



Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



July/August 2015

Website: www.hernandoquiltersguild.com

President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

Summer is here and our snowbird friends have flown to their Northern nests. We miss them already!

Things always slow down in the summer, but as you read this newsletter, you will see we have some fun things planned to keep us busy sewing and quilting for the summer.

I want to extend a special thank you to Betty Johnson for graciously stepping forward to take Donna Bleier's place as secretary for the summer and taking the minutes at the Board & General meetings for the months of May, June, July and August.

With summer upon us, it's a good time to work on your challenge quilt for 2016 as well as any gift items you might be making for family members, or friends for Christmas. It will be here before you know it. "Ladies, start your engines!"

Happy quilting,

Bonnie DeFranco



I posted this beautiful little poem in one of our newsletters back in 2009. Since we have so many new members, I thought it could be revisited. It says so much!

Remember Me

*It was not a woman's desire
to be forgotten.
In one simple,
unpretentious way,
She created a medium
that would outlive even many
of her husband's
houses, barns and fences.
She signed her name in
friendship
onto cloth and
in her own way,
cried out,
Remember Me*

Linda Otto Lipsett



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2015 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Red/White/Hearts
February	Greens or Shamrocks
March	Small Flowers
April	Pastels (Tone on Tone, Reading Solid)
May	Red/White/Blue
June	Batiks Only
July	Beige/Tan (Neutrals)
August	Stripes or Plaids
September	Leaf Prints
October	Fall Colors
November	Christmas Theme
December	No Exchange

Let Shirley Kerstetter, our SUNSHINE LADY, 352-686-9057, know about the needs or illnesses of our members.

Happy Birthday

JULY

Donna Bleier 2
Sandy Goldberg 6
Suzanne Williams 8
Diane Bounds 9
Jolene Huseby 17
Pat Wilcox 22
Deborah McCabe 24
Rene Fogarty 30
Susan Kirk 31

**AUGUST**

Sonia Work 2
Nancy Nickel 2
Pat Ceronesi 2
Beth Kottmann 3
Edith Mielke 8
Susan Norbut 8
Viola Imhof 10
Cindy Fitzgerald 12
Patricia McCleary 13
Leigh Lane 16
Jamie Crowe 18
Mary Webb 21
Eileen Vyvyan 23
Patricia Wells 23
Nancy Woodworth 23
Joyce Elliffe 26
Susan Natrass 30
Mary Ellen Stoy 30

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2015/2016

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Apr	May	June	Ava Rossler	Bento Box
May	June	July	Marilyn Rdyer	Old Glory
June	July	Aug	Susan Norbet	Blue Bells
July	Aug	Sept	Emily Hamilton	No Seam



* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed	6/17/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	6/25/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
Board Meeting	Tues	7/14/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Summer Retreat	Wed	7/15/15	Quarry Enrichment Center	9:00am to 9:00pm
Guild Meeting	Thurs	7/23/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	8/19/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	8/27/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	9/16/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	9/24/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30

FIELD TRIPS

Sharon Allard will be planning some trips starting back in September. Look for more info in the Sept/Oct Newsletter which will come out in mid-August.

June/July/August

There will be no trips in June, July and August.

If you have any questions, call Sharon Allard at 352-596-9803.

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GUILD NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **SUGGESTION BOX AVAILABLE AT GUILD MEETINGS**– Bonnie DeFranco, President, will be placing a "Suggestion Box" at the entrance table for everyone to use. It was requested that if you have any suggestions for teachers, classes, trips, changes for the Guild, etc., this is the perfect opportunity to voice your suggestions and opinions in writing. This box will be present at all future meetings, please use it, do your part for the Guild.

- ❖ **2015 OPPORTUNITY QUILT RAFFLE**– The Biennial Quilt Raffle is chaired this year by Nancy Jenkins and Eileen Vyvyan. The Queen Size Quilt "**A Garden For My Wedding Ring**" by **Judy Niemeyer** is being shown and tickets being sold at Nana's, Tomorrows Treasures and Feather Princesses so far. Since the tickets have the drawing information coinciding with the cancelled Quilt Show, the drawing date will remain the same; Saturday, November 7th, 2015. Our chairs still need people to sign up and volunteer to sell tickets at various locations throughout the remaining months leading up to November. Please contact either Nancy or Eileen if you can help.

