

The All Star Gazette

August 2026 Meeting Dates

August Meetings - Springs Church, 900 Park Avenue, Orange Park.

- Aug 3 **Board Meeting.** 10:00 am.
Aug 10 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am.
Aug 17 **General Meeting.** 10:00. Social Time 9:30. Program – Extended Show and Tell.
Aug 24 **Sit and Stitch.** 10:00 am.

August 17 Meeting Notes

Treasure Table is OPEN. Library and Fabric Table will NOT be available.
50/50 Raffle - Split the pot with your guild. July's winner took home **\$117.00.**

QuiltFest

Advance ticket sales. If you signed up for advance tickets, pick up before the meeting.
\$16 for Senior/Military and \$17 for General Admission. See Jane Flesher.

Selling at Boutique? See Deb Frain for forms.

Selling in the Quilt Sale Room? See LeighAnn McGuigan for forms.

Donate Handmade Item(s) to Silent Auction. See Ellen Cannon

Sign Up for a time at All-Stars QuiltFest Table. Reserve your time. See Elfriede Echt.

All-Star QuiltFest Basket is accepting donations of Pet or Spa themes, and also gift cards.

All-Star Table Donations - Last chance to bring 2-1/2" fabric squares. See Elfriede Echt.

Upcoming Programs

September. "Show us your sewing room." Send your pictures to Delia Bright or Karen Duffy. Participants, please bring something special from your sewing room to show.

October. Brown Bag Challenge Reveal.

Your Guild Needs You

All-Stars is looking for a few good people. Volunteer to hold an Office or help out with a committee. You will have help from past/present officers and other committee members. Your term is only one year.

Be a supporting part of the largest quilt guild in NE Florida. Contact Barbara at barb2389@aol.com. "It Takes a Village."

Classes and Events

Class Supply Lists are available at sign up and on the All-Star Website

- August 24** Table Runner Class - postponed until later date.
Sept 17 - 19 QuiltFest
Sept 28 Christmas Tree Wall-Hanging/Jumper. Mary Anne Dennis. \$10.
Class is 9:00 - 12:00 at Springs Church. Questions, call 904-705-5194.
Oct 26 - 30 Fall Retreat.
Nov 9 Demo Day (Short meeting for demonstrators after the August 17 meeting.)

Need More Information about Guild Activities?

Connect to allstarquilters.org for more details about -

- Programs
- Education/Classes
- Library Book List
- QuiltFest Activities
- And Sew Much More!



The website does not require a password.

Only the *Member Directory* is password protected for privacy.

Communications

Whether you're a longtime member or just discovering our guild, we're so glad you're here. Our website is the best place to stay connected and informed. You'll find everything you ever need to know—from meeting dates and events to workshops, membership information, newsletters, and more—all in one convenient place.

Visit allstarquilters.org anytime to stay up to date and make the most of everything our guild has to offer. We look forward to quilting with you!

- Jenny Chambless

All-Star History: All Stars Go Wild

Education has always been a big part of the All Star story, but did you know that All Stars had “camps” for kids?

The amazing Julie Mainor ran a series of week-long quilt camps for kids. Julie organized activities such making quilt tops, pillowcases, me-dolls, and zipper bags.

The theme for the July 2008 kids’ camp was Wild About Quilting. The jungle theme was a hit, and many of the attendees were grandchildren of All Stars members. Kudos to Julie and the guild for passing on an appreciation for quilting to the next generation.

-Vicki A. Zoller

Financial Report July 1 – July 31, 2026

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,486.12
Income	447.50
Expenses	(880.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 11,053.62

-Gloria Hart, Treasurer

Featured Quilter - Deborah Holton

Deborah is originally from Valdosta, Georgia, and has also lived in 12 other places, including Germany and South Korea while her husband was in the Army. She has lived in Jacksonville since 2004, and joined All Stars more than 10 years ago. She found All Stars by an invitation from a former member, Jan Walker.



Deborah first learned to sew more than 30 years ago when she made garments. Her major in college was clothing and retail. As a child, Deborah saw a winter coat in a store that she wanted, and next bought furry fabric, and made a look-alike coat.

