



# Patchwords

August 2025

## President's Message

Hello Quilters!

There are about seven months till our Quilt Show in mid February! With the end of the year holidays included in that time frame, (🎃👨🍳🎄), we all know how busy we will be. So, I would like to offer to you this mantra to get your quilts ready for display in February.

The mantra is:

“Ready, Set, Go!”

READY means prepare yourself. Get your inspiration, pick a category(s), get a pattern, fabric and supplies! 🧵

SET means everything is in place, you have all you need and nothing can stop you now! ⭐

GO means proceed, advance to creating your quilt, everything will fall into place, be positive, you are a special part of our Guild! ✂️

So, if you start this month making your quilt for the show and follow that mantra, you will hear the Guild give you this exclamation of approval.....

“WAY TO GO!” 🙌🙌🙌

You will help make our show more beautiful and successful!

🎵 Remember our theme!

“Where words fail, music speaks!” 🎵

Have a blessed month, happy quilting!

❤️ Alana

**August 6th**

“Sew”cial

9:30 am Bell Hall

**August 13th**

Board Meeting 9:30 am  
Room 202

**August 14th Night Mtg.**

6:30 pm Social 7:00 Program  
Bell Hall

**August 20th Day Meeting**

9:00 am Social 9:30 Program  
Bell Hall

**August 23rd Summer Retreat**

**August 27th**

Workday Wednesday  
9:00 am Bell Hall

**September 3rd**

“Sew”cial

9:30 am Bell Hall

**September 10th**

Board Meeting 9:30 am  
Room 202

**Sept. 11th Night Mtg.**

6:30 pm Social 7:00 Program  
Bell Hall

**September 17th Day Meeting**

9:00 am Social 9:30 Program  
Bell Hall

**September 24th**

Workday Wednesday  
9:00 am Bell Hall

## Night Meeting

We had a good night meeting on July 10th.  
We had 21 members in attendance. Winners of our Christmas in July were:

First Place - Vicki Williams  
Second Place - Loretta Akerlind  
Third Place - Peggy Collingsworth

Reminder - we are collecting school supplies at the August night meeting and our August challenge is summertime!

Remember your Quilter's Soup jars are due with finished project at the September night meeting. I'm excited to see what everyone came up with. Jars are to be returned and left over fabric will be returned to the person or I'll have a box for the scrapes to be used for dog beds.

Thank you  
Jo Wilbur

## Hospitality

Thank you to the Thread Catchers and Piece and Love Bees for their wonderful refreshments at the last meeting.

We are looking forward to the Busy Bees' delicious refreshments at the August meeting.

Thank you,  
Lois



## St. Andrew Bay Quilters' Guild 2025-26 Elected Officers and Appointed Chairs

**President**

**Alana Yuratich**

**Vice President.**

**Dianne Daigle**

**Second Vice President**

**Jo Wilbur**

**Treasurer**

**Sandy Austill**

**Secretary**

**Carolyn Finlayson**

Meeting minutes can be found  
at:

<https://sabqg.org/newsletter/>

## Quilt Show - Block Party

Members, start your block for display at the quilt show where visitors vote for their favorite block. If yours is selected, you get all the blocks AND a ribbon! Blocks can be machine pieced, hand pieced or hand appliquéd. No machine embroidery allowed. The theme is Birds or Butterflies. Attach your name on the back and return completed block in a zip lock bag to Karen McQueen by February 4, 2026.



## Membership

### Current membership 204

Night Meeting attendance - 20 People

Day Meeting attendance. - 61 People

#### New Members:

Cook, Gina

Turley, Janet

Little, Darla

Ramos, Janet

Patty Holton - Membership

## Quilt Show

August 2025

We are on our way to getting things started for this 2026 Quilt Show. Vendors are signing up, I think we have around 5 or 6 already, Thank You Cindy Smith...

The Quilt Show storage unit is better organized, and the Boutique chair and some helpers will be sorting and seeing what is needed for our booth for the show.

Karen McQueen has a couple of assignments, and she is working on them already, one being the Block Party...it was a huge hit last year and it was all about location, location, location.

The Opportunity Quilt will be on display, the unveiling of the "Symphony in Blue" will be presented during the September Meeting. Tickets for the Opportunity Quilt and pre-sale tickets have been ordered, and they will be coming in the early fall for sale. Once we get the Opportunity Quilt photographed, the postcards will be ordered.

