



THIMBLE THOUGHTS

May Birthdays

Diana Armendariz Smith 5/6
 Opal Galvin 5/12
 Claudia Ministeri 5/12
 Leena Moran 5/12
 Delle Lenzen 5/20
 Julie Lamdanski 5/23



SNACKS & GIFT RAFFLE
May reminder: Diana Armendariz Smith, Julie Lamdanski, Cathy Dance, Tamie Jensen
June reminder: **Guild Birthday Party!** Snacks provided by the Guild.

UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS:
(Google Events for Further Information)

- ❖ Jacksonville Quiltfest - September 17-19, 2026.
- ❖ 43rd Annual Fantastic Quilt Show - November 13-14, 2026 in Leesburg, FL (by the Lake County Quilter's Guild).

Fat Quarter Raffle Colors	
MAY	Purple, Cream, Yellow
JUNE	Red, White, Blue, Patriotic
JULY	Marine Life, Ocean Blues
AUG	Brown, Beige, Leaf patterns
SEPT	Orange, Black, Halloween

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:
 During our MAY Guild meeting, we will be collecting diapers of every size for donation.

Reminder:
 Our September meeting has been changed to Sept. 19th!



CHAT WITH TONYA



In May, we celebrate spring, Mother's Day and graduations. It is the month that we honor the many women who have shaped generations of lives. These women may not have always been related by blood but their influence made a difference. We certainly have wonderful men in our organization but this will be a time to recognize the strength and incredible beauty and power of the women. Even though there has never been much recognition in our history, women have been the powerhouses of our society. In the beginning we may not have fought in the wars to claim our independence as a country but we were home sewing and mending clothes, nursing the injured and tending the gardens and cooking and so much more. In addition, we had to be creative repurposing feed sacks and parts of worn and old clothing to make beautiful quilts by hand to keep the men, children and us warm at night. As the years passed, we finally achieved the right to vote and made our voices heard, joined the working class, finished our education to lead organizations, become scientists, astronauts who have flown around the moon, doctors, nurses, teachers and librarians. The list goes on and on. All of the jobs that women hold add to the contributions of our society and are integral to the success of our community. We continue to sew and create. Now we have sewing machines powered by electricity and not by pumping a foot pedal. Our quilts have become pieces of art expanding away from the traditional world of quilting. There are modern quilts, collage quilts, large quilts, wall quilts and miniquilts, and yes, sometimes we make quilts for our beds. They all have a story to tell that is filled with love and joy. As a guild, we are supporting mothers who are financially struggling and working hard to provide for their family with the diaper drive this month. WBQG has been the strength of our community in efforts to make life better for someone who has a need and it is always done with compassion, tenderness and happiness. I am so proud to be part of WBQG.

