



Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



MARCH/APRIL 2021

Website: www.hernandoquiltersguild.com

President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

OK ladies, let the party begin!!! I know that many of you (and I) have been anxious to get back to our monthly meetings. With so many of us now having had both vaccinations, your board feels that the time has come to meet again!

Please look for an email coming from me asking a few questions about the April meeting. We will need you to respond quickly so that we have a count for setting up tables. When I have your emails, Barb Theriault will be sending an email out on what you will need to bring (membership dues, Challenge Quilt, etc.). We will wear masks and have table cleaner and hand sanitizer available.

Our retreat was a big success and we have scheduled again for next year. Please mark your calendars for March 7-8-9 and 10th. We had a count of 30 ladies of which 17 made the quilt that Ava Rossler taught. They all turned out beautiful and I'm looking forward to show and tell.

We had three classes for our Mystery Quilt this year and I'm happy to say that at this time I think everyone has finished! That will be a fun show and tell for sure! We always have a big turn out for our Mystery Quilt and hope that you who have not participated in the past, might join us next year.

It will soon be time for the snowbirds to return to their summer residences and I hope you Floridians will miss us. Just when things are starting to happen down here and we have to leave. I hear my state (Michigan) is still pretty much locked up. I am however, looking forward to seeing my 4 year old Great Grandson and new Great Granddaughter to arrive the middle of June.

Fondly,
Karen Pilon

2021/2022 Officers/Committee Chairs

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Quilt Trips	Tekla Bell
Block/Month	Marilyn Ryder
2021 Quilt Challenge	Pam Russavage
2021 Retreat (March)	Karen Pilon
Fat Quarter Drawing	Judy Thew
50/50/Food Bank	Sally Cosenza
Mystery Prize	Ann Brock
Membership	Alma Martin
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Sunshine	Bonnie DeFranco
Webmaster	Dave Curtis

2021 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Red/White/Pink or Hearts
February	Greens or Shamrocks
March	Earth Tones: i.e. Browns/Tans, Golds, Burgundy, dark greens, etc.
April	Florals or Pastels
May	Batiks Only
June	Red/White/Blue
July	Black, Grey or White
August	Neutrals: Beige/Tan/Cream
September	Stripes or Plaids
October	Fall Colors: (Golds, Orange, Browns, Reds, Yellows)
November	Christmas Theme
December	No Exchange

Happy Birthday

MARCH

- Annette Harma 5
- Bobbie Lemay 7
- Sheila Remington Jones 10
- Ruth Redeker 12
- Brigitte Kasm 18
- Sandra Davis 28
- Millie Singleton 26
- Becky Salichova 30
- Kathleen East 30
- Margaret Zielinski 31



APRIL

- Sandra Lawson 3
- Sharon Eckert 12
- Doris Brehm 12
- Sue Oxendorf 13
- Linda Woytisek 14
- Muriel Johnson 16
- Anne Tyszka 23
- Kathy Chapman 24
- Maryann Bingel 26
- Brenda Anderson 29
- Sandra Paskiet 29
- Karen Sabin 29

Please note that all trips have been cancelled so far and we are at this point planning a May and June trip below. We will keep you informed via e-mail. If anything changes.

FIELD TRIPS

The Guild has planned the following trips for May and June.

Friday, May 21, 2021

Trip to Sweet Darlings, Wesley Chapel Blvd. and Scrap & Sew 16541 Pointe Village Dr., Lutz, FL. Meet at Publix 41 and 50 at 9:30am

Friday, June 18, 2021

Trip to Bernina Sewing Center, 5405 E. Fowler Ave. Temple Terrace. Meet at Publix 41 and 50 at 9:30am

If you have any questions, call Tekla Bell
Cell: (315) 254-1676



Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2021

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
<p>No Meetings until April, which affected Block of Month - More Info at April Meeting for future block schedule</p>				
<p>Tentative</p>				



* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed	4/21/21	TBD ?????	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs	4/22/21 Guild Challenge ???	Jerome Brown Comm. Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	5/26/21	TBD ?????	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs	5/27/21	Jerome Brown Comm. Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	6/23/21	TBD ?????	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs	6/24/21	Quarry	9:30

Let our new **SUNSHINE LADY**, Bonnie DeFranco (352-942-7336), or sewingnurs118@gmail.com know about the needs or illnesses of our members.

