



## Denton Quilt Guild Member Survey - Results Are In!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our June 2025 member survey! Your thoughtful feedback helps shape the future of our Guild, and we're excited to share some of the key takeaways:

You're eager to learn. From free-motion quilting to appliqué, ruler work, bag-making, and even quilting with AI, you're always looking to expand your skills. Many of you asked for beginner-friendly workshops as well as small, low-cost, member-led sessions—and we're listening.

You love to gather. There was strong support for more small group meetups—lunches, shop hops, handwork circles, and “just for fun” sewing days. These more intimate gatherings help build friendships and make our big Guild feel more connected.

You volunteer with heart. Many of you give your time generously, whether through quilt donations, events, or community outreach. You said volunteering brings joy, connection, and a sense of purpose—and you'd like more flexible, “one-and-done” opportunities.

You had great suggestions. We heard requests for:  
 Daytime meetings (for those who don't drive at night)  
 More online registration options  
 Better parking, lighting and sound at meetings  
 Welcoming ideas for new members—like name tags, mentors, and personal introductions  
 ...and so much more.

Your ideas are thoughtful, your enthusiasm is contagious, and your generosity continues to inspire. We're grateful for each of you—and we're excited to bring many of these suggestions to life.

[Click Here](#) for the full survey results

### July 2025 Program



#### Quilting Through the Decades

Sandy Brawner

Tuesday, July 15, 2025  
 6:30 PM social time, 7 PM meeting  
 Patterson-Appleton Arts Center

[Facebook Group](#)

[DentonQuiltGuild.org](http://DentonQuiltGuild.org)

### July Birthdays

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| 2 Nancy D  | 12 Saska K    |
| 3 Jeris B  | 13 Noreen G   |
| 4 Rae H    | 13 Shareen H  |
| 4 Dana H   | 13 Freda McG  |
| 4 Peter S  | 17 Mickey F   |
| 5 Vicki S  | 20 Ruth Ann S |
| 6 Diane C  | 22 Judy K     |
| 6 Diana F  | 26 Chris M    |
| 6 Sue N    | 27 Lynn B     |
| 7 Cassie C | 27 Cathy P    |
| 7 Dana G   | 28 Jana J     |
| 9 Sharyn M | 28 Belinda S  |
| 11 Lin C   | 31 Sotella S  |
| 11 Mary M  | 31 Linda S    |
| 11 Jane W  |               |

# July Guild Meeting—Program

Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 6:30 — 9 PM  
Programs, Kathleen Carmona

## Quilting Through the Decades by Sandy Brawner

Sandy is a friend of many in the guild, and a talented quilt artist. She has designed fabric for Moda and a large selection of quilt patterns.

At our July meeting, she'll bring her presentation:

"Quilting Through the Decades".  
"How quilting has changed for me through the decades, 1970s - 2025, and how working in shops and owning a quilt shop has influenced quilting for me."



### Bring to the Meeting

- Library books to return /exchange for new books
- Sweater or jacket (the air conditioning gets chilly!)
- Show & Tell items
- Completed outreach projects
- Checkbook or credit card for event registration
- Unwanted sewing-related items for the free table

# JULY SNACK TABLE

Tina Hilton

|            |            |             |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| Leslie B   | Angelia C  | Cassie C    |
| Fran B     | Lin C      | Marna C     |
| Barbara B  | Patricia C | Diane C     |
| Cindy B    | Kathi C    | Linda C     |
| Debbe B    | Anna C     | Linda C     |
| Shirley B  | Laura C    | Joronda C   |
| Sandy B    | Debbie C   | Karen C     |
| Sharon B   | Kathi C    | Priscilla D |
| Bonnie B   | Martha C   | Michael D   |
| Laura B    | Sylvia C   | Karin D     |
| Lee B      | Tiffany C  | Sherry D    |
| Bette B    | Rose C     | Nancy D     |
| Kathleen C | Janet C    | Fran D      |



If your name is on the snack list, grab something yummy to bring and share!

Fancy making a new dish? Guild members are great guinea pigs!

Just drop off your tasty little contribution at the snack table near the kitchen.

Don't forget to sign the snack contributor list on the table for a chance to win the snack table door prize—just for those who bring goodies!