More updates next month,

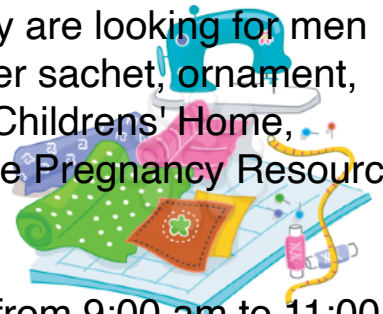

Thanks, Dianne Daigle

## Community Service

Workday Wednesday - Thank you to the 16 quilters who attended last month's Workday Wednesday. Isolette baby blankets were sewn, bibs/burp cloths were cut and sewn, and 40" receiving blankets cut for kits. Thank you to Patty H. who cut and assembled several walker bags at home. Thank you also to quilters who turned in quilts, tops, blankets, bibs, burp pads, and walker bags they made at home.

June-July Donations - 12 dog beds, 7 cat beds, and 4 cat trap covers made and donated to 9 Lives Rescue by the Wishart family; 7 dog beds made and donated to Heartland Rescue by the Valle family; 2 cat trap covers made and donated by Sherry L. to Spay Bay. Thank you!

Stockings - Thank you to Diane and Rebecca W. for cutting and assembling stocking kits. They have done this for several years and the Guild is very appreciative! Thank you to the Tiny Stitchers Bee who has already sewn and finished 37 stockings, as well as to the Thread Catchers Bee who is in the process of making felt stockings. Our goal is 525 this year. We will need at least 300 finished stockings returned by the October general meeting. They will be donated to the Council on Aging and they need time to stuff. If you want to donate items to stuff stockings, they are looking for men and women toiletries, flashlight, magnifying glass, socks, drawer sachet, ornament, small mug rugs. Stockings will also be donated to Anchorage Childrens' Home, Catholic Charities, Sims Veteran Home, Family Service, and the Pregnancy Resource Center.



The next Workday Wednesday will be August 27th in Bell Hall from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Thanks again everyone for participating and making it possible for the Guild to donate to our community!

From your Community Service Team,  
Aly Tuttle, Gerry Hollis, Trudy Heath

Send newsletter items  
to:

no later than the 23rd of each month.

## Community Services Current Needs



Sim's Twin Size Quilts	64" wide x 74" Long
Warrior Beach Retreat	Larger than 50" wide x 65" long
Women Shelter Twin Size	64" wide x 74" long
Elder & Disabled Lap Quilts	42" wide x 54" long
Childrens Quilts	42" wide x 54" long
Infant Receiving Blankets	42" wide x 42" long



## Tiny Stitchers Meeting



Dog bed donations /Valle family



Gaye Ryon's awesome appliqué class

## Christmas Stocking Trivia

Do you know how much Christmas/Holiday fabric is needed to make the stockings SABQG donates each year? We are making and donating 525 stockings this year.

4 stockings can be cut from 1 yard of fabric. Do the math, with any method you want to use, we use 132 yards of fabric for the stocking portion.

Now let's talk about the cuff, 12 cuffs can be cut from 1 yard of fabric, do the math, we use 44 yards of fabric for the cuffs.

Let's not forget the ribbon used as the hanger. 6 ribbon hangers can be cut from 1 yard of 1/4" ribbon, do the math, we use 88 yards of 1/4" ribbon.

Doing all of the math, we need 176 yards of fabric and 88 yards of ribbon for 525 stockings!

The fabric donations from two of our fellow quilters that unfortunately passed away this year have helped with the stocking project, plus some other small donations, plus I raided my stash, but I ran out of fabric!

Please start looking at your stash, if you see Christmas fabric on sale buy a yard or two or a few fat quarters. We need all the donations we can get. Minimum fabric for the stocking portion is a fat quarter, so small scraps don't work.

Thanks,  
Diane Wishart



## UFO Challenge 2025-26

28 Quilters entered the challenge

279 Unfinished projects

Awards will be given at May 2026 general meeting.

Quilter that completed the most UFOs - \$25

Quilter that name is pulled first - \$190.50

Quilter that name is pulled second - \$63.50



*Night group will also host  
a yard sale. Will run like  
day meeting, set up  
before, sale after meeting*



## Guild Annual Yard Sale August 20<sup>th</sup>

- ✚ Table reservation - text, email, call Dianne Daigle.
- ✚ Depending on how many folks request a table will determine size of table or portion of table you occupy.
- ✚ Set up prior to the meeting - try and have your table ready by 9:15 am.
- ✚ **No sales until after the meeting.**
- ✚ The Guild will have a table of its own for those who just want to get rid of their items and don't want their own table.
- ✚ ***We are asking each group to give a donation to the Guild after their sales are completed.***

Dianne's Contact information:

850-866-5939- if you text, identify yourself, please!

