

November 2025

# THIMBLE THOUGHTS

## NOVEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

Kay Walker 11/8

Lisa Imberman 11/10

Christine Wells 11/10

Grace Canepa 11/17

Diane Beers 11/26

Laurajean Niesel 11/28



### Fat Quarter Raffle Colors

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| NOV | Holiday Colors Red, Green, Blue, Yellow, |
| DEC | No Raffle—Holiday party                  |
| Jan | Red, White and Pink                      |

### 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

## SNACKS & GIFT RAFFLE

**November:** Bridget, Sandy, Joan

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

**December reminder:** Holiday Party Bring a dish!

## St Paul's Lutheran Church, Weston Quilt Show

January 31, 2026, 9:30-3:00 pm Entry fee \$10

To register to participate and further info:

<https://stpaulweston.breezechms.com/form/2026quilts>  
[how](#)

## Lake County Quilters Guild 42nd Annual Quilt Show

Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15, 2025

Additional details: <https://lakequiltguild.com/quilt-show/>

**AQS Quilt Week**—February 18-21, 2026

Daytona Beach, FL <https://americanquilter.com>

**Southwest Florida Quilt Guild Show** - February 27 - 28, 2026 : Charlotte Harbor Event Center, Punta Gorda.

Additional info:

<https://swfqg.com/wordpress/index.php/2026-quilt-show/>

## CHAT WITH TONYA

### What does your quilt say about you?

Your quilting, stitch by stitch, weaves your story into your quilts. How would you define your story? Do you use patterns or create your own? Do you like to applique, paper piece or make quilts with blocks? Are you a modern quilter? Do you like to make your own art quilts? Do you like traditional quilting? Do you have favorite colors that you consistently use in your quilting? All this and more identifies you as an individual and unique quilter. This is your story.

A few months ago, I was at *Quilt A Bit* and the owner, Dawn, was out on the floor pulling batik fabrics. When I got closer to her, I saw that she had a beautiful picture of a fox quilt. Of course, I was captivated, especially since Fox is my maiden name. I have always had a spot in my heart for foxes. We spoke for several minutes and she related that she had recently finished the “Legit Kit” quilt called Flamingos. Dawn showed me the finished piece! It was beautiful! (She related that she loves paper piecing.)

Now, Dawn is busy making kits for the fox. I promptly asked her to add my name to acquire one. Additionally, I wanted the final fox size reduced by 25 percent. Eventually, I received a call from the store saying that my kit was ready. It was a costly project but I was ready to start this new endeavor. Actually, I was petrified because I have only done a little paper piecing.

Anyway, Dawn spent time showing me how to cut the fabric and stay organized. This is a very critical aspect for this quilt. She did an incredible job arranging the fabric and numbering and lettering all of the pieces. Dawn did the planning but now I need to start cutting. There are so many pieces to be cut. Dawn told me that it would take me 30 hours just to cut my fabric and then the sewing would begin. This is a challenge but it will be part of my story when the quilt is completed. The quilt will recognize my maiden name. I only wish my mother and father were still alive to see the finished fox quilt.

This fox quilt is only one part of my story. Since I love to fly fish, the tropics and marine life are incorporated into many of my quilts. Additionally, I have a barn quilt waiting for me to cut, piece and quilt as a symbol of my days growing up on a farm. I like bright and bold colors in my quilts because I want my quilts to stand out. I have not really embraced any particular quilting style and I am always open to learning something new.

I am looking forward to the Bonnie Hunter mystery quilt. This will be an exciting group undertaking with several members at WBQG taking part in this project. This mystery quilt will add a new dimension to our quilting journey.

Your quilting technique and the types of quilts you make tell your story. The quilt may be a gift or it may be for charity or you may keep it for yourself. Be proud of your finished quilt because it is a masterpiece which you created and stitched with love and joy.