## JULY WORKSHOP

Wednesday July 16, 10-3, Box Car Quilts \$5

Claudia Kopel, Sandra Sirignano

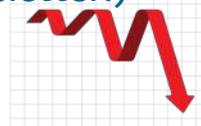
### Bullseye by Sandy Brawner



The Bullseye pattern is super scrappy and great for kids or kids at heart! The raw edge circles give the quilt a whimsical look and there are SO many settings to choose from for this quilt.

Swap fabrics with friends for even more fun!

(Bullseye Homework further down in the newsletter!)



# 2025 Guild Initiative - Pop Stick Blocks

## Denton Quilt Guild - 2025 Guild Initiative - Pop Stick Blocks

This year we're making Pop-Stick blocks. Easy peasy black and white blocks with a pop of color. Plus you make two blocks at the same time! Make as many as you like, turn them in at any meeting or at Kid's Bee. A selection of B&W scraps is available at the Kids Kwilt table.

- 1) Make two 13" scrappy blocks, using small to medium scraps of several different fabrics. Two blocks should be
  - One black with white patterns
  - One white with black patterns
- 2) Stack your blocks on top of each other, right sides up
- 3) Using your rotary cutter, make a diagonal slice through Both blocks, but not on the true diagonal, make your cut off center between any two opposing or adjacent sides. It can be a long or short slice. Stay 1" from the corners.
- 4) Cut 2 1 1/2" solid colored strips 3" longer than your slice. These strips should be WOF, not on the bias. Use flat solid or tone on tone fabrics that read as solid.
- 5) Unstack your slices and rearrange so that each block now has a dark side and a light side.
- 6) Align & sew the colored strips between the two opposing sides. Pin to keep the bias edges of the black and white triangles from stretching.
- 7) Press seams to one side. Trim to 12 1/2" blocks. Turn in at the Kid's Kwilt table at any meeting.

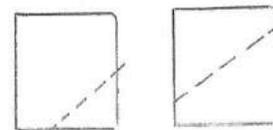
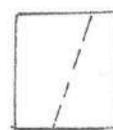
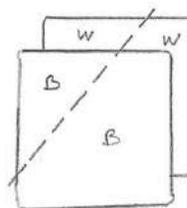
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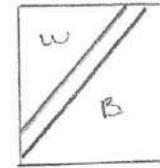
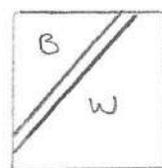
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# Storybooks and Quilts To Go

Sarah Schermerhorn

The debut reading of *The Grouchy Ladybug* was enjoyed by 4 sweet children at Barnes and Noble last Saturday, ranging in age from 2 to 10. (Great parents also!) This is one of our new additions; the quilt was made by Kathy Glover. A big thank you to Xochitl Small Bear, who is Sarah's B&N contact, for donating another copy of the book to our program. Also, thanks again to Cynthia Bickhaus for taking pictures. This is a really fun Storybook Quilts event!

Summer is moving along quickly, and it won't be long before schools are back in session, and our Storybooks program will be right there with support. Next week, Sarah will be presenting the Storybooks and Quilts to Go program to train for the coming reading opportunities.

We'll also be making some improvements to the Storybooks section of our website this month.



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## TWITCH BROADCAST

If you can't make it to a meeting, we send out a professionally produced live video stream to watch online.

Much easier than Zoom, this is available on a simple website you can access from any browser (even on your phone or tablet). Our professional video streaming producer is the awesome Kyle Denton, and the internet service is called "Twitch." It's very similar to a live YouTube video.

Just go to: [twitch.tv/dentonquiltguild](https://www.twitch.tv/dentonquiltguild). Remember that the Twitch stream is meant for our guild members only — please don't post the link in a public forum.

# Community Outreach - Mid Year Report

Sher Harnish

DQG is not only on track, we're driving this train! Our 2025 goal was to donate 550 quilts - at the end of July, we've put 377 into the hands of our Community Outreach partners. With dozens more quilts in the works, I anticipate we'll pass our goal by an additional 50-60 quilts.

