



## Thimble Thoughts

March 2025

### Chat with Tonya

The SFQE will be over by the time you receive this newsletter and I know it will be a remarkable success. We have some winning quilts from WBQG. This is exciting news. At this time, I do not know if our members placed first, second, third or received an honorable mention at the event, but we will celebrate their wins at the Awards Night, and again, at our WBQG meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you attended the EXPO and enjoyed the many beautiful quilts. It was a time to learn, connect with other quilters, and spend money with our local vendors and at guild booths.

We had a couple offer to buy our first charity quilt for \$1000. We needed to find a second pattern quickly and make another quilt in a short amount of time. The pressure was on us to get that quilt ready to be raffled at the SFQE. It really took a team. Many thanks to Ann Marie Langlois for cutting the fabric, Nina Anderson for making the charity quilt top, Denise Glaser for the quilting, Joan Oelschlager for adding the binding and the sleeve and Delle Lenzen for coordinating and managing the raffle sales. Finally, I would like to thank Cecilia McConnell's daughter, Sophia, for creating a label for the quilt. Kids in Distress will certainly benefit from the money we raised with both quilts.

My thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the judging, aided in hanging the incredible quilts, helping set up our booth and finally working to take down and return the quilts.

Most of all, we need to recognize Denise Glaser for her unwavering dedication, planning and tireless work to make the EXPO an outstanding event. Additionally, we need to acknowledge her amazing sidekicks, AJ Grossman and Robinn Eck, for their expertise, perseverance and efforts to assist with problems, create the show books, recruit and coordinate volunteers and whatever else was needed for the EXPO. It really takes a community to make great things happen.

Anytime you have the chance to attend a quilting expo, participate in a shop hop, or join a retreat take advantage of that opportunity. These experiences make us better quilters. I recently returned from a road trip with Liz Acevedo and Paula Wilson. It was a last-minute trip and done without too much planning. We traveled to Daytona Beach for the AQS Quilt Expo. The quilts were truly amazing. It is quilting at a whole new level. There were several quilts from Japan and other countries, as well as, from across the United States. The vendors brought many possibilities for us to spend our money to buy more fabric, new tools, supplies and new machines.

There were also many classes available to enhance our quilting skills. Because we waited so long to make any decisions many of the classes were filled. We were able to take some classes but our choices were limited. The most significant ceremony was the presentation of the Quilts of Valor to five veterans. It was a heartfelt occasion.

While we were at the EXPO, we ran into one of our newest guild members, Ruth Stotler and another quilter, Alice Ollivierre. Then, on the last day of the AQS Quilt EXPO, we connected with Kay Walker and her daughter, Kitty Tarquinio. It was so good to speak with our friends, especially, Kitty, since she moved to St. Augustine. The smiles and discussions about quilting were endless.

Congratulations to all the WBQG members who entered a quilt in the EXPO!

Happy Quilting,  
Tonya



## Charitable Outreach

Hello, all,  
Happy spring to all of you. A time of renewal, and creation! We hope you enjoyed our BQE!

I have delivered 50 clothing protectors, 20 dog beds and 4 quilts this week, and they were gratefully accepted.

We have an exciting, new project for the year, and hopefully, you will all be as excited as we are. It is bibs/burp cloths and holiday stockings for Childnet\*. They have been inundated with babies and toddlers and could really use our help. I have kits and patterns to share at the next meeting and am looking forward to showing some samples. We can't wait to discuss it at our next meeting,

Thank you for all you do  
Debby and Ziva

\*(Childnet mission statement as per their web site: "To protect abused, abandoned and neglected children in the communities we serve.")

## **Membership Renewal Final Notice!!**

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

## **Upcoming Events Programs and Workshops**

### **Ageless Grace**

Our February program - Snapping our fingers and tapping our toes!



### **Guild Challenge**

#### **First Name Creation**

Using the first letter of your first name, create a wall hanging that includes at least 5 items that begin with that letter. It can be any size and is not limited to 5 items. Let your creativity soar!

Can't think of anything? Grab a dictionary...no shortage of words there!

Show off your completed quilt at the August meeting. Prizes will be awarded!

## Programs

### March – Flying Geese/Migrating Geese

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

### April – Quilt Judging

What exactly is the quilting judge looking at when examining your quilt?  
Denise will walk us through the judging process.

## Workshops

### April

Crayon and Coloring Book Fun

Instructor: Nina

Using a simple drawing, learn how to color fabric with crayons

Supply list provided when paid

Fee: \$15 (Pay in full at March meeting)

### May

Purple cow

Instructor: Charlotte

Fee: \$15

### June

All Occasion Wreath

Instructor: Daisy

Fee: \$15

## BoM –March

### Block Rock'n

### Global Concepts



Pattern attached in email

## 2025 Fat Quarter Raffle Colors

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

- 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:

**March:** Gerri, Annette and Sydney

Please check the snack supply container when packing up after the meeting...

Thanks.

**April:** Sheri and Delle

### March Birthdays

Bridget Gallagher 3/1

Regina Huffman 3/11

Scott Sachs 3/12

Anne Marie Langlois 3/16

Jan Ross 3/17

JoAnn Marino 3/28



# South Florida Quilt Expo

West Broward was well represented at this year's Expo.  
Congratulations to our members for your exceptional quilts!



Traditional  
Large: 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
– Liz Acevedo



Group: 1<sup>st</sup>  
Place - West  
Broward  
Quilters Guild  
Charity Raffle



Modern  
Med/Large:  
Honorable  
Mention -  
Denise  
Glaser



Modern Med/Large:  
Honorable Mention –  
Barbara Tate



Miniature: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Place – Joan  
Oelschlager



Traditional Small:  
Honorable Mention  
– Opal Galvin



Traditional Small:  
Honorable Mention –  
Denise Glaser



Applique: Honorable  
Mention- Liz Acevedo



Wearable:  
Honorable  
Mention –  
Gerri Treadwell



Congratulations to Bridget  
Gallagher winner of this  
wonderful quilt!

**Kids in Distress**

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



Thanks to all our volunteers who  
represented the Guild at the booth

# Show and Tell





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\$30 King and larger

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