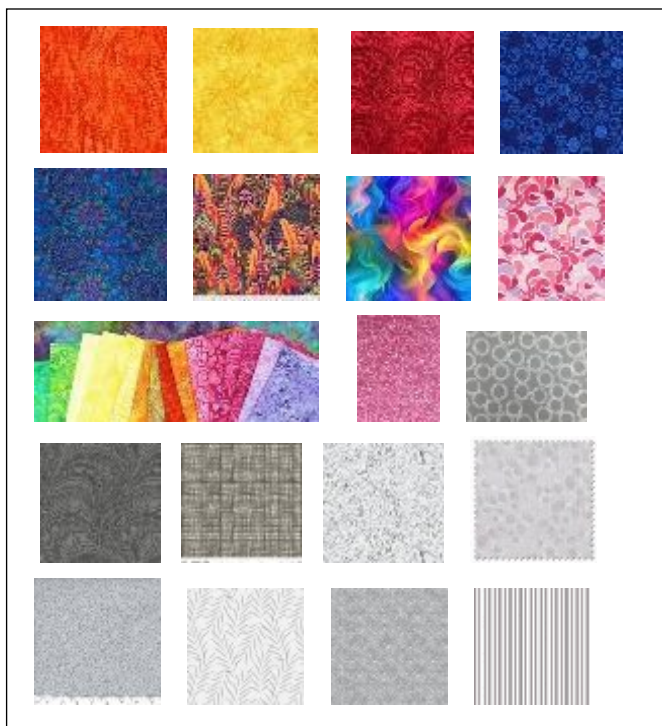
## 2025 Block of the Month: Konnie Glaze

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 **September**, we are making the above block, **Improv-Stained Glass Block**, and you may make up to three. Bring your blocks to the September 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 25 as possible, and split up the remaining blocks between the winners.

The **October** block will be announced at the meeting on September. You will need a 10 ½" square of bright small print, textured look or geometric fabric. The background will be a grey or grey and white background. The 10 ½" color should pop off the grey. No floral fabric please. Examples:



## UFOs:

### *Robin Easter-Neubauer*

Third quarter UFOs are due at the September General Meeting. Please show me your projects prior to the start of the meeting and show them off at Show & Tell.

There will be a drawing for the entry fee money at the December General Meeting when the fourth quarter projects are due. I will also have information on next year's UFO program at that time.

## FWB Library:

### *Diane Roberson*

In August, we displayed a quilt by Linda VanHousen, along with this poster:



**Linda VanHoesen**

February 22, 1948 - May 25, 2025

Linda grew up in Miami, Florida and learned to sew early in life. As an adult, she spent twenty years in Germany and started quilting there. When she returned to the United States, she continued her passion for quilting, evidenced by the many quilts she made.

In 2018, she joined the Flying Needles Quilt Guild in Niceville. That year she entered "Golden Tapestry" in the Quilt Show and won a ribbon, *shown above*. Linda participated in many guild activities and remained an active quilter. Her wishes were that all her quilts go to family members at Christmas. Linda was a talented, skilled artist and friend who will be missed.

## Boutique Bites:

### *Carol Stearns*

The Boutique has an opportunity for a Fall Craft Fair at Destin Methodist church in November.

We need product! Currently, there isn't enough product to warrant a two day craft sale but with your help over the next two months, we have time to sew and beef up our inventory.

I posted a pattern for an easy tote bag on the website under Patterns. With a lightweight upholstery fabric, lining and prepared handles this is an easy tote. I will have a few kits plus printed patterns at the General Meeting on September 11th.

I plan to be at Sit and Sew on September 4th cutting out kits. Please join me.

Of course we will accept any other products you choose to sew and donate. Suggestions include potholders, table runners, quilts, baby quilts and items, zippered bags of all sizes and more.

Just keep sewing! And thank you.

## September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these members celebrating in September!

Dye, Bobbie
Graham, Sharon
Hayes, Sherri
Klosiewski, Veronica
Lydston, Lisa
Maus, Penny
Melvin, Paulena
Thomas, Gloria
Williams, Donna

## Community Service:

### *Diane Roberson*

We're in the last two and half months of preparing for our donation distribution day in mid-November!

To date we have approximately:

- 967 Christmas stockings
- 139 pillowcases
- 61 quilts
- 22 walker bags
- 6 drawstring bags
- 10 bibs
- 2 receiving blankets

We have more quilt tops ready for quilting and binding and more kits to be completed.