One of the insights we gained from the survey is that our members would love to know where our quilts are headed. Our biggest recipient is Community Partners of Denton County, better known as the CPS Rainbow Rooms which accepted 134 quilts (plus 48 pillow cases!) There are 3 Rainbow Rooms in Denton County (Denton, Lewisville and Carrollton) which supply case managers and social workers with basic clothing and school needs for children taken out of homes and placed in foster care. Our 'Comfort quilts' provide something the child can take with them wherever they might go, something to snuggle under as situations become trying or scary.

Woman to Woman Resource Center received 26 baby quilts for their layette packs for moms graduating from their pre- and post-natal programs.

Eighty quilts went out to nursing homes/assisted living/hospice facilities. Many thanks to Ruth Loyd and Adria Wright who carry these around in their vehicles and drop them off as they travel the county.

Our two QOV bees presented 56 quilts to veterans; 11 for the Lone Star Broads and 45 for the Red-White-Blue Bee.

The Guild presented 25 to our Region 3 Coordinators for graduating high school seniors in foster care.

Another 56 went to Sleep in Heavenly Peace for the kiddos who received a bed and bedding. We can't post pictures of most of these recipients, but you can see some of the happy new quilt owners in [Adria's Facebook posts](#) and Barbara Angel's and Sherry Neu's [Facebook posts](#) about the veterans.

In addition to quilts, we've also given out 48 pillowcases to the Rainbow Rooms and 30 stuffed animals (collected by the Green Valley veterans) to the Children's Advocacy Center of North Texas.

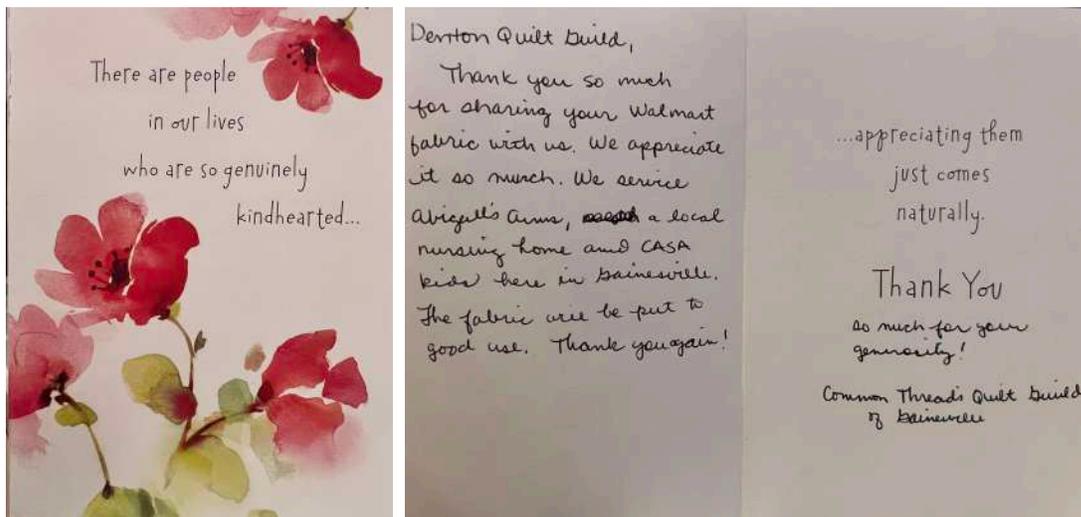
Amazing work by a dedicated membership. Good job - kudos to all who helped make this happen.

# Community Outreach - July News

Sher Harnish

One question that came out of the survey was if the guild could provide material/supplies support to members who are sewing for our CO efforts. The answer is absolutely! We are fortunate to receive many donations of quilting fabric and other supplies throughout the year. Some of that finds its way into the Surplus Sale, but much of it is used in our outreach efforts. We even share it with other volunteer guilds/sewing groups. (Below is a Thank You card from another such guild.)

If you'd like to participate in this stash-sharing for your outreach work, just stop by the Community Outreach table at the meeting, and have a word with Sher - she'll even be on the lookout for specific requests! Sher and her donations-sorting super-team might be able to help! Yearning for some cat themed fabric? Maybe some holiday fabric for some Alternative Gift Fair items you're making? Let Sher know - either at the meeting, or get in touch using her contact info in the directory.



