



# Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



## March/April 2015

Website: [www.hernandoquiltersguild.com](http://www.hernandoquiltersguild.com)

### President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

What a wonderful turnout we had at our January Quilt Guild meeting. We were so pleased to welcome so many new members.

Everyone enjoyed the presentation, Thread Jazz for Quilters and embellishing, plus needle and thread know how by Eric Drexler from Sulky. What fantastic quilts; so inspiring.

I would like to thank Denise Jolliffe and Ava Rossler for their efforts in planning, not only the meeting presentation, but also the class on free motion quilting by Eric the day before at the Quarry.

A non-quilter recently asked me, "what is it about quilting that quilters are drawn to?" I replied, "It encompasses many facets. First it's about the quest for fabric (STASH), the pleasure we have when we feel the fabric, relishing in the textures and colors, the enjoyment of planning our next quilt and the thrill when we find just the right fabric that makes us think "that's It!" It's also about the time we spend sewing and quilting. Then of course, last, but not least, seeing our finished quilts." She looked at me with a bewildered expression and said "OK." I knew right then she didn't understand.

Your President,  
Bonnie DeFranco

### A Useful Tip of The Month:

**What not to do to a quilt: Dry clean. Never. The chemicals are unkind to quilt fibers.**

#### Officers/Committee Chairs 2015/2016

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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	Batiks Only
June	Red/White/Blue
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

**March**

Bobbie LeMay 7  
Sandy Klemz 8  
Melinda Barrable 10  
Ruth Redeker 12  
Gae Nocella 14  
Joyce Shively 15  
Michelle Wing 16  
Brigitte Kasm 18  
Betty Schielein 21  
Joan Wildman 28  
Sandra Davis 28  
Millie Singleton 26  
Kathleen East 30

**April**

Mary Ann Norfleet 7  
Gene Chambers 10  
Linda Waytisek 14  
Muriel Johnson 16  
Bonnie Baker 25  
Penelope Lacy 28

**FIELD TRIPS**

Sharon has planned the following trips for February, March and April 2015. Please come and join in the fun.

**Friday, February 20, 2015**

Trip to Inspire Quilting & Sewing in Plant City. Meet at Publix, Barclay & Spring Hill Dr. at 9:30am. Park out from Beef O'Brady's.

**Friday, March 20, 2015**

Trip to Quilts On Plum Lane, Dade City and Quilters' Quarters, Zephyrhills. Meet at Publix, Barclay & Spring Hill Dr. at 9:30am. Park out from Beef O'Brady's.

**Friday, April 17, 2015**

Trip to IKEA in Tampa. 1103 North 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Tampa, FL 33605. Meet at Publix, Barclay & Spring Hill Dr. at 9:30am. Park out from Beef O'Brady's.

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

**Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2015/2016**

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Nov	Jan	Feb	Barb Adams	How About A Kiss
Jan	Feb	Mar	Shirley Kerstetter	Jacobs Ladder
Feb	Mar	Apr	Emily Hamilton	3 Seams
Mar	Apr	May	Ava Rossler	Bento Box
Apr	May	June	Marilyn Ryder	Posy Power

\* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed	2/18/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	2/26/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church – <b>Challenge Due</b>	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	3/18/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	3/26/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	4/15/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	4/23/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	5/20/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	5/28/15	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30