By contributing a few hours of sewing for charity, we can make a big impact in the lives of many in our community. Here's how you can help:

- Please finish any kits you have at home and bring them to the September general meeting.
- If you have batting scraps at least 12 inches wide, we would love to have them. That makes our rolls of batting last longer when sandwiching quilt tops.
- Pick up stocking or pillowcase kits.
- Volunteer to quilt and/or bind a quilt top or finish other items.
- We have a goal of 30 walker bags for our nursing home; just 8 more are needed.
- Join us at the Community Service workshop on September 18.

Let's finish strong with numbers to rival past years! Thank you everyone for the superb work you have already contributed! It is truly a group effort to accomplish this kind of community service project! Thank you!

Diane Roberson and Polly Shields

## Membership:

Anne Johnson

### **August Meeting:**

We had 56 members attend the August meeting. Please make sure that you sign in at the front desk when you attend all meetings so we have an accurate attendance count.

We are coming up on year end and will be accepting dues payments for 2026 beginning in October. Please make sure you get with me to get a photo taken for next year's directory and to verify that your contact information is correct.

## FNQG Website:

Kaye Joachim

[www.FlyingNeedlesQuiltGuild.org](http://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 the delicious dishes we enjoyed at the August meeting. Every month is such a wonderful surprise as to what we will be receiving.

Mary Ann Sharp and Barbara Roberts

## From the Kitchen of...

Ruthie Reynoso

### **Easy Traditional French Toast Casserole**

#### **Ingredients:**

- A loaf of bread (brioche, challah, or French bread work best)
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups milk (whole milk or half-and-half for richness)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup melted butter

#### **Steps to make it:**

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F and grease a baking dish.
2. Cut the bread into cubes and place them in the dish.
3. In a bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt.
4. Pour the mixture over the bread and gently press down so the bread soaks it up.
5. Drizzle melted butter over the top.
6. Bake uncovered for about 40 minutes, until golden and slightly crisp on top.

Serve this with maple syrup, powdered sugar, or fresh berries for a simple but delicious breakfast.

## Operation Paperback:

### Ginger Maddox

Thanks to you generous donations, Ginger sent 11 boxes of books to overseas addresses for Operation Paperback. Please continue to collect paperback books and hold them for the next shipment in June 2026.

Operation Paperback is a national, non-profit organization, whose volunteers collect gently-used books and send them to American troops overseas, as well as veterans and military families here at home. Ginger is a volunteer shipper and will collect and ship books using the addresses provided by Operation Paperback. Please consider giving your "gently used" paperback books to Ginger for this project.

The following genres are most frequently requested: action, bestsellers, biographies and memoirs, fantasy, history, horror, mysteries, science-fiction, true crime. Do not send romance novels. Overseas addresses receive paperbacks only.

We cannot send books that are old, musty, yellowed with bent spines or ripped covers, or with covers removed. We also cannot send religious material (pamphlets and bookmarks included).

Please bring your books to the **June 2026** guild meeting or contact Ginger at [mc2098610@yahoo.com](mailto:mc2098610@yahoo.com).

## Potential Fundraiser

Kerry Kastl made and donated a quilt top and Ginger Maddox (Bimini Quilting) donated the quilting as a fundraiser for the guild. Now we need ideas on the best way to maximize its fund raising potential, with a minimum starting bid of \$300 to match a portion of the value. Ideas mentioned to date (not in priority order) are:

- Opportunity quilt
- Boutique
- Monthly In house raffle
- In house auction
- Silent auction at next quilt show
- Silent auction at larger community event
- Silent auction at Chamber of Commerce event

Does anyone have the contacts that we need for any of these ideas? Any other ideas? Please contact Ginger [mc2098610@yahoo.com](mailto:mc2098610@yahoo.com) or a member of the board to share your expertise.



# Tips for Photographing Quilts:

Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP

Following the June meeting, several members asked Jackie to share the tips from her program on photographing your quilts.

First, what is the purpose of photographing your quilts? Is it for personal documentation, maybe for a quilt journal, or is it to enter your quilt into a quilt show?

Here are some tips for general photography:

**Tip #1: Find Some Natural Light:** The first quilt photography tip is also the most helpful – use natural light. Light is the critical element of a good photograph. Make it a practice of observing light in your home. Notice what time of day the light is most intense. Notice the angle of the light during different times of the day.