## Love to do Binding??

Community Outreach needs your help. They have a couple dozen quilts in need of your magic touch - stop by the CO table at the July meeting (or contact Sher) and she'll be happy to load you up with as many as you'd like!



# Headlines - July Notes and News

## Scam Email and Text Alert -

We've seen more and more scam emails and texts pretending to be from guild members—often board members—asking you to buy gift cards, pay invoices, or handle a payment. These are FAKE. Scammers are good at making these look *very* real, especially with AI tools. Please know: The guild will *never* ask you to send money or make purchases on its behalf via email or text. When in doubt, double-check with a board member using the contact info in the directory! Never reply to these emails or texts.

## Member Mentors Program

Our Membership committee is making headway in creating this member-to-member support program. They're now looking for mentor volunteers - if you've got some knowledge, insight or experience to share with other members, they'll have sign-up forms at the meeting where you can let them know how you'd like to help!

## Sunshine and Shadows - Personal News of our guild members

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Annette J on the loss of her brother, and to MaryEllen following surgery and Ellen T. whose mother is in rehab following a stroke. Please send sunshine and shadow information to ...Dorothy Mathes (contact info is in the directory) so we can let folks know and send a card. Thank you.

## Workshop and Continuing Education Fees

One of the areas of interest in the survey was the fees that the guild charges for various activities - Workshops, Continuing Ed classes, etc. We realize that some of the workshop fees are a little pricey - often, when we have a national speaker (like Cynthia England) the costs for their workshops can be high. That is entirely due to the fees charged by the speaker. We try to offer a wide range of activities to fit different budgets, and it's important to know that these activities are not revenue-generators for the guild. We simply pass along the direct costs to the members that participate.

## Kids Quilts of Valor Summer Camp

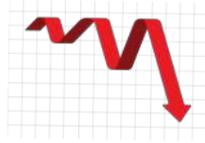
The July 21-24 Kids Quilts of Valor event is cancelled due to lack of kids signing up. (Conflicts with other summer programs apparently.) We will revisit this and revise plans....if you have ideas on how to bring in that generation (10-17 year olds) let us know. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated fabric!

## Longarm for Sale

A guild member has asked to let us know of an older longarm for sale. A friend of the family is selling it, with an asking price of \$8,000. Pictures and more detail in THIS post on the guild FB page. For more information, please contact Crit @ 214-766-9268.

# Bullseye Workshop Homework

## Sandy Brawner



In order to feel successful in class have AT LEAST 4 each of your background, small, medium and large squares cut out and ready to sew.

You will learn how to cut the circles first thing Wednesday morning. This will allow you to get enough blocks sewn together to play with the pieces and choose the setting of your quilt.

Of course, it would be even better to have all 48 squares of each cut out and ready to go but sometimes life gets in the way.

### SUPPLY LIST for the Bullseye Quilt - 58" X 74"

- 3 1/4 yds of assorted prints for backgrounds (48) 9" X 9" squares
- 2 1/2 yds of assorted prints for large circles (48) 8" X 8" squares
- 1 1/2 yards of assorted prints for medium circles (48) 6" X 6" squares
- 3/4 yard of assorted prints for small circles (48) 4" X 4" squares
- 1/2 yard inner border (opt.)
- 1 yard outer border
- Thread to match or contrast with your circle fabrics and also to sew blocks together.
- Sharp scissors

### SETTINGS

Any setting that works for drunkards path blocks will work for a bullseye block. There are SO many! There are a few ideas below.

This website has a lot of ideas for settings.

[www.needleandspatula.com](http://www.needleandspatula.com)



