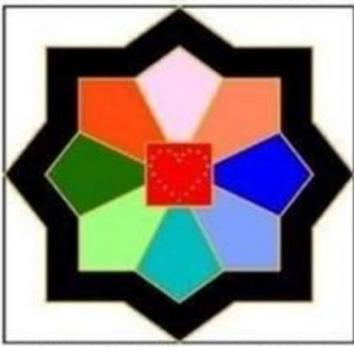


WEST BROWARD



QUILTERS GUILD

February 2026

# THIMBLE THOUGHTS

## February Birthdays

Liz Acevedo 2/4  
Leo Ramos 2/22



## SNACKS & GIFT RAFFLE

**February reminder:** Gerri Tredway, Christine Wells, Delle Lenzen, Janet Kibbons

**March reminder:** Mindy Gallagher, Sylvia Leones, Claudia Ministeri, Ruth Stotler

## UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS:

*(Google Events for Further Information)*

- ❖ **Pocketful of Sunshine Quilt Show** on February 13-15, 2026 in New Port Richie.
- ❖ **AQS Quilt Week**—February 18-21, 2026 in Daytona Beach. <https://americanquilter.com>
- ❖ **Southwest Florida Quilt Guild Show** - February 27 - 28, 2026, at Charlotte Harbor Event Center, Punta Gorda.
- ❖ **"America at 250" Naples Quilters Guild Annual Show** on March 6-7, 2026 in Naples.
- ❖ **Quilting By the Gulf XXI** - March 14-15, 2026 in Venice, FL.
- ❖ **Original Sewing & Quilt Expo** - March 19-21, 2026, in Lakeland, FL.
- ❖ **QUIP and WBQG Retreat** in Sebring, FL – April 17-20, 2026.
- ❖ **Jacksonville Quiltfest** - September 17-19, 2026.

## Fat Quarter Raffle Colors

FEB	Green, White, Black
MAR	Animals
APR	Pastels, Florals
MAY	Purple, Cream, Yellow
JUNE	Red, White, Blue, Patriotic

## WBQG MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of the Month  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
7601 SW 39th St, Davie, FL  
33328  
10:00 am; Doors open at 9:30 am

**Reminder! Guild membership dues of \$24 are now due! You can pay by Zelle at [www.westbrowardquiltguild.com](http://www.westbrowardquiltguild.com).**



## CHAT WITH TONYA



Happy Hearts Month! Love happens every day, every moment but society has emphasized February as the month to commemorate love. WBQG celebrates the love and joy of quilting. When there is love, there is happiness. The Society of Happy People identifies thirty-one types of happiness. One of the elements is joy. Joy is the reason for our quilting. It is the motivator that keeps us productive. Joy is associated with the happiness in our hearts. As we get started on our sewing quest there are a few items that will help keep us successful.

- What are you telling ourselves? Let us begin with filling our souls with love, kindness and joy.
- Is our sewing area organized? When we are organized, we can keep our thoughts and sewing structured and focused and hopefully less mistakes.
- What is our response when we are confronted with a mistake that needs to be fixed. Let us be grateful that we have a second chance and we can redo our blunders.
- Take frequent breaks and get up and walk around and refresh ourselves with water.

During our Guild meetings I see connections and smiles and friendships and to me this is our story of love and joy. We continue that journey at home when we are sewing our quilts. Valentine's Day is more than sharing gifts with our family but sharing our hearts with each other and finding joy. The Guild gives us an opportunity to connect and to learn and to laugh with each other. Everyone has a special strength. Quilting is joy and self-care as we stitch our pieces together in harmony, connecting with others or creating a gift for ourselves or for someone who needs a healing touch of warmth and comfort.

Projects quilted from the heart make a lasting impact.

Thank you for the love and joy at WBQG!  
Tonya

www. <https://sohp.com/>

## Quilt Show on January 31, 2026

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated the "Treasured Quilts" Quilt Show at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. It was their first airing of quilts and their team did a remarkable job, while at the same time raising money for the Food Pantry of Broward. In spite of the weather, the quilt show was successful. I was amazed and filled with awe while looking at all of the beautiful and magical quilts. WBQG showcased 26 gorgeous quilts! Thanks to Mindy Gallagher, Ruth Stotler and Silvia Leones who led and organized our WBQG sale, making sure the WGQG table was filled with creative quilting items made by our members. Thanks also for those who volunteered to staff the table. Together we are stronger! -Tonya



Diane Beer's quilt won the Viewer's Choice Award.

Our Guild displayed many beautiful quilts!

Leena models her quilt jacket among the lovely quilts!