- ❖ **JULY 15TH SUMMER RETREAT**– We are going to have a Summer Retreat at the Quarry Building Enrichment Center (the place where we had our quilt show) on Wednesday, July 15th from 9:00am to 9:00pm. Something new and exciting. The cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch and dinner and a class in paper-piecing taught by Guild member Emily Hamilton (Optional). The sign-up sheet was located at the Head Table during the May meeting and will be available again at the June meeting.

- ❖ **2015 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 10th, 2015 at Brooksville Country Club. Save the date. Nancy Nickel will be collecting donations starting now for the Penny Auction at the Christmas Party. If you have anything you would like to donate, please see Nancy Nickel.

- ❖ **2016 GUILD CHALLENGE - "WATER"**– As the winner of Best of Show of the 2015 Guild Challenge, Karen Pilon has chosen the subject for the February, 2016 Challenge. The subject is "**WATER.**" The idea is to make a quilt that involves water in some way from a pattern that signifies water to your own creation. The possibilities are endless with such a broad category as WATER. Get your creative juices flowing. We would like to have a large participation. The directions and subject were e-mailed out a few weeks ago so the snowbirds could start working on it this summer. Just remember the rules. The quilt has to be made between March 26th, 2015 to February, 25th 2016. Size should be no smaller than 16x16 and no larger than 45x60. You must put your name on the back of the quilt, or it will not be judged. The quilts will be judged at the February 25th, 2016 Guild Meeting.

- ❖ **2016 LAKEWOOD RETREAT – MARCH 7 – 10, 2016**– Our annual Quilt Retreat for 2016 will again be at Lakewood Retreat Center, 25458 Dan Brown Hill Rd., Brooksville, FL, March 7th to 10th. Remember the retreat covers a room with two single beds and one double bed, with a private bathroom. As far as we know now we will have the place to ourselves, so we will be using two buildings. The **approximate** cost will be \$130.00 per person. (Specifics to follow) All the meals will be served Buffet style and we will have two sewing rooms, one very large room and one smaller room. Our Retreat Committee for 2016 will be Leida Martinez, Ava Rossler and Donna Bleier. There will be sign-up sheets in the near future and more info to follow. For your advance planning reserve the date on your calendars.

- ❖ **GUILD CLASSES**– If you feel you would like to teach one of our classes held at the Enrichment Center on the 2nd, 3rd or 4th Tuesdays of the month, please contact our Vice Presidents in charge of Programs: Millie Singleton, Sally Marra or Leida Martinez. They are always looking for volunteers to teach. Perhaps you have a certain pattern or technique you would like to pass along to the members. Share your knowledge.

- ❖ **BULLETIN BOARDS** – Bulletin Boards are on display at our monthly meetings to share classes, Thank you letters, new ideas, Treasurers Report, etc. Please make a point of viewing them at each meeting. You will be sure to find something of interest to you.

- ❖ **HAND WORK – Red Work or Applique** – Just a reminder that the hand work group will continue to meet directly following the Guild meetings. The hand stitching time is open to anyone who wishes to join us. **No sewing machines allowed. Bring bag lunch and let's have fun.**



Calendar of Classes/Meetings



June 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2015 Tuesdays 10:00am – 3:00pm During the month of June instead of individual classes, we will have a new program called Sew-cials. Come in to share ideas, inspiration and to enjoy good company as we sew. Bring your current project, or one that's been stashed away in your UFO pile and settle in for the day. These will take place at the BayFront Enrichment Center. There is no cost to attend the Sew-cials, but you do have to be a member of the Enrichment Center.

