

Thimble Thoughts

August 2024

Tribute to Eleanor

I met Eleanor when I first joined West Broward Quilters Guild (WBQG). She took me under her wing as I started my journey in quilting. She had so much knowledge about quilting and loved sharing it with others. Eleanor would welcome new members and quilters to share her passion, expertise and her big heart.

Eleanor joined WBQG in 2015 and was the past secretary and past president of WBQG. As a leader she told me that she wanted the members to have fun and would have some unique games for us to play and laugh during guild meetings. Eleanor was also a member of Quilting in the Pines (QUIP).

Eleanor loved a quilting challenge. This is where she excelled with her creativity and her quilting flair. Eleanor was an artist. She loved to teach and even created a YouTube video, "Longarm Quilting with a Pantograph Pattern". In 2017 she won Stitch Craft's Viewers' Choice award in their fabric challenge. The fabric was a black on white print of buildings that Eleanor incorporated into her self-portrait "Eleanor". This quilt was even showcased at the Daytona American Quilters Society (AQS) quilt show in 2019 in the "Pop Up Quilt Party." Eleanor was an accomplished quilter and won awards at the Broward Quilting Expo (BQE) in 2019 and 2021.

In 2023 Eleanor won the following awards at BQE.

- Traditional Large – Honorable Mentions
 - "In a Roundabout Way"
 - "Alternate Direction"
- Best Machine Quilting
 - Alternative Direction"
- Mayor's Choice Award
 - "If I Could Save Time in a Batting"

This quote by Dr. Suess certainly embraces Eleanor's life, "Whether you color the world or light it up blue...You are making a difference so keep being you." Eleanor colored the world with her passion, quilting talent, artistry and her very big spirit. Her presence will be missed.

Tonya

Charitable Outreach

Hello, all,

We had a great time at the workshop making Veteran wall hangings. We got 8 wall-hanging fronts mostly finished and will have a good number of hangings by the next meeting. We now have a total of 44 red, white, and blue hangings, with several more expected. Thank you all so much for your participation in making this effort successful.

I have made several other donations this week, we will talk more at our meeting.

Thank you for all you do,

Debby and Ziva



GUILD MEETING MINUTES – July 13, 2024

Call to Order 10 am

1. Welcome
 - New member – Bridget Gallagher
2. Announcements from Members – update on Eleanor
3. Motions to approve May's meeting minutes – motion to approve by Anne T, 2nd by Annette O. approved unanimously
4. Birthdays
 - a. Annette O'Connor 7/2
 - b. Debbie Pennington 7/13
 - c. Denise Glaser 7/18
 - d. Sandy Saikley 7/20
 - e. Joan Oelschlager 7/24
 - f. Monte Pickton 7/29
 - g. Sydney Sotor 7/29
 - h. Sara Goldberg 7/10
5. Old Business
 - Charity Quilt – Gerri Tredway – quilt done needs sleeve and label
Tickets purchased and arrived. Delle volunteered to sort into packets of 24
 - Charity Basket - theme – Spring – need fabric and notion donations – Sheri will do collection along with Eleanor
 - SFQE Updates – Denise Glaser – fabric sale today, sign-up for “Get-it-Quilted” raffle ad fabric painting workshop on Sept 28
6. New Business
 - a. ReadyWebsites - www.WestBrowardQuiltGuild.com
7. Reports
 - VP – Jan Ross – 24 members present today and 1 guest
 - Treasurer – Gerri Tredway:
 - Workshops – Quarter stripe by Liz – cost \$15
 - Charity – Debbie Pennington – with today's donation have about 40 of the needed 60 wall hangings
 - Newsletter – Lisa Imberman – will also post to website without phone and email
8. BOM – Cecilia McConnell – will post to website

Break

9. Program – Origami Bag by Gerri Tredway

10. Raffles

- Fat Quarters – winner Delle

- Gift Bags (only 2) – winners Lisa and Hugh
- 50/50 – total \$39 – half to winner Susan H.

10. Show and Tell

11. Reminders

Meeting Adjourned – noon

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Glaser, Secretary

<https://www.westbrowardquiltguild.com/welcome.html>

Upcoming Events Workshops/Programs

August Program:

More Than Quilts with Lisa Imberman

August Workshop:

Quarter Stripe Quilt with Liz Acevedo

August 10

Following Guild meeting

Fee \$15 Spaces still available

See attached flyer for further info and supply list

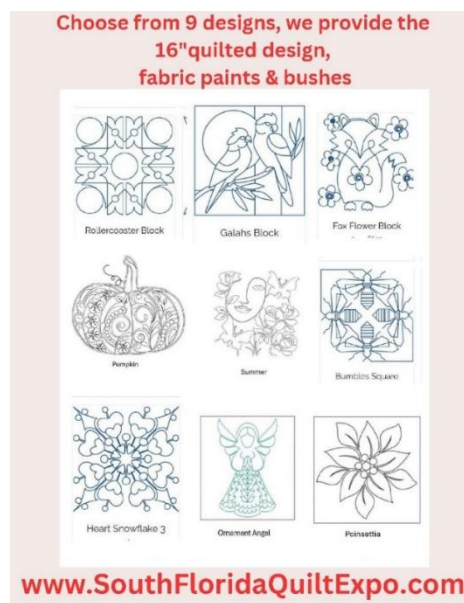


September Program

Cynthia Dmitrenko from Cythnia's Fine Fabrics will be doing the program in September showcasing new fabrics.