Happy quilting!  
Tonya

Our meeting host, Gloria Dei is running a food drive. Be generous and **bring a non-perishable food item to our meeting.** (No glass containers, please)

## CHARITABLE OUTREACH

Hi All,

Here is a letter from "Saving Sage" Animal Rescue.



Dear Members of West Broward Quilters Guild,  
Thank you so much for taking the time to donate 29 dog beds to the Rescue. /they will be put to great use and your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Jodi

Saving Sage volunteer



We also donated 302 bibs/burp clothes to Childnet along with 12 children quilts. They were so appreciative and are looking forward to the holiday stocking donations next month.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Sit 'N Sew Stocking workshop. It was very successful. We completed 78 stockings not to mention many that went home to be completed.

Please keep in mind that we will only be collecting stockings until our November meeting, as they need to be distributed by the end of November. The bibs/burp cloths, on the other hand, will be accepted until the end of the year and possibly next year since they are always needed. So if you have started any of these items, please complete them and bring them in so they can be donated.



Making holiday stockings during our Holiday Stocking Sit 'N Sew

Thank you for all you do,  
Debby and Ziva

## PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

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#### November—Table Sale

Too much stuff in your sewing room? Here's your chance to clean out those quilting or sewing items you no longer need.

**Fabric, Books, Notions or handcrafted items** you wish to sell.

And don't forget to bring \$\$! You may find just what you were looking for at another member's table.

#### December Holiday Party!!!

Sign up for pot luck dish and/or gift swap

### WORKSHOPS

#### November

##### Quillow Fee: \$15

Quilt that folds into a pillow.

Holidays are coming- great gift for young and young at heart!

Easy to sew. Bring your own materials.

**And don't forget your instruction sheets!**

You can always pay with Zelle :

[Westbrowardquilters@gmail.com](mailto:Westbrowardquilters@gmail.com)



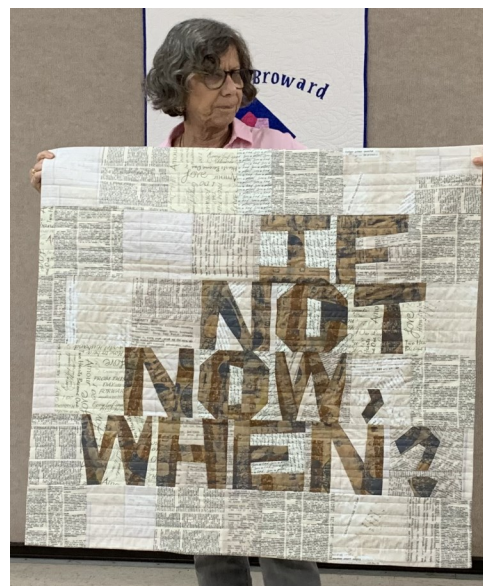
### 2026 Workshop Survey

will be presented at this meeting. This is your chance to let us know your interests so we can continue to offer the workshops you want to take.





## SHOW & TELL





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## BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2025



TIP: For more accurate piecing, we suggest sewing the pieces together from the middle out.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### Longarm Quilting by Denise

Check website for details  
**WWW.longarmbydenise.com**  
 By appointment only  
 Call 954-471-0190  
 to schedule

### Florida Quilt Network

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



## Quilter

### Annette's Corner

Q is Quite thinker. A person who is getting there thoughts in order to get ready to create.

U is unique in there own way. They have skills and styles that identify who they are.

I is interesting and an individual who has ideas that they will turn it into a quilt.

L is loyal and lover of quilting. A design which with a lot of work is completed.

T is tender and True to be a quilter. Adding new skills and techniques from other quilters.

E is energy that comes from quilting a design on the quilt. Knowing that the quilt is ended it's journey and a new quilt will be on its way.

R is rare and rich of ideas. Knowing which rich and rare ideas they will use .

Looking at a quilter you see the love and skills that the time comes with it. Not to mention a group of people with the same desire to be creative and friendly people who are quilters.

