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The All Star **Gazette**

October 2025 **Meeting Dates**

- Oct 6 **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am. All members are welcome to attend.
- Oct 13 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am – noon. Setup 9:30. Everyone Welcome!
- Oct 20 **General Meeting.** 10:00 am. Social Time 9:30 am
Program – *Brown Bag Reveal!*.
- Oct 27 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am – noon. Setup 9:30. Everyone Welcome!

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at the First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.

Oct 20, 2025 **Meeting Notes**

50/50 Raffle – Buy tickets for a chance to win some extra cash.

Sewing Machine Raffle Tickets available. (page 5)

Treasure Table, Fabric Table and **Library** are open.

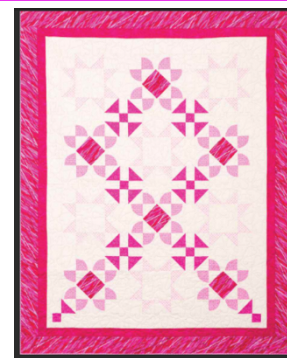
Election of Officers for 2026. (See below)

Classes and **Upcoming Events**

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| Oct 27-31 | Fall Retreat |
| Nov 10 | Demo Day! |
| Nov 17 | Food Bank Collection |
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Oct Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Election of **Officers**

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following Slate for the 2026 term:

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| Delia Bright | President |
| Pat D'Elia | Vice President |
| Gloria Hart | Treasurer |
| Angela Moore | Recording Secretary |
| Barbara Lumpiesz | Corresponding Secretary |

Library News

Hello, All Star Quilters! I'm Patty Campioni, your new librarian. Welcome to my first edition of the Library News. I'm thrilled to be librarian. As a new quilter, I love the opportunities quilting books give you. They open doors to amazing patterns, quilting history, techniques and encouraging stories shared by quilters. Having our own lending library excited me. Let's face it, not everyone can afford to spend \$20 on a book. But at All Star you get to check out any books you want for free. And, personally, I like anything that's free!

I have several ideas for updates to the library in the coming year, but I would like your input. My first idea is for a Suggestion Box. It will be at the library location for the duration of our meetings. All suggestions are welcome and can be completely anonymous unless you'd like to talk more about an idea with me. I'm also considering a change to the library format. Books are currently arranged in alphabetical order. Finding a book that interests you can be difficult. I'd like your opinion about arranging the books by topic. They could be arranged in categories like Rainbow Quilts, Scrappy Quilts or Beginner Quilts, just as an example. Please put your thoughts in the suggestion box or you can email me directly. I look forward to reading your ideas and seeing you all at our next monthly meeting.



-Patty Campioni

Community Service

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY - Guild members donated \$1,095 in cash and checks and \$600 in paper goods, cleaning supplies and food for a grand total of \$1,695 to the Mandarin Food Bank. Our next donation date is November.

MYSTERY BAG QUILTS – Excited to see what our members have created from the mystery bag fabrics. And even more excited to know that we'll be sharing these beautiful and unique quilts with our community through our donations.

FABRIC FLASH SALE COMING – We are overflowing with fabrics thanks to your donations so the Community Service team will hold a Fabric Flash Sale in November.

BATTING/QUILTING - Community Service quilts can utilize free fabric from the fabric table, batting or quilting/binding services for your project. For batting reach out to Sharon Buquo or Joann Davenport with the size batting you need, and we'll get it to you at the next Guild meeting.

Community Service Team –

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Johnnie Wollard – Fabric Table

Randy Powers – Quilt Delivery

Gloria Hart – Food Bank

Joann Davenport - Community Service Chairman

-Joann Davenport

Featured Quilter – Julie Hammond

Meet Julie Hammond. Julie is originally from the San Francisco Bay area. She and her husband moved from a small town in Northern California overlooking the Pacific Ocean to Jacksonville three years ago.

Julie is a long-time quilter, having made her first quilt in 1988. Her small wall hanging was made BRC—before the widespread use of rotary cutters! She cut out the pieces using templates and scissors and hand pieced it, too.