## Denton Quilt Guild – Community Outreach Overview/Quilt Size Chart – Sept 2024

| Outreach Bees   | Agencies   | Recipients                         | Approx Sizes  | Recipients; Other notes  |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Kid Kwilts Bee<br><br>KK also organizes the Annual KK Challenge & yearly Guild Initiative.                            | Woman to Woman Pregnancy Resource Center   | Newborns                           | 36x44" min<br>up to 40x50"  | Mothers completing health, childbirth and parenting classes are given a layette set which includes one of our quilts.  |
|   | Community Partners of Denton County (CPDC maintains CPS Rainbow Rooms in Denton, Lewisville and Carrollton)  | 1-12 yo                            | 40x50" min<br>up to 55x60"  | Comfort quilts for those children first going into foster care.  |
|   | Cumberland Presbyterian Children and Youth Services  | 12-18 yo<br>Teens                  | Min 50x70 up to 60x72".<br>Twin size if possible can be up to 70x90 | Longer term residential programs for older children, sometimes with families and single parents.   |
|   | National Adoption Day Nation-wide, annual event in Nov.  | 1-18 yo                            | All sizes needed.<br><br>We set aside 35-40.                        | Most adoptees are 2-10 years old, with a few tweens and teens. Equal distribution of boys and girls.   |
|   | Nursing homes & hospice agencies,<br>Hearts for Homes  | Elders                             | 40-45" square<br>Lap quilts mostly<br>Larger twins go to H4H.       | Any larger get caught in wheelchairs. H4H supports low income, struggling elderly.   |
|   | Graduating Seniors in CPS<br><br>Due in late March each year.  | Late teens                         | Min 50x70<br>Max 65x80 ish  | Teens in foster care who are graduating high school. Gender neutral colors and fabrics a must.   |
|   | Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Denton Chapter (this is a nation-wide organ.)   | 3-17                               | Min 50x70 up to 60x72   | SHP makes twin beds for needy youth without their own bed  |
| CASA Bee  | Court Appointed Special Advocate caseworkers   | 1-18 yo,<br>mostly 6-12yo          | All sizes, see above  | For other adoptions occurring throughout the year.   |
| Quilts of Valor Bees  | Red-White-Blue Bee (also Vet Court)<br>Lone Star Broads Bee<br><br>(Our two Bees are recognized as official QOV providers by the national QOV Foundation.) | Military Veterans,<br>all branches | Recommend size 60x80 *<br><br>(*Min 55x65<br>Max 72x90*)            | *The QOV Foundation has specific guidelines and sizes. Please go to their website for more details.<br><a href="https://www.govf.org">https://www.govf.org</a><br>Quilts do not have to be red-white-blue, though many vets delight in this. |
| Sizes are approx, except for QOV. Community Outreach will gladly accept and distribute any quilts you have to donate. |  |                                    |   |  |

# June General Meeting Minutes

Debbie called the meeting to order with at 7:00pm and welcomed everyone. 94 members were present with 8 guests, and 10 watching on twitch.

Debbie welcomed everyone to the June General Meeting.

## New Business:

- Approval of the May General Meeting Minutes – Debbie.

A motion was made and seconded. Members voted to accept the motion and second. Motion carried.

- Audit of the DQG 2024-25 Budget - Kim. The 2024-25 annual budget was audited and found in excellent order. We really need to thank Kim for keeping such great track of our budget. It was noted that cash transactions must be tracked so if you pay in cash be sure that we give you a receipt. Thank you to Prissy, to Karen and to Kim.

A motion was made and seconded. Members voted to accept the motion and second. Motion carried.

- Sarah – Storybooks to Go. For those of you who are new, you may not know about Storybook quilts. I want to show you what I read on Saturday at Barnes and Noble. The bag contains two copies of the book and the quilt (Sarah shows the audience). In 2009, we received a grant of \$1000. from the Arts Council and we used the grant money to launch this program. We bought books and made quilts to read at Barnes and Noble, and they are available for other groups to check out.

The pinata quilt made in 2009 is one of the most checked out books in our collection. We now have about 73 books in our collection so far. When you check out a project you get the bag, two books and the quilt. Libraries, day care centers and many other groups have checked them out. Our collection has been enjoyed by children's grades K through second grade all over Denton County. We do have books for children older than that also. The titles of the collection are listed on the DQG website. There is a tab for Storybook Quilts. The quilts travel with the book. All the books that we have currently have a quilt to go with them.

- Debbie – So if you know a teacher or school librarian that would like to check a project out as them to get in touch with Sarah. These kids are so cute when they are read to and they get to touch the quilt.

- Tonya – Directory. If you were a member in April, you are in the directory and Juliet e-mailed it to everyone. If you joined after that you can find it on the website and download it from there. (Tonya demonstrated step-by-step how to find it on the website and download it). On your membership card is the user ID and password, and these are case sensitive. (Tonya explained what is in the directory section by section).