NEWSLETTER: Call or send any information, suggestions, correspondence, tips, or sayings dealing with quilting to **Barbara Theriault, 8181 Weatherford Ave., Brooksville, FL 34613**; e-mail: btheriault1@tampabay.rr.com; or call 352-597-8816 or Cell: 678-793-5335. Next deadline is **April 15, 2021**.



GUILD NEWS AND NOTES



- ❖ **2021 Membership Dues** – Our dues are normally due at the January meeting which was cancelled, so we will make an announcement via e-mail from Karen prior to the April meeting regarding dues amounts, Challenge and anything else we need to know for April meeting going forward.
 - ❖ **2021/2022 New Officers** – The new officers were installed at a separate gathering at the Heather on January 8th. Our slate of new officers for 2021/2022 term are: President: Karen Pilon; 1st VP: Louise Isabelle; 2nd VP Programs: Sandy Wesley and Penny Dyer; Treasurer: Raelee Russavage; Secretary: Sharon Kenny Didden.
 - ❖ **2021 GUILD CHALLENGE** – “Home Sweet Home” is the theme for the 2021 challenge. One of our favorite quilt blocks is the house pattern and you can base your entry around a house theme. The due date for this challenge will now be at the **April 22nd, 2021** meeting due to the delay of meetings because of the Pandemic. Hopefully, next year’s challenge will be due as usual in February 2022. If you have any questions you can call Pam Russavage, our challenge coordinator for 2021. Entries will be judged in one category and again we hope to bring in an outside Judge. See page 5 for all the challenge details.
 - ❖ **2021 LAKE YALE RETREAT – MARCH 8 – 11, 2021 (A Success)** – Karen Pilon and your retreat committee did a wonderful job for this year’s Retreat. The Retreat was again held at Lake Yale and the cost was \$270.00 per person. We had about 30 ladies in attendance and everyone enjoyed the 3 days of sewing, meals, shopping and games. We had 3 winners again in our Fat Quarter game (Left, Right and Center). Two of the Ladies were lucky enough to win the 2nd year in a row. Winners were Judy Thew, Raelee Russavage and Millie Singleton. 17 ladies took Ava Rossler’s quilt class at the Retreat called “Crosswalk”. Our friends from the Villages were in the next building and shared their visiting Quilt Shops with us as well as allowing us to buy some of their own items for sale. Karen had set up about 4 tables around the perimeter of our sewing room containing fabric, books, etc. for the taking. I think her garage has finally opened up a path to get into the house. Way to go Karen!!
 - ❖ **2022 LAKE YALE RETREAT – MARCH 7 – 10, 2022** – Karen Pilon and your retreat committee have secured our date of March 7 through 10, 2022 for our next Retreat. The Retreat will again be held at Lake Yale and the cost is yet to be determined. More details will be forthcoming as cost is determined and scheduling of sign-ups and cost due dates.
 - ❖ **2023 QUILT SHOW**– The Quilt Show has been changed to 2023 since we feel it would be difficult to start getting our committee heads together and having meetings for the show. This will also give us more time to make items for the Boutique, both craft items and quilting items. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee, please get in touch with Karen Pilon by phone (734-635-1560) or e-mail (tompilon@provide.net)
 - ❖ **GUILD WEBSITE** – If anyone is interested in seeing photos of our 2019 Quilt Show, you can view these photos under the Quilt Shows Category on our site. For new members who might not be familiar with our site it is: **www.hernandoquiltersguild.com**. Please check it out. You can also view all of our newsletters that I have done since 2008 when I started as your Editor. It’s interesting to see the progression of our Guild from year to year.
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QUILT SHOWS/CLASS SCHEDULES