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## GUILD NEWS AND NOTES

- ❖ **DUES \$15.00 Final Due at February Meeting** Please do not forget to bring your **checkbooks to pay your annual dues if you have not already done so**. Make your check out to: Hernando Quilters' Guild. If you are out of town and paying by mail, please mail your check to: Hernando Quilters' Guild, P.O. Box 6672, Spring Hill, FL 34611. If you wish to pay by cash, Alma has requested that you have the **exact change** to make things a little easier. If not paid by the February meeting there will be a \$5.00 Late fee.
- ❖ **GUILD CHALLENGE Due February 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting** – The color challenge is approaching fast, so be ready by February 26<sup>th</sup>. The quilts should be one color with shades of that color, or black with shades of gray, but no white. We will be voting for the best of each color as well as the best of show. Any questions, contact Emily Hamilton (813-235-9898) or e-mail: [emcarham@live.com](mailto:emcarham@live.com). **Remember :**
  1. **All challenge quilts must be made specifically for the challenge and made only within the challenge year.**
  2. **All quilts must be no smaller than 16" x 16" and no larger than 40" x 60" (Crib Size).**
- ❖ **BOUTIQUE TABLE SEW-A-THONS** – Starting in January, 2015 on the days that were scheduled at the Enrichment Center for Quilting Arts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month will now be used instead, to sew items for the Boutique Table for the Quilt Show. See the specific dates on the calendar page of your newsletter as time goes on. Ellie and Joyce will have patterns available and sometimes kits, depending on what they will be doing that particular day. All these items you make are specifically to be donated for the Quilt Show Boutique Table. The more items we have, the more money our guild can earn to help support classes from outside vendors, trunk shows at our meetings and of course, our annual charity donations. You can also make items on your own to donate to the Boutique throughout this year preceding the Quilt Show.
- ❖ **2015 LAKEWOOD RETREAT – MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** – Our annual Quilt Retreat will be at Lakewood Retreat Center, 25458 Dan Brown Hill Rd., Brooksville, FL, March 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember the retreat covers a room with two single beds and one double bed, with a private bathroom. We will have the place to ourselves, so we will be using two buildings. All the meals will be served Buffet style and we will have two sewing rooms, one very large room and one smaller room. We have 2 members that will teach a project. Ava Rossler will be teaching "Delectable Mountains Quilt" and Millie Singleton will teach the "Lady Quilt" in a choice of throw size, Baby or Queen. A supply list and cutting instructions will be issued in advance of the retreat to those who wish to participate in either project. You can participate in one, or both of the projects, or you can bring your own UFO's/projects to work on. The choice is yours. If you are "superwoman" you can do it all. It was also decided that everyone should bring two fat quarters to the retreat, a tool you no longer need to be put on a tool swap table at the retreat, and also a \$20 gift in a **brown paper bag** (must be quilt related) for a fun Chinese auction gift game. If you have any questions, the chairpersons for this retreat are Monika Heady (352-799-1245) and Kathy Bixby (352-556-2699). Also, you can bring a snack to share, but don't overdue it. Last year we had more food than we could handle. For those who have not been there before Lakewood Retreat is in the hills of East Hernando County. Take a look at the photos on their website to get a feel for the place. (<http://www.lakewoodretreat.org>). **Please remember it is a Mennonite-run facility, so no drugs, alcohol or bikinis.** I truly get a laugh out of the "Bikinis" part! **For those of you who are new members, and have not been to our Retreat before and are planning on going this year, you can go into our website and look up the May/June 2014 Newsletter–Page 8 and see what fun we had last year.**
- ❖ **MARCH GUILD MEETING – POT LUCK LUNCH**– Nancy Nickel, our new Vice President, will be hosting a Pot Luck Lunch at our March, 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will be a good way to say goodbye to our snowbird friends before they head out to their summer domains. Nancy would like to have some volunteers to help her and will probably be asking at the February meeting. Please volunteer if you can.
- ❖ **2015 QUILT SHOW** – Our next Quilt Show will be held on **November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015** at St. Anthony's Parish Heffernan Banquet Hall, 20428 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, Florida 34601. The committee heads are already in place and plans are moving right along. Remember to start working on Boutique items to donate for the Quilt Show Boutique Table. It's never too early to start. Also, start planning your small wall hanging for the silent auction. The theme of our 2015 Quilt Show is **"COLOR EXPLOSION."** Our opportunity quilt tickets are at the printers now and will be available to start selling at the Quilt Expo in Lakeland, March 5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Flyer design and additional info will be out on our website soon.
- ❖ **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.





## Calendar of Classes/Meetings



**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Hand Applique Class w/ Beverly Abenante and Kathy Bixby**  
- Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount. More info to follow.

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Large Tote Bag Class taught by Kathleen East.** (Don't forget your bag bottom and dowel you purchased from Esther Feil made by her husband). - Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **CHALLENGE QUILTS DUE FOR VOTING.**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Boutique Table Sew-a-Thon** – Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Get Your Geese In A Row – Taught by Ava Rossler.** - Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Row By Row Quilt – Taught by Esther Shores.** - Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **POT LUCK LUNCH Scheduled for this meeting.**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Boutique Table Sew-a-Thon** – Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Attic Window Place Mat – Taught by Ava Rossler.** - Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

**April 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Stack N Whack Hexagon Stars – Taught by Millie Singleton.** - Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Boutique Table Sew-a-Thon** – Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Class TBD.** - Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Class TBD.** - Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center. Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the Café' at a discount.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting** at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.





# QUILT SHOWS/RETREATS



**March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Original Sewing & Quilt Expo – Lakeland, Florida** Location: The Lakeland Center, 701 West Lime St., Lakeland, FL. Exhibit Hall Hours are: 10:00am – 6:00pm Thursday and Friday and 10:00am – 5:30pm Saturday. Check out [sewingexpo.com](http://sewingexpo.com) for complete Expo details including all class descriptions, schedules, exhibitors and more! Nancy Zieman is coming.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 QUILT SHOW IN MT. DORA** - The 2015 Lake County Quilt Guild Fantastic Quilt Show will be held on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 from 9:00 to 4:00 each day. Our show will be held again at Lake Receptions, 4425 Highway 19A, Mount Dora, FL 32757. Admission is \$7.00 each day; parking is free; buses are welcome. Admission for groups of 25 or more is \$6.00. Join us to view almost 200 unique quilts on display. Shop at our many trend setting vendors and enjoy our expanded boutique—almost double the space of previous years. We will have demonstrations of new techniques throughout the day and fashion shows each day around noon. Bring your quilts to have them appraised and your scissors to have them sharpened. Again we will have a silent auction of fine art, a mini-auction of hand made creations, and a booth of quilts for sale.