September Workshop

September 28 - Fabric Painting

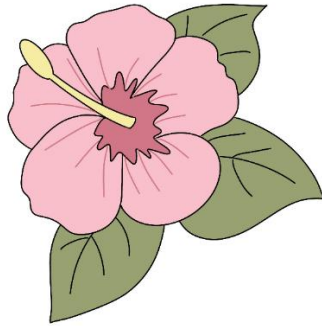


October Program

Mixed Media Quilt Artist - Kathleen Armstrong.

October Workshop

Raw Edge Applique - Kathleen Armstrong. 8X10 Finished size. Supplies included with the \$45 workshop fee include the printed pattern, foundation/background fabric, batting, fusible for appliqués, fabric for appliqués and backing/binding fabric.



Vote for your design choice at the August meeting!

November Program

Fabric Mystery Bag Challenge - The big reveal!

December Program

Holiday Party

BOM – August

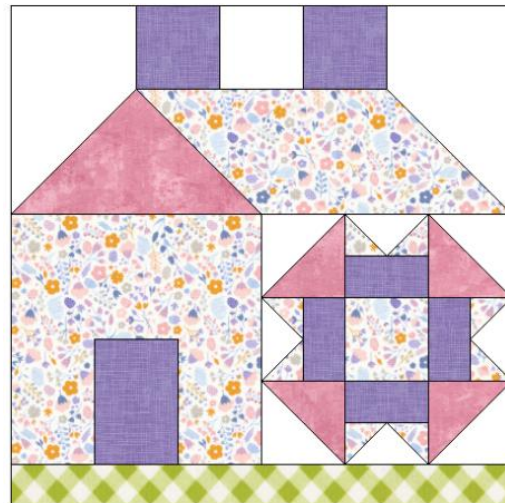
Take your time with this one...

There are some really small blocks to piece.

Cecilia reminds you to always read all the instructions

before cutting your fabric

(Instructions attached.)





Cathy Dance 8/13
Eileen Thurston 8/24

Happy Birthday wishes to you!

August reminder: Snacks and raffle : Kay Walker , Monte Pickton and Paula Wilson
Please remember to inventory the snack container after the meeting.

Thanks go out to Debbie Pennington, Hugh Murphy and Sydney Sotor for the July treats

Fat Quarters

This year we are coordinating the fat quarter colors with the holiday/theme of the following month:

August -- Fall -- Brown, Green, Orange, Yellow

September -- Halloween -- Orange, Black

October -- Thanksgiving -- Brown, Orange, White

November -- Holiday Colors -- Red, Green, Blue, Yellow, White

What's happening at South Florida Quilt Expo

Charity Raffle Quilt Update

Pick up your raffle book at the next meeting

\$1/ticket...\$5/6 tickets

Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to:

Kids in Distress

<https://www.kidinc.org/>



Get It Quilted raffle \$5

Raffle tickets on sale now on our website - each ticket give you 2 chances to win.

Winner gets any quilt up to queen size quilted with an all over pattern of their choice.

Drawings October 1, 2024

Winner has one year to use.



More details on our website
www.SouthFloridaQuiltExpo.com



WBQG Expo Spring Basket

Sheri Passwater is accepting donations of NEW items to fill our basket.

Help make this the most sought-after basket at Expo.

SHOW AND TELL



Origami Program

Thanks to Gerri for stepping up to the Program Plate when our scheduled visitor could not join us (due to a family emergency). Gerri demonstrated and instructed us on the making of an origami shopping bag. Check out this video link for easy-to-follow instructions.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKHSUoSvelc>





Meet Cecilia McConnell

Tell us a little about yourself

Married Brian 20 years ago. Child - Sophia at FSU. Dogs - Blue & Pupcake.

How did your quilting journey start?

My daughter had her first trip without me. I wanted to give her something that says I am thinking about her. After countless videos, I made a rug quilt.

What is your favorite part of quilting?

People's faces when they get my quilt. I love making them feel special and loved. Creating art and buying fabric of course

What is your least favorite part? Basting, I want a quick, reliable, and inexpensive way.

Favorite color? Mint/Turquoise.

Favorite Designer/Prints? Corey Yoder/ Florals and small polka dots

What other hobbies/interests do you have? Reading and writing. I hope to write a novel one day.

Tell us something we would never guess about you. I love country music.



FINAL THOUGHTS

"You meet people who forget you. You forget people you meet. But sometimes you meet those people you can't forget. Those are your friends." ~ Mark Twain

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