Julie researched quilt guilds and shops before moving here. All Stars was the second guild she attended. She like the guild because it reminded her of her California guild from the 1990's. All Stars is fairly large, has many ways to serve the community, and offers classes and retreats. Plus we are friendly and serve food!

Before quilting, Julie sewed clothing for herself and her daughters, did counted cross stitch, needlepoint, and even upholstery. But now quilting is her passion. Like many of us, she is drawn to Kaffe Fassett, Tula Pink, Tilda, and grunge fabrics. She likes scrappy quilts and has a special stash of cat fabrics.

She has entered quilts in her Southern California guild shows, county fairs, and has had quilts in QuiltFest for the past two years. Julie made lasting friends with members of her California guild in the mid-90's. She still talks with her best friend from that group once a week. Aren't quilting friends the best!

Julie has been married for 47 years, has two daughters, eight grandchildren, two cats, and a dog. She added to her extended family in September when her grandson got married.

Julie has always loved to read but now combines quilting and reading by listening to audiobooks. She is participating in a challenge through Goodreads to read (or listen to) 48 books in year. She is ahead of schedule with 44 books completed. Reading, quilting, being near family, finding her "quilting tribe"—this California girl is having a good time on the east coast!

-Vicki Zoller

October Program: Brown Bag Mystery Solved!

If you took a Brown Bag back in March, it's time to show what you created with the fabric!

Bring your quilt in for the meeting on the 13th this month. They will be placed on a table at the front. When it's time for the program, we'll call you up to say a few words about your first reaction when opening the bag (!!!) and then how you decided to use the contents. Did you use it all? Replace most of it? How did you select a pattern? We want to hear all about it!

All quilts will be given to our **Community Service** committee, which is where the fabrics came from.

Remember: NONE of the bag fabric is allowed to come back to All Stars unless sewn into a quilt! And if you did not manage to finish your quilt, please come to the meeting anyway! You can give a quilt to Community Service any time.

-Sunnie Malesky

Historian

October 1998: Reva Stewart, popular teacher from the St. Augustine area, taught a Mariner's Compass class and entertained everyone with her humorous stories. Members were busy getting ready for Quiltfest to be held in November. 25 members and 3 guests attended the September meeting.

- Sandy Onsager

Fall Retreat 2025



A QUILTER'S ODYSSEY

With just days away, a reminder to anyone with a balance due on our annual Fall Retreat, final payment is due by Monday, October 20th at the General Meeting. Welcome packets with the instructions for our Retreat Block are being emailed out this week. Be sure and check your email. Contact Sharon Tomore,

sharontomore@gmail.com or 904-635-9210 if you have a problem opening/receiving the Welcome packet.

There are **two** spots still available. You must register by October 17th at the latest as we need to turn in our numbers to the camp for the purpose of meal planning. The cost for the week is \$375 per individual, which includes a place to sew, all your meals and a place to lay your head. Seems like something you would like to do? Contact Sharon Tomore or Sherry Verell, your Retreat co-chairs. You never know what lies in store for you on our Odyssey.



-Sharon Tomore

Do you have an *OTHER TECHNIQUE* quilt?

We are looking for some quilts made with Other Techniques for the November 17 Quilt Chat program.

These quilts are not the usual ones, but may be hard to define! Could be a whole cloth quilt, a crazy quilt, embroidered (anyone remember Chicken Scratch?) . . . maybe a Cathedral Windows or Biscuit puff . . . maybe pieced or appliqued in an unusual fashion, or using very unusual materials!

There are a few lined up, but we want to see more. This is going to be one of the most entertaining and idea generating shows of the year!

As we do each year, you will sit in a comfy chair while we chat. If you're feeling shy, Sunnie will ask you some questions. You'll only be talking for a few minutes, so please remember you're among friends who are interested in seeing **your** quilt.

Contact Sunnie Malesky at sunsky@comcast.net or call 904-262-0268 (please do not text...that's a land line! yes, I am that old now).

-Sunnie Malesky

Ways and Means

Thank you for participating in the 50/50 raffle last month.