Please direct questions to this address: [quiltshowchair@lakequiltingguild.com](mailto:quiltshowchair@lakequiltingguild.com). You may also contact Jackie Owens, quilt show chairwoman at 954-614-1146.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - QUILT SHOW IN SARASOTA** Sarasota's Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild will present its biennial quilt show, Quilts in Paradise. The show will be at Robart's Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd. (Take the Fruitville Road exit off I-75 heading west for 4 miles; Robarts' parking lot is on the left or South side of Fruitville) Admission is \$8 with special rates for buses. The Friday show opens at 9 am and closes at 6 pm; the Saturday show runs from 9 am to 4 pm. This is a quality quilt show featuring traditional through art quilts, many by quilters who have won national awards. Other features include: ; a gift basket boutique; raffle quilt, raffle sewing machine; mini quilt & block auctions; Carol Taylor original auction, appraisals, merchant mall. Visit our web site at Quilts in Paradise . For additional information, email us at [quiltshow2015fkqg@gmail.com](mailto:quiltshow2015fkqg@gmail.com).

**March 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 LAKEWOOD RETREAT - HERNANDO QUILTERS' GUILD** – Our annual Quilt Retreat for members only will be at Lakewood Retreat Center Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Lakewood Retreat is in the hills of East Hernando County. Take a look at the photos on their website to get a feel for the place if you have not been before. (<http://www.lakewoodretreat.org>). The cost of \$128.00 covers a room that sleeps three (2 single beds & 1 double bed) with a private bath, all your meals (3 per day, buffet-style) and the use of one large and one smaller sewing room with plenty of tables and outlets for us to use.

In addition to days of uninterrupted sewing time and somebody else doing the food prep, two of our members, Ava Rossler and Millie Singleton have offered to do classes on two simple projects that can be completed during the retreat Check with Monika Heady or Kathy Bixby for more details on the retreat.

**March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 - Quilters Workshop of Tampa Bay 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show “Quilting Is a Celebration”**  
The Salvation Army, 1100 West Sligh Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604 – immediately across the street from the Lowry Park Zoo. Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 4:00pm. Admission \$7.00. Professional Quilt Appraisals, Challenge Quilts, Boutique, Merchant Mall, Tea Room & Café, Creative & Classic Small Quilt Auction, Quilt Raffle.

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# Guild Events

## Sulky Listen & Learn Guild Lecture – By Eric Drexler

At our January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting Eric Drexler from Sulky presented a 1-1/2 hour lecture on “Thread Jazz for Quilting and Embellishing, plus Needle and Thread Know How.” Everyone enjoyed seeing all the beautiful quilts and the techniques to create these masterpieces. He also explained the use of different needles and thread size for best results in decorative thread painting and quilting. We learned so much from Eric and hope he can come back to us soon. Below are some of the beautiful quilts/wall hangings Eric displayed.



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## Sulky Free Motion Quilting Class – By Eric Drexler

On January 21<sup>st</sup> Eric Drexler taught a Free Motion Quilting Class at the Brooksville Enrichment Center – Quarry. There were 30 members in attendance. We learned so much from Eric, which gave us a new perspective on the dreaded phrase “Free Motion.”



## 2015 Quilt Show Opportunity Quilt

Below is a preview of the beautiful Queen Size Quilt “A Garden For My Wedding Ring” which is being put together for our November 2015 Quilt Show. We would like to thank the members who pieced and appliqued this quilt. They are: Shirley Kerstetter, Meg Smith, Emily Hamilton, Ruth Redeker, Monika Heady, Kathy Bixby and Beverly Abenante. The quilt is being long-arm quilted by Kathleen Hafer of Spring Hill. We will be selling the first group of raffle tickets at the Lakeland Show from March 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The quilt will go around to various locations for further ticket sales in advance of the November show.



