

Thimble Thoughts

November 2024

Chat with Tonya

If you ever have the opportunity to attend a Quilting Retreat take advantage of that experience. It is a time to enjoy the camaraderie of other quilters, applaud accomplishments and gain wisdom when you are struggling with a problem. Sydney Sotor and I traveled to Sebring, Florida to participate in the Retreat sponsored by QUIP (Quilting in the Pines Guild). I want to thank Iris Biasetti for coordinating the Retreat and making sure that everyone was having a great time. The sewing event was held at the Seven Sebring Raceway Hotel. Yes, we are right next to the racetrack and are able to watch the cars as they speed past the hotel.



When participants arrive at the conference room they select their station, set up their sewing machines and begin their sewing journey. The Retreat is also a reunion of friends who have moved away from South Florida. We celebrated the arrival of Liz Acevado and Rose Valentine,- two of the most incredible quilters I have ever met. Other Retreat participants included Sydney Sotor, Iris Biasetti, Kay Walker, Mary Martinez, Charlotte Lorenzo and her sister, Laura Webb and our friends from Coral Springs Quilt Guild: Nancy Gagne, Carolyn Allen and Holly Harrington. We welcomed Paula Wilson and Cathy Dance to their first Retreat.

We were all bustling to complete the homework that we brought. I was amazed that Mary finished seven quilt tops. Rose had a bag full of ties that she deconstructed and turned into a beautiful creation for her quilt top. Liz Acevado was ambitious and motivated to finish a gorgeous travel bag. Others finished their projects and many sewed quilt tops for charity.

As for me, I did work hard on a project that I started at Retreat two years ago. First, I needed to be happy with the layout of the quilt and then I started piecing the blocks together, always making sure that my points matched or, at least, were close enough. I did make progress but I still have a lot of piecing to do on the quilt top. It is my goal to have it finished in time for our December meeting.

Some quilters arrive at the conference room as early as 5 am and some stay late into the night. Fun pranks are sometimes played on unsuspecting individuals. Of course, there is usually one small catastrophe. Iris had her quilt layout on her design board when suddenly all of her blocks fell to the floor!

We leave the doors open, and as guests stroll down the hallway they stop and check out the conference room and are impressed with all of the talent. A young man was really in need of Liz's expertise to repair his sport coat in time for a wedding. The Quilted Dragonfly, a mobile quilt shop, is setup across the hall and when we need a break it is fun to browse and shop. Additionally, we make time to go to the Crafty Quilters (also known to us as the Yellow House) and Meg's Custom Quilting. It is always a quilter's obligation to spend money on beautiful fabric and unique panels.

We do eat and everyone brings something delicious that is placed on our community table. Liz made her famous sourdough bread, I packed individual bags of my white and chocolate popcorn, Charlotte made a delicious cake, Sydney brought healthy Aussie bites and there were a lot of other snacks for us to nibble on during the day. In the evening, we make it a point to go out and eat at a local restaurant.



When Monday morning arrives, we are busy finishing last minute sewing and, for those who were interested, Liz helped us make a quick and easy credit card or gift card holder. Now the time has come for us to pack up our belongings and travel home with our treasured joys and the many happy memories shared with our quilting friends.

Happy Quilting!
Tonya

Charitable Outreach

Hello, all,

Hope you are all well and enjoying the little cooler bit of weather we have been having. It has been a welcome change.

Please bring those last Veteran wall hangings to our next meeting. It will be your last chance to donate to the Veteran Nursing Home residents. We have a total of 80 at this time and will be donating them on Wednesday, November 13th. There will be a ceremony on Monday, November 11th (actual Veteran's Day) when the mayor will be there, along with food and games. We are all invited as well. I do not have the times for these events yet, but I should have that information next week.

Thank you all for your participation in this endeavor, I am, again, very proud of us. Any questions - please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you for all you do,

Debby and Ziva



Guild Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2024

Call to Order - 10 am

1. Welcome
 - Introduction of Visitors
2. Announcements from Members
3. Motions to approve September's meeting minutes – following a motion by Annett and a second by Sheri the minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Birthdays
 - Paula Wilson 10/7
 - Daisy Lefebure 10/8
 - Susan Hochstein 10/18
 - Ziva Mordetsky 10/25
5. Old Business
 - ReadyWebsites - www.WestBrowardQuiltGuild.com
 - Charity Basket – Sheri Passwater – Still have not been able to get back donations from John Sassnett. We have enough for a basket
 - SFQE Updates – Denise Glaser
 - Quilt entry is open
 - Expo will feature 3 classes
 - We will have an AQS certified quilt appraiser
6. New Business
 - Snap Bags – we will make them to sell at SFQE
 - Volunteers to Coordinate WBQG at the SFQE
 - i. Need for our booth and for selling raffle tickets
 - WBQG VP and Secretary Positions – election in December, Jan and Denise have agreed on stay in their positions.
 - Return your raffle tickets with payment to Delle and pick up more ticket books
7. Reports
 - VP – Jan Ross – 24 members present, no visitors
 - Treasurer – Gerri Tredway – bank balance \$6108
 - Programs – Nina Anderson
 - i. Nov. demo and distributions of snap bag kits to members
 - ii. Nov. contest for half yard challenge quilts
 - Workshops – Barbara Tate
 - i. Nov. after WB meeting – Lisa – Floral Fantasy collage \$15 – details to be emailed after sign-up
 - ii. Nov. after QUIP meeting – Liz – Easy Does It purse \$15
 - Charity – Debby Pennington
 - i. Veteran Home Visit and Patriotic Wall Hangings
 1. Nov is the last time to donate VA quilts
 2. Currently we have 74 donations
 3. Nov 11 VA home will have a ceremony

- 4. Nov 13 VA home will have a presentation, and we will hang quilts
- Newsletter – Lisa Imberman

8. BOM – Cecilia McConnell

Break

9. Program – Halloween Fun Challenge

Winners – Tied for first – Charlotte and Denise

3rd place - Laurajean

10. Raffles

- Fat Quarters – winner Gerri
- Gift Bags – winners – Delle, Bridget and Debbie
- 50/50 \$73 – winner of \$37 Daisy

12. Show and Tell

13. Reminders

Meeting Adjourned – 11:20

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Glaser, Secretary

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

Upcoming Events

Programs

November

Mystery Fabric Challenge - The big reveal!