**Tip #2: Turn Off Ambient Light:** Natural light is always your ally in quilt photography, overhead lights and lamps, however, not so much. I tend to turn all indoor lights off when I take indoor photos.

Artificial lights in your home can add different colored light to your photos. It can also add unwanted and unnatural shadows. So if you notice different color tones (why is that wall so warm and this table cooler?) landing on your subject, turn the light off!

**Tip #3: Frame the Photo:** Do you take the time to consider where you hold the camera or phone when taking a photo? Taking less than a moment to adjust your position can dramatically improve your photos.

If you are taking a flat lay photo from above, make sure you are directly over the subject and that your camera is level. Try this simple photography tip next time you take a photo.

**Tip #4: Edit:** Taking a photo of your quilt is just the first step in creating a beautiful image. After finding the best light and framing the photo correctly, my next quilt photography tip is time to edit. There are many apps out there for photo editing.

You can find presets that match your style or create your own. For example, bump up the exposure, add contrast, lighten the shadows, add some vibrance, correct the tint and white balance (try to look for white in the photo that you can get as close to true white as possible), and play with the color sliders (especially green, orange, and red).

**Tip #5: Go Outside:** When in doubt, go outside. You will find the best and most even light outside your home. Whether it is an overcast day or full sun, you can take the photos you need.

The most important quilt photography tip to remember is to always keep the sun in front of your subject, giving you even light across whatever you are taking a photo of.

For those golden hour photos when the sun is at its best, shoot roughly an hour to 30 minutes before sunset. But don't be afraid of the other times of day, find some shade and keep that sun behind you (even at high noon!).

**Tip #6: Practice:** A very basic quilt photography tip, easily overlooked, but the most important: just keep shooting. It takes practice.

These tips were summarized from <https://suzyquilts.com/6-quilt-photography-tips-from-an-expert/>. Check out this website for great sample photographs.

# Tips for Photographing Quilts For A Quilt Show:

Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP

Make sure the entire quilt is visible in the full shot. There should be no objects, people (including fingers holding a quilt), pets, or scenery in the picture. Do not try to take a “pretty” picture with gardens, trees, mountains, etc. in the background.

## 1. Full Shot:

- **Capture the Entire Quilt:** Make sure the entire quilt is visible in the frame, with no parts cut off or obscured.
- **Straight-on Angle:** Photograph the quilt from directly in front, at a 90-degree angle to the center. This avoids “keystoning” where the quilt is smaller at the top or bottom.
- You also may need to put a temporary sleeve on the bottom of the quilt and put a straight object through it so the quilt will hang without any wrinkles. You can also steam your quilt before photographing if it has been folded.
- If you have no choice except putting the quilt on the floor, you can use a selfie stick for your phone camera to get it over the center of the quilt. It is almost impossible to get a straight perspective of a quilt on the floor unless you have a special setup.
- **Neutral Background:** Use a light-colored, neutral wall or backdrop.
- **No Distractions:** Avoid any objects, people, pets, or scenery in the background that could distract from the quilt.
- **No Draping:** Don't drape the quilt over furniture, lay it on a bed, or place it on the floor.
- **Hanging Quilt:** If possible, hang the quilt from a curtain rod to let it hang freely. You do not want to have hands or clips in the photo holding the quilt.

## 2. Lighting:

- **Natural Lighting:** Use natural light whenever possible, especially on a cloudy day for soft, even light. Early morning or late afternoon are the best times—called the “golden hour.”
- **Avoid Direct Sunlight:** Direct sunlight can cause harsh shadows and wash out colors.
- **Indirect Light:** If indoors, choose a room with the most natural lighting and try to avoid shadows.
- **Reflectors:** Use reflectors like white poster boards to bounce light onto the quilt and fill in shadows. If using a professional setup with light boxes, you should have them at the same center level with the camera and use a level on both to get even lighting.
- **No Flash:** Avoid using flash, as it can create harsh shadows and washed-out colors. It can also wash out the details.

## 3. Detail Shot:

- **Choose a Favorite Section:** Select a 12-inch section of your quilt that showcases your best work.
- **Side Lighting:** For detail shots, consider using side lighting to highlight the quilting.
- **Close-up but Not Too Close:** Don't get too close with your camera, as it may have trouble focusing. You should be at least a foot away from the quilt.

