

January 2026

THIMBLE THOUGHTS

January Birthdays

Gerri Tredway 1/21



SNACKS & GIFT RAFFLE

January reminder: Lisa Imberman, Daisy LeFebure, Barbara Tate, Cecilia McConnel
February reminder: Gerri Tredway, Christine Wells, Delle Lenzen **AND ONE PERSON NEEDED!**

UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS:

(Google Events for Further Information)

- ❖ **Ladies of the Lakes Quilt Show** on **January 23, 2026** in Lakeland, FL.
- ❖ **St Paul's Lutheran Church, Weston Quilt Show** on **January 31, 2026**, 9:30-3:00 pm. Entry fee \$10. To register to participate and futher info: <https://stpaulweston.breezechms.com/form/2026quilts> [how](#)
- ❖ **Quilting in Paradise Quilt Show** on **February 6, 2026** in Port St. Lucie .
- ❖ **Airing of the Quilts** in Venice, FL on **Feb. 7, 2026 AND Feb. 14, 2026**.
- ❖ **Pocketful of Sunshine Quilt Show** on **February 13, 2026** in New Port Richie.
- ❖ **AQS Quilt Week**—**February 18-21, 2026** in Daytona Beach, FL <https://americnquilter.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, 2026** in Naples.
- ❖ **Quilting By the Gulf XXI** on **March 14, 2026** in Venice, FL.
- ❖ **Original Sewing & Quilt Expo** on **March 19, 2026**, in Lakeland, FL.

Fat Quarter Raffle Colors

JAN	Red, White, Pink, Hearts
FEB	Green, White, Black
MAR	Animals
APR	Pastels, Florals
MAY	Purple, Cream, Yellow

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



CHAT WITH TONYA



Happy New Year fellow quilters! The New Year is time for celebration but it also gives us the occasion to refresh and recharge. It is a time to be inspired! How many of you have already broken your New Year's resolutions? I stopped making New Year's resolutions but started planning on goals that I want to achieve. Research has revealed that writing down your goals will lead to better outcomes of achieving your goals. Planning is essential to success. Even though you have developed your benchmarks, sometimes you need to adjust or alter your plans. This happens for many reasons. It is important that I lead a plan for WBQG. I need and want to hear from you. If there is something that needs to be added or altered, let's have a discussion. Do these goals align with your purpose with WBQG?

Goals for WBQG 2026:

1. Create an atmosphere that is safe and fun;
2. Create joy in quilting and in our guild;
3. Continue to grow our membership and bring in younger members;
4. Create a new marketing tool;
5. To be financially fit and strong;
6. To have opportunities for new quilters to learn the art of quilting;
7. To have opportunities for all quilters to participate in great workshops;
8. Increase our presence through our website, Facebook and other sites;
9. Update our Bylaws; and
10. Mentor new leaders for the new chapter.

To help you plan your 2026 quilting journey, included with the newsletter is a printable plan that I created from different quilting forms that works for me. You may have another tool that you use to plan for the future. Initially, you want to take some time to reflect on what you finished in 2025. How can you be better in 2026? What quilts do you hope to make in 2026? How can you support our mission with charity projects?

Together as we move forward, let us plan and create a strong and successful guild and let us support each other in achieving personal goals.

Happy New Year and Happy quilting!

Tonya



CHARITABLE OUTREACH

Hi, all!

We are totaling all the 2025 charity donations and will have these totals for you at the January Guild Meeting.

Debby and the Charity Outreach Gang

During our December meeting, Debbie recognized Lori, Ziva, Sydney, Hugh and Lena for their special efforts in our charitable outreach in 2025. Thank you!



Notes and News

- Remember that **Membership Dues are now due!** We are proud to say that our dues are still only \$24.00 for the year!
- Now that Joann's Store is closed, some of us are going to Michaels to find sewing needs. Did you know that Michaels offers a 10% discount to Seniors? Some exclusions apply. Check out this link for details (or simply go to Michaels' website):
<https://www.michaels.com/coupon-policy-and-price-guarantee#senior-discount>.



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

PROGRAMS

January: **TOOLS: The Good, the Bad or “Why did I buy this?!”**

Bring in the tool or notion that you can't live without and the one that has you scratching your head. Maybe someone will trade you for something you can't wait to try!

Also, we will be drawing for seat assignments. We'd like each table to discuss Tonya's Guild Plan as she has laid out in this month's "Chat". Write your own goals and we can check back in April to see how everyone is doing.

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!

WORKSHOPS

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

Ann Marie's Quilter Class 101 [No Charge and approx. 10 sessions]

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. Come away with a project that you will love to show off! You can still join!

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

January: **I Can't Believe It's a Sweatshirt!**

Fee \$15 Instructor: Gerri



Turn a sweatshirt into a jacket, pullover or vest. Perfect for these cool January days. Or keep it in your car - to use instead of shivering in overly air-conditioned shops!