What did you make with your mystery fabric?

Was it a puzzle or did you have an immediate “Ah Ha” moment? Were you tempted to use a pattern or did you find it easy to create your own design?

This is it! The big reveal! Your entry may win a prize!

December

Holiday Party

Get ready for some holiday fun!

*There will be a sign up for potluck at the November meeting.

*Bring a small \$20 quilt related gift to the December party if you'd like to participate in the gift exchange.



Workshops

Fantasy Floral Collage (following the November 9 meeting) \$15

Lisa Imberman, Instructor

Create a floral collage using scraps. Your finished piece can be a wall hanging, tote bag or a panel for an article of clothing! Leave your patterns behind and let your creativity take over.

Lisa will supply fabric, fusible and embellishments for the designs - you supply your background fabric, batting and backing. You will need a sewing machine (capable to drop feed dog for free motion) and the usual sewing supplies (pins, scissors, etc). Supply list will be emailed to participants.

A few spots left.... Contact Lisa, to reserve your spot



Around Town

Quip Workshop November 14 (after regular meeting) \$15

The Easy Does It Bag

Instructor – Liz Acevedo

"The Easy Does It pattern is a perfect way to learn many of the basic techniques used to make ByAnnie patterns!

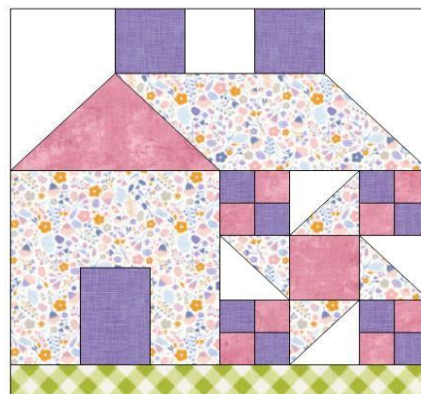


Everyone will love the results and the usefulness of this little project. The handy zippered bag with attached handles will store and carry all their essentials. The bags also make quick, easy, and useful gifts!" Finished size: 6"H x 9"W x 4¼"D

This is the final fat quarter raffle of the year!
November -- Holiday Colors -- Red, Green, Blue, Yellow, White
No fat quarter raffle in December

BOM –November

Cecilia reminds you to always read all the instructions before cutting your fabric.
(Instructions attached.)



November Snack Reminder: Daisy, Shirley, Lily and Diana
Thanks to Susan, Cathy and Jan for the October treats!

November Birthdays

Kay Walker 11/8

Lisa Imberman 11/10

Christine Wells 11/10

LauraJean Niesel 11/28



What's happening at South Florida Quilt Expo

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

March 8-9, 2025

www.SouthFloridaQuiltExpo.com



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Beginning Quilting

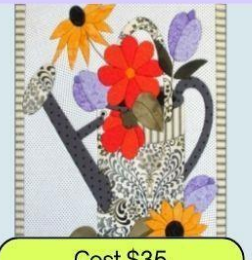
Patterns and all supplies
provided, just bring your
sewing machine



Cost \$35

Reverse Applique

All materials provided,
just bring your sewing
machine.



Cost \$35

Quilted Foam Board

No sew project

**Class fee includes a one-day ticket for
admission to the show.**

Quilt appraiser

This year we will have Sharon Metzger - AQS certified appraiser at Expo.

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.



Quilt entry is open!

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

Don't forget the Gnome challenge!

GETTING TO GNOME ME



WBQG Expo Booth ...

... Thanks to Kay and Paula

Stepping up to coordinate our booth set up and schedules. We could use one more member to help out!

Please see Tonya, Kay or Paula at the meeting to volunteer.





Big thanks to all who have generously contributed to the **Expo Raffle Basket**.

Special thanks to Sheri for picking up the project and coordinating the donations!

Charity quilt raffle tickets are still available for sale. See Delle to turn in money from ticket books sold and ask for additional tickets. It's all for a great cause!

Kids in Distress

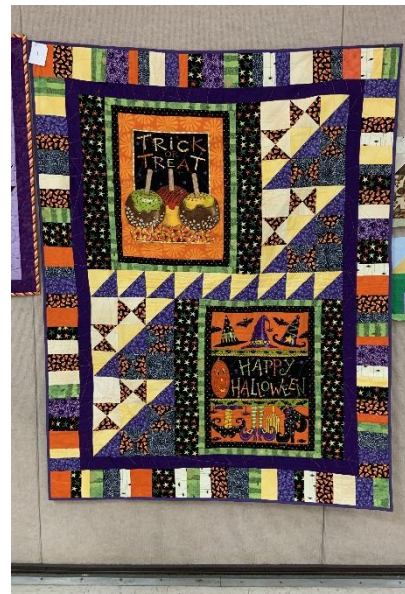
<https://www.kidinc.org/>



Show and Tell

Halloween Treats







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