June 25th, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **After the meeting Gayle Keenan will be describing a free class which she will offer on July 23rd after the regular Guild Meeting of "Folded Fabric Ornaments w/card stock". No sewing involved. She will have handouts and a sign-up sheet available at the June meeting. There will be no charge for this July class. Also the card stock will be available for free.**



July 15th, 2015 – Wednesday 9:00am – 9:00pm A Summer One-Day Retreat will be held at the Quarry Enrichment Center, (the place where we had our quilt show) on Wednesday, July 15th from 9:00am to 9:00pm. There will be a \$15.00 non-refundable registration fee which is due when you register during the June 25th Guild Meeting. Once registered, all you need to do is prepare to have a great time...Just bring something to drink and your quilting supplies. We will spoil you with the fabulous food and lots of great sewing time.

Our Retreat Will Include:

- Lunch** Freshly prepared platter from Publix piled high with smaller versions of their original Cuban sandwich, paired with Publix Deli Salads.
- Dinner** Catered for our event by Luigi's Pizza, to include hot fresh pizzas and a dinner salad.
- Class (Optional)** Paper Piecing taught by Emily Hamilton

July 21st, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Apron Made With Napkin taught by Kathleen East Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

July 23rd, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **Free Folded Fabric Ornament Class w/Card Stock after the meeting taught by Gayle Keenan. No Sewing involved. Supply list will be available at the June meeting.**

July 28th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Free Motion Quilting by Ava Rossler Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

August 11th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Lifted Star Taught by Pat Conkle Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

August 18th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Braided Quilt Technique Taught by Sharon Allard Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

August 25th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Rail Fence Taught by Ava Rossler Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

August 27th, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **An Afternoon Tea will follow directly after the meeting. See page 8 for more detail.**

September 8th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Bionic Gear Bag – Session 1 of 2 Taught by Jody Mills Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

September 15th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Bionic Gear Bag – Session 2 of 2 Taught by Jody Mills Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

September 22nd, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – 3-Drawer Notions Box Cover Taught by Gayle Keenan Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

September 24th, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



QUILT SHOWS/RETREATS



June 21 – Sept 8, 2015 Shop Hop Across The Country – ROW BY ROW - All 50 states and several more Canadian provinces are planning fun for travelers throughout the summer. Although the quilt shops are organized by area, quilters have no borders. Travel, shop, collect patterns and add rows to your quilt from any anywhere! <http://www.rowbyrowexperience.com/> How about this... it's like a shop hop, but it's not... no fees, no cards to stamp, and all summer to play! Simply visit any of the participating shops and receive a free pattern for a row in a quilt. Combine your rows in any way to create a unique quilt that represents the fun you had traveling throughout the summer. Travel with friends, discover new quilt shops and have fun collecting rows!

Prizes, collectibles and more fun!

Create a quilt using at least 8 different 2015 rows from 8 different 2015 participating RxR shops and be the first to bring it into a participating shop to win a stack of 25 fat quarters (6-1/4 yards of fabric!). Use that shop's row in your quilt and win a bonus prize!

July 18-29 QUILT SHOWCASE IN DELAND

"Quilt Showcase at the Stetson Mansion", Once again, The Quilt Shop of Deland is partnering with the Stetson Mansion for a Quilt Showcase! Stained Glass Quilts and Egyptian Travels are just a few of the wonderful themes planned for display in the turn-of-the-century mansion. Enjoy quilts in a beautiful setting! Visit www.stetsonmansion.com for reservations and plan a visit to the Quilt Shop of DeLand

July 17 – August 15, 2015 FLORIDA SUMMER SHOP HOP

Florida Blending & Hop For A Prize . A fat quarter giveaway featuring Color Blends from Quilting Treasures Visit www.FloridaShopHops.com for complete details and register online for the "Hop for a Prize" sewing machine giveaway.

September 24, 25, 26, 2015 Jacksonville, Florida QuiltFest "Special Effects"

Prime F Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida.
Free parking in the Prime Osborne parking lot (has a train engine just inside the entrance)
access on Bay Street HOURS: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



QuiltFest is an open judged show. Prize money will be awarded in each category as follows: 1st place - \$300, 2nd place - \$200 and 3rd place - \$100. In addition, each of the following will receive: Best of Show - \$300, Artistic Merit, Best Hand Quilting and Best Machine Quilting - \$100 each. Ribbons only will be awarded for Judge's Recognition, Honorable Mention, Presidents' Award, Viewer's Choice and all Young Quiltmakers.