We will have a sewing machine Eversewn - Sparrow 20 raffle at our December meeting. Tickets are \$1 and the drawing will be at the Dec. 15 meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

Please consider purchasing tickets for yourself, family, friends or neighbors who might want a (like new condition) machine. The machine comes with accessories, user manual and rolling storage case.

-Trisha Gros



Education

Classes are done until January, but don't despair. We still have Demo day on November 10th at 10:00 am. Ten of your skilled fellow quilters have volunteered to let you in on their most treasured secrets and tips make your quilting easier and more efficient.

Fall quilt retreat October 27-31.

A repeat class by Erica Dodge on Fabric Painting For Quilters will be the January class, and Learning To Use The Stripology Ruler is the last Monday on February. (I have been experimenting with mine and it sure makes 2 1/2" strips easier.)

-Jill Kelly

Classes begin at 10:00 am. unless otherwise noted.

Your Supply List is available when you sign up and is also on the Website.

2026 All Star Challenge Theme

Next year's Challenge Theme will be something completely different. Have you ever wanted to suggest a theme? Here is your chance. I am soliciting themes until next January. Email me or write down your idea on paper and give it to me at the board meeting or general meeting. I will also bring a jar to Guild meetings for your submissions. See me at the meeting and submit your idea. You do not have to make a Challenge quilt if you submit an idea, although it would be nice— the more entries the better!

I will draw the winning one at the January meeting. In the past I have come up with a theme or guild members have suggested a theme to me. But I always knew the theme before I announced it. This time I will find out when you do. Just a few suggestions for themes: Try to choose something challenging but something that people will actually do. Also I don't think we want full size quilts. We all have other projects to work on and there is only so much time. Other than that, go for it. You may even suggest a theme that we had some years ago. I hope to have many suggestions to pick from. This is your chance to be heard. There might even be a small prize for the winning entry!

-Vicki A. Zoller

Hospitality

Thanks to these members for providing refreshments for our October meeting –

Healthy	Diane Mangrom
Decadent Chocolate	Virginia Waller
Savory	Gloria Hart
Your specialty treat	Jody Sciullo
Sweet or Salty	Beth Sullivan
Fruit/Veggie tray	Jill Kelly
2 2 liter diet drinks	Nancy Smith
2 2 liter drinks	Jane Flesher

-Elfriede Echt

Sit and Stitch



We are looking for new fresh ideas to bring a bit more life to Sit and Stitch. If you have any ideas or would like to demo ideas, please let me know and come join us.

Sewing machines are not always necessary - don't be afraid to join us with no machines or projects.

We are thinking of Block of the Month again so if you have a favorite block come show us so it can be included.

-LeighAnn McGuigan

Membership

Ninety-three members of All Star Quilters' Guild attended the General Meeting on September 15, 2025, at First Christian Church. We had two guests and three new members: Kathleen Dietrich, Michelle Ingram and Maria Taronji. All Star Quilters' Guild now has 165 recorded members.

I would like to remind all members we are coming up on the "early bird" registration months of November and December. Members who renew during this period will be eligible for a prize drawing in the month in which they renew. Renewals will be accepted **AFTER** November 1, 2025, by mail or in person. Dues remain \$30.00 and may be submitted by check or cash. Please do not mail cash. Also, to be included in the 2026 Membership Directory, a completed membership form (a printable form can be found on the Guild webpage) and dues must be submitted no later than the January 2026 General Guild meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me, Sheron or Bobbie.

-Susan Sharpe, Sheron Walser, Bobbie Redshaw

Corresponding Secretary

If you know of a member that a card should be sent, please contact Linda Harper. Linda's email and phone number are in the directory.

Programs

December program is our Holiday Party. There will be holiday goodies, prizes to win and our Brown Grocery Bag Decorating Contest, as well as an exchange of fabric for the participants.

