

# THE RAW EDGE

Quilting In The Pines Newsletter, April 2025



## *Message From The President*

Well, Spring is finally here. Even though we have been having some cool days and nights, that will end soon. It is time to pull out those unfinished projects and all of that new fabric and those patterns you bought at the South Florida Quilt Expo.

I am sure we have all collected fabrics and supplies during the past few months with the best intentions of getting to work and making quilts, art projects, bags, pillows, and dolls. But somehow life has just gotten the way. So, take a deep breath and do what my friend, Sheri Passwater, suggested to me. Make a list! You may be surprised at what you discover.

If you need a particular color or print of fabric or tool and you can't find it at your quilt shop, there many great websites to search for what you

need.

Some of my favorites include:  
[www.hancocksofpaducah.com](http://www.hancocksofpaducah.com)  
[www.brooklynfabrics.com](http://www.brooklynfabrics.com)  
[www.gloriousfabrics.com](http://www.gloriousfabrics.com)  
and [www.tildasworld.com](http://www.tildasworld.com).

I look forward to seeing what we all accomplish this coming year!

~ Kay



## **April Meeting**

**Thursday, April 10th, 2025  
at 9:30 a.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
7150 Pines Blvd.  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024**

## QUIP April Meeting

Round Robin sign ups are here! Ladies—we will be organizing our “Row by Row” at the April meeting. Start thinking of what your “theme” will be, what your 1st block will look like, if you want to include fabric, etc... You can do some research on the internet about Row by Row quilts. Let’s all participate—it will be fun to see what the final results are!!!

Don't miss your opportunity to have fun and be creative with a group of your fellow QUIP quilters!

Each group will have 6 members and will work together to decide what style of Round Robin that their group will do.

Please call or email Iris with any questions at 954-839-3572 or [irpi@comcast.net](mailto:irpi@comcast.net).

## Upcoming Month's Workshops

May - Charlotte will be teaching her purple cow quilt in conjunction with West Broward.

June - Daisy will teach how to make wreaths, also with West Broward.

Workshops will be \$15 each, and payment is needed before you get the supply lists.

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## 2025 Fat Quarter Colors

January - Red

February - Green

March - Yellow

**April - Light blue**

May - Purple

June - Turquoise

July - Orange

August - Light green

September - Pink

October - Gray

November - Gold

December - Burgundy

## April Birthdays

Beranek, Betty 4/08

Passwater, Sheri 4/18

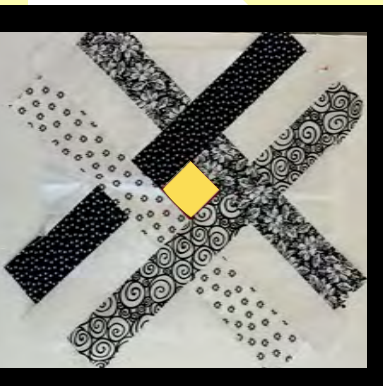




# 2025 April Block of the Month

The upcoming month's block will be shown at the monthly meeting and instructions will be on the QUIP website.

BOM #3 will be turned in at the April meeting. Each month's block will be made with patterned fabrics in black, white and a feature color. The month's feature color will be the color from the previous month's fat quarter swap. So April's BOM will be made with yellow (March's color) as the featured color. Please see the attached sample of April's BOM and this month's block directions.



## Block Three Gypsy Quilter

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Another caravan had joined with the clan of the gypsy quilter and as the Newcomers brought out their silks and prettys from far-away lands, the Gypsy quilter and her friends joined in the bartering. They wrapped their Waists and shoulders with multi-colored scarves. In one cart was a chest Full of ribbons so varied, some had threads of gold and some were spun Of threads as fine as a spider's web. Before long they were trimmed In ribbons.

That evening as fires snapped sparks into the night air the young girls Danced with exotic fabrics swirling round them. The ribbons laced Through their hair, floated around their faces flirting past dark eyes. Whether it was from the sparks or the excitement in Sofia's eyes, Josef, Usually so shy, found himself gradually approaching her. Sofia's Dance slowed as he began to match her steps. The gypsy quilter saw The magic between them as they danced that night.

Remembering Sofia's and Josef's new friendship and the ribbons Swirling and weaving around their heads, the gypsy quilter found herself Weaving fabric into the block she called...