- Juliet – Survey. We currently have 55 that have responded to the survey, that's about one quarter of our membership. I have sent out an e-mail with directions to get the survey, it's in the newsletter and there is a link on the front page of the website. We would like to have each of you to take the survey, it isn't a very long survey. It would really help us to know what you want from the guild.

(General Meeting Minutes continued on next page)

# June General Meeting Minutes (continued)

- Prissy – I'm here for Charlene, she had to go out of town at the last minute. I'm here to talk to you about the Alternative Gift Fair in November. We need more help. I think the Christmas gifts and decorations were very popular. We sold out of almost everything on that wall at the Fair. So, we are asking for more donations of items. So, if you get the chance during the hot weather go work on the wonderful gifts that you have been good about sending to us. On Facebook I did put some ideas for the gifts. Just to kind of help you get started.

- Debbie If you can send little things like under \$10 that would be great. You know teacher gifts, or gifts like for your bunco group. Some of these little gifts sold really quickly. It's the Alternative Gifts Fair, an alternative source for people to buy their gifts.

- Claudia – Sandra and I are busy keeping up with all of you about workshops. I'm going to talk about July and August first and then Sher is going to talk about Community Outreach.

In the July workshop will be the Bullseye project, when finished it will be 54" x 78". It's at Boxcar 10-3 July 16th for \$5. Bring your lunch and a drink.

In August there will be the Free Motion Quilting Bootcamp our speaker will be Frances Arnold to talk about Free Motion Quilting (FMQ) Its \$45. At Boxcar, more information to follow as it becomes available.

And thank you all for sending me birthday cards, I received more than 80! We put them everywhere while on our cruise, on the outside of our door, inside on the door on the walls, everywhere. Our Cabin Steward said he couldn't believe I was loved that much!

- Sher – Community Outreach. This year's Guild initiative is to make Pop Stick blocks. Sher explains how you make the blocks that everyone can complete and turn in at the next meeting. These quilts are made for graduating Seniors and others.

So far, we have enough to make two quilts. Instructions are available on our website, our Facebook page, and in the newsletter. You can make them and turn them in anytime, at a meeting, at the Kids Kwilts Bee, or wherever we are, this continues throughout the year.

- Deb/Cindy – New mentor program. Have you ever started a project and got stuck and wished you had someone that you could call for help? Or you have got in so far and thought "what have I gotten myself into?" I know I have many times... Next month we would love for you to come by the membership table and fill out a form offering help in an area in which you are proficient.

Would you be willing to mentor someone, one on one? Or maybe a small group?

Or even teach a CE class? That's the thing that newer members would like to know. It's always good to try something new. Like are you good at making bags, binding, cutting, or basic sewing?

- Debbie – Update on Under our wings project. We are scheduled for July 21st-24th Mon-Thu from 9-11:30 in the courthouse 2020 room. We need people to help a small group of kids with basic sewing skills to make blocks. We are using a panel and then blocks around the panel to make a Quilt of Valor. Prissy is helping with the pattern. Prissy helps with everything. They will complete split rail blocks. The kids will need to bring their own sewing machine, if not we have some that have been donated to the guild.

- Kathleen – Programs. the July program is with Sandy Brawner and her topic will be "The Quilters Journey". In August we have Frances Arnold, her topic will be Viewing the World Through Quilt Colored Glasses".

Kathleen introduces the speaker for July, our very own Tonya Littmann with "Images in Cloth". Tonya has been a member of our Denton Quilt Guild since 1988 and on the board since 1996. She is an artist and graphic designer living in Denton with her husband Jon and a lively Golden Retriever named Abby. Her art quilts reflect her love of design, fiber art, and sewing.

Tonya presented a trunk and slide show with examples of the methods she uses to create her stunning pictorial quilts.

- Members shared beautiful quilts during Show and Tell.