Most of Deborah's enjoyment of All Stars comes from the educational opportunities available, and believes the opportunity to contribute to All Stars' non-profit entities brings us diversity.

Hobbies other than quilting are garment sewing, cross-stitch and diamond dots. Favorite fabrics are cotton and upholstery fabric. Her favorite pattern designer is Susan Ache (Moda).

Deborah has entered quilts in QuiltFest a few times. She also belongs to another quilt group called Quilt Palooza.

Deborah made quilts for her son and husband incorporating their military uniforms. After her uncle passed, she used his flannel shirts to make a quilt for his daughter-in-law caregiver.

Something most folks don't know about Deborah - she has met President George H. W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, and Secretary of State Colin Powell, all during the Desert Storm conflict.

--Linda Marsh



"Sew Much Fun"

Our 2026 Fall Retreat. Have you ever wanted to "run away from

home," spend an entire week making new friends and reconnecting with old friends? Have you ever wanted to leave the cooking and cleaning to someone else while you pursued something you really enjoy? Have you ever wanted to spend time with others who have a shared interest with you? Then consider joining us this year for our annual Fall Retreat.

When: Monday, October 26, 10 AM (no early check-ins) until Friday, October 30, after breakfast.

Where: The Retreat at Silver Springs; 6466 E Silver Springs Blvd (Rt 40); Silver Springs, FL 34488

Registration: \$395.00 (\$75 non-refundable deposit due with registration.) PAID in FULL BY OCTOBER 19, 2026

Includes all meals beginning with lunch Monday through breakfast Friday, a shared cabin, sewing table, exciting activities, goodie bags, just to name a few.

Registrations are now open. A registration form is on our Guild website or pick one up at our next meeting. Space is limited to 36 so don't delay. Questions can be directed to Sharon Tomore (904) 635-9210, sharontomore@gmail.com or Sherry Verell (904) 662-8429, sherryverell@gmail.com.

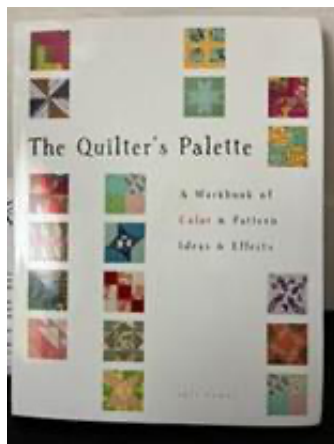
--Sharon Tomore

Library

News from the Library Lady: As a reminder, we will not have a library on site until we have found a permanent home for the Guild. However, the good news is that you can still utilize all the wonderful books we have available to us. Just check out the Lending Library database on our website and text or email me with the book you want to borrow. I will be happy to hand deliver it to you at a Board or General Meeting. Now, how's that for service with a SMILE! And the books can be returned the same way.

To go hand in hand with the presentation by Katherine D'Elia at last month's General Meeting, I would like to highlight two very special books on color.

The first is *Adding Layers*, by Kathy Doughty. It features various styles, making this collection appealing to both the traditional and modern quilter. It helps build your confidence and skills, while letting your creativity flow.



The second book is *The Quilter's Palette* by Katy Denny. It includes 8 full quilt designs and 50 illustrated block patterns. It will arm you with the confidence to make your own decisions about what works well together and turn any patchwork project into a success.

--Patty Campioni

Community Service

Fabric Table – Will not be available in August.

Mandarin Food Bank – Next collection date is September general meeting.

Batting Requests – Reach out to Sharon Buquo or Joann Davenport via text or email.

Community Service Team –

Sharon Buquo - Fabric Table & Batting

Johnnie Wollard – Fabric Table

Randy Powers – Quilt Delivery

Maria Tarjonji – Food Bank

Joann Davenport - Community Service Chairman

-Joann Davenport

Hospitality - August

Decadent chocolate - Patty Campioni

Sweet or salty - Deb Frain

-Elfriede Echt

Fruit or veggie tray - Gloria Hart

2 - 2 liter drinks - Trisha Gros

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You can contact any Board Member by email at –
info@allstarquilters.com

Programs

In August we agreed to have a Super "Show and Tell". Bring anything you've been saving up for a few months, and let us see them.

