



Thimble Thoughts

February 2025

Chat with Tonya

Happy Hearts Month!

The date for registering your quilt to be judged for the South Florida Quilt Expo has closed. There were 267 entries. The quilts that were entered are amazing and beautiful. It was stiff competition. If you entered a quilt, you are already a winner because you were brave enough to accept the challenge. WBQG is well represented at EXPO-at last count, WBQG entered 29 quilts. WBQG rocks. Also, I appreciated all of the WBQG members who volunteered with the quilt collection and judging sessions.

I was fortunate to spend two days with Beverly Fine, NACQ Judge, in different capacities. She is amazing. I was intrigued to watch Beverly as she studied and focused on each individual quilt as a masterpiece. She would rate each quilt based upon various quilting standards and often took moments to teach. The comments she would make were thoughtful and meaningful to help each quilter learn from their quilting techniques. Lastly, she always made a positive comment about the quilt. There were times she was challenged in deciding who placed first, second, third and honorable mention because of the excellence she observed in the quilts. There is strength and beauty in each quilt. And the judging experience has given me a renewed sense of energy and excitement with my future quilting projects. How can I challenge myself to greatness with my sewing skills?

Likewise, a number of guild members have volunteered to assist with the EXPO and at our booth. It takes the support of the quilting community to make the EXPO a remarkable success. The event will be incredible with workshops, vendor demonstrations and discussions and visits to the vendor and guild booths. There's also a chance to win one of the fabulous baskets. Most importantly, we will have the

opportunity to look at all of the beautiful quilts and support the many winners and other quilters. The EXPO always encourages and excites us to be better quilters

Even though the EXPO is still several weeks away it takes a lot of planning and preparation. The WBQG booth will be a great opportunity for us to showcase our guild, recruit new members and to make some money. We have over 75 scrap bags, multiple snap bags and some quilts and other items that were recently donated by a family of a grandmother who loved to quilt. Her spirit continues. Guild members have the prospect of making some money too.

Quilting is a family affair. Our families encourage us when we become frustrated and have to unsew various pieces and they celebrate our greatness as we finish our quilts. Additionally, they help us out at guild meetings and other events when we need their extra hands of support. Nina's husband, son and grandsons transported the judged quilts to storage for safekeeping until the SFQE EXPO. Liz Acevado's husband built the gnome mobile and the stand for individuals to sit in and have their pictures taken. Paula Wilson along with her husband and son will take and post pictures of the quilters and guests at the "Gnome-mobile". We are appreciative and grateful for our families and their service.

As our guild continues to grow, how can we encourage others to learn and become interested in quilting? How can we take our sewing ability to the next level of sewing and quilting greatness? Most importantly, how do we recognize each finished quilting project as our personal best?

We have many members excited to learn about the new paper piecing technique using freezer paper for our blocks of the month at our next guild meeting. I want to challenge us all to learn something new and become better quilters and to constantly achieve greatness.

Happy Quilting,
Tonya

Charitable Outreach

Thank you for all that you do to make a difference. As I write this, I am in Minnesota visiting my 92-year-old Dad. It's minus 16 degrees at times!

We do not have a new project yet but I am hoping to have more information lined up next month. However, there are many quilt tops that need to be completed. Please step up and take a few. It's a great way to practice your quilting skills.

We are continuing the men's quilts, and the pillowcases and clothing protectors. We delivered 19 dog beds, and 25 clothing protectors before I left

Debby and Ziva

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership. Only \$24 for the year!

Upcoming Events

WBQG Meeting Date Change: March 15

Due to Expo, we will meet on the third Saturday in March

Programs and Workshops



At our January program, all of our members stepped up to help create scrap bags that will be sold at our Expo booth. Thank you!



Programs

February - Ageless Grace

We will need to begin exactly at 10 AM to accommodate our program's speaker.

Please be seated by 9:58 AM Members who have taken this program say that Ageless Grace is beneficial and fun. Everyone can participate no matter what your ability - it is all done sitting in a chair!

Note: Please do not move the chairs until after the program is finished.

March – Flying Geese/Migrating Geese

Nina will demonstrate easy methods for these two quilt blocks and where to use them for great effect.

Workshops

February

Freezer Paper Piecing

Instructors – Nina, Cecilia and Lisa

Learn a new tool for your Quilting Toolbox and join the BOM 2025 party this year!

No charge...see supply list attached

April

Crayon and Coloring Book Fun

Instructor – Nina

Using a simple drawing of your choice, learn how to color fabric with crayons. Details are coming soon.

Fee: \$15

May

Tabby Cat Fabric Collage



BoM 2024

Cecilia finished her BOM 2024 with sashing and cornerstones. How will you finish your quilt?

BoM –2025

Block Rock'n

12 great paper pieced blocks using the freezer paper piecing technique. *

January



February (coming soon)



2025 Fat Quarter Raffle Colors

The fat quarter colors are coordinated with the holiday/theme of the following month:

February -- St. Patrick's Day -- Green, white, black

March -- Spring -- Pastels

April -- April Showers -- Blues and white

May -- May flowers -- Small and medium florals

June -- 4th of July -- Red, White and Blue

July-- Back to School -- Black, Brown, Beige

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

September -- Halloween -- Orange, Black

October -- Thanksgiving -- Brown, Orange, White

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

Snack/Raffle Reminder:

February: Cecilia, Leo and Lily

Please have refreshments and gift bags set up by 9:45 am to accommodate our program.

And remember to check the snack supply container when packing up after the meeting...

Thanks.

March: Gerri, Annette and Sydney

February Birthdays

Liz Acevedo 2/4

Leo Ramos 2/22



What's happening at South Florida Quilt Expo



Winners will be getting this email. Quilt pickup is March 10, 2025, 11 to 3pm.

Quilt Appraisals at Expo

Sharon Metzger - AQS certified appraiser.

Fees: \$75 for written appraisal of any type of quilt including antiques

\$50 each for 2 or more appraisals

SFQE will have a safe place for you to keep your quilt(s) during the show while you shop.



Kids in Distress <https://www.kidinc.org/>

Still time to sell raffle tickets for the charity quilt.

Tickets will be available at our booth during Expo

Please bring ticket stubs and money to Delle. Ask for additional tickets. It's for a great cause!

Volunteers are still needed for set-up, admissions, white glove, "basket walk" and general help. Please click on "Volunteer" under "The Show" drop down menu on the Home page for more information.

Show and Tell



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For Sale by Joann Marino 954-303-5473.



I have a Bernina 750 QE machine for sale.

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Forgotten Gift



This package was intended for the person whose holiday gift bag contained items in this wrapping paper. It was left behind when the party broke up. To claim your goodies, contact Gerri

Final Thought