### Dancing Ribbons

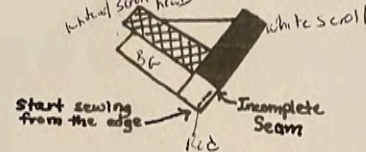
- Fabric #1-A Purple
- ⊗ Fabric #1-B Gold
- ⊗ Fabric #1-C Orange
- ⊗ Fabric #1-D Pink

○ Fabric #2 Light Blue Background

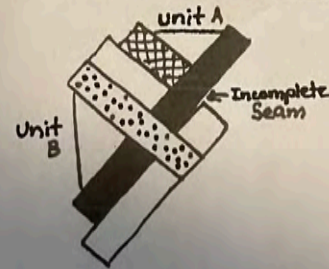
From each of these 4 fabrics, cut a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6" rectangle and a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10" Rectangle.

Cut a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square  
5  $\frac{1}{2}$ " square ☒  
(4)  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7" rectangle

Starting with unit A, sew it to the one side of the center square, BUT, you are going to make an "incomplete Seam". Stop sewing about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " before the end of the Square. Press seam away from square.



Now sew Unit B on to the above unit. You can sew A normal, complete seam. Continue with Unit D and then finally Unit C. Now you can go back to your "incomplete seam" and complete it!



E) Making sure it is centered, trim your block to  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

\*As you sew this block, the edges will be uneven. Don't worry! It gets trimmed in the end.

A) Sew 1 short rectangle from all of the #1 fabrics to each Of the background triangles as indicated. (The rectangle Will be longer.)

B) Sew the background rectangles next to this strip-keeping The one edge even. (The new rectangle will be longer.)

C) Now sew the longer #1 rectangles across the even Edge, keeping the corner square. (The new strip Will be longer.) NOTE!!! YOU MUST SEW PARTICULAR #1 STRIPS TO PARTICULAR TRIANGLE UNITS AS FOLLOWS:

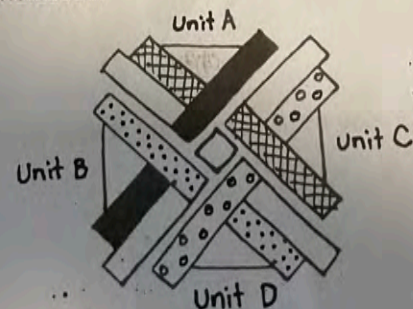
Sew the new purple strip to the unit with the orange rectangle. (Unit A)

Sew the new Gold strip to the unit with the purple rectangle. (Unit B)

Sew the new orange strip to the unit with the pink rectangle. (Unit C)

Sew the pink strip to the unit with the gold rectangle. (Unit D)

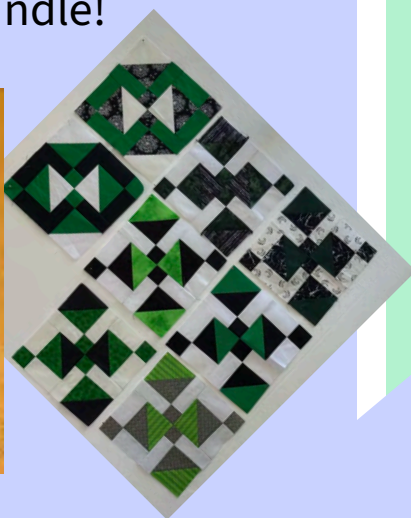
D) These 4 units are going to be sewn around a center Square (The  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background square) using an "incomplete seam" technique. Lay all your pieces out as indicated:





## Previous BOM Winners!

If you're not participating in the monthly Block of the Month raffle, then you're missing out! Look at these amazing blocks from the February and March BOM's! Bring in one completed block for the chance to walk away with a whole bundle!



## QUIP Membership Dues

QUIP yearly membership dues of \$30.00 are now due.

Quilting in the Pines Guild now accepts Zelle payments!

The Zelle ID is the email address:  
PinesQuilts@gmail.com

Enter the reason for the payment in the "optional" reason field so that the treasurer knows to which account it should be posted. For example: dues or raffle tickets.

