



THIMBLE THOUGHTS

March Birthdays

Bridget Gallagher 3/1
 Silva Leones 3/9
 Regina Huffman 3/11
 Anne Marie Langlois 3/16
 Jan Ross 3/17
 Caroline Spechler 3/21



SNACKS & GIFT RAFFLE

March reminder: Mindy Gallagher, Sylvia Leones, Claudia Ministeri, Ruth Stotler
April reminder: Regina Huffman, Barbara Lydzinski, Joan Oelschlager, Laurajean Niesel

UPCOMING QUILTING EVENTS:

(Google Events for Further Information)

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Quilt Exhibit: Sew Many Quilts at the West Kendall Regional Library in Miami from 10 AM to NOON – May 9, 2026
- ❖ Jacksonville Quiltfest - September 17-19, 2026.

Fat Quarter Raffle Colors	
MAR	Animals
APR	Pastels, Florals
MAY	Purple, Cream, Yellow
JUNE	Red, White, Blue, Patriotic
JULY	Marine Life, Ocean Blues

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.

Reminder #2: Our September meeting has been changed to Sept. 19th!



CHAT WITH TONYA



The WBQG is a great source of inspiration for me. Every one of you has provided me with a different and exceptional insight to quilting. I have made so many friends in this journey. Our connections that we make at WBQG help us with our creativity, inspiration, and joy. It was refreshing to hear that you like it when I mix-up the seating arrangements. Meeting a new quilter keeps the room energized and engaged.

I recently started reading the book, “Flourish: The Art of Building Meaning, Joy and Fulfillment.” Daniel Coyle is a leading culture expert who has researched what makes a group of people flourish. He finds that flourishing groups have two things in common: 1) They make MEANING, and 2) they build a COMMUNITY. I know we would all like to see WBQG flourish. I am thankful that everyone is committed to making the Guild successful. It takes energy and hard work. WBQG is a place where we find MEANING in our meetings where we come together with the common goal of quilting. Or we find meaning in sharing our charity work with those who are struggling. We also find meaning in our finished quilts and projects which may be a gift to a family member, a friend or to ourselves. We have our own COMMUNITY and network at WBQG. The Guild focuses on quilting and related sewing projects and how can we assist our community. We find joy in our quilting and coming to our Guild meeting where we can celebrate the successes of finished projects or just be silly and laugh with each other during the meetings. We share a common interest. We bond during our meetings, at quilt shows and retreats. Finally, I hope that everyone finds fulfillment in our group and that we foster a connection with each other.

In Coyle’s book, he speaks about a quote by Barry Schwartz that has been so important in Coyle’s career. **“People mistakenly think life is a treasure hunt. And it is not a treasure hunt. It’s more like a treasure creation.”** I relate this to our quilting as we attempt to sew that flawless quilt. Then, as we take time to closely examine our masterpiece, we see the mistakes that we made. Those imperfections are our signatures in that quilt. We see the quilt as less than perfect and point out the errors; instead, we should see that beautiful and wonderful creation that has our signatures! The quilt has become our treasure creation as we strayed from the pattern and created our own unique design. We are in this journey together and I welcome the wins and even the challenges that we will encounter as a group. The bottom line is that we show up and we don’t quit when we fall.

Thank you WBQG for giving me the opportunity to lead this most incredible and flourishing group.

Sew and quilt with love and joy!
Tonya



CHARITABLE OUTREACH

During our February meeting, in Debby Pennington's absence, Leena Moran reported on two new charity needs. The first is for a group called Showering Love which helps the unhoused. This group needs five quilts, twin size to queen size (nothing smaller), by September. These quilts will be raffled off to help raise money to support the unhoused. The second is for Broward Health Pediatric/Palliative Unit (Niklaus Children's Hospital at Broward Health). They need 60 quilts approximately 40x60" minimum. These are due by November. Leesa also is encouraging us all to continue making pillow cases, bibs and burp cloths!

Notes and News

- **SEBRING RETREAT REMINDER!** April 17-20. All spots are filled! Retreat balance due at the March Meeting. Cost is \$205/Double occupancy. \$390/single occupancy.
- 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.
- **GUILD QUILT CHALLENGE !** Make a quilt about hearts, love and joy! Any size, any type. Lift our spirits with your beautiful work! Quilts will be displayed at our May guild meeting.
- Julie Lamdanski has offered to do bindings on quilts. Price to be determined per piece.
- Mark your calendars: In July, we will do a Sit-N-Sew for pillowcases, bibs and burp cloths after our meeting.