We will do "Show and Tell" in 3 parts:

1. Any UFO's
2. Any regular items to show.
3. Items you are planning to put in the QuiltFest Quilt Sale Room (not items for the Boutique).

If any of our members wish to purchase these items before they are available at QuiltFest, we encourage them to do so. The 15% can go in All Stars bank account instead.

September is the "Sewing room reveal". Members have signed up to bring us into their sewing spaces for a brief look. If you are on the list, you will be contacted soon. Delia and Karen will be producing a slide show for our entertainment. Submit pictures in the "Jpeg" format.

Also, bring your favorite sewing "tool" to the meeting. We are interested in whatever special tools you find helpful. It might start a "thing"!



October is our Annual "Brown Bag Challenge Reveal". We can't wait to see what you've done with the lovely assortment of odds and ends the Community Service folks put in those bags.

It is always amazing. The quilts will be donated to Community Service at the end of the meeting. Many recipients will benefit from your creative efforts. Thank you.

In November, Sunnie Malesky will lead her fun and informative "Talk on a Quilt Topic". She has chosen "Star quilts" this time. If you have an interesting "Star" quilt, please let her know. There are so many different star blocks out there. I'm sure we will all enjoy this.

In December, we will again have a Holiday themed program, with goodies and festive atmosphere. I'll pull together a planning committee soon. If you'd like to help, let me know.

--Pat D'Elia

QuiltFest Boutique

Urgent Notice:

August guild meeting is your **LAST CHANCE** to pick up forms for the Boutique.

- See Deb Frain for your forms, Tags & pens.
- Drop Off dates are Tuesday & Wednesday September 8th & 9th at the Prime Osborne from 10:00 -3:00.

Below are some Boutique Highlights:

- As a member of the 7 sister Guilds you have the opportunity to make items to be sold in the Boutique, if it's hand sewn or a machine has been used you should be good to go
- Guild members will receive 85% of the sale and QuiltFest Keeps 15% to cover expenses
- You will receive price tags, pins, inventory sheet and information/Instruction sheet from Deb Frain.
- As there is no limit to how many items you may enter there is a maximum of 20 pieces per design, which includes all colors per design
- Wall hangings/table toppers (anything larger than 96" total measurement all 4 sides should go to the Quilt sale room)
- If your items need a specific fixture please provide at "take in" (label the fixture with your name and phone number) Your fixture(s) will be returned at Saturday "pick-up".
- Don't forget to donate an item(s) to the silent auction
- At the end of the sale (3:00 Saturday) we will take about an hour and a half to inventory all unsold items and get them ready for pickup
- Note: at this point the only exception of items to sell are Pin Cushions

Boutique Items to consider:

Kitchen & Household: aprons, placemats, potholders, dish towels, dish cozies, mug rugs, napkins, decorator pillows, pillowcases, rope bowls, fabric bowls, tablet covers

Bags: purses, change purses, cosmetic bags, jewelry cases, tote bags, travel bags, Dopp kits, backpacks, curling iron bag, shoe bag, grocery bags, treat bag/holders

For Children: tooth fairy pillow, stuffed animals, dolls & clothes, bibs, hairbows/headbands

Sewing supplies: project bags, supply bags, ruler bags, sewing machine/aprons, trash bags, thread bags, sewing machine covers

Quilted clothing: quilted jackets, quilted vest

Other gifts: gift card holders, covered notebooks/journals, post cards, note cards

Holiday: holiday decorations, ornaments, Christmas tree skirts, Christmas stockings, Fall/Thanksgiving, Halloween

Wall hangings/table toppers: No larger than 96" (total measurement all 4 sides)

Thank You for making the Boutique a success the last 2 years. We and show shoppers look forward to seeing all the new items you're making!