No: 00001	<b>HERNANDO QUILTERS' GUILD</b> Biennial Quilt Show "Color Explosion" Heffernan Banquet Hall - Brooksville, FL November 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 Queen Size Opportunity Quilt "A Garden For My Wedding Ring" By: Judy Niemeyer Drawing Date: Saturday-November 7, 2015 at 2:45pm Donation: \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00 / Need not be present to win	No: 00001
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# Tips / Tricks

## A QUILT PATTERN ORGANIZING TIP FOR COMPUTER SAVEY-TECHIE QUILTERS

Are you accumulating too many quilt magazines in your sewing room because you like one, or two patterns printed in that magazine and you think you might make it someday? In the meantime your magazines are stretching out to other rooms in the house and taking over your life, not to mention heading you even closer to divorce court when they start taking over the space for your husband's golf magazines! Unfortunately when you go to make that pattern you can't find what magazine it was in and you have to spend hours rummaging through a mass of paper causing you to forget to make dinner (see what I mean about divorce court??)

Techies, here's your answer! Set up folders in your computer with different categories – i.e. Table Runners, Bed Quilts, Applique Quilts, etc. You can also set up a sub-category under a particular folder. See Example:

- **Applique Quilts**
  - Flowers
  - Animals
  - Whimsical

Get the picture Techies?? Now, go to your printer and make a copy of the pattern, then scan the pattern into your computer as a PDF and save it to the particular category you want. Don't forget to name the pattern.

Now Techie Quilters, Christmas is coming and you want to make a table runner for someone. You know you saw a perfect table runner pattern in one of your magazines last year! If you put it in your computer when you first saw it, you can search a lot easier by category and find just the right pattern for Aunt Mildred, or the newlyweds that just moved in next door and you want to impress them with your quilting skills!

A final piece of advice: If you are starting to clog up memory in your computer you can then save your pattern folders and their content to a CD, or several CDs. Label your CDs with the folder titles and you can load the CD when you are looking for a particular pattern (if you can find where you filed the CD – oops!). This procedure is also wise to do in case your computer turns into a French Fry and you've lost all those wonderful patterns.

**Back-up – Back-up!**

## A Quilt Pattern Organizing Tip - Continued

Saving to a folder also applies for all those free pattern downloads you found on line. You just skip the scanning step.

Quilters can't have enough patterns, and organization is the key. So, dear Quilter Techies, try my idea and happy quilting!

*Submitted by: Barb Theriault, your local Quilter Techie!*



## Quilting Websites To Consider

- **[www.allpeoplequilt.com](http://www.allpeoplequilt.com)** This is great website if you are looking for free quilt and applique patterns. You can find patterns for everything from Bed Quilts, wall-hangings, quilters gifts, bags, pillows and totes. You can also find patterns that use only fat quarters or charm packs and layer cakes. You can download any of the free patterns in PDF format and save them for your personal use. I use this website all the time and subscribe to their weekly e-mail newsletter to keep informed of anything new. Check it out, I think you will really like the patterns available on this site.
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# This, That and the Other !

## Some Show & Tell



Donna Bleier made this quilt at last year's Retreat. She calls it "Petals In The Grass." Very nice Donna



Gene Chambers is showing her wonderful embroidered and pieced Snowman Quilt. Gene worked on this for a long time doing all the embroidery by hand and hand quilted it as well. Great job Gene.



Diana Whitaker made this colorful quilt. Makes me think of a Seaside Resort and white wicker furniture. Relaxing. Great job Diana.

## AQS SHOW COMING IN 2016 Daytona Beach, Florida

Guild Members: This is exciting news. If you have never been to an AQS Show such as Paducah for example, you will be amazed how wonderful they are. With Daytona only being a two hour drive from our area this is an article I wanted to share with you. I attended an AQS Show in Nashville in 2005 and was totally in awe of the beautiful quilts, seeing national teachers wandering around and wonderful vendors from all over the country.

### American Quilter's Society to Debut AQS QuiltWeek® in Daytona Beach, Florida in February, 2016.

American Quilter's Society, the largest quilting membership organization in the world, is pleased to announce its newest AQS QuiltWeek event will be in Daytona Beach, Florida, from February 24 to 27, 2016, at the Ocean Center, 101 North Atlantic Avenue.

Hundreds of quilts will be on display with prizes to be awarded for quilting excellence at the event. In addition, AQS QuiltWeek will be hosting a series of workshops with some of the top talent in the quilt industry and an extensive Merchant Mall comprised of both local and national vendors.

QuiltWeek – Daytona Beach will feature many special exhibits intended to provide inspiration and entertainment for quilters attending the event. AQS Certified Quilt Appraisers will also be available to appraise new or antique quilts for insurance replacement or fair market values. The event is open to the public. Organizers expect 15,000 in attendance. More information will be provided at [quiltweek.com](http://quiltweek.com) as it becomes available.

AQS presented its first quilt show and contest in 1984 in Paducah, Kentucky, and has expanded to produce seven QuiltWeek events in 2015 and eight in 2016.

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