➤ **Quilting Block Party on March 21st!** See Flyer Below:



Our Favorite Quilting Books

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

- ❖ Delle likes the Elm Creek Quilts novel series written by Jennifer Chiaverini. The series contains 24 novels. (It's probably best to read them in order.)





PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

PROGRAMS

March: **VITAS HOSPICE**

A representative of VITAS Hospice will give us an overview of their organization and explain to us what quilting needs they have and how we can help them.

We will also play a game invented by Tonya called, “QUILT, QUILT, QUILT”! Be prepared to have fun!

April: **How to make a “Reading Pillow”**

Never heard of a “reading pillow?” It is a personalized cushion with a large front pocket designed to hold a book, journal, reading glasses or tablet. Great for children and handy when traveling! This is an easy project.

WORKSHOPS

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

March: **NO WORKSHOP**

April: **Fabric Collage (Fee: \$15)**

Learn the art of fabric collage. You will have a choice to make either a cat or dog. Let your imagination run wild. Use realistic colors or any colors that speak to you! Basic fabric requirements should come from your scraps and stash and/or share your scraps with the group.



(This Tabby Cat pattern by Sharon Malec requires purchase. Lisa found it on Etsy for \$15. There are a few dog breeds on that site as well.)

If you are interested in a particular cat or dog let us know when you sign up for the workshop. We will be happy to provide you with a free clipart drawing if you are unable to purchase the pattern.

WORKSHOPS, Continued

May: **NO WORKSHOP**

June: **IRON CADDY FOR TRAVEL**

Fee: \$15. Instructor: Lisa Imberman



Perfect for workshops and 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. Sized for a mini-iron. (Optional: Material kit will be available for an additional fee.)

July: **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!

Our Little Aventure in Daytona

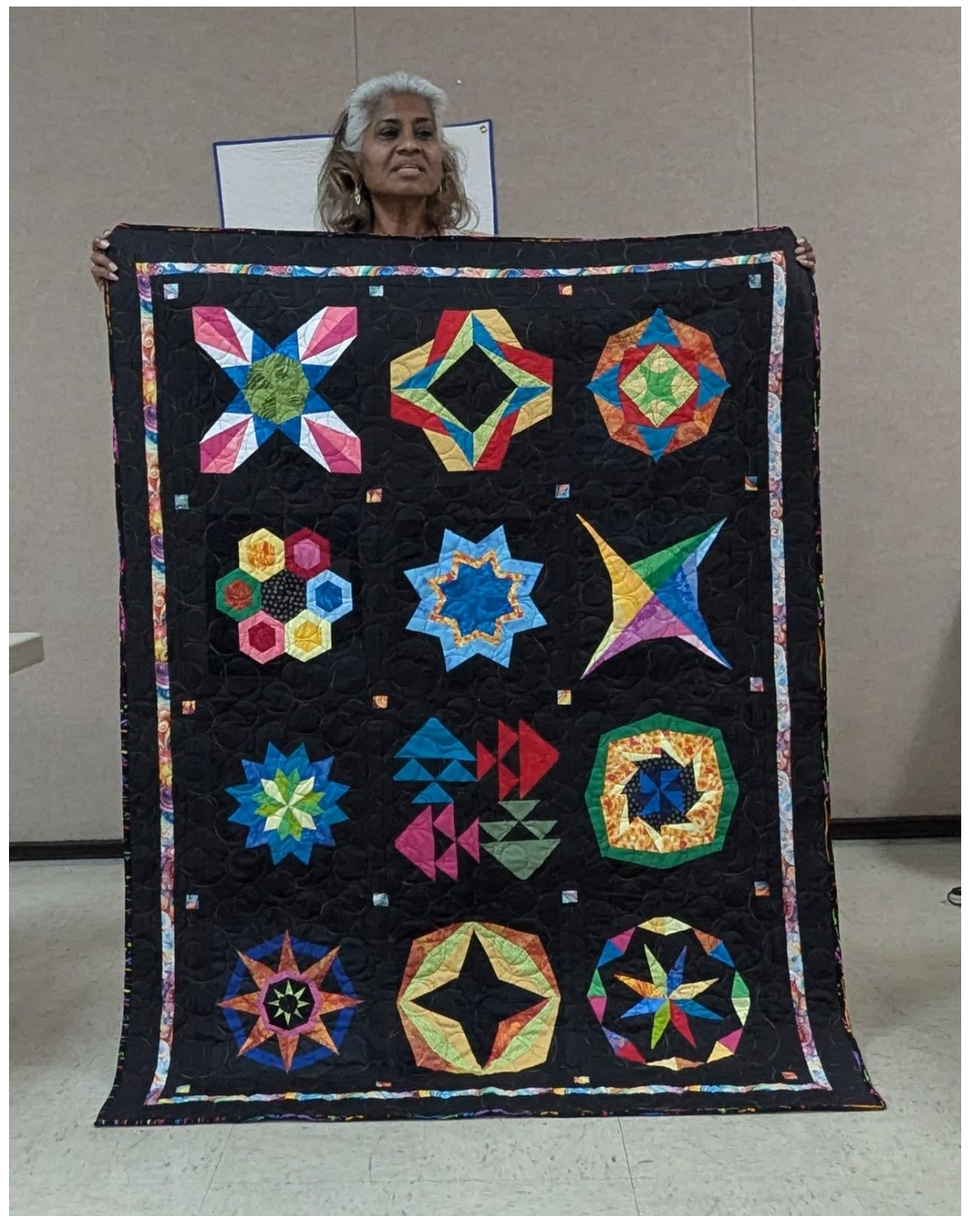
Your workshop committee (Lisa, Daisy, and myself) went to the AQS Quilt Show in Daytona. I took a class, was impressed with the talents of so many quilters, and I did a little bit of shopping. I bought a new machine, a Janome, because my JUKI TL only did straight stitches. We were so busy with everything going on around us that we forgot to take pictures at the show. We also stopped by a chocolate shop where I discovered Daisy likes chocolate a lot. On the way back home, I drove Daisy and Lisa to Bucee's. They had never been there before. The view from the hotel room was stunning, I wish I could start my day with this sunrise every day. I wore my beautiful slippers at the hotel - they were perfect. I love dogs; hence my favorite quilt was one with a dog. It was a wonderful trip that I will remember forever.