-Deb Frain

Membership

Eighty-two members of All Star Quilters' Guild attended the General Meeting on July 20, 2026, at our first meeting at The Springs Church, 900 Park Ave (Hwy 17), Orange Park, FL. We had three guests and two new members: Carol Layfield and Lee Lewis. The number of recorded members in All Star Quilters' Guild is now 160.

***Note:** August's meeting will be held at The Springs Church, 900 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL. If I haven't taken your picture for the Membership Directory, please see me when you sign in for the meeting. Hope to see all of you there.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Sheron or Bobbie. Thank you.

-Susan Sharpe, Sheron Walser, Bobbie Redshaw

QuiltFest Table Needs Donations

I am responsible for the All Star Quilters Guild table at QuiltFest this year. This is where we sell the raffle tickets for our beautiful quilt. As a thank you we will give a "quilters cookie", which is a little pack of 2 1/2" cut squares with a cookie fabric square on the front and back. I have purchased the cookie fabric but I am in need of the other squares.

I would appreciate any donations of squares at the August general meeting. I would also accept charm square packs or mini charm packs. Thank you in advance,

-Elfriede Echt

QuiltFest

The quilts are registered, the tickets are on sale, and QuiltFest is in the final planning stage. September 17th, 18th, & 19th will be here in record time.



Have you signed up to volunteer? Remember this quilt show is totally run by volunteers. Go on signup genius and volunteer to do a 2 hour shift and get in the show free. There are LOTS of slots open just waiting on your name.

Quilt turn in will be held on Saturday, September 5th. The location to turn in your quilt depend on the location you chose on your registration. The hours are 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Be sure you have your quilt in a bag, such as a pillowcase with your name clearly printed on the case. You will be given a receipt for your quilt. Keep that receipt, you will need it to pick up your quilt after the show closes.

There will be LOTS of vendors to shop with and Quilters Walk to take chances on winning a wonderful basket. Don't forget Silent Auction. There will be lots of goodies in the Boutique to get a head start on Christmas shopping.

Still have questions, ask a QuiltFest representative.

-Ellen Cannnon

Springs Church Food Bank

While we are meeting at the Springs Church you may want to make a cash donation to their weekly food bank. If so we will have a container available for you to put your donation in at our regular meetings.

-Mary Anne Dennis

QuiltFest Baskets

With QuiltFest right around the corner, we really need your help filling our baskets! "Quilters Walk" is an important way our Guild raises money during the event.

Our themes this year are pet-related and spa-related. For the pet theme, we welcome items like treats, water bowls, fabric collars, or fabric cuts featuring animals. For the spa theme, please consider donating cool-colored fabrics or relaxing items such as wine, nail polish, and lotions.

With your help, I know we can put together wonderful baskets. Thank you in advance for your support!

-Shirley Carpenter

Services by your Guild members

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.**



August

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 - 7 PAT HEMSLEY
 - 11 SUE BLYTHE
 - 11 KATHY NAY
 - 12 CYNDIE CAMPBELL
 - 15 ADRIANE ELWOOD
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All-Star Quilters Guild General Meeting Minutes July 20, 2026 (Draft)

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

President – Delia asked if anyone had read the June 15, 2026 General Meeting Minutes. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Linda made the motion and Deborah Holton seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Our place for meeting in August, September and October will be right here at The Springs Church. The meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 10am to Noon. The Board Meetings will be held in a classroom here at the church, there will be signs posted. Delia thanked Randy Powers and the relocation committee for finding The Springs Church. The new Chair for the Relocation Committee is Jenny Chambless and the committee has been searching for a permanent place for us to meet and she has more detail for us. The meeting days and times may need to be adjust but the goal has been to preserve the times and the dates as our main priority. We have 5 promising options, The Springs Church, Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church, River of Life Church, Hendricks Road Baptist Church, Modern Jax, Saviors Episcopal Church which is the only one we've found in Mandarin. We haven't found a facility that has storage space for us. Board Meetings and Sit and Sew locations will be addressed after we get the meeting space settled. The location, Mandarin or not, could require a By-Laws change. This is being addressed, including parking and handy capped parking, bathrooms, raised platform for show and tell, kitchen access, etc. There will be a comparison chart at the Board Meeting. Hopefully we'll be able to come to a decision and it will be presented at the next meeting.