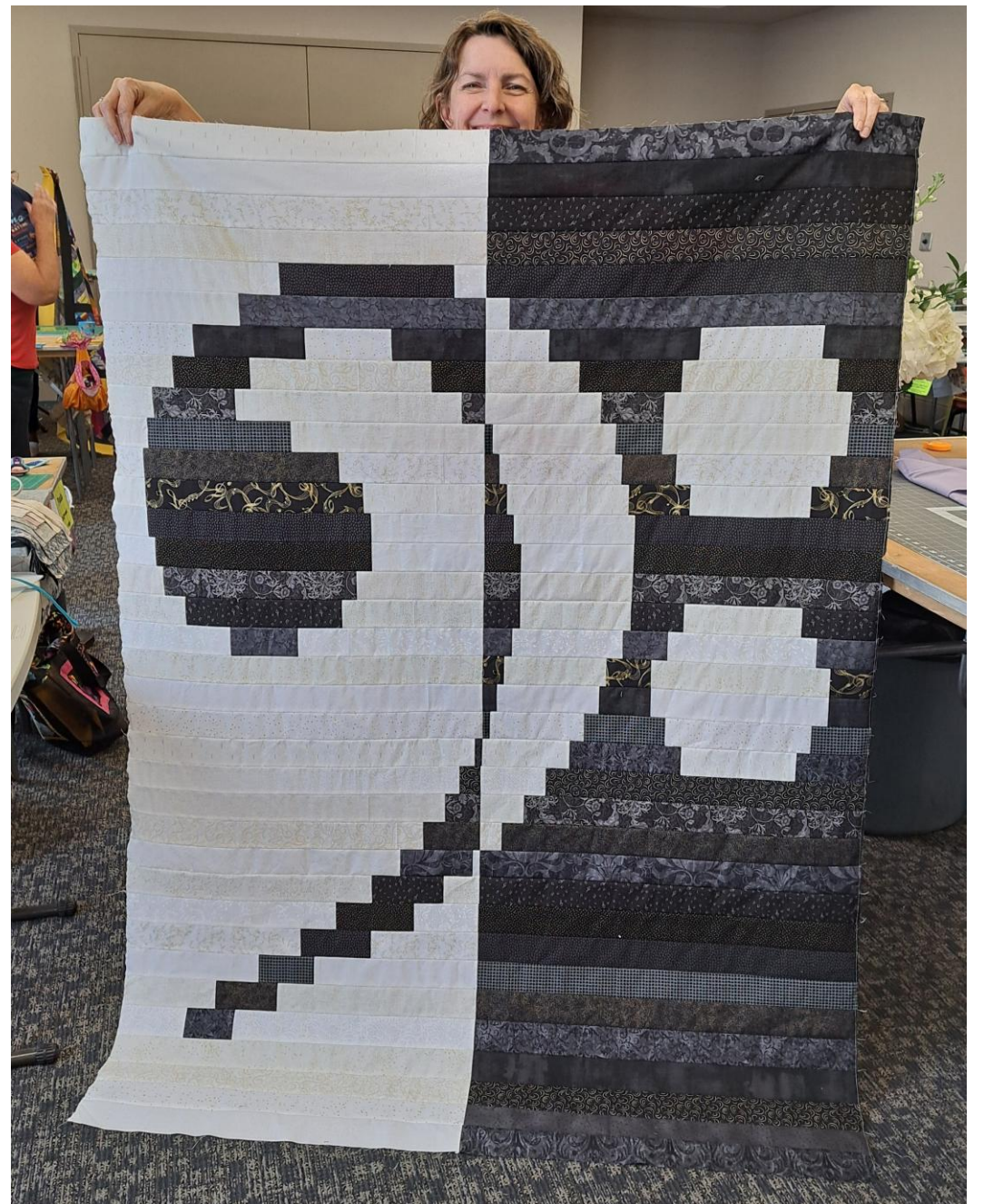
Spring Retreat at Sebring

In April, QUIP, our sister guild, organized the biannual quilting retreat in Sebring, Florida. The retreat was filled with dynamic women each working on their individual projects. Some of the quilters worked on charity quilts, others made gifts for that special person, or for themselves and then we had the most industrious women sewing great and colorful pickleball bags, cross body purses and then there was me. I finally finished one of my UFO's, a simple beach bag, yet, it is filled with a calmness

and a desire to stop and go to the beach and listen to the waves. It is a gift for my daughter-in-law. The retreat is always filled with great food, laughter and good times. We give our thanks to Iris Biasseti for coordinating the event and her prescription for quilters...a bottle filled with M&Ms. Chocolate is always the answer. We need to thank QUIP for keeping the retreat fun with a game, treats and a piece of fabric that states, "What Happens at Retreat Stays at Retreat." It was a good time and projects were finished and others are a work in progress. Let us celebrate the mothers and women in our guild and also those women who we call our sisters, aunts and best friends, who make our lives easier and help us when we need that extra support.

***Happy stitching with love and joy,
Tonya***







CHARITABLE OUTREACH

- ❖ Our next Sit-N-Sew is scheduled for after our Guild meeting in July. Mark your calendars!
- ❖ We have bib kits available!
- ❖ Sixty quilts are needed by Nicklaus Children's Hospital at Broward Health. 40" x 60" minimum. Due in November.
- ❖ We are making house blocks for charity! Your blocks will be turned into beautiful quilts to be given to Showering Love in September. Bring in your blocks soon! (Ask Delle Lenzen to send the block patterns to you by email if you do not have them.)