DECEMBER'S PROGRAM INFORMATION

At the December Holiday Event, those who wish to participate can obtain a brown paper grocery bag from their favorite store (normal, large size) . The outside is to be decorated as desired and displayed on the stage during the business part of our meeting. At program time, we will enjoy inspecting these bags and voting for our favorite. The bags with the top three highest number of votes will win a gift card for their makers (creators, artisans...). In addition to decorating the bags, please place a 1 yd cut of quilt shop quality fabric inside (any type). At the conclusion of the program, those who have participated, will go home with a decorated bag and a mystery gift of fabric. Happy Holidays, All Stars.

-Pat D'Elia

QuiltFest

We had a very enjoyable and successful show. Details will be shared at the general meeting on October 20th. Thank you to all who made it happen. It wouldn't have happened without you.

-Pat D'Elia



Any All Star member can advertise in the Gazette free of charge. "For Sale" items will run for two consecutive issues and "Services" will run every issue. If you would like to advertise here, please send your listing to jbright414@gmail.com.

Singer 301

Issued as a Grand Introduction in 1951. Color is Soft Beige (darker than the LBOW) completely serviced. Greased, oiled & adjusted to a perfect stitch. LED bulb and new oil drip pad included. Also a vintage Singer zig zag attachment .

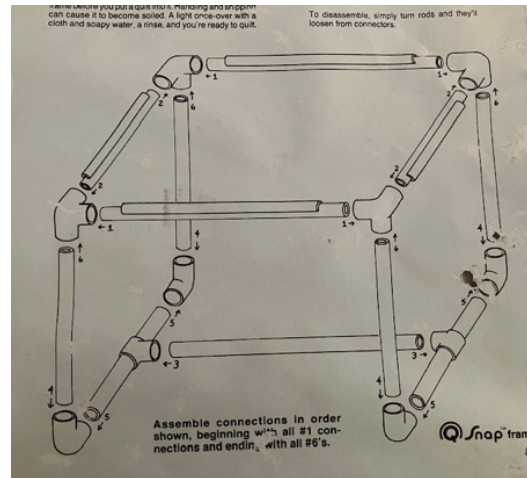
Cabinet is rare. One small mar on top.
\$300 OBO



Singer Serial DB
Supplemental Content
Model: 301 (Grand Introduction Oct 1952)
Serial NA010001
Numbers: to NA185750
Manufactured Year 1952
Location: SC (Start &

Q Snap PVC quilt frame

Easy to set up, no tools needed. In original box WITH INSTRUCTIONS fits easily under bed. 31 inches tall, quilting area approximately 20 x 33 inches. **\$25**. Call or text Carol Gilliland 904-616-4428 or email at gilly2982@yahoo.com.



Janome M17 trolley with hoop bag.

Seen on the internet for \$549.00 asking **\$250.00**.

Used only twice. Excellent condition. Contact Kathy Weishaar luvleequilts@gmail.com

Services

Binding

Trish Egbert (904) 735-0294

Quilting

BQ Enterprises, LLC (Sharon Buquo 904-928-9300)

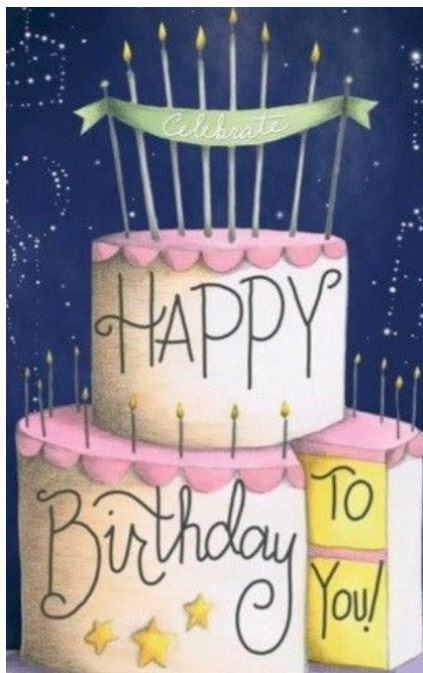
Edge-to-Edge only. Several patterns to choose from. **Budget friendly.**

Quilting

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Longarm – Edge 2 Edge and Custom. I also make Memory Bears and T-Shirt Quilts. For more information text or call Barbara at 904-476-3903.