## Women In Distress Raffle

***QUIP's fundraising raffle quilt for Women in Distress was a resounding success! Not only did QUIP raise money for Women in Distress, but one of QUIP's very own members was the lucky raffle winner! Congratulations!!***



**There are a lot of scams going on about Joann Fabrics. Don't fall for e-mails referencing Joann Fabrics. To be safe, go to [www.joann.com](http://www.joann.com) for legitimate information.**

# Charity Donations



## ***Donations:***

***12 changing pads, 10 receiving blankets with a matching burp cloth, 26 receiving blankets and 16 additional burp cloths. The blankets and burp cloths were made by Charlotte Lorenzo.***

***We also had 2 Pillow covers and 9 quilts donated!***

***61 pillowcases will be going to ChildNet. Nine of them are Christmas pillowcases and 5 are Halloween.***



***We would love it if even more members helped add to our charity quilt donations! A quilt is a truly special and meaningful gift that blesses the recipient's life. Are you looking for ideas? Boy quilts, gender neutral quilts and wheelchair quilts are always in demand. The quilts do not have to be complicated and QUIP has fabrics that you can use. Contact Barbara at [barbaratate2001@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaratate2001@yahoo.com) for more about QUIP Charity Events.***



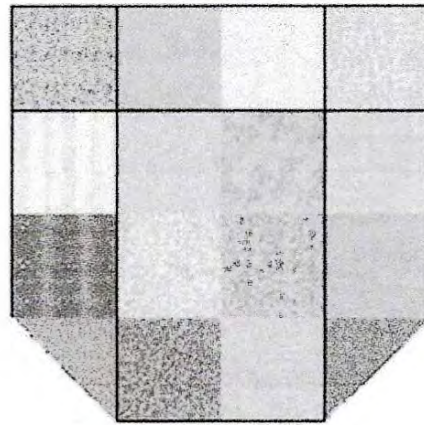
# Wheelchair Quilt Pattern for Charity Donations

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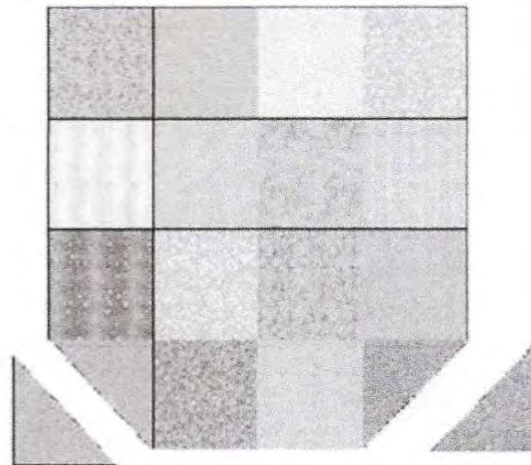
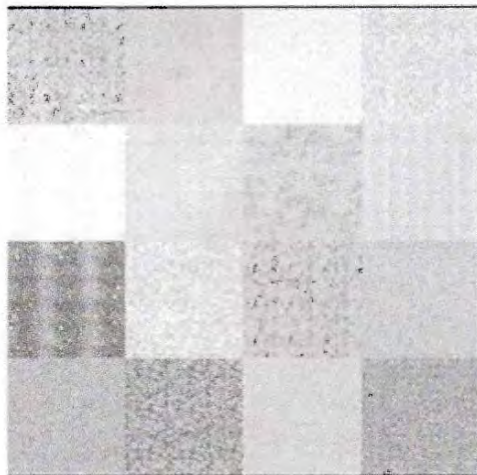
## WHEELCHAIR QUILT

The wheelchair quilts that we make at Sunshine Linus are very simple and easy to make.

The quilts measure 36" x 36" with the bottom corners cut out to make way for the wheels of the wheelchair.

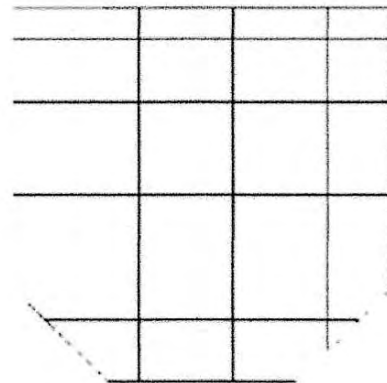


- ≈ Cut 16 x 9  $\frac{1}{2}$ " fabric squares
- ≈ Sew into four rows of four.
- ≈ Using a quilting ruler and rotary cutter, cut the two outside bottom squares diagonally.
- ≈ Quilt & Bind as desired.



An alternative pattern would be :

- ≈ Cut 144 x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares sewn into 12 rows of 12 squares.
- ≈ Cut diagonally through the bottom three squares on the two outside bottom squares.
- ≈ Quilt & Bind as desired.