- Door Prizes were awarded.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

# June Meeting Photos

Emanda Johnson

More photos can be found here: [June 2025 Photos](#)



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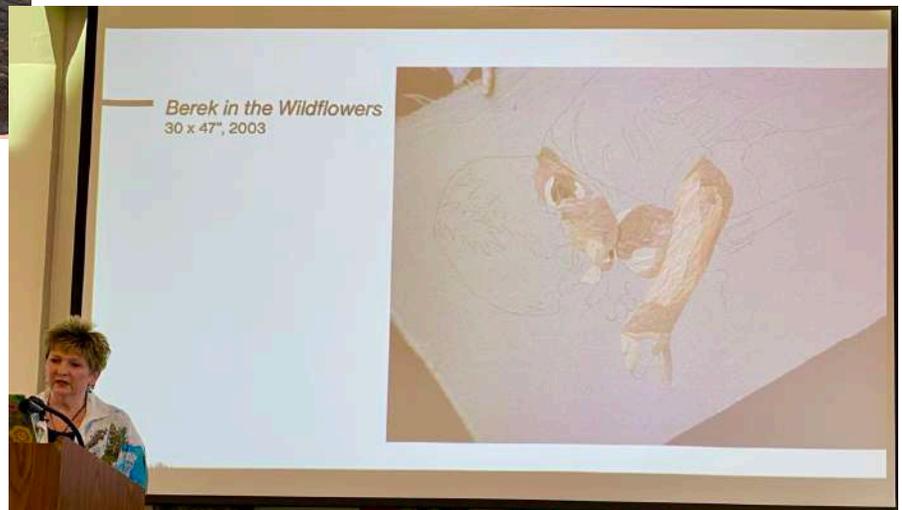
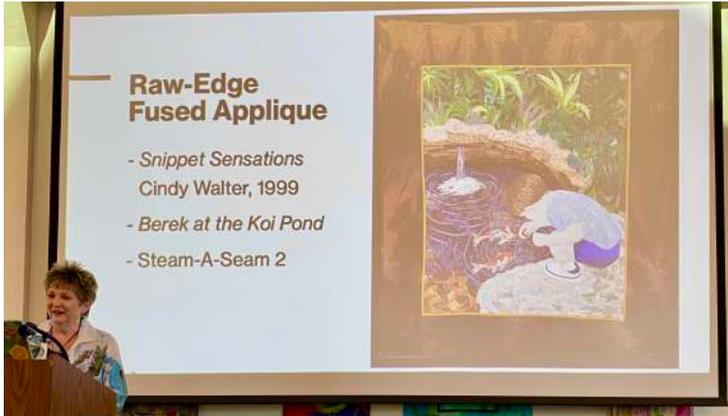
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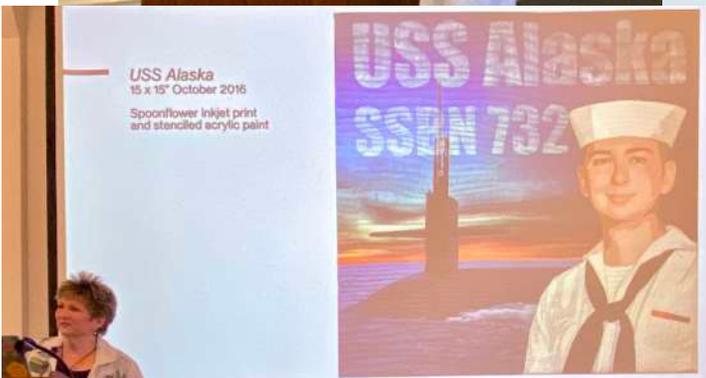
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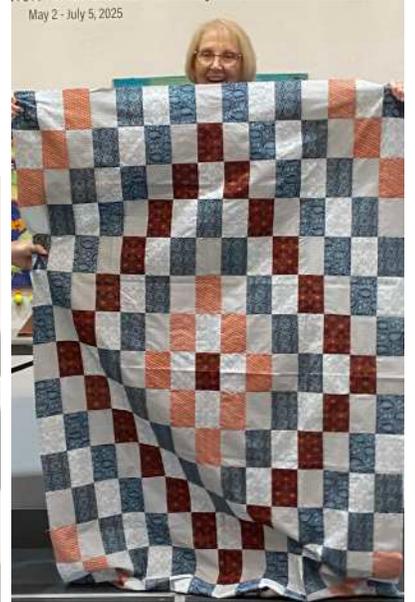


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