## 4. Other Tips:

- **Tripod or Solid Surface:** Use a tripod or a solid surface to keep your camera steady, especially for detail shots. Place a level on your camera and use the timer to avoid any movement when the picture is taken.
- **Save as JPEG:** Save your images as JPEGs in lowercase with underscores instead of spaces. \*Use the largest size JPEG—screen resolution and print resolution. If a photo is to be printed in a catalog, then the resolution must be higher than for just viewing onscreen.
- **Practice:** Practice taking quilt photos to get comfortable with your camera and lighting setup.
- **Editing (Optional):** Use photo editing software to make adjustments like cropping but try not to over-edit. Most cameras are good at white balance.

By following these tips, you can take high-quality photos of your quilts that will impress judges and showcase your beautiful work at the quilt show.

# Mystery Trip

If you are planning to go on the Mystery Trip, please print and sign this form and return it to Sherry Kruschke at the September General Meeting.

## FLYING NEEDLES QUILT GUILD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In exchange for participation in the activities of Flying Needles Quilt Guild, Inc, [a 501 not-for-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as FNQG], such as meetings, programs, workshops, retreats, quilt shows, trips, presentations organized by FNQG, guild property and services, and/or any facilities used by FNQG, I agree for myself and (if applicable) for the members of my family, to the following:

1. I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by FNQG or the representatives, members, or agents of the FNQG.
2. I recognize that there are inherent risks associated with the above described activities and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) my family members, and further release and discharge FNQG for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or my family's use of or presence upon any facilities used by FNQG, whether caused by the fault of myself, FNQG, or other third parties.
3. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless FNQG, its officers and members from any and all costs, damages, liabilities and losses that any of them may incur in connection with my participation in any FNQG activity.
4. I understand that the FNQG Retreat and Quilt Show will take every precaution for the security and safety of my personal property during the activity, but cannot be responsible for damage or loss to any item. I also grant permission for FNQG to digitally photograph me and/or my work for inclusion on the FNQG website, newsletter, and Facebook group.
5. I agree to pay for all damages to the property of or the facilities used by FNQG, caused by my or my family's negligent, reckless, or willful actions.
6. I agree and acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and fully understand its terms. I acknowledge that I am signing this waiver freely and voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.
7. I understand that my signed Release of Liability is a condition of my participation in any FNQG event.
8. In case of emergency, please contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_-(day) or \_\_\_\_\_ (evening).

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

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# Treasurer's Report : Donna Gross, Treasurer

**Checkbook Balance as of Aug 21, 2025: \$44,840.69 not in bank**

2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 INCOME BUDGET	AUGUST INCOME	TOTAL INCOME YTD	% of Income Rcvd.
In-Kind and Grants	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Monthly Raffle	\$1,200.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 805.00	67%
General Donations	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 600.06	
Community Service	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Door Prizes	\$1,200.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 741.00	62%
Fundraising/Boutique	\$1,215.00	\$ -	\$ 165.00	14%
Membership (100 Members)	\$3,500.00	\$ 42.15	\$ 395.07	11%
Guild Opportunity Quilt (2025)	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$1,363.00	136%
Quilts for Veterans	\$2,000.00	\$ 450.00	<b>\$2,215.00</b>	111%
2025 QFV Opportunity Quilt (Ticket Sales)	\$600.00	\$ -	\$ 435.00	73%
Workshop	\$0.00	\$ 409.50	\$ 561.00	
2025 Quilt Show	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 16,153.60	
2026 Quilt Retreat	\$16,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$28,715.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,044.65</b>	<b>\$ 23,433.73</b>	<b>18%</b>
2025 PROGRAMS, SERVICES, GENERAL	2025 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET	AUGUST EXPENSE	TOTAL EXPENSES YTD	% of Expenses Rcvd.
ADMIN - Insurance	\$650.00	\$ -	\$ 641.94	99%
ADMIN - Rent	\$2,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	100%
ADMIN - Fl Dept of Revenue	\$200.00	\$ -	\$ 70.00	35%
ADMIN - Operating/Misc	\$175.00	\$ 233.36	<b>\$ 2,615.36</b>	1494%
ADMIN - Technology/Website	\$650.00	\$ -	\$ 275.88	42%
ADMIN - Post Office Box	\$176.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$4,251.00</b>	<b>\$ 233.36</b>	<b>\$ 6,003.18</b>	<b>141%</b>
Community Svc (Increased to \$2k Grants)	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 32.62	\$ 122.20	70%
Membership	\$350.00	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 16.05	\$ 60.25	24%
<b>Quilts for Veterans (1.5k +1770.67 2024 Rollover)</b>	<b>\$3,270.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,872.43</b>	<b>\$3,361.19</b>	<b>103%</b>
2025 QFV Opp Quilt	\$500.00	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Sunshine/Shadows	\$175.00	\$ -	\$ 83.69	48%
Workshops	\$350.00	\$ 489.00	\$ 663.00	
2025 Quilt Show	\$8,000.00		\$ 11,128.12	139%
2026 Quilt Retreat	\$3,000.00	\$ 67.38	\$ 1,019.53	34%
	<b>\$23,456.67</b>	<b>\$ 2,710.84</b>	<b>\$ 24,469.10</b>	<b>104%</b>

