

Thimble Thoughts

June, 2024

Chat with Tonya

I am still working on my scrappy quilt which has taken me over a year and it is still not finished. I need to add the borders and then end the piece with rounded corners. This type of border is new to me and I am struggling to make that last stitch. This quilt top has been a test of my patience to complete.

The greatest challenge I had was selecting the right colors. I re-sewed three blocks because the color selection just did not work with the quilt top. The fourth block that I needed to redo was because my measurements were off and no matter how much I begged, pleaded and tried to stretch the block, I lost. I had to make another block. In the end I learned many lessons with this quilt.

I was so thrilled when I saw a quilt that required only two colors to make - a light color and a dark color. I have the perfect selection of colors. I have the blocks finished and now I have to decide on the layout. There are many different patterns that I can use for this quilt. Oh no, I have more decisions to make!

Quilting is certainly a journey with many twists, turns and curves but once that last stitch is done you can do your happy dance!

Happy Quilting even during the turbulent stitches!
Tonya

Charitable Outreach

Hello, all,

Well, here is hoping we are all staying cool inside quilting in our A/C, since we seem to be in for a hot summer.

To date, we have collected 22 patriotic wall hangings for the VA Nursing Home. Our goal is at least 60, along with miscellaneous hangings, and small quilts for decorating the rest of the nursing home. The staff is very excited about making a special presentation for the celebration of Veterans Day, November 11. Thank you all for your donations, it will be a nice way to brighten those rooms.

I intend to bring kits for pillowcases and clothing protectors (adult bibs), to our next meeting, and, again, ask for volunteers to help quilt or sew the bindings on some of our donated quilt tops. We have some simple designs that you could use to practice your quilting skills, or you can simply use the "quilt-in-the-ditch" method,

Thank you for all you do,
Ziva and Debby



Upcoming Events Workshops/Programs

June Program:

Happy Birthday WBQG

Come join the fun as we celebrate 44 years of creating and quilting together. Cathy Donn will present a history of our guild.

It's a real birthday party - complete with games, cake and ice cream.

Don't miss it!

July Program/Workshop:

Sewing for Veterans

Following the July meeting we will have a Sit -n- Sew to make patriotic wall hangings. Patterns will be available or bring one to share. Start gathering your red, white and blue fabrics (scraps and/or whole pieces).

Let's join together to do a little for those that have given a lot!



BOM – June

Cecilia reminds you to always read all the instructions before cutting your fabric. This block plays well with scraps! (Instructions attached.)

What's happening at South Florida Quilt Expo

Charity Raffle Quilt Update

Tonya has prepared the backing, the quilt top has been quilted by Denise, and has been handed over to Nina to finish the binding. Thank you to all the hands that have made this beautiful quilt a reality!

Now we need to decide who will benefit from the proceeds of the raffle.

Choices for charity raffle quilt proceeds



1. Hope Outreach
<https://www.saintdavid.org/hope-outreach>
2. Kids In Distress
<https://www.kidinc.org/>
3. Fruitful Fields
<https://thefruitfulfield.org/>
4. Feeding South Florida
<https://feedingsouthflorida.org/>

Please take the time to visit these websites and be prepared to vote at the June meeting.

The theme for the WBQG Expo Basket is Spring
Help make this the most sought-after basket at Expo.
Donate New items only! Can be fabric or notions!



This year's Expo Challenge

GETTING TO GNOME ME



tell us about yourself as a gnome

Are you ready to show the world your quilting creativity?

It's never too soon to think about entering a quilt for the 2025 Expo.

Categories include Traditional, Applique, Modern, Mini, the Gnome Challenge, and the newest category, Wearables and other quilted items. Don't forget that you can enter a quilt for 'exhibit only' and let's not forget the youth category – encouraging our young people who are the future of the quilting world.

Quilt entry opens September 1, 2024,

See category descriptions and entry rules at www.SouthFloridaQuiltExpo.com



Lisa Dietschy 6/10
Eleanor Sasnett 6/28
West Broward Quilters Guild

Happy Birthday wishes to you!

Refreshments/Raffle Gifts

Thanks to Sheri Passwater, Regina Huffman, Ziva Mordetsky for May snacks and gifts.

June reminder: It's Guild Birthday month...Come for cupcakes and ice cream!

We will have the fat quarter and 50/50 raffle (but not the gift raffle).