Vice President - Pat D'Elia – Programs for the next few months – Today we have the Color Program by her daughter, Kathryn D'Elia. Her color class will be tomorrow at the South Mandarin Library on San Jose from noon – 3pm. There are still spaces available and the fee is \$20 for this class. In August we'll have a major Show and Tell because it has been on hold for a couple of months. There will be 3 segments of Show and Tell – Regular, UFO and Things we plan to put in the Quilt Sale Room. This isn't for the Boutique; this is the Quilt Sale Room. If anyone wants to buy something from the Quilt Sale Room preview, they'll be able to do so. Whatever is sold at the meeting, the 15% that would normally go to QuiltFest would go instead, to the All-Star Quilt Guild. Info will be in the Newsletter. For September, the program will a slide show of Members Sewing Rooms. It is now the time to submit your photos for the September program. You can send them to Delia Bright or Karen Duffy. Pat asked that when the pictures of our sewing rooms are shown and you are getting up and telling us about your sewing room, that you also bring your favorite tool. Something that is important to you, that you use a lot. Pat mentioned her wooden iron as an example. And on to October which is the Brown Bag Challenge. So be working on your Brown Bag Quilt or maybe just remember that you took one.

Treasurer - Gloria Hart - We've had another anonymous donation of \$500 to the Guild. Beginning Balance: \$12,464.47 Income: \$2563.00, Expenses: \$3541.00, Ending Balance: \$11,486.12 .

QuiltFest Committee - Stacy Shelton – Volunteer Chairperson for QuiltFest - will talk to us about volunteering for QuiltFest. She helped set up Sign-Up Genius this year and for the past couple of years. This is her third year. Sign-up Genius went live on July 1st and it is already on the QuiltFest website. She will be sending information to Delia along with descriptions of each job. Each job is identified as either a sitting or standing position and whether or not you need to

be a Quilt Guild member. You must be a Guild member to do Judging. There are many opportunities to volunteer for. From Take-in which begins on September 5th. There are 5 different locations and they are not Guild specific so, if you volunteer for one location, you can go to a different location if you want to. You can volunteer for which ever location that you'd like to. Things to remember – wear your most comfortable shoes. The floor is concrete and it will be very hard on your feet, legs, and shins. If you volunteer for your guild table, it is representing your guild, not QuiltFest. Volunteering for your guild table does not give you free entry to QuiltFest. Come volunteer with QuiltFest for 2 hours and do White Glove. This will get you free entry. Also if you are a Rep for QuiltFest for your Guild, you are expected to volunteer for QuiltFest, because you are representing your guild. This will be discussed at tomorrow night's QuiltFest Board meeting. Also each time you volunteer you get 1 free entry per day, up to 3 times. Also your free entry ticket is not transferrable to anyone. She will send a list to Delia, of the many positions available for volunteering. There will be opportunities on Monday and Tuesday the week before QuiltFest especially for the Quilters Walk. Denise and Eddie that do that with the baskets from the vendors need help making baskets. That is a sit down position. She told of other sit down positions will be available. If you put things in the Boutique, you are asked to donate one of your items to the Silent Auction. Judging is a huge experience.