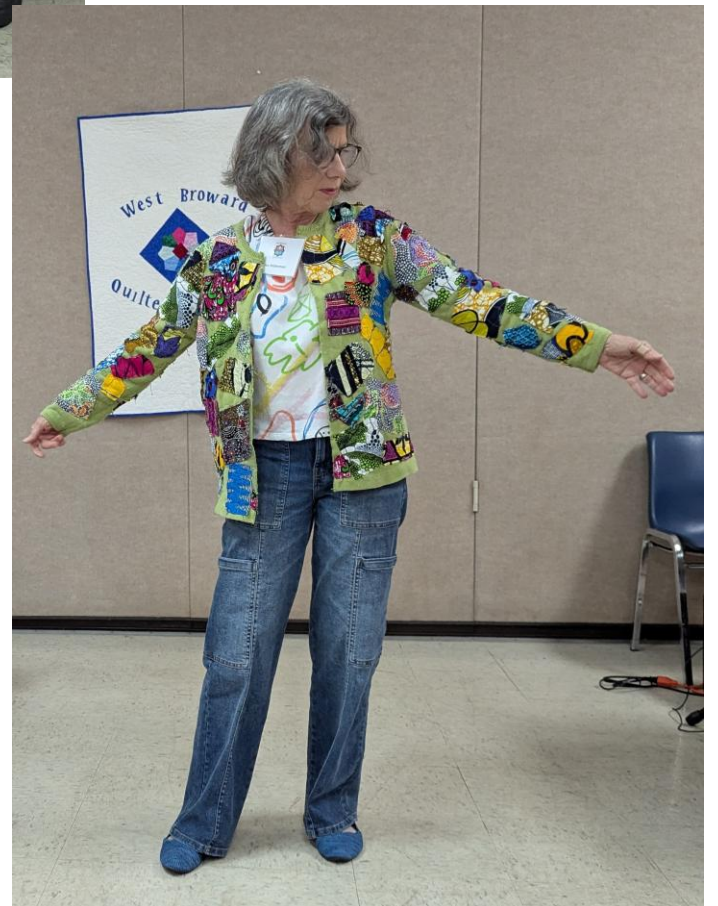
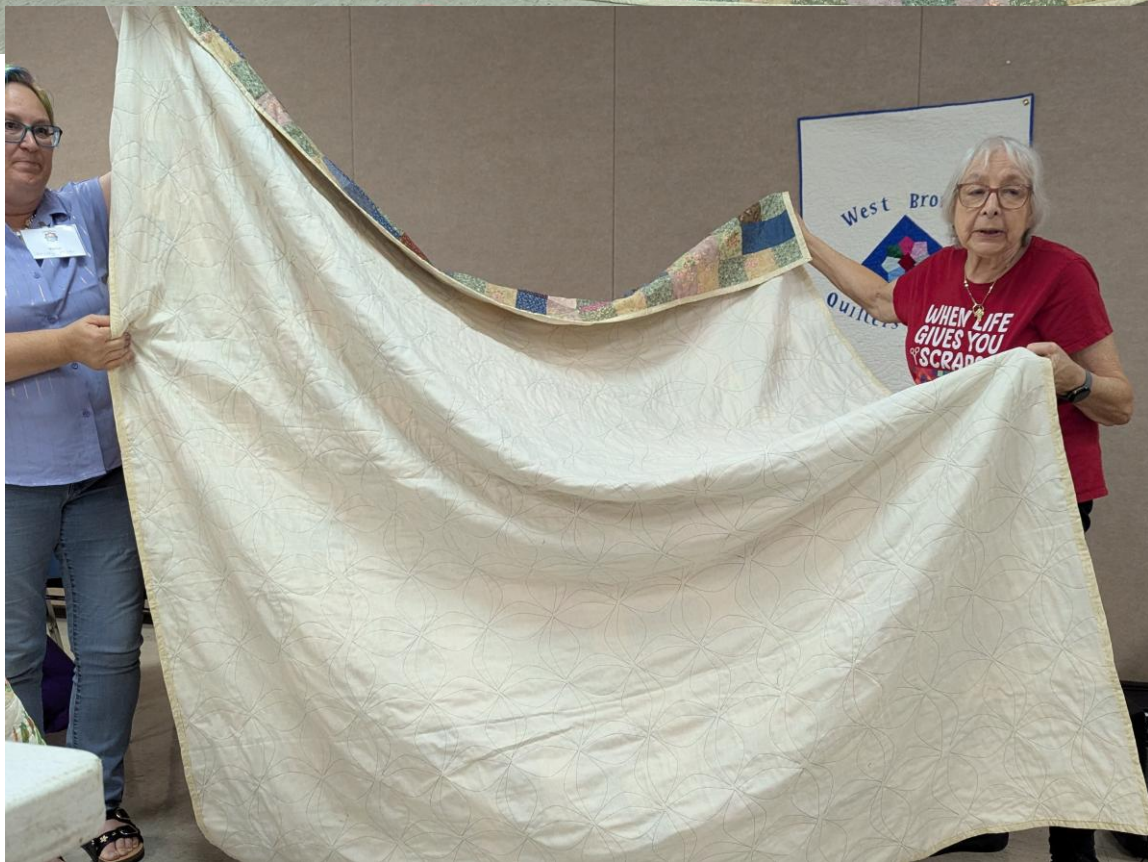
Sincerely, Cecilia





SHOW & TELL







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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 February meeting.




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Batting not included

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Cathy Donn is giving away her 1992 Nolting longarm quilting machine w/ a 7-foot teak table and a 7-foot storage shelf below. It is an oldie but goodie (manual) machine that is looking for a new home. 5 WBQG quilters originally bought it together in 1996 and all took turns using it for many years at Josie Wian's house in Plantation, until she passed away. Everything that didn't get sold from her estate went to an auction house near Sebring, FL. Cathy stumbled upon it at the auction house some time later and purchased it, and it went to live at Nora Bordach's garage for some time, and then came to Cathy's house where it sat for a long time, but was never used. (Long story!) It was last serviced on 3/27/24, but never used again. The original manual and lots of other printed materials for the use, care, and troubleshooting of the machine are all included. It would be a great machine for someone willing to give it a chance to do some great frearm quilting.