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

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

GUILD MEETING MINUTES – MAY

Call to Order – 10 am

1. Welcome
2. Announcements from Members
3. Motions to approve April's meeting minutes – motion to approve by Daisy, 2nd by Kay, unanimously approved.
4. Birthdays
 - Diana Armendariz Smith 5/6
 - Delle Lenzen 5/20
5. Old Business
 - Charity Quilt – Gerri Tredway – piecing done, given to Denise to Quilt
 - Charity Selection – 4 options:
 - Hope Outreach
 - Kids in Distress
 - Fruitful Fields
 - Feeding So Fla
 - Vote - Theme for SFQE Basket -members voted for Spring Theme
6. New Business
 - SFQE Updates – Denise Glaser
7. Reports
 - VP – Jan Ross – 30 members present, no visitors
 - Treasurer – Gerri Tredway – see attached, ending bank balance \$6483
 - Workshops – Barbara Tate – nothing till Oct with Kathleen – cost \$45 includes supplies
 - Charity – Debbie Pennington - not present
 - Newsletter – Lisa Imberman
8. BOM – Cecilia McConnell – June block presented, and copies distributed

Break

9. Program – Guild Challenge – Nina Anderson – participating members picked 1/2 yard bags – challenge due Nov.

Getting to Know Our Members – Nina Anderson and Cecilia McConnell:

Interviews of officers conducted by Cecilia

10. Raffles

- Fat Quarters – winners: Gerri, Anne Marie & Regina
- Gift Bags – Winners: Cathy D, Denise, Joann
- 50/50 – total \$69, \$35 to winner Jan R.

10. Show and Tell

11. Reminders – June is birthday month, no gifts

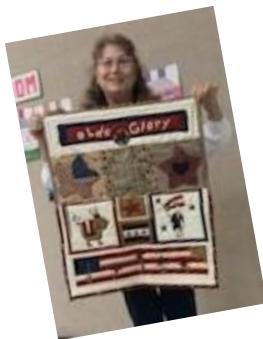
Meeting Adjourned - noon

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Glaser, Secretary

FYI

Groupworks is shutting down as of June 21. Denise will set up a new website on Ready Websites. We will need someone to maintain it. Anyone interested please see Denise or Tonya.

SHOW AND TELL







Meet: Tonya Fox Shaw

Tell us a bit about yourself. My husband, Bruce, and I have been married for 42 years. We have one son, Ben, who is married to Rachel. They have three children, Brooks, Halle and Banks.

How did your quilting journey start? My quilting journey started when I ask a friend to make me a quilt for my grandson seven years ago. She told me I needed to make the quilt. I told her I did not even know how to sew. Actually, I got a D in home economics because I just was not interested in the idea of sewing. My friend directed me to Joann Fabrics and I took a basic sewing course followed by a 2.5-inch strip quilted table runner. I can do this if I just have to sew in straight lines. Then my husband was talking with our mail carrier and found out that our neighbor, Jan Ross, was a quilter. After speaking with Jan, she took me to WBQG where my quilting journey really started.

What is your favorite part of quilting? Taking that last stitch and my quilt is finished.

What is your least favorite part? Unsewing.

Best quilting tip: Making quilting friends and having their support and I need their wisdom with my quilt.

Favorite designer/prints: Bright cheerful colors.

What type of quilts do you like to make? Easy.

Do you have another hobby besides quilting? Fly fishing with my husband.

Tell us something we would not guess about you. I grew up on a farm in Indiana.



Meet: Jan Ross



Tell us a bit about yourself. I was born in Des Moines, IA. Dan and I will have been married 61 years June 15. We have two children, Doug and Lori, and four grandsons.

How did your quilting journey start? My quilting journey started a long time ago. I took some quilting classes at adult education at Ft. Lauderdale High School. I was working then and had a hard time working quilting into my schedule. After retirement, I started getting back into it.

What is your favorite part of quilting? My favorite part of quilting is seeing the final results of a project.

What is your least favorite part? None

Best quilting tip My best tip is to make sure you have an exact 1/4" seam allowance on your piecing.

Favorite designer/prints My favorite quilt designer is Edyta Sitar

What type of quilts do you like to make? I like scrappy quilts. I also want to do more applique.

Do you have another hobby besides quilting? I also have a garden and play tennis.

Tell us something we would not guess about you. I ran for about 30 years. I did about 15 marathons, including qualifying to run the Boston marathon two times—the first time was the New York Marathon and the second time was the Twin Cities Marathon. However, my biggest accomplishment was a 50 mile trail run I did when I was 65. Also, won my age group.

FINAL THOUGHTS

At the May Guild meeting we were introduced to our Board members. They shared interesting tidbits about themselves and their quilting journey (see above). Perhaps you will take a turn and share a little about yourself too. Here are some questions to consider so we can get to know you!

- *Tell us a bit about yourself!*
- *How did your quilting journey start?*
- *What is your favorite part of quilting?*
- *What is your least favorite part?*
- *Favorite color*
- *Favorite designer/prints*
- *What type of quilts do you like to make?*
- *Do you have another hobby besides quilting?*
- *Tell us something we would not guess about you.*

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