QuiltFest – Ellen Cannon – General info for QuiltFest – QuiltFest is September 17 – 19, 2026. July 25 is the deadline to turn in your registration for your quilt. QuiltFest will be open from 9am – 5pm until Saturday when it closes at 4pm. The Boutique will close at 3pm. **LeighAnn – Quilt Sale Room** – she has all the Quilt Sale Room forms. If you have quilts at any stage of completion, or other items that DO NOT compete with the Boutique, you are welcome to come in. Turn in will from 10am to 3pm on the Wednesday before QuiltFest starts. Turn in will be back by the Boutique and Food Service. Let her know if you have any questions. Pick up for the quilts will be after all the QuiltFest quilts are gone. It won't be before 5:30pm, maybe 6pm. They need time to sort out all the quilts by guild and then by person. **Deb Frain – Boutique** – she has the forms, tags and pins, and she'll be outside at the table after the meeting if you're going to enter anything in the Boutique. She will be here again next month to pick up all that information. You need to bring your items to the Prime Osborn on September 8th and 9th between 10am and 3pm. It's the same week and Judging and it is right outside the room that Judging takes place in. On that Saturday, the Boutique will close at 3 pm and it will take 1 ½ - 2 hours to sort everything and get it organized for pickup. It will be between 5:30 and 6pm. Jenny Chambless will be working with the volunteers. She answered Gloria's question about the T-Shirts; the link is now on Facebook Chatter and you just click on it. She told us that there are a lot of opportunities for people to sign up. Boutique (there are LOTS of opportunities here). For quilt hanging they are going to need some strong people for this. On our website there is a link to Give Peace a Chance logo. Just below that, you'll find a big brown button that says QuiltFest Sign-up. This gives you a calendar and you click on the date. **Susan Sharpe – Membership** – Take in will be at The Church of Christ in Mandarin and Susan is due to meet there with the contact person from Honey Bee's closer to September 5th. She recommends signing up for Take-in and she may need drivers to take the quilts downtown. They usually get 80 to 100 quilts at this location. You can sign up on Sign-up Genius. We also have 4 days of judging. Normally it's Monday through Thursday with Friday's for overflow. The Judges normally get to all the quilts in 4 days. There are 2 shifts on Sign-up Genius. Stacy is trying to figure out how to remove the 7 duplicates. Susan told us that there are a lot of rules concerning judging and she will be sending them to the people that have signed up. She will be enforcing those rules. **Hospitality – Elfrieda**

Echt – She is responsible for the All-Star Quilters' Table. This is where we sell the Raffle Tickets. This does not get you into the show for free but we still need you. She has a sign-up sheet for each day. They are 2 hour shifts; 2 persons are needed per shift. The give-away this will be a Quilters' Cookie (2 ½" squares). She needs 2 ½" cut squares for this. If you have a charm pack to donate, they can be cut to 2 1/2 " squares. **QuiltFest Basket / Quilters Walk - Shirley Carpenter** – she received some nice donations this morning. Think of Spa – anything that you'd like to have – polish, nail files, nice turquoise or water related fabric. On the pets side, they have already received a lot of pet related fabric. For dogs or cats, think of dishes, leash, or a toy. They will also accept money. If she gets a lot of stuff, she may be able to make multiple baskets. **Ellen** talked about positions that we don't have anyone specific to take care of. The Silent Auction is where the money is made that goes to V for Victory. This is the Charity that was chosen as the recipient of the proceeds from the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction items need to be valued at the least \$15-\$20. If you want to make Mug Rugs, you need to make a set of them and tie them up with a bow. One Mug Rug will not do. The item's, again need to be worth \$15 - \$20. Those quilts that you see in QuiltFest that have been made by young people are in the age range of approximately 9 to 16 years old. Each Young Quilter receives a box full of quilting supplies. What they need now is small scissors, thread, needles and tape measures. So, if you have any of these things at home, bring them next month so we can give them to the Community Service People for the young quilters. Community Service is also in need of white thread for closing up the Me Dolls and the Hearts. And for the pillow cases and other things like that. Where does the money come from that All-Star gets? We get 2 different checks if life is good. We get one for Quilters Walk. The baskets are sent out to whoever wins or they can pick them up. After all the expenses for Quilters Walk are taken care of, the proceeds are divided 7 ways. That is how we get the money from Quilters Walk. That is money that we can do whatever we want to within this guild. The second check we get, maybe, after QuiltFest pays all the bills, they set the money aside for putting on the show next year. Then if there is any money left, it is divided up amongst the 7 guilds. That money is a donation to this guild, and it has to be used for education only. We are required to send in a form explaining what kind of education we used it for. There have been years when we did not get any money. All the work that we do brings the money into this guild. She asked if anyone had questions about where the money comes from within this guild, that we get from QuiltFest. Tickets are on sale now. You can order them and as of August 1st, they go on sale at the quilt shops. You can purchase tickets and they are good for any day. Tickets are \$16 for guild members, senior citizens and military, \$17 for general admission. Parking is included. Friends of Quilt Fest helps pay for that parking and today is the last day to sign up. Jenny will be out front, so go out and sign up, if you have someone you'd like to honor, this is a good way to do so. All the local quilt shops in the city, except Country Crossroads, will be selling tickets. She was asked again about the All-Stars Quilters table and our give-away this year. It will be a Quilters' Cookie (2 ½" squares). They do not have to have cookies on them. Deborah told us that next month will be the last meeting for turning in your tickets. You can purchase more tickets at QuiltFest.