Thanks for all you do!

Debby and the Charity Outreach Gang

Notes and News

- **DIAPER DRIVE DURING MAY'S MEETING!** Bring packages of diapers to our May Guild meeting. Any and every size is needed. Barbara will be delivering the diapers to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Bank which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the first established diaper bank in Fort Lauderdale. It serves babies, children, adults, the disabled, veterans and the elderly. It was founded in 2014 by Brittany and Dwayne Wolfe due to a lack of social support for new mothers. Brittany is a social worker and was having a hard time finding diapers for her patients. **Their mission** is to provide diapers to disadvantaged families and partnering

community organizations who support families in need. They are committed to providing education, support, and advocacy as a way to foster strong community ties and values, while aiding families in gaining access to the resources needed to succeed and flourish.

- Attached to this newsletter are the instructions for the reading pillows which Cecilia showed us how to make during our April Guild meeting.



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

PROGRAMS

May: **Guild Challenge!**

We will be displaying our “Hearts and Love” challenge projects. Vote for your favorite!

June: **Happy Birthday to our Guild!**

Come celebrate our Guild’s birthday! The Guild will provide all snacks and drinks. We will have a Silent Auction featuring beautiful fabrics and great kits.

July: **Quilt labels.**

Learn how to make personalized labels for your quilts. Various ways will be shown.

August: **Wrist Pin Cushion!**

WORKSHOPS

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

May: NO WORKSHOP

June: IRON CADDY FOR TRAVEL

Fee: \$15. Instructor: Lisa Imberman



June's workshop is full but...**GREAT NEWS!** Because of the overwhelming response to the iron caddy class, we are offering it as the August workshop as well. Plus, if you signed up for the June class and need to transfer to the August date, you may do so (just let us know so we can fill your spot). We will have kits available for that date as well. Cost is \$15 workshop and \$4 kit fee. Carry your workshop iron in style!

July: SIT-N-SEW FOR CHARITY!

Help meet our goal to make pillowcases, bibs and burp clothes for the little ones! In true assembly line fashion, you can cut, sew, iron etc. Debby and Lena will provide details on how you can help.

August: CLASS #2 FOR IRON CADDY!

We planned this class especially for those of you who could not make the June Workshop. See details above (June workshop). Sign up now!

Sept: OUR SECOND SIT-N-SEW FOR CHARITY!

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!

We had a great time during our April Workshop, working on fabric collages. Thank you, Lisa, for your guidance!





SHOW & TELL









May 2026



Anne Marie gives Grace the prize for completing her table runner first!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2026

Hi, Everyone!

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 April meeting. Julie shows a ruler she uses.



Sylvia showed us all the quilt blocks she has made so far!

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Cecilia is selling a gently used long-arm table for \$1000. If interested, please contact Cecilia @ 305-469-5719 or cecilia.d.mcconnell@gmail.com. Already disassembled and ready to go home with you.

---GRACE SR2+ Queen Frame - a durable, two-rail machine quilting frame designed for domestic or mid-arm machines. 8-foot but can also be set it up half size (4ft) for smaller projects like baby quilts.

---Grace cloth leaders

---Table inserts

---Tension clamps

---Stitch Regulator

---Speed Control Box

---Carriage with front and back handles for stencils and pantographs

---Manuals are included and I can help set it up if location is close.

---YouTube videos to learn more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJZAACW2k_Q&t=65s and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6nNilDffrg&t=429s>



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Also for sale: Grace The Pattern Perfect and Laser Stylus: Used only a few times **\$200**. If interested, please contact Cecilia @ 305-469-5719 or cecilia.d.mcconnell@gmail.com
Click on the links for more information: <https://www.allbrands.com/products/6703-grace-12545-basic-set-plastic-pattern-perfect-10-t>