October 23 – 24, 2015 Crystal River - Creative Quilters proudly present their 14th biennial quilt show. "Lighting Up Florida."

The show will be held at the Crystal River National Armory, 8551 Venable St, Crystal River, Florida. Judged Show, Quilt Appraiser, Door Prizes, Demos, Magazine Table, Small Quilt Auction, Vendors. For more info contact: Edie Wehner 352-860-1115 or Beth Crawford 352-564-0171.

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Show & Tell

June Sew-cials

JUNE SEW-CIALS OFF TO A GOOD START

The first of the sew-cials took place on Tuesday, June 9th. It was a small group, but everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. The next two sew-cials will be on June 16th and June 23rd.



2015 OPPORTUNITY QUILT RAFFLE– Queen Size Quilt “A Garden For My Wedding Ring” by Judy Niemeyer. Pictured here with the Quilt are Three of our members (Beverly Abenante, Kathy Bixby and Monika Heady) who, along with some members not pictured, were instrumental in making the quilt including donating the fabric, the applique work, etc. Tickets were sold at a recent FSS Meeting. Ticket sales are going very well. The Quilt Raffle is chaired this year by Nancy Jenkins and Eileen Vyvan. The drawing date will be Saturday, November 7th, 2015. Our chairs still need people to sign up and volunteer to sell tickets at various locations throughout the remaining months leading up to November. Please contact either Nancy or Eileen if you can help.



Judy Thew is showing her Hunters Star Quilt. Nice job Judy.



Betty Clark is showing her finished “Lady Quilt” from the March Retreat. Great job!



Jody Mills is showing a gorgeous “Crazy Quilt.” Love the colors.



Millie Singleton is holding up the painted McKenna Ryan Quilts done by Betty Johnson at the March Retreat. Spectacular!



Mary Ellen Stoy is showing her beautiful “Many Windmills” quilt. Really nice in blues.



Ruth Redeker is showing yet another of her wonderful Celtic design quilts. Fabulous job Ruth.



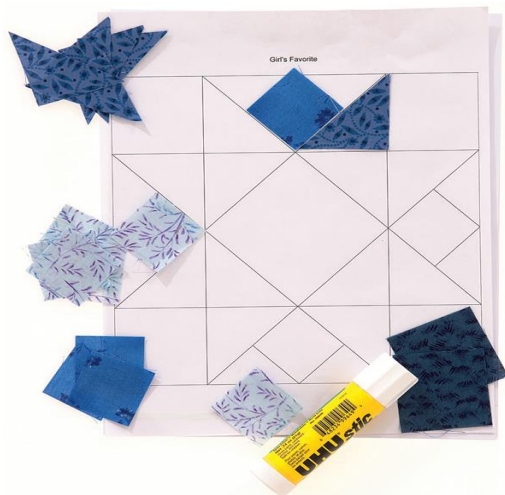
Tips / Tricks

Block Mock-up – Choosing Colors

How to choose quilt colors: making a block mock-up

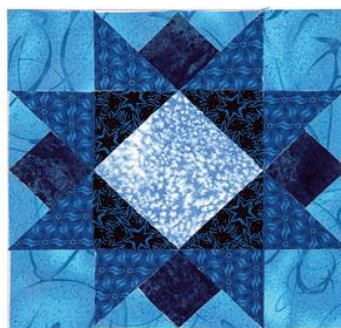
from “Color for the Terrified Quilter “ by Sharon Pederson and Ionne McCauley

1. Make at least two photocopies of the block pattern you plan to use, enlarging if desired.
2. Gather a glue stick, pencil for making notes, rotary cutter, and a ruler and cutting mat.
3. Select fabrics and cut the patches for your chosen block. Cut patches to the exact dimensions of the shapes on the paper, without seam allowances. (You might want to make one extra copy of the block pattern and cut shapes from it, then use them as templates for cutting fabrics.)
4. Arrange your fabrics on the photocopy of the block. Keep that glue stick capped for now; you might go through several fabric choices before you make your final decision.
5. Before finalizing your color choices, ask yourself the following questions:
 1. Is the value contrast where you want it?
 2. Are the lights, mediums and darks in the right places?
 3. Can you see the shapes?
 4. Do some blend together? Is that what you want?
 5. Is there any one fabric that stands out too much?
 6. Squint, or use a reducing glass to see the overall contrast of values.