There's still time to sign up for this stylish fashion accessory. But hurry so you can get the supply list and fabric prep instructions.

WORKSHOPS, *Cont'd.*

February:

Sassy Slippers!

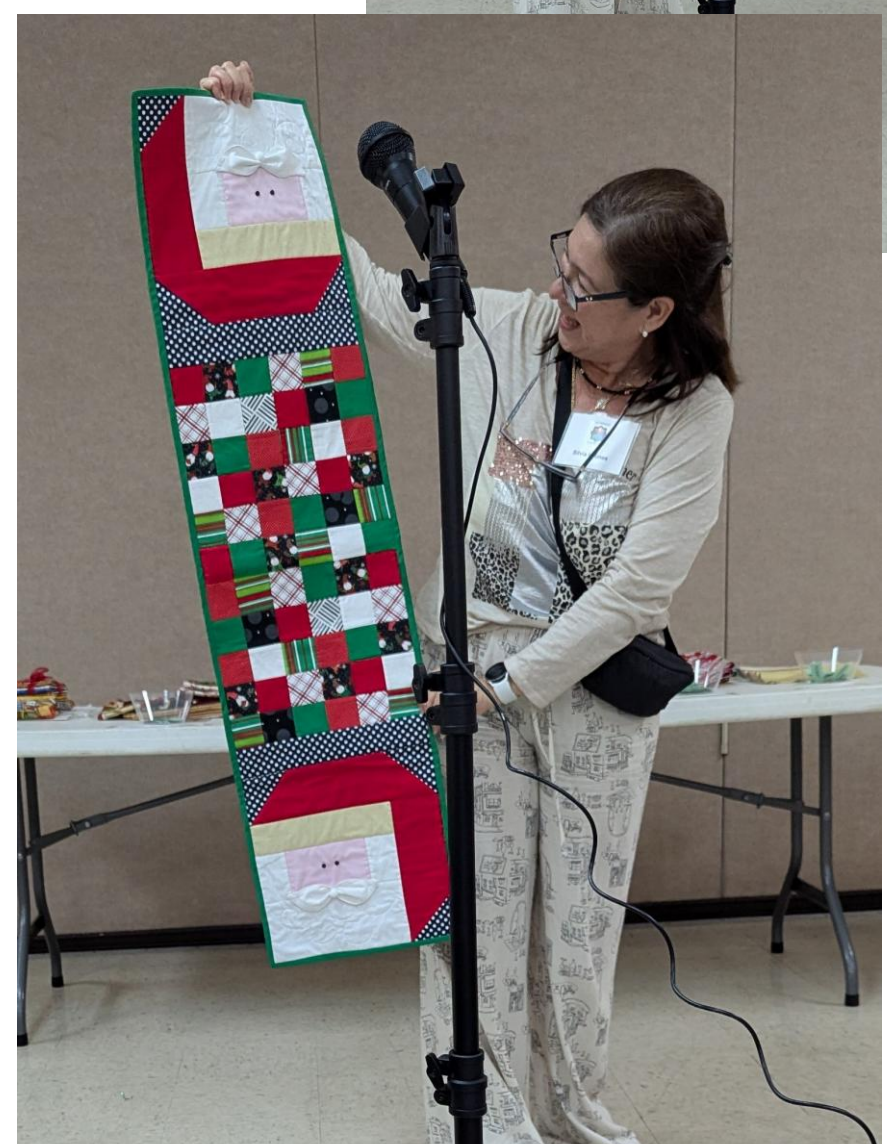


Fee: \$15. Instructors: Lisa I. and Daisy

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.