Per review committee, these numbers have change due to moving the 5th Thursday lunches to Administration and removing it from QOV

# Board Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

August 7, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 with note that Jackie Youngblood arrived a few minutes after.
  - A. Quorum: YES
  - B. Present: Lisa Lydston, President; Jackie Youngblood, 1st VP; Sherry Kruschke, 2nd VP; Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary
  - C. Others/Committee Chairs Present
    1. Community Services - Diane Roberson/Polly Shields
    2. Facilities - Deborah Moen
    3. Membership - Anne Johnson
    4. Quilts for Veterans - Barbi Ouellette
    5. Webmaster - Kaye Joachim
    6. Retreat - Deborah Moen and Debi Roederer
    7. Nomination Committee - Peggy Murrell
    8. Kerry Kastl
    9. Eileen Wittic
    10. Ginger Maddox

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

### **III. Treasurer Report/Review Committee Budgets:**

- A. **Guild:** Donna Gross was absent but emailed a report that said the only change after the treasurer's report was posted in the newsletter is the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday luncheon of \$233.46 bringing the checkbook balance to \$46,298.62.

The Financial Review committee consisting of Sherri Hayes, Peggy Murrell and Laura Peacock is set to meet with Donna on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- B. **Membership:** Anne Johnson reports that she has a couple of deposits to turn in and that there are currently 109 members.

Lisa inquired about how the prorating of membership dues was being handled. Anne said it was prorated by the quarter. Lisa asked that it be prorated monthly instead.

Anne brought to the board's attention that there is a need to find someone to take on the Friendship Block program since Jeanie Donnelly is no longer able to. Anne has been collecting the blocks at the sign-in table each month.
- C. **Community Services:** Diane Roberson reports that she does not foresee running over her budget for the year. She will be inventorying the items today and feels that she is in good shape for the November giveaway.

Donna forwarded her a request from the Chamber of Commerce asking for 35 to 50 six- to eight-inch-tall Christmas stockings to be given out to health care workers. It is not known right now which facility they would be given to. Diane does have a volunteer for this project and the supplies needed. The board feels that the Chamber has supported the guild, and it would be good PR and should go ahead with the project. Lisa asked Diane to keep the board posted.

D. **Quilts for Veterans:** Barbi Ouellette reports that she has now used all the funds from donations she had and going forward any money spent will be coming out of the yearly budget.

She has 5 veterans scheduled for the QOV presentation this Saturday.

She has a QOV Workshop with Silver Threads scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 to 3pm. Lunch can be purchased from the Legion. She plans to be working on the flag block that Konnie had used for the June Block of the Month. She obtained the star fabric and will be using up scraps. Lisa confirmed with her that the quilt made would be coming back to the guild.

She was also given a quilt that could be used as the Opportunity Quilt for 2026 but would need someone to handle the tickets and fundraising for it. Ginger has offered to quilt it for \$90 at a 50% discount.

She has had zero fundraising. She is looking to participate in the Winter Wonderland event at the fairgrounds that is hosted by the Fort Walton Beach Police Department. It is a two-day event in December. They have pallet houses that Barbi would decorate for veterans.

October there is the Fair at the fairgrounds that is a weeklong event with a \$200.00 cost for a booth. But with the cost, the need for volunteers to man a booth for a week and Ginger noting that when she participated in a prior year there were minimal funds raised, so the board did not approve participation in this event.

There is also the Fall Flair hosted by Destin United Methodist Church in November the booth cost would be \$75.00.

She has 7 to 10 quilts ready to hang at the Niceville Library in November to honor veterans.