[ladydirn55@aol.com](mailto:ladydirn55@aol.com)

We are so fortunate to have an amazing library of over 760 books covering so many quilting patterns and techniques. Explore what is available for you to check out at:

[www.librarycat.org/lib/  
SABQGLIBRARY](http://www.librarycat.org/lib/SABQGLIBRARY)



### SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Please contact me when a  
member  
has an illness, loss or just  
something to celebrate  
Text Linda Tew

or e-mail

## Retreat News



### Summer Retreat - August 23rd in Blountstown

*There are still a few openings for this one-day retreat*

Sign up for a 1-day retreat at the Pioneer Settlement in Blountstown on Saturday, August 23d from 8 am to 4 pm. The retreat costs \$30 and includes lunch (Publix sandwiches, chips, & bottled water).

Contact  
Cindy Smith  
Or  
Lisa Trawick  
or more info or to sign-up  
(form attached) below).

### Dog Days of Summer - Quilting Retreat

### Fall Retreat

**November 7-9th  
Laguna Beach Christian Retreat**

The retreat runs from 10 am on Friday to 10 am on Sunday.

Day-only sign-ups for \$60 are available and include 4 meals (Fri dinner & 3 meals on Sat). Deadline to register is September 30th.

Lisa Trawick for more info or to sign-up (form attached)







## SABQG Summer Retreat August 23, 2025

Panhandle Pioneer Settlement  
17869 NW Pioneer Settlement Rd, Blountstown, FL

- Cost: \$30 per person
- Saturday, August 23 from 8 am to 4 pm
- Lunch provided: Publix sandwiches, chips, bottled water
- Mid morning snack provided

\*Fees are nonrefundable. Substitutes may be available from the wait list.

- Wear your favorite name tag.
- Bring a dog/pet themed project for show & tell.

**Come have a tail-wagging good time!**



----- RETURN FORM BELOW -----

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

The best way to contact me is by EMAIL or TEXT (circle one).

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fees are nonrefundable. Substitutes may be available from the wait list.

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "SABQG"

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Lisa Trawick,  
OR Cindy Smith,



# SABQG Fall Retreat Sign-up

7-9 Nov 2025

Begins at 10am on Friday & ends at 10am on Sunday

The sewing room will open at 6am on Sat & Sun and closes when the last person leaves

*Come join us at our Fall Retreat to take a break and spend a couple days focused on quilting, sewing, & fun with friends!*

Location: Laguna Beach Christian Retreat-Gulfside - 20016 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach, FL

Cost	What's Included
\$195.00	2-nights accommodations, Table & Folding Chair for sewing, and 5 meals
\$60.00	Table & Folding Chair for sewing & 5 Meals (overnight) & 4 Meals (daytime - no Sunday Breakfast)
\$20.00	Linen Service (Optional)

Retreat Location: There is limited parking in front of the retreat with stairs and an elevator

Sewing Room: On the 2nd Floor - Each table will have a chair (although you can bring your favorite comfy one)

Cafeteria: On the 1st Floor - Meals have large portions and will be served cafeteria-style

Rooms: Gulf Front (2nd or 3rd floor) double-occupancy with full-size beds, kitchen, balcony, & bathroom

Linen Service (optional): Includes bedding (sheets, blanket, & 2 pillow), 2 towels, & 2 washcloths

Meals: Friday Dinner; Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner; Sunday Breakfast (bring your own lunch on Friday)

## What's New this Year:

Periodic demonstrations about a technique, tool, pattern, or something else you'd like to share

Opportunity to support our Community Service work by completing needed items

We'll vacuum at the end of the retreat, but everyone will need to clean their table off & pick up the floor

Sign-up for how you want to help at the Retreat - many hands make light work!