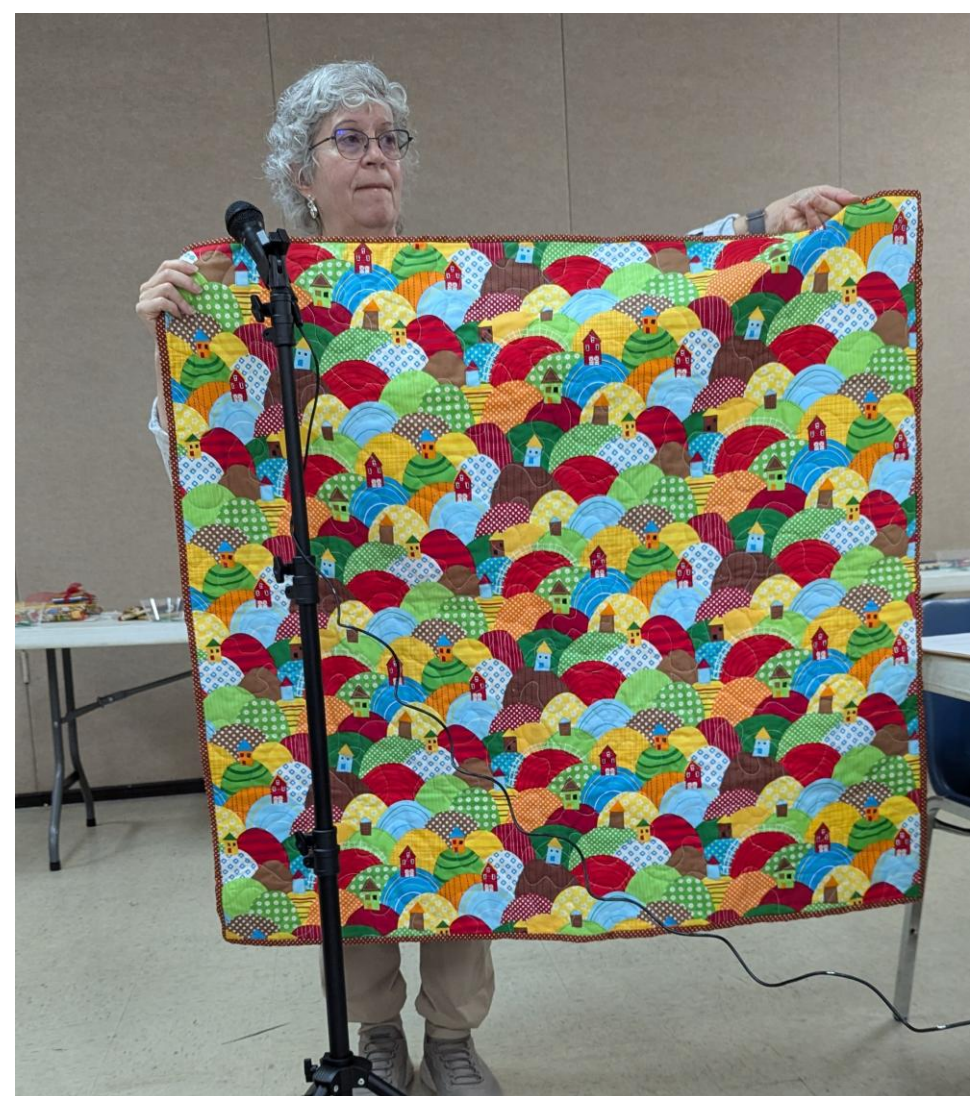
SHOW & TELL



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December Party Highlights



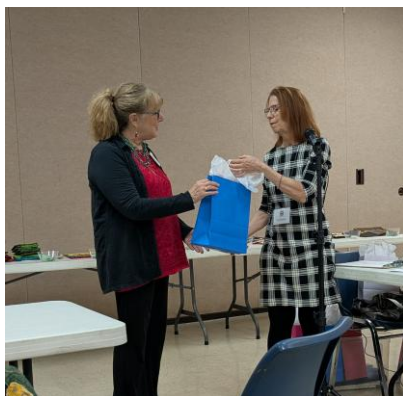
There were beautiful batiks as gift for the members!



We had great fun with the auction of fabric goodies.



A gift exchange was a hit! (And there was some stealing involved.)



Tonya presented gifts to some of her 2025 helpers.



Annette's Corner

My ABCs of Quilting

- A** is for Athlete.
- B** is for Bobbin.
- C** is for Cutting.
- D** is for Design.
- E** is for Energy.
- F** is for Fabric Selection.
- G** is for the Golden Rule.
- H** is for Hurry!
- I** is for Ideas.
- J** is for Juggling Many Patterns.
- K** is for a Kit.
- L** is for Lines that We Make.
- M** is for Measurements.
- N** is for Sometimes We Go NUTS!
- O** is for Opening our Minds.
- P** is for Patterns We Choose.
- Q** is for the Quiet Time that is Needed.
- R** is for Rest when Done.
- S** is for Scissors to Snip.
- T** is for Time Spent Quilting.
- U** is for Being Unique in Our Own Way.
- V** is the Violet Color Seen.
- W** is the Width to Follow.
- X** is for EXcellence!
- Y** is a YoYo-style Quilt.
- Z** is the Zipper to put on our bag.

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CLASSIFIEDS

**Diana's friend, Gail, is selling an overlocker/serger.
For sale a Bernette B 48. Never used. Was floor model. \$500.**

Call Gail (954) 801-9922 if interested.



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Longarm Quilting by Denise

Check website for details:
WWW.longarmbydenise.com

By appointment only
Call 954-471-0190
to schedule

Florida Quilt Network

www.FloridiaQuiltNetwork.com

Great resource for Florida guild
info, quilt shops, and much more.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2026

Hi, Everyone!

The first part of the Mystery Quilt has been released! Below is the link to the website where you can download each part (see the checklist for more information): <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/lupine-laughter-mystery.html>.

You can use the checklist that was sent in email to stay organized and make sure you have downloaded all the parts. All the links will remain available until 1 month after the final part of the Mystery Quilt, likely February 2026.

Bring some of your completed parts each month to put up on the wall! It will be great to see everyone's color choices!

Julie & Diana



This beautiful mystery quilt was done by Julie in the past.