- ❖ **November 5-6, 2021** Ocala Quilt Show “On Top of the World” to be held at Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St., Ocala, FL 34481
- ❖ **November 12th and 13th, 2021 QUILT SHOW IN TAMPA** - Quilters Workshop of Tampa Bay, Florida. Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm; Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm.
www.quiltersworkshoptampa.org
- ❖ **November 12th and 13th 2021** - QUILT SHOW IN LAKE COUNTY *The Lake County Quilters Guild will hold it's annual 2021 Fantastic Quilt Show on; Friday, November 12th, 9 am - 4pm and Saturday, November 13th, 9am - 4pm.*
NEW Location: Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Court, Leesburg, Fl.
Judged quilts, Boutique, Vendors, Raffle Quilt, Demonstrations and Quilts for sale Admission \$ 10.00 For more information call (407) 917- 1575
- ❖ **Jacksonville Quilt Show – Moved to March 2022.**



2021 Calendar of Classes



All Classes moving forward will be held at the Quarry Enrichment Center. The Hospital Enrichment Centers both in Brooksville and Spring Hill have been closed permanently. The Quarry is the only one remaining open, but scheduling will be tight because it's the only place available at this time. When we have a better schedule we will let you know. Class sign-up will still be at the Program table in front. Check up front at the April meeting to see some of the class schedules.

Class fees will still be \$5.00 per class and you would still sign up at the Program table up front when meetings resume. We did have our first Mystery Quilt class run by Karen Pilon, which went very well with 20 ladies attending. We were at The Quarry Enrichment Center and had 10 ladies upstairs and 10 downstairs.

Class on April 13th at the Quarry – “Seeing Spots” with Karen Pilon

Karen will be sending out an email to all our members about another class she will be teaching on April 13th. It will be at the quarry and start at 9:00am and those interested will be sending me the class fee of \$5.00. The quilt name is “Seeing Spots” and it will have a **limit of 20 ladies.**

Guild Challenge - 2021

2021 Hernando Guild Challenge – Home Sweet Home

Dear Guild Members,

Your challenge committee hopes you are all well and happily using your isolation time sewing. In the event we are unable to gather at a guild meeting until this summer, or if you're a snowbird that has already flown north, Pam Russavage will mail your "Home Again Houses" fat quarter. The cost to mail will be \$6.50. (\$5.00 for the fat quarter (see challenge rule below), and \$1.50 for shipping).

Please send your check written to Hernando Quilt Guild for \$6.50 to Pam Russavage at 11044 Via De Rosa Ln, Spring Hill, FL 34608. Make sure you include your correct mailing address if it isn't the one listed on the check. Pam can also be reached at (402) 990-6578 or psrussavage@yahoo.com if you have questions.

2021 Hernando Quilt Guild Challenge

Home Sweet Home

One of our favorite quilt blocks is the house pattern. Since the pieced block is technically simple, there is ample opportunity for experimentation. Our theme for 2021 is Home Sweet Home. Let your imagination run wild! Build your entry around the house of your dreams, the house of your childhood, a holiday house (don't get stuck on the standards – think about "Take your Pet to the Vet Day", Ground Hogs Day, Arbor Day, National Donut Day, etc.). How about your favorite house to visit, a haunted house or even your "today" house? Feel free to add activities, landscaping, pets, automobiles, hobbies, flora, fauna and/or other embellishments. You may use a purchased pattern, design one of your own, or use one of the blocks suggested by the committee. Don't limit yourself to a quilt or a wall hanging. Perhaps a pillow or a bag or a fabric basket.

As part of the challenge each participant must purchase a fat quarter of "Home Again Houses" fabric for \$5.00 as an entry fee (see Pam Russavage or Shirley Kerstetter). This fabric must be visibly incorporated into the quilt top, although it's not necessary to use the entire fat quarter. To reclaim your entry fee, you must turn in your project for display and judging at the end of the challenge. Any entry fee not reclaimed will be donated to the guild to be used in one of its charities.



Categories: Entries will be judged in one category.

Judging: We will again try to bring in an outside judge who will choose "Best of Show", 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place. Guild members will vote for the winner of "Viewer's Choice".

Composition: You must have the fabric "Home Again Houses" visibly included on the quilt top.