October

8 DEB FRAIN
 8 MARTHA HANN
 9 DAPHINE MOERLER
 10 JOYCE SHARIFI
 17 SARA MAGUIRE
 18 RENÉE STEIN
 19 VONDA EMORY
 23 LIZ STALEY
 25 DIANE MANGRUM
 24 KAROL BLOMGREN
 27 DELIA BRIGHT
 28 JUNE DANIELS
 31 DIANA OLIVER

November

5 MARTHA JORGENSEN
 7 SONDIE FRUS
 7 BERNADETTE KNOX
 7 OLE OLSON
 12 CINDY MAGEE
 14 KATIE ELAKMAN
 15 TRISHA GROS
 19 PATRICIA KERN
 21 JEAN NEWTON
 21 LYNNE TURPIN
 22 MELINDA RIALS
 26 EVELYN LEDDY
 28 RANDY POWERS
 30 MARITA ENG

All Star Quilters' Guild General Meeting Minutes Sept 15, 2025 (Draft)

President - Delia Bright - called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Delia asked if anyone had read the August 18, 2025, minutes and many hands were raised. Jill Kelly moved to accept the August 18, 2025, minutes and Randy Powers seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved. Delia then showed a quilt that had been left at the church and asked if anyone knew to whom it belonged. The owner was not known. She asked if anyone knows, to please let her know. Valerie Bouffard will keep the quilt until the owner comes forward. Delia advised the membership that we need volunteers to return the extra chairs to the rack after the meeting. The chairs need to be hung on the rack in a very special order so they will all fit. Randy Powers and Terri Chamberlain volunteered to show us how to hang them. The job of the volunteers, after the meeting, is to pick up and hang the extra chairs, those beyond the fifth row. Randy will be there, standing by the rack and hanging them. If you decide that you would like to be a special volunteer, Randy can show you how to hang them. So, then all you have to do is to pick up the chairs and take them to the racks and hang them yourselves. We truly appreciate the help because It takes all of us to make it work.

Vice President – Programs - Pat D'Elia – September - Today we have our President Delia and Secretary Angela presenting a program on "How to Make Your Longarmer Happy". They're going to tell you all the things you need to do and not do when preparing your quilt for the Longarmer in order to make it easier for them and for it to come out better for you.

October - program is the reveal of the Brown Bag quilts. Remember to bring your Brown Bag quilts to the October meeting and Sunnie Malesky will run it.

November - Sunnie Malesky. will talk with people about their quilts and she explains a particular topic. Her topic is “The Category of Other Techniques.” What that means and how quilts with other techniques look. When we judge for QuiltFest, there’s a category of “Other Techniques” quilts that don’t fit anything else and why they don’t fit in with anything else. She may be contacting you and asking if you have any quilts using other techniques. Adrian Elwood has a lot of things with other techniques, so Sunnie may contact her. Deb Frain may also have some with other techniques.

December - In the past we have had table decorations, but we’re doing something different this year. For December we are having a regular brown grocery bag decorating contest. If you want to participate, you take a brown paper grocery bag and decorate it for a holiday. You choose the holiday. But it is around Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Years. We’ll vote for our favorite; there will be prizes. You are to put one yard of cotton quilt shop quality fabric into your bag. It does not have to be a holiday theme. Decorate the outside of the bag, (not necessary to decorate the inside). There will be a bag swap so each participant will get a bag and a yard of fabric. There will be information about this in this month’s newsletter.

Treasurer – Martha Hann -	Beginning Balance	17,348.03
	Dividend \ Deposit	.62
	Ending Balance	17,348.65

Committee Chairs –

Nominating Committee – Jenny Chambless – Gloria Hart is interested in being our Treasurer and Barbara Lumpiesz is interested in being our Corresponding Secretary.

Community Service – Joann Davenport – Gloria Hart is delivering to the Food Bank right now. We had the highest contributions this month that we’ve ever had. We received \$1095.00 in cash and checks, \$600 in food donations for a total of \$1695.00. The next Food Bank will be in November, right before Thanksgiving. Email reminders will be sent. We have lots of fabric for sale. If you need batting or quilting services for Community Service, let Joann know.