The bus will pick us up at the church at 6:00 a.m. on the 21st. After attending the quilt show, we will stop for dinner at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant before our return trip to Coral Springs. Arrival time back at the church should be 10:00-11:00 p.m.



 **QuiltWeek**

**DAYTONA BEACH, FL**

**February 18-21, 2026**

Round-trip bus fare is \$80, and **non-member guests are welcome to make reservations.** Additional expenses for food and events are the responsibility of the attendees.

A **discounted admission price** of \$11 (including show catalog) is also available for advance ticket sales.

We hope you will join us for this fun trip!



## Diana Armendariz Smith

**Tell us a bit about yourself** Originally from California, moved to South Florida in 1994. Currently employed as a court reporter. Married and I have a dog named Frankie.

**How did your quilting journey start?** Back in early 90s made a couple of quilts, full size and queen size but back then I tied them off with ribbons. Didn't pick up quilting again until 2012.

**What is your favorite part of quilting?** Putting the pieces together, sewing and seeing it come to its final completion.

**What is your least favorite part?** Getting on the floor and pinning the top, batting, and backing.

**Favorite color** Pink.

**Favorite designers/prints:** N/A

**What type of quilts do you like to make?** scrappy quilts, T-shirt quilts, memory quilts.

**Do you have another hobby besides quilting?** I like to go to yard sales, estate sales, thrift stores and making denim crossbody bags.

**Tell us something we would not guess about you:** I have dabbled in cake decorating and I used to do calligraphy in California where I was employed, and my calligraphy skills were used for writing names on certificates of achievement that were later presented to employees.



**We support Breast Cancer Awareness Month**



## November 2025

### Sydney Sotor

**Tell us a bit about yourself** I had 2 ex-husbands, 2 children (one girl, one boy), 2 granddaughters and now share my mobile home with my son who recently got on disability. I'm a scrap quilter, meaning I use every color in the Crayola box. I also use other people's scraps--accepting scraps till I'm fairly buried in them. So PLEASE no more!

**How did your quilting journey start?** When I came to Florida in 2001, the first church I went to had a quilting group so I joined the church & the quilters. Within the year, the leader of that group led me to West Broward guild & I was hooked.

**What is your favorite part of quilting?** I get a kick out of making something useful (mostly quilts) from "nothing"/scraps, creating something from nothing.

**What is your least favorite part?** I REALLY hate IRONING.

**Favorite color** anything between turquoise, blue, purple on the color wheel.

**Favorite designer/prints** Can't say I have a fav designer or print. I like tone-on-tone or blenders from different sources.

**What type of quilts do you like to make?** I cross between traditional and modern.

**Do you have another hobby besides quilting?** I've dabbled in just about every needle craft, did a lot of Granny squares crocheting but I can't have more than one hobby at a time, now it's just quilting.

**Tell us something we would not guess about you** I have twin brothers, one of them has twin grandsons.



### Grace Canepa

**Tell us a bit about yourself** I grew up in Northern California, San Francisco Bay Area. The bulk of my career I spent with Levi Strauss and Co., which took me to Mexico for 4 years and 3 in the Dominican Republic. Both times as country manager, overseeing those jeans you all love and Dockers, casual pants. After almost 19 years with Levi I started with Eddie Bauer and in 2012 changed careers and became a professor for 7 years. I am married to my husband, 41 years. I love to bike ride, travel and do creative things. I love the beach.

**How did your quilting journey start?** I'd been attracted to it and was finally able to make it to the expo in PP. There I met Tonya who later called me and invited me to the upcoming

**What is your favorite part of quilting?** The creative process.

**What is your least favorite part?** The sandwich

**Favorite color** All brights. Periwinkle.

**Favorite designer/prints** Don't have one

**What type of quilts do you like to make?** Modern, colorful, unexpected.... Hope to make as I just started.