Education – Jill Kelly – reminded us that Kathryn's class tomorrow is from 12 – 3pm at the Mandarin South Library. Next month's class will be Raney Manning's class, Twisted Table Runner. September's class With Mary Anne Dennis, will be the Christmas Tree Wall Hanging or Jumper. They are not difficult and they are fun to do. The fee is \$10 per class. Delia told us that Sit and Stitch will start next month, in August. Information will be forth coming. **Fall Retreat – Sherry Verell** – We have 18 signed up already and we may have 2 more after the meeting.

There is a total of 36 spots available minus the 18 already signed up. This is for our 4 day Fall Retreat in Silver Springs, FL. If anyone has a question, see Sherry. The planning committee is having a brief meeting right after this meeting today. **Hospitality – Elfriede Echt** – Since we are able to have refreshments here, she needs sign-up's for August and September. She thanked those that brought refreshments today.

Quilts of Valor – Samantha Howell – We've had a pretty long break with our Quilts of Valor. She and Randy Powers have awards to make tomorrow in different places. Also, QuiltFest is allowing them to do a special Program on Friday at 1 pm. Randy and our area coordinator Lori will be awarding a dozen Quilts of Valor. Samantha's daughter-in-law will be singing the National Anthem. Samantha will be handling the computerized slide show. In October, the Police Department has some Military Veterans and they will be doing a dozen presentations. So, next month she'll be bringing quilt tops that need to be quilted. So, she will be needing someone to quilt them. She asked that we be thinking about helping with that. They are really excited about the next few months will be super busy for Quilts of Valor. She thanked everyone for helping out and she appreciates you all.

Membership - Susan Sharpe – We have 82 members present, 3 visitors Kathryn D'Elia - our speaker today, Maria Rodriguez, and Irene Freer and 1 new member Lee Lewis. The first Raffle winner is Trisha Gros and Second Raffle Winner is Sue Blythe. An All-Star member won \$117.50 in the 50/50.

Delia introduced Kathryn D'Elia, Pat D'Elia's daughter. She presented Part 2 of her program. Part 1 was a few years ago. She began by presenting a slideshow of some of her work and telling us about her education, which schools she attended. She explained her process from the initial concept through to completion of some of her pieces of art. She talks about color all the time and she also teaches in an art based high school, helping young artists to think about their colors more critically. The last time she was here, she asked her mother Pat, to give out little slips paper to get the feel for what our process was in choosing colors. And also in how we want to grow in our knowledge of color. In her presentation today she reviewed some color theory. She talked about color harmony and practical tips and imparted copious amounts of helpful information. All through her presentation and with the slide show she continued to open our eyes and our minds to how the use of color can expand the meaning and feeling of a piece of art.

Show and Tell – we had 6 people show their quilts today. They were Leslie Moeller, Vicki Zoller, Jill Kelly, Maria Taronji, Sharon Buquo and Margaret Stewart.

President Delia Bright called the meeting adjourned at 11:48 am

Next General Meeting will be on August 17, 2026 at The Springs Church

Next Board Meeting will be on August 3, 2026 at The Springs Church

Remember to turn your cell phones on.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Moore

Recording Secretary