Education – Jill Kelly – Sign-up sheets are still out front. The sign-up for Mary Anne Dennis’ Christmas Tree Skirt class is next week on September 29, 2025. The materials list and patterns are out front. Jill did get a solid yes from Erika Dodge for her January 25, 2026, class. Janet Wells confirmed her Stripology class on February 23, 2026. The instructions are on a clipboard out front. You will need to have the ruler (there are 2 sizes) which is available at Cinnamons Quilt Shop. If necessary they can order them for you. Demo Day will be on November 10, 2025. The sign-up sheet is out front. We have 8 volunteers. If you signed up to present a Demo and you want to do something different, or decide you don’t want to do it, let Jill know. You can see on the sign-up sheets what people have signed up for.

Fall Retreat – Sharon Tomore – Last month we had only one opening available. Unfortunately, two people had to cancel so we now have 3 openings available. If anyone wants to register or needs to make a payment, please see Sharon. The Retreat is at Silver Springs Retreat Center, and the retreat dates are October 27 – 31, 2025.

Featured Quilter – Vicki Zoller – The Featured Quilter is Barbara Lumpiesz. Barbara moved to Florida when she was 1 year old. She has lived in Fruit Cove since 2002 and began sewing when she was 8 years old. She worked as a licensed Optician for 35 years. Barbara has quilted for 12 years, and she is a very proficient longarm quilter. Barbara entered her first quilt in Quilt Fest

this year along with 4 quilts that she quilted for other people. Barbara will also be our Corresponding Secretary for 2026.

If you would like to be a Featured Quilter or have someone that you'd like to nominate, let Vicki know. The only qualification necessary to be a Featured Quilter is that you must be a member of AllStar Quilters Guild. Also, the guild Challenge for 2026 will be in July, and the theme will be our choice. Vicki will have a bucket out front where we can write down and submit our ideas for themes.

Hospitality – Elfriede Echt – Elfriede thanked everyone for providing us with delicious goodies. We will need volunteers for October and November. Please sign up.

Library – Patty Campioni – Next month Patty will have a suggestion box for books that we may purchase or anything to improve the library, let her know.

Web Page – Jenny Chambless – nothing

Membership – Susan Sharpe – We have 165 members, this includes our 3 new members, Michelle Ingram, Kathleen Dietrich and Maria Taronji. There are 92 members present today. We also had two visitors, Janice Delgado and Sandra Kaye. The Membership drawing winners are Nena Byrd and Linda McClelland. We just finished the judging for QuiltFest, and she thanked all those that signed up and showed up. There were no no-shows this year.

Newsletter – Jane Flesher - We're good.

Passion Projects – C.J. Clark – C.J. thanks everyone for collecting bags for Hubbard House gifts. She said that we make 45 bags a month for children that are going into Hubbard House. They put toiletries, a washcloth and towel, Beanie Babies, snacks and toothbrushes into these bags. She asked if you get a toothbrush from the dentist's office and do not want it, please give it to her for the children.

Publicity – Sondie Frus - 3 things, We have a radio star in the room. How many heard Randy Powers on the radio on NPR on 11 September 2025? He was on First Coast Connect along with 2 other members of the QuiltFest Board. They talked about all the charities that we do as quilters. She thinks it was a big success. Sondie said that this morning someone commented that she had a lot of bookmarks in her hand. She reminded them that this was the leftovers from 20,000 that we've distributed for QuiltFest, So, if you know of anywhere else you can set them down before Thursday, take a handful.

As my Committee Chair for the AllStar responsibility to identify what the theme for 2027 will be. We will be featuring "The Art of Imagination". Randy has presented a potential for the artwork. If you have an additional idea or vision of how we could communicate that theme, please see Randy Powers, Mary Anne Dennis, Marsha Bookstaver and Debby Brock. We want to make sure people that do not quilt are also captured by the idea.

QuiltFest – Pat D'Elia - asked how many are coming to the show and how many have volunteered to work at the show? We have had great participation in here. She is still collecting for Silent Auction, if anyone has brought anything in today. We had 424 quilt entries registered. There were approximately 400 turned in. Thank you to those that entered.