#### IV. Action Items:

A. **2026 Retreat:** Debi Roederer reports that Peggy Murrell has kits ready to make project bags to be given as registration gifts. Sandra has made a Logo which will go on the t-shirts and the flyers. Ruthie will be working on the name tags. Debi is still working with H2S on the menu. She is currently working on locking down a sweet item for the menu. She has given them a deadline of 8/25. Anne is waiting for the last final pieces for the registration form. The plan is to release it on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to guild members and then October 1<sup>st</sup> to the public. At this time, there are 15 rooms booked. Deborah Moen will bring baskets to the general meeting and set them up in the board meeting room for members to bring items or take a basket to fill.

B. **Nomination Committee:** Peggy Murrell reports that they have one person on the ballot for each position. She will present this to the members at the August General Meeting for the last opportunity for nominations. If there are no other nominations, there will be no need for an election. If there is a position with more than one nominee, the ballot will be posted in the newsletter, and a vote will be held at the September Annual Meeting.

Since Eileen Wittic would be the only new member to the guild on the board, Peggy would like her to tell a little about herself to the members at the August General Meeting.

C. **Financial Review Committee:** Peggy Murrell reports that they have not yet decided who would be the spokesperson for the committee, but they will be meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

V. **Programs:** Jackie Youngblood has Diane Roberson scheduled to talk about QuiltCon and the Modern Quilt Guild.

September could be a good opportunity for the candidates to talk. Anne suggested that maybe have each officer give the one thing that surprised them most about the position. Lisa would like to see an open forum for the members to address the items she asked for feedback on in the last newsletter which she will have added to the September newsletter also.

**VI. Workshops:** Sherry Kruschke has hotels that she has been looking into for the September Mystery Trip and has asked to use the guild credit card to be able to hold rooms. Her goal is to find one that will allow use of a meeting room for free for the evening get together. Lisa asked what the policy of the hotel is if the weather was not permitting since we are in hurricane season. There is no plan B currently.

The August workshop is set with Michelle Stewart. There are 7 people who have signed up and paid with another 2 as possible. Michelle would like to advertise outside the guild to get more participants. The board feels that this would be a good opportunity for new members.

**VIII. Open Forum for Non-Board Members:** Diane Roberson indicated that Linda Van Hoesen's quilt is on display at the library with a bio poster created by Sandra. It was \$16.05 for the poster. It was discussed that it would be nice to have a bio poster for each quilt and that they would probably get a better price for 12 posters. Eileen Wittic asked if the guild information was on the poster or it would even be good to have a QR code on it.

Ginger Maddox and Kerry Kastl presented a quilt that Kerry pieced and Ginger quilted offering it to the guild for a fundraiser. There was much discussion on how to use the quilt from eBay, in house raffle, silent auction with the minimum bid being \$300.00 or even \$500.00 in house, at the retreat or even a special guild evening bringing spouses and having multiple items for auction. Ginger will show the quilt at the next General Meeting and ask the members to contact the board with ideas.

Kaye Joachim indicated that Judy from Stitchers Quest had asked her for Lisa's contact information to see if she could come to guild to promote the retreat scheduled for October in Andalusia since they have very few signed up.

Diane Roberson suggested that the opportunity quilt could be taken to other guild meetings to promote and even piggyback on the retreat team going out to advertise the retreat.

**IX. Further Action Needed/Tabled Items:**

A. T shirt: Lisa indicates that this will probably be tabled until next year.

**X.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

# General Meeting Minutes: Robin Easter-Neubauer, Secretary

August 14, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:01. The prayer and pledge of allegiance were led by Linda Weiss.
- II. The last meeting minutes were approved as written after no changes were noted by the attendees.

Lisa Lydston reminded the members that next month there is the Annual Meeting from 9-10 to discuss the 2026 budget. The General meeting will start at 10:00 and will be more fun and less business.

She asked the members to consider adding line items for administration as well as budget increases there if they want to continue with giving back to the Guild members. She asked the members to think about what they would want. October, November or December they will go over their ideas.

Lisa also asked the members to consider adding a technology committee that would cover electronic purchases, web page expenses, social media administration, manage the Drive account, etc. This would require an amendment to the SOPP/By Laws.

- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Donna Gross reports zero changes since the report was posted in the newsletter due to travel and technical issues and we can expect to see changes in next month's report.
- IV. **Program:** Diane Roberson presented a look into this year's QuiltCon and some of the exceptional quilts.

Jackie Youngblood said that she has something new and fun instore for next month's program and asked the members to bring a fat quarter.

- V. **Door prizes:** Polly Shields reports \$88.00 were raised for door prizes and \$55.00 for the in-house raffle.