There were so many lovely things on offer!

Mindy and Ruth set up our booth.





## CHARITABLE OUTREACH

During our January meeting, Debby Pennington reported that in 2025 we donated 1,653 total items. We made 306 holiday stockings (goal was 200), 548 bibs and burp cloths for Child Net, 48 pillowcases and 186 dog beds (distributed to 5 rescues). Debby named those who donated the most charity items. Mindy and Gerri were given Honorable Mention. Top three donators were Annette, Sydney and Laura Jean. Debby gave each a thank-you gift.



Debby, Lori, Sydney and Leena hard at work putting together dog beds!



## Notes and News

- **SEBRING RETREAT REMINDER!** April 17-20. Retreat Deposit of \$50 due at our February meeting with Balance Due at the March Meeting. Cost is \$205/Double occupancy. \$390/single occupancy. Currently, only 1 opening available but Iris will take a waiting list in case of any cancelations.
- Reminder that those who do not pay membership dues by our March meeting will be removed from the Newsletter mailing list. Cash or checks accepted at the meeting. You can also pay by Zelle anytime at [www.westbrowardquiltguild.com](http://www.westbrowardquiltguild.com).
- **GUILD QUILT CHALLENGE!** We will be revealing our newest quilt challenge at the February meeting!
- **QUILT BLOCKS GALORE!** Looking for quick quilt block ideas? Annette has found a great internet site that has hundreds, along with the “how-to” instructions. Check out Quilter’s Cache at <https://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html>.

## Our Favorite Quilting Books

*(Have a favorite book? Share with us all!)*

- ❖ Annette recommends QUILT RECIPES by Jen Kingwell. This book combines 12 quilt and cushion projects from Jen with 8 recipes passed down from her mum, all photographed against a modern interior aesthetic.





## PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

### PROGRAMS

#### *February:* **PROJECT BAG!**

Cecilia will show us how to make a super easy Project Bag. You won't believe how easy it is to make using Dollar Store products!

#### *March:* **To be determined....**

### WORKSHOPS

*Supply list provided when payment is received. Sorry, no refunds.*

#### *Ann Marie's Quilter Class 101* [No Charge]

Ann Marie has created a class for newer quilters and anyone who may need a refresher on basic quilting skills. This is an ongoing class. **Bring your cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter to our February meeting.** We will be making table runners. Other skills to be taught: chain sewing method and ironing 101, and how best to use your machine. (At that time, you will need to bring in a machine that is in good working order.)

\*\*For more information or if you would like to be a mentor, please contact Lisa I. or Ann Marie.

#### *February:* **Sassy Slippers!**

Fee: \$15. Instructors: Lisa I. and Daisy



Sew a stylish, custom-created pair of slippers. Be wild; Be elegant...Be you!

Perfect to pack for your next trip or keep by the front door.

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## WORKSHOPS, *Cont'd.*

### *March:*      **Iron Caddy for Travel**

Fee \$15. Instructor: Lisa Imberman



Perfect for workshops or retreats! This heat-proof caddy becomes an ironing pad when unfolded. No need to cart an ironing board next time you go to a workshop. Just unfold and press! Large enough for a full size iron – great for a mini iron.

### *April:*      **Fabric Collage**

Fee \$15. Instructor: Lisa Imberman

Learn the art of fabric collage. You will have a choice to make either a cat or puppy. Let your imagination run wild. Use realistic colors or any colors that speak to you! (More details coming in March.)

Got a great idea for a workshop? Interested in sharing a technique or project with the Guild? See something during Show and Tell that you'd like to make? Contact Lisa I, Daisy or Cecilia with your thoughts. We'd love to hear from you!



# SHOW & TELL









## BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2026

**Hi, Everyone!**

This is a reminder that the Mystery Quilt parts 1-8 are only available for download until **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to download all parts to your computer or print them out by that date.

<https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/lupine-laughter-mystery.html>

If you ever need help with the blocks, please contact us! We will also take time after each monthly meeting to offer our assistance with anything you need.

**Julie & Diana**

Blocks displayed during our January meeting.



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# CLASSIFIEDS



**Florida Quilt Network**  
[www.FloridaQuiltNetwork.com](http://www.FloridaQuiltNetwork.com)  
Great resource for Florida guild info, quilt shops, and much more.



## CRICUT MACHINE FOR SALE

(Formerly belonging to Nina Anderson). \$75 or best offer. Contact Lisa I. if interested.



## BROTHER SCAN-N-CUT FOR SALE

(Formerly belonging to Nina Anderson). \$75 or best offer. Contact Lisa I. if interested.