Block Mock-up continued

6. Once you're happy with the block, grab your glue stick. (Technical tip – put the glue on the paper, not the fabric.) Apply glue to the second mock-up sheet, and then move your fabric pieces carefully and place them in position. Apply gentle pressure and smooth out the fabric to adhere it to the paper.
7. Note what you learned, changes you want to try and the date in the margins.



Monochromatic – Blue Family

- Not enough difference between dark and medium fabrics
- Light fabric in the center stands out too much
- Try a lighter medium and break up the light fabric



Monochromatic – Blue Family – Better

- More contrast between dark and medium. Can see the “star” better.
- The light fabric broken up into 4 pieces is better.
- Like the center “sparkle” fabric.

Quilting Websites To Consider

- www.Fatquartershop.com This is a great website if you are looking fabric, or patterns. They have categories by designer, theme, manufacturer, color, etc. They carry specialty cuts i.e. charms, layer cakes, fat qtr. Bundles. They also have patterns. Very nice site.
- www.Birdbraindesigns.net This site is great for the hand embroidery enthusiast. Red Work patterns, embroidery needles, thread. They also carry wool bundles for the ever popular wool embroidery. They have free downloadable patterns as well. Check them out.

This, That and the Other !

Afternoon Tea – August 27th

You are invited to an Afternoon Tea presented by the Hernando Quilters' Guild on Thursday, August 27, 2015 immediately following the General Meeting.

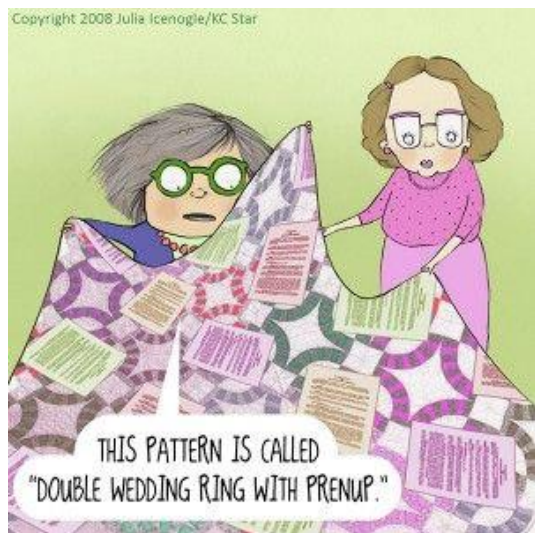
Please bring your favorite Tea Cup and an interesting story about it, or a sentimental remembrance attached to it. Hats are optional for the ladies, of course, but certainly encouraged... (Florida style Visors, Straw Hats, Fascinators, Headband with Flowers etc.)

Afternoon Tea menu includes assorted tea sandwiches, mini-pastries and other seasonal delights.

There is a \$5.00 non-refundable fee for the event which is due upon registration.

Join us for what will be a wonderful afternoon of food, fun and friends.

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Member: \$23 Retail: \$32	Member: \$25 Retail: \$35



Website: Quiltweek.com/locations/Daytona

Show Dates: February 24 – 27, 2016



AQS has negotiated reduced hotel rooms at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. These rates expire 30 days prior to the event (January 24, 2016). This Hilton Hotel is just steps away from the Ocean Center Convention Complex and the beach.



Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort
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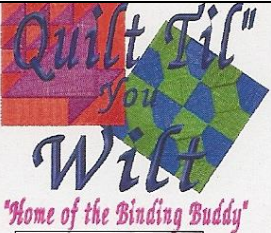
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