Swap Table - Bring anything you'd like to set out; Pick up what you would like to take; Remainder will be donated

## What Do I need to Bring?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wear a Fun Name Tag               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Projects to work on                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Your Favorite Snack to Share      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any special food for meals that you need     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Projects to Work On               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lunch for Friday                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bedding/Towels (or pay for linen) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fabric to Swap (more details before Retreat) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Comfy Chair or padding for chair  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Come Ready for a Fun Weekend!                |

We may not be able to check into rooms until 3pm on Friday and need to check out on Sunday by 9am, but the sewing room is open longer

# Upcoming Events

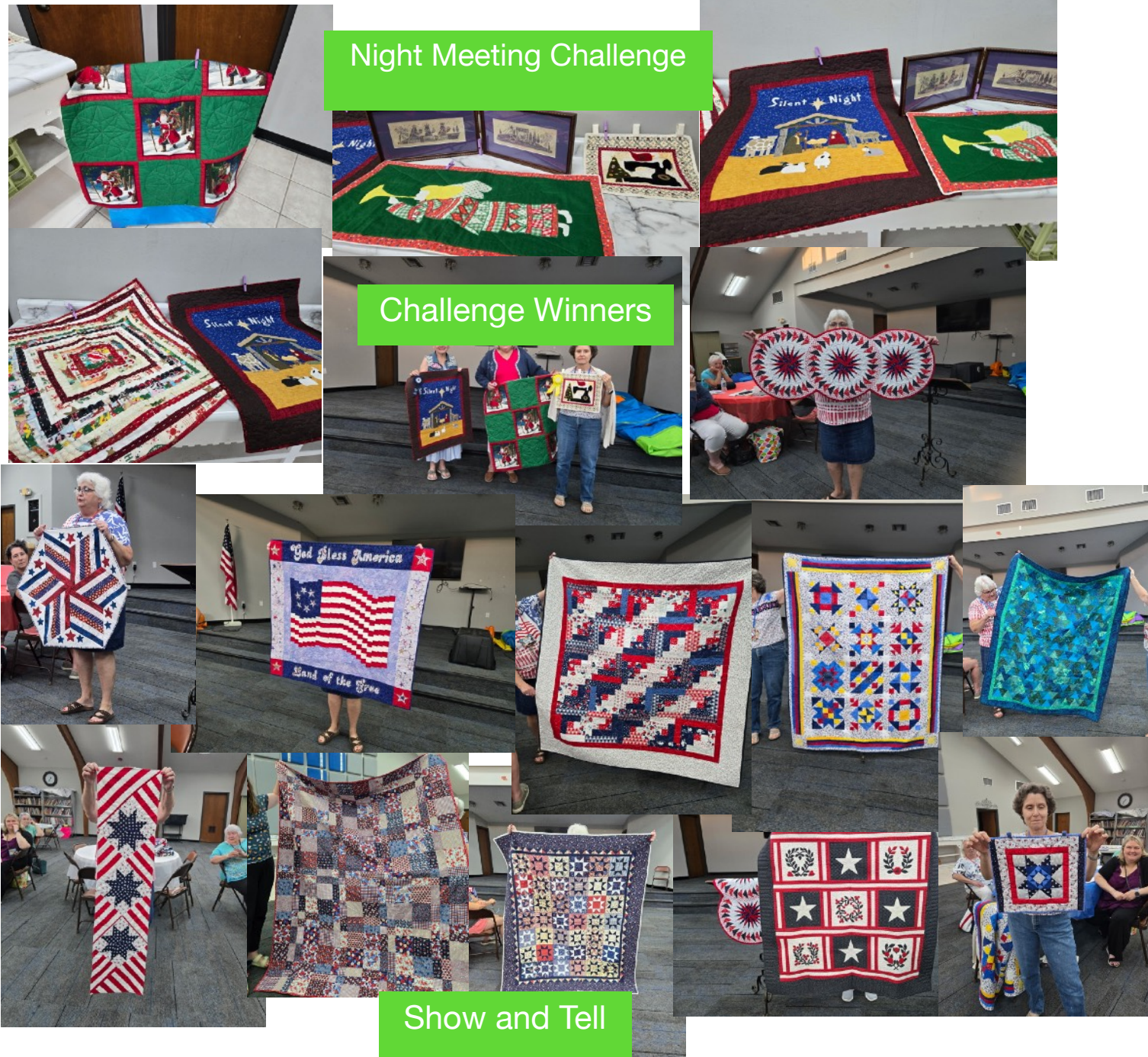
- \* Remember your school supplies (August meetings)
- \* Opportunity Quilt Unveiling (September 13th)
- \* Pumpkin Class (September)
- \* Gem class (October 25th)



Night Meeting Challenge

Challenge Winners

Show and Tell







Show and Tell Morning Meeting