**Are you looking for a quick and easy project to donate to charity?**  
**A wheelchair quilt may be the perfect choice! See the pattern above for directions and you can contact Barbara at [barbaratate2001@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaratate2001@yahoo.com) with any questions about QUIP Charity Events.**



# March Activity - White Elephant Game





# *March Show and Tell*





# *March Show and Tell Continued....*



## *March Program - Our Favorite Tools*

*So many clever and fun tools were shared!*





# A QUILTER'S STORY

## *with Sheri Passwater*



*Sheri with her  
SFQE entry; a  
foundation  
pieced,  
Rainbow Lone  
Star quilt.*

In 2005, Sheri had a sleigh bed whose side rails came up to an odd height on her mattress, which made it extremely hard to find a bedspread that would fit her bed properly. Not one to be easily daunted, Sheri decided that if she couldn't find the perfect bedding, that she would just make it herself. After all, Eleanor Burns from the show Quilt in a Day could do it, so could she. When Sheri told her late husband about her plans to make a quilt for their bed, he quickly replied, "You'll never get it done." "Watch me!" she fired back.

Thus began Sheri's journey into the quilting world. Many half square triangles later, she completed her first quilt and she's never looked back since.

More quilts soon followed; quilts for her grandchildren, her daughter and son-in-law, as well as other family and friends. She even made charity quilts.

When Sheri moved to Florida from Iowa, she was able to find a quilting guild which helped her gain new skills and make wonderful friends. This year she decided to enter a foundation pieced, Rainbow Lone Star quilt in the South Florida Quilt Expo. It was her first time entering a piece in a quilt show!

*A few blocks  
from Sheri's  
current  
project.*



## Quilting Q&A with Sheri

### What quilters inspire you?

Eleanor Burns was my first inspiration, but Angela Waters, The Midnight Quilter inspires me as well. I was lucky to be able to take several classes from her in Des Moines. I'm also very inspired by the women in my quilting guild. Monique and Nina are just some of the guild members who inspire me. They're so knowledgeable and talented.

### What are your favorite colors to use or your favorite style of quilting?

I love blues and yellows, but generally I work with colors and styles that appeal to the people that I'm making a quilt for, rather than what I would pick for myself.

### What is your best quilting advice?

I have a couple of different things I would advise people.

First, even if you think that you're not gonna like something, give it a try. And even if you tried a technique and didn't like it, try it again. Ask another quilter how they would do that technique, what they would try instead, how they would arrange it, etc. We all work differently and have different ways of doing things. Keep trying until you figure out what works for you.

Second, join a quilting guild! But don't just join, get involved! Take workshops, volunteer, make friends and form relationships.

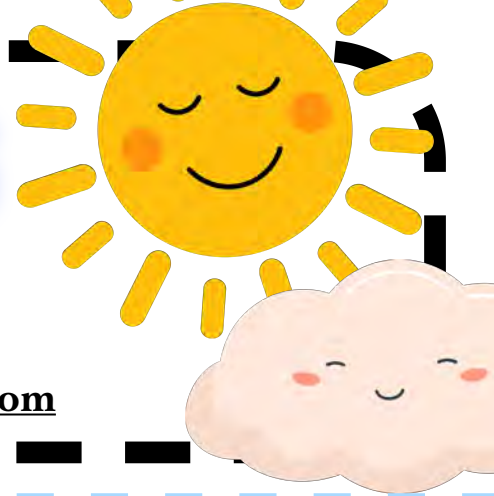
I'm doing things that I wouldn't have done 20 years ago. Don't let yourself stagnate, try new styles and techniques. You might find something that you love doing. You never know what you might like and getting involved in a guild is a great way to keep yourself inspired and learning.

### What are you currently working on?

I'm currently working on a paper piecing pattern that I picked up from one of the guild recycling tables. I decided to make a quilt for a relative, and they picked this specific pattern out and chose these desert colors. (See picture of some of the blocks on the left.)



# Sunshine News



Hi QUIP Members! I hope you are all well.  
If anyone is in need of cheering up or  
congratulations, please let me know.

Sandy Glazer, (954)742-6164, [sandymindy@aol.com](mailto:sandymindy@aol.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS

***A big congratulations to all of the QUIP  
members who won awards and  
participated if the South Florida Quilt  
Expo!!***

***A slide show with pictures of the  
winning entries can be found on SFQE's  
website ([click here](#)).***

***Or you can see the complete list with all  
of the winners and entries in the SFQE  
2025 show book ([click here](#)).***



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**QUILT**EXPO



***Do you have something that you would like to  
submit to the QUIP Newsletter?***

***Pictures from the last meeting or event?***

***A sewing machine to sell?***

***Please send your information to Anne Brumet  
at [aobrumet@gmail.com](mailto:aobrumet@gmail.com)***



# *South Florida Quilting Expo Fun!*



THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE  
VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE  
THIS SHOW POSSIBLE!!