Samantha – the QuiltFest basket is out front, if you have something to add. It has to be turned in by Wednesday.

Boutique – Deb Frain - Take-in was last Tuesday and Wednesday. We brought 1000 more items than last year.

Let people know that the Boutique is bigger and better than last year. So, come out and shop.

Also, thank you to AllStars' because you were the largest purchaser of any of the guilds.

Jenny Chambliss – It is not too late to sign up/register for hanging quilts.

Quilt Sale room – LeighAnn McGuigan - need people to help hang quilts. has the last of the Quilt Sale Room forms and there are only a few days left to turn them in. If you need any forms, see her or call her. The last chance to turn in quilts is Wednesday, 10 am – 3 pm.

Quilt Mother – Mary Anne – asked Adriane, Vicki and Deb Frain to please stand. Our Guild Quilt took Honorable Mention at the Quilt Show.

Quilts of Valor - Samantha Howell -Thanked those that came and worked at the retreat. We have 15 quilt tops for Quilts of Valor. You guys are awesome. We will have another retreat with a 3 month lead in so that we'll know. A small housekeeping request for Quilts of Valor – When you talk about Quilts of Valor, we are volunteers, not representatives. When you put in for a Quilt of Valor for our guild, it has to go in under our guild's name and Samantha's name because she is the group leader. Randy can help and he has access to the computer. They have a new person coming into Quilts of Valor and they don't know who everyone is.

Karol Blomgren– We have "I Spy AllStars" Karol makes up a list of AllStar members that have a quilt entered in QuiltFest, listed numerically, 52 so you can find them easier. She is trying to get a list of those that have won ribbons, so we will know. It will be available at the table, and she'll make a bunch.

Raffle – Deborah Pearce - \$1560 so far, not counting those sold at QuiltFest. She expects to have a respectable amount to give to Volunteers in Medicine.

Sit-N-Stitch – LeighAnn McGuigan – Sit-N-Stitch will be on September 22 and October 13th. Then we will have Fall Retreat.

Treasure Table – Shirley Carpenter – Thank you for bringing in your treasures, but please take them home with you.

Ways & Means – Barbara Lumpiesz- We brought in \$189.00. Winner is Sheron Walser \$95.00

Program for today - "How to Make Your Longarm Happy" with Delia and Angie. It will be short and sweet. If you have any questions, we will have time to answer.

Delia – Explained and illustrated the layers of a quilt and the necessity of 4 inches extra all around the backing. Your top is perfect, you ironed it, you cut it, you gave it lots of love... but you forgot about the back.

The extra 4 inches on each side allows for room to attach it to the rollers and still have access to the complete quilt top. Without those extra inches, the edge of the backing will be attached to the rollers, and she will not be able to quilt all the way to the edges of the top. If the backing is too small, you can add strips of fabric to each side so that once put on the frame rollers, she will be able to stitch all the way to the edges of your top. Batting should be 2 inches larger than the top on all 4 sides. She spoke about how stitch length and/or density will affect the softness or firmness of the quilt top. Delia also discussed the orientation of the seams within the backing and how best to attach it to the rollers on the longarm frame.

She answered and discussed many questions about ways to load and stitch your quilts for the best outcome.

The back needs to be square. Not a parallelogram. It can be pressed and folded but not to a crisp edge. Clip thread tails, secure loose seams or edges. Mark centers if you want the top centered to your backing.

If your borders are ruffled, we quilters have a trick called piano keys to help take up some of the fullness.

Angie – explained why and how she loads quilts on the longarm frame using zippers in place of pins. Also, how she attached the zippers onto the leaders and the quilt backings. This method makes it possible to change easily from one quilt to another and back again, if needed.

Show and Tell – We had 11 people show their quilts

The next Board Meeting will be October 6, 2025 The next General Meeting will be October 20, 2025

President Delia called the meeting adjourned at 11:44 am, September 15, 2025 Remember to turn your phones on.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Moore, Recording Secretary