## VI. Back to Business

- **Block of the Month:** Konnie Glaze had 45 blocks turned in with five winners. Donna Gross, Barbara Roberts, Robin Easter-Neubauer, Konnie herself and Anne Johnson. Next month's block is "Stained Glass Improve" using bright colors with solid black sashing. Members can make 3 blocks this time.
- **Community Services:** Diane Roberson reports that she did not have any pillowcase kits this go around but will be working on them at the next workshop. She let the members know that a special quilt by Linda Van Hoesen is on display at the library and it may also be left on display for part of September. If anyone has a quilt that they would like to display, let her know.
- **December Block:** Deb Chilcote reports that blocks continue to come in. There is still time to sign up. It is scrappy and a lot of fun.
- **Strip Club:** Grace Grimsley held the drawing for the 2 ½" inch strips. Laura Peacock was the winner and chose blue and green for next month.
- **Food Pantry:** Cheri Perry had nothing new to report.
- **Boutique:** Carol Stearns displayed the new sign that Ruthie Reynoso made for the boutique. She has received a lot of new items. Peggy Murrell said that there were zippers and soft & stable left over and Lisa said she had a tote pattern to share.

- **Show and Tell**
- **Operation Paperback:** Ginger Maddox reported that she has shipped out 11 boxes with 6 to 20 books per box. She asked the members to continue to collect books while she is gone this winter and she will ship them out again next summer.
- **Quilt fundraiser opportunity:** Ginger Maddox presents a quilt that Kerry Kastl pieced, and Ginger quilted to the members asking for ideas on how to get the most bang for the buck. Because of the amount of quilting per inch, it would have to raise at least \$300.00. A Silent Auction is one idea, but it would have to be the right venue. Lisa asked for ideas to be emailed to Ginger or a member of the board.
- **Hospitality:** Mary Ann Sharp and Barbara Roberts thanked everyone for the great spread of food. Lisa asked for a round of applause for the great behind the scenes work that they both do.
- **Membership:** Anne Johnson reported that she believes there are 56 members in attendance because not everyone signed in with one visitor, Cherinn Norman.
- **Newsletter:** Peggy Murrell said that going forward the newsletter items are due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and the newsletter would go out the first of the month. She asked if any of the members had a problem with this. No one in attendance objected to the change.
- **Nomination Committee:** Peggy Murrell introduced the members to the nominees for next year's board. President: Lisa Lydston, 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Kaye Joachim, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Sherry Kruschke, Treasurer: Donna Gross and Secretary: Eileen Wittic.

The new prospects for the board had time to tell a little bit about themselves.

Eileen Wittic is a new member and sewer. She retired from the postal service after 36 years. She has a daughter who is a graduate of FSU. She is looking forward to meeting new people in this position.

Kaye Joachim has been married for 52 years. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. She moved to Destin in 2014 and joined the guild in 2015. She currently heads the Row by Row and takes care of the Webpage. With this new position she will no longer be able to continue taking care of the website and is asking for someone to step up and become the new Webmaster. She says it is fun and easy, and she is willing to help.

Peggy opened it to the floor for any nominations or volunteers to be a part of the board which there were none. She then closed the nominations. She then explained that since there were no positions with more than one nominee, there would be no need for an election in September. The nominees are now the new board for 2026.

Peggy thanked everyone for taking the time to answer the committee's phone calls.

- **Opportunity Quilt:** Diane Roberson had nothing new to report.
- **2026 Retreat:** Debi Roederer reports that the logo and design has been finished. The new logo will be included on the flyer and T-shirts. They are currently working on choosing the T-shirt and assured the members it will have a V-neck.

At this time, she has 3 guilds scheduled to visit to share retreat information.

The plan is to have the registration released in early September for the members. The goal is to have all the registration done online. There will of course be some paper registration forms available.

Deborah Moen reports that she has Quilter's Walk baskets ready. She had the baskets set out in the boardroom for members to take and fill and return to her. She had 6 baskets taken.

- **Birthdays:** The birthdays were celebrated, and Barbara Roberts was the winner of the gift certificate.
- **Workshops:** Sherry Kruschke has Crisscross Applesauce slated for August 28<sup>th</sup>. You will need the Mini Sew Kind of Wonderful ruler. There will be rulers for sale at the workshop. The Mystery Trip is September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. She asked the members that signed up to let her know who would be staying together so that she could get a room count. Lisa gave those that were not going on the trip the opportunity to have a sit & sew on September 25th. She asked those that are interested to email her.

Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> is the National Jelly Roll Day workshop. The time is 9-4pm. Sherry will have several patterns to choose from, and she will email the pattern. Those participating can choose to bring a food item to share or bring their own lunch.

October Kaye Joachim will show members how to use Inktense. Sherry has the supply list ready to pick up.

- **Quilts for Veterans:** Barbi Ouellette has scheduled the Silver Threads QOV workshop for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. She plans to work on the Flag Blocks that was a recent BOM here at FNQG. She has the blue star fabric and asks those going to bring 4" red and cream fabrics.

September 17<sup>th</sup> she will be in Pensacola at 7:30 for the MCB 11 reunion.

Lisa asked Doris Olig to stand to be recognized for all her contributions to QOV.

- **UFO:** Robin Easter-Neubauer says that the next to last quarter UFOs are due at the next General Meeting. December there will be a drawing for the registration money collected.
- **Publicity:** Donna Gross shared with the members that there is an article in the "Get the Coast" about the recent QOV presentation.

## VII. Final Drawings

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52.

## August Pictures

### From the General Meeting



**Diane Roberson** gave a presentation on the Phoenix QuiltCon 2025, an annual modern quilt show where she has volunteered for several years now. The slide show had several pictures of quilts in all the different categories. Over 650 quilts had been entered, including one that was a collaborative effort by **Diane, Anne Johnson, and Sherri Hayes** (not pictured).



**Ginger Maddox** finished quilting two Quilts of Valor, one made by **Annette Dowdy** (above), and one made by **Gloria Thomas** (left).



**Barbi Ouellette** bought this patriotic panel, and **Doris Olig** turned it into her 128th Quilt of Valor top that will be finished and given to a female veteran.



A modern patriotic quilt made by new member **Roseanne Williams**.



**Bobbie Dye** showed us her Pineapple quilt, a class project from her previous quilt guild.



**Ginger** finished her Jagged X's quilt (left), and a quilt made in memory of her sister who passed away in 2007 (right). Ginger and her sister were both Rainbow Girls.



**Kathy and Gail Menard** both made this "Phoenix" appliqué wallhanging, but they both found it to be frustrating to say the least.

**Kathy Crews** found some batik fabric on the free table, all cut and ready to make into a quilt. In her excitement, she told **Ruthie Reynoso** of her great find, only to learn that it was Ruthie who had put those batiks on the Free Table because she didn't like them after she cut them out! The quilt turned out beautiful, Ruthie!



**Diane Roberson** made this 2018 Block Challenge from Augusta, GA. containing black and white fabrics with letters and numbers.



**Kaye Joachim** made a king-size wedding quilt for her daughter, all quilted on her domestic machine.



**Deb Chilcote** made a “Winding Ways” baby quilt for her great niece who will be welcomed into this world in a couple weeks.



**Kerry Kastl** made a tote bag out of some cute wine bottle fabric.

**Kerry** also made this quilt called “If Frank was a Quilter” (as in Frank Lloyd Wright). She lost interest in making it, so **Anne Johnson** stepped in to finish it for her.



**Linda Weiss** made the “Blueberries & White Chocolate” quilt to the left, which was started by **Jean Towery**, and a Kimberbell wallhanging from a kit Linda won in a gift basket.

**Janet Kinner** made this bench pillow to put on her 2-person wooden church pew that her dad had made for her.





**Sherry Kruschke** made this quilt top from some strips that she bought at the guild's Garage Sale, and added to it. The strips are 1-3/4" wide.

**Mary Ann Sharp** (a.k.a. "Lita" now that she's a grandma) made this table topper for under all the food offerings of the day. The watermelon blocks were retrieved from the Free Table from a previous month.



**Carol Stearns** showed this quilt that was donated, and will be for sale at the Boutique.



**Ginger Maddox** presented this quilt made by **Kerry Kastl** and quilted by **Ginger**, that can be used as a fundraiser for the guild, but we need ideas on how best to market this for maximum exposure and money raised.



**Linda Weiss** won our In-House Opportunity, a framed cross stitch piece made by **Jeannie Krzan**.

Five BOM winners each took home nine 16" blocks made from a Carol Thelen pattern, "Interwoven." Pictured are **Barbara Roberts, Diane Gross, Anne Johnson, Robin Easter-Neubauer, and Konnie Glaze**