# SFQE Workshops





# *SFQE Workshops*





# A Heartfelt Farewell to the South Florida Quilt Expo...

This is a repost of a letter that was sent out on April 1st to the South Florida Quilting Community by The South Florida Quilt Expo.



SOUTH FLORIDA  
**QUILT**EXPO

Dear Quilters, Vendors and Attendees,

Today may be April Fools' Day, but this news is very real.

After more than 36 years and 18 shows the South Florida Quilt Expo (formerly Broward Quilt Expo), have come to the difficult decision that 2025 was our final show.

What began with just 4 guilds in Broward County grew into a vibrant collaboration of 9 guilds across 3 counties. However, after much deliberation, the Board has determined that we are unable to continue.

The rising costs of producing the show in 2027, combined with a decline in attendance and fewer volunteers available to manage the many committees, and less vendors willing to travel so far south in our state, have made it unfeasible to move forward.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has been a part of this

journey. To our vendors—both new and longtime supporters—thank you for believing in us. To our dedicated committee chairs who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, we couldn't have done it without you. And to the guilds, quilters, and attendees who have made this event so special, we are forever grateful.

While our show has come to an end, our online presence will remain active. We will continue sharing the 2025 award winners on social media, and our website will stay up through the end of the year, as we archive past photos and showbooks for the quilting community to enjoy.

But don't despair! Quilting is alive and well, and we know that many small guilds continue to host local shows. Perhaps one of the participating guilds will create a new event that grows into something just as wonderful as the Broward Quilt Expo once did.

Thank you for 36 incredible years of quilting, creativity, and community.

Warmest Regards,  
Board of Directors  
Denise Glaser, Chairman

*From all of us at QUIP to all of the volunteers at SFQE:*

*We want to extend you a heart felt thank you for all of your hard work during the last 36 years! We truly appreciate all that you have done for the local quilting community!*



# Quip General Meeting Minutes ~ March 13, 2025

President Kay Walker called the meeting to order at 9:48 am. Daisy made a motion to approve the minutes, and Cathy Dance seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:** Checking balance: \$9885.82, Savings balance was \$5107.27. Income this month included \$50 for the sewing machine, \$60 for the doll workshop, \$1525 for the retreat, and \$36.00 for the recycle table. Total income was \$1671. Expenses were \$35.00 for QuickBooks, and \$61.25 for SunBiz to keep our non-profit status. Total expenses were \$96.25

**Charity:** Barbara We are looking for additional charities to donate to, and project suggestions. We have several quilt kits that need batting. We could use some volunteers to make quilt kits. There are a bunch of pillowcase kits.

**Membership:** Jan Ross joined the guild, and Rose Johnson was a visitor.

**Workshops and Retreats:** The next retreat will be on April 4-7. 23 people will be attending. April will be the forming of Round Robin/row by row groups. Charlotte will be teaching her purple cow quilt in May in conjunction with West Broward. Daisy will teach how to make wreaths in June, also in conjunction with West Broward. There will be a coloring workshop in the future. Workshops will be \$15 each, and payment is needed before you get the supply lists.

**Programs:** We will start our Round Robin/Row by Row in April and are planning on a celebration quilt challenge later this year.

**SFQE:** There may not be another quilt expo in two years. Some vendors have pulled out for the next one, costs are rising, and it is a lot of work.

**BOM:** We had 8 blocks this month.

**Old Business:** Karen Donovan won the raffle quilt. QUIP needs volunteers for both the secretary and treasurer positions.

**Raffles:** Iris won the BOM for this month. 50/50 collected \$48.00, \$24 to the guild, and \$24 to the winner, Kay Walker

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sheri Passwater, Secretary

***Our Treasurer, Gerri Tredway, has requested that all QUIP monies be turned in with an accompanying form. Please see the form on the following page and fill out a copy when turning in money or payments. Thank you for your assistance and consideration!***

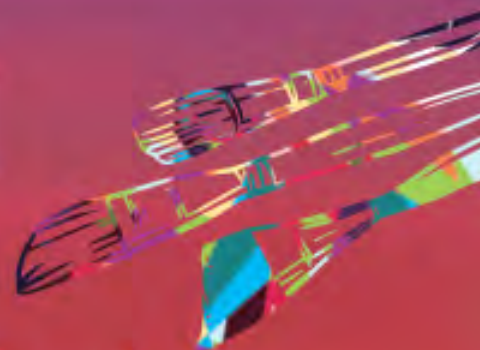






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