

Southwest Florida Quilt Show – Raffle Basket Debrief 2026

Stats: 800 ticket cards sold (473 on Friday; 327 on Saturday)

358 people purchased cards (221 on Friday; 137 on Saturday)

39 Baskets

Supplies needed for 2028: Two blocks of raffle sheets; scotch tape; labels for baskets; basket cellophane; spiral notebooks; stapler; pens

1. What Worked Well?

- Very generous donors for basket items made for great baskets
- Items collected by early November worked well for sorting items into basket themes prior to Xmas
- Workday to assemble baskets (January) went very well. 3 work stations:
 - Excel spreadsheets created to enter basket items as baskets assembled. Two volunteers entered items. Using GoogleSheets allowed easy file sharing.
 - 2 volunteers assigned to assemble baskets and each one buddied with another volunteer entering items in computer
 - Baskets were numbered as assembled to correspond to content list
 - 2 volunteers then wrapped baskets with clear bags and ribbon
 - Volunteers then stored baskets at their home til show (approx. 2 weeks)
 - Basket Raffle co-chairs supported activities as required
- Raffle table lists of basket contents were printed by Barb – they looked very professional with show logo included.
- Minimum of 2 volunteers at ticket table for quilt show days
- Maintaining ticket card stubs in note book with name and phone numbers worked well for committee and those purchasing tickets were pleased to only have to provide their information once.
- Stopping ticket sales at 1 pm allowed sufficient time to complete ticket draws and clean off table prior to quilt take down.
- Worked well to draw 50% of baskets winning tickets then announce winners to help reduce confusion/congestion.

- Requested individuals/ delegate bring card stub at time of pick up to verify right person.
- Additional helpers during draw was very beneficial - recommend 3-4 for this task
 - 1 individual to transfer tickets from vase to larger container to allow for mixing well
 - Individual to pull ticket and staple winning tick to basket tag
 - 1-2 individuals to find winning tick stub in note book to highlight basket won

- 12 tables (96 liner ft) worked well to display 39 baskets. Separate table required for ticket sales
- Excellent exposure in main room where quilts were displayed (recommend this be done in future)

2. What Did Not Work Well?

- Time consuming trying to put tickets back in vases after ticket draw in bigger container to allow good mixing of ticket stubs
- Unclaimed baskets by time of pick up deadline – need better process
- A couple folks were unable to claim/pick up basket by 4 pm – these were delivered by co chairs on case by case basis. Same process for next year.
- A lot of effort required to move basket items from storage to assembly and back to storage (Not sure other option just note)
- More volunteers to help cover ticket sales table would have been an asset

3. Opportunity for Improvements

- Develop sheet for basket pick up tracking day of draws.
- Once winning ticket drawn place remaining ticket stubs into zip lock bag numbered to correspond with basket number in case need to redraw another ticket.

- No re-draws on unclaimed baskets. Instead take to next Guild meeting for a drawing.
- Be prepared for “rush” prior to closing table on Saturday.
- Drawing basket numbers takes close to 45 minutes. Tell people they will be notified between 2:00 and 3:00 if not present during drawing.
- Extend pick up time from 4:00 to 5:00.