Quilting: You must have hand or machine quilting on your entry.

Size: No smaller than 16X16 and no larger than 45x60. If your entry is smaller or larger than the specifications, **your entry will not be judged.**

Due Date: February 25, 2021 – Guild Meeting

Rules: You are not allowed to use a project that has been made previous to this challenge. It must be made between March 26, 2020 and February 24, 2021. There will be a sign-up sheet when you turn in your entry. You must label the back of your entry with your name and the entry title.



Lake Yale Retreat - 2021

On March 8th – 11th, 2021 approximately 30 members attended our 7th annual Quilting Retreat. Due to the Pandemic there were fewer members this year, but we are in hopes that next year will bring back all of our members who enjoyed the Retreat in 2020. By 2022 we hope that most of the Pandemic woes will be behind us and we can get back to normal. For the 2nd time it was held at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, 39034 County Road 452 in Leesburg, Florida. Our Chairperson this year was Karen Pilon along with her many helpers. We had 3 days and nights of sewing, eating, relaxing, laughing and being with friends. Everyone had a wonderful time . Here are a few pictures of the retreat.



And Sew The Creativity Begins!



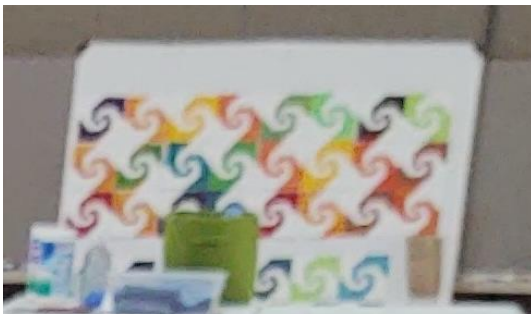
The “Left, Right, Center” game was played again at this year’s Retreat. The ladies were asked to bring in 3 fat quarters in the color combination of Black, White or Black/White. Our Happy Winners were: Raelee Russavage, Judy Thew and Millie Singleton.



Penny Dyer was so proud of herself for finishing 5 flannel baby blankets on the first day!



Barb Theriault is showing off her new built-in Light sewing glasses. “Beam Me Up Scottie” and also her “Grammie Quilter” T-Shirt her step-daughter made her for Christmas on her Cri-cut machine. Fun, fun!



Sharon Kenny Didden put together and passed out the “Snails Trail” block patterns for everyone to participate and be included in the Wednesday night drawing: All the blocks were won by Louise Isabelle. Rumor has it that she and Karen Pilon will add more blocks and put together the “Opportunity Quilt” for our next Quilt Show in 2023. Way to go ladies!



Thank you Sharon!



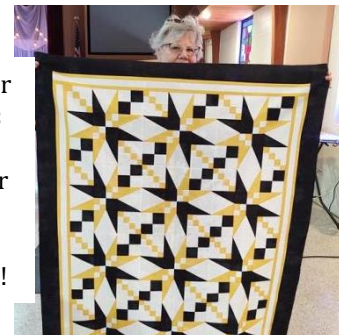
Darla Matthews, Eileen Gorzelic, Lou Stockton and Karen Pilon are displaying their finished quilt tops “Crosswalk” that Ava Rossler taught at the Retreat. Nice job ladies.

Thank you Ava!



Bev Abenante

Two Color varieties of the same Star Quilt Pattern. Beautiful!



Kathy Bixby



Lake Yale Retreat – 2021 (Continued)



Our President, Karen Pilon hard at work!



Our Vice President, Louise Isabelle sewing up a storm!



Darla Matthews and Sally Marra enjoying the Retreat, all smiles!



The Quilting Sisters; Pat Barnum and Sue House enjoying the time together!



Here's our new Treasurer, Raellee Russavage enjoying the day and look at all those snacks she has! Comfort food if you make a mistake! Right??



Judy Thew enjoying the stitching. I don't think Judy has ever missed a Retreat. She loves it!



Susan Crannell working on the "Crosswalk" quilt that Ava taught! Very colorful!



Sheila Jones doing some cutting!



Sue Oxendorf stitching away!



Brigitte Kasm working on her "Crosswalk" quilt in blues.



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Beginning Of Barn Quilts

BarnQUILTS

A Beautiful Story from our Recent Past



Barn Quilts: The Beginning

Barn Quilts Started with Donna Sue Groves in 2001. Contrary to common myth, Donna Sue was not a renown Amish quilter from generations past, but a contemporary quilter in Adams County, Ohio. Donna Sue, being the sweetheart she was, wanted to create a project to honor her mother, Maxine, and her Appalachian heritage.

She decided to use her biggest, most visible canvas: the side of her barn. She partnered with some local artists to create not only a quilt block on her own barn, but a completed “sampler” of twenty quilt blocks, encouraging people to follow the trail and travel through the beautiful Ohio countryside.

The project was a homey, heartwarming success, and Donna Sue was asked by other quilt enthusiasts, artists, and historians to help develop quilt trails in their states as well.

Tennessee, Iowa and Kentucky were the first to jump onboard, all eager to take pride in their networks of old barns, and their rich cultural histories. Now, you can run into quilt trails in rural areas all around the country, each with their own unique symbols and stories.

Modern Barn Quilt Squares with Historic Significance

Bear's Paw: Early American Pioneers coming across a bear track would know that they needed to proceed cautiously, but that the bear's tracks would lead to water and food.

Bow Tie: Though it may symbolize morning, midday, evening, and night, this pattern also reminds us of the bow ties that were given to many slaves running toward freedom as part of a disguise.

Flying Geese: Also a signal for slaves intending to escape, this pattern was a reminder to follow the direction of the geese also headed North.

Rail Fence: This pattern is reminiscent of the fences that divided many of the fields in West Virginia... and still do!

Churn Dash: The Churn Dash quilt pattern is a reminder that quilts are both beautiful and practical.

Even though the history of quilt trails are rooted in the surprisingly recent past, the blocks themselves tell stories from much longer ago.

The Trail in Pocahontas, West Virginia, is actually a great example. Crafted in 2013 when West Virginia was celebrating its 150th Birthday, the Pocahontas County Quilt Trail tells the story of the history of the region by using famous, historic quilt squares. You'll probably recognize most of them, but here are a few that the West Virginians included.



Quilt trails around the country have chosen their own blocks to tell the story of the people and places surrounding the trail. Using quilt squares to narrate history is almost like using a special code for an exclusive group of awesome crafters (like quilters!) It's pretty cool to consider yourself part of the inner circle.

Where to Find the Best Barn Quilt Trails in the US

1. **Colorado** – Colorado Classic Quilt Trail
2. **Georgia** – The Southern Quilt Trail
3. **Iowa** – The Barn Quilts of Sac County
4. **Kentucky** – The Boone County Quilt Trail
5. **Michigan** – The Barns of Old Mission Quilt Block Trail
6. **Mississippi** – The Oktibbeha County Barn Trail
7. **Missouri** – The Boonslick Area Quilt Trail
8. **New York** – The Country Barn Quilt Trail of Western New York
9. **North Carolina** – The Quilt Trails of Western North Carolina
10. **Ohio** – The Adams County Quilt Trail
11. **South Carolina** – The Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail
12. **Tennessee** – The Upper Cumberland Quilt Trail
13. **Texas** – The Terry County Quilt Trail

Barn Quilt Trails is a movement created to honor mothers, quilters, and rich American history through the diverse, colorful patterns of quilt squares.

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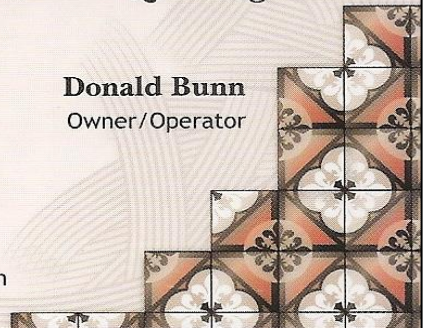
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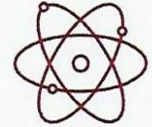
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