



Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



November/December 2015

Website: www.hernandoquiltersguild.com

President's Message



Dear Guild Members,

At last, cooler, dryer and less humid weather! We are so happy to welcome back our Snowbird friends. Oh, what fun we have planned for the approaching Holiday Season! Has everyone started on their Quilted Christmas Gifts yet for family and friends?

Don't forget that we will have a Pot Luck Lunch at our October 22nd meeting to welcome back our Snowbirds.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon is coming up on December 10th at the Brooksville Country Club. We will have a raffle basket as well as a Chinese Auction. Keep the date in mind. It should be a lot of fun as usual. Don't forget to bring in your donations for the Auction and Raffle Basket to Nancy Nickel in October and November.

I feel I must offer an apology to the Quilt Show Committee, Eileen Vyvyan and Nancy Jenkins. At the July meeting I put out to the general membership a vote as to where and when to have the opportunity quilt raffle drawing. I was in error to do this as the Florida State law regarding raffle drawings states *that all raffle drawings must be held on the date and time written on the opportunity Quilt Raffle Tickets*. It was not in my domain to offer a vote to hold the drawing at the October meeting as all decisions for the Quilt Raffle, as stated in the Guild By-Laws, are under the Quilt Show Committee's domain. Please accept my sincere apologies.

The correct opportunity Quilt Raffle drawing will be held on **November 7, 2015 at 2:45pm. The place will be in the parking lot of Weichert Insurance Co., located at 20375 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville (across from St. Anthony's Church).** Many thanks to Marilyn Ryder and her husband for their gracious offer to hold it there.

I admit, there is much to learn about being President. As we close in on the end of the first year of my term, I am grateful for the willingness of previous Guild Presidents to offer their wisdom and support in guiding me forward in my efforts to continue to make HQG an active and fun Guild.

Respectfully Yours,
Bonnie DeFranco

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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

**NOVEMBER**

Pauline Galloway 1
Laurie Pearce 4
Bonita Hibbard 6
Lucy Van Liew 7
Ruthanne McGookey 13
Rosemary Willett 14
Esther Shores 16
Betty Johnson 18
Bonnie DeFranco 18
Charlene Brodeur 20
Barbara Theriault 20
Paula Lawery 25
Beverly Abenante 26
Larry Ceresko 28
Deborah Hetman 30

DECEMBER

Jane Thatcher 5
Karen Pilon 8
Linda Gennaccaro 8
Louise Cernak 14
Ellie Fries 15
Elizabeth Clark 26
Sharon Didden 27
Elizabeth Goker 28
Doris Speidel 29
Joyce Swearingen 29
Gayle Keenan 31

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

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Aug	Sept	Oct	Meg Smith	Spice
Sept	Oct	Nov	Ava Rossler	Maple Leaf
Oct	Nov	Jan	Marilyn Ryder	Ocean Wave



* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed	10/21/15	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	10/22/15 Pot Luck Today	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
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Guild Meeting	Thurs	11/19/15 Book & Magazine Sale Today	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
Guild Christmas Lunch	Thurs	12/10/15	Brooksville Country Club	11:30
Board Meeting	Wed	1/20/16	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	1/28/16	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	2/17/16	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	2/25/16 (Challenge Due)	Holy Cross Lutheran Church	9:30

FIELD TRIPS

Sharon Allard has planned the following trips for November, 2015 and January, 2016.

Friday, November 20, 2015

Trip to Suwannee Valley Quilt Shop, Trenton. Meet at 9:00am on Route 19 next to Hardee's.

Friday, January 15, 2016

Trip to Quilts On Plum Lane, Dade City. Meet at 9:30am at Publix on route 50 and 41.

If you have any questions, call Barb Theriault at 352-597-8816 (Temporary)

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 **December 11, 2015.**

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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. Please don't forget to put your name on your suggestions so Bonnie can discuss them with you. 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 Vyvan. The Queen Size Quilt "**A Garden For My Wedding Ring**" by **Judy Niemeyer** is being shown and tickets being sold throughout area Quilt Shops and Guild meetings. Since the tickets have the drawing information coinciding with the cancelled Quilt Show, the drawing date will remain the same due to Florida raffle state law which states, the raffle must be held on the date and time noted on the tickets. Saturday, November 7th, 2015 at 2:45pm. The place will be the Weichert Insurance Parking Lot. The address is: 20375 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601.
- ❖ **2015 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** – The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 10th, 2015 at Brooksville Country Club, 23446 Links Dr. Brooksville, FL 34601. Save the date. Nancy Nickel will be collecting donations starting now for the Penny Auction and the Raffle Basket at the Christmas Party. If you have anything you would like to donate, please see Nancy at the October and November meetings. . An e-mail went out with the Menu Items which are: Roast Turkey, Roast Pork, Tilapia and there will also be a vegetarian plate. There will be cookies and sherbet for Dessert plus coffee and ice tea. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October meeting and the cost is \$25.00.
- ❖ **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 DATONA AQS SHOW BUS TRIP – February 24 - 26, 2016**– A 3 day bus trip is planned. Leaves 8AM on Wednesday, February 24th making one stop at Mt. Dora for brunch and local quilt shop. Leaves for return trip at noon on Friday, February 26th making one stop at Rockledge for dinner and local quilt shop. Price for bus is \$95.00 which includes bus trip both ways, including stops, admission tickets for AQS Show and a Tote Bag. The rooms for Wednesday – Friday at the Hilton Hotel located at the show are \$303.75 for the 3 days. Each room has 2 queen beds and will sleep up to 4 people. Restaurant at the Hotel plus other restaurants located within 3 blocks of the hotel. Contact Debbie McCabe (352-238-9818) if you are interested. She has blocked some rooms.
- ❖ **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. Meals will be served Buffet style and we will have two sewing rooms, one very large room and one smaller room. The cost will be \$138.00 per quilter and sign-up and first payment will be in October. Our Retreat Committee for 2016 are Leida Martinez, Ava Rossler and Donna Bleier. The Registration Form has been passed out and also e-mailed out to everyone.
- ❖ **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



October 22nd, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **Pot Luck Lunch** at this meeting. **Bring your goodies.**

October 27th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Patchwork Sweatshirt Part I – by Kathleen East Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

November 10th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Patchwork Sweatshirt Part II – by Kathleen East Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

November 17th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Paper Piecing taught by Karen Pilon Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

November 19th, 2015 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. 3rd week in November because of Thanksgiving. **There will be a Book and Magazine Sale at this meeting.**

November 24th, 2015 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – “Border Print Class” taught by Judy Thew Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

December 10th, 2015 – Thursday 11:30 – Guild Christmas Lunch – Brooksville Country Club.

January 12th 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Sampler Quilt Block #1 – Millie Singleton Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

January 19th 2016 – Tuesday 9:00am – 3:00pm – Square On Point Quilt – Karen Pilon Being held at the **Quarry** – Enrichment Center because we needed more room for the layout and specific cutting. Bring Lunch.

January 26th 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Mondo Bag Part I – Taught by Darla Matthews Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

January 28th, 2016 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

February 9th 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Mondo Bag Part II – Taught by Darla Matthews Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

February 16th 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Tie Purse – Taught by Karen Pilon Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

February 23rd, 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Fusible Applique and Perfecting the Machine Blanket Stitch, Plus Tips On Making Patterns From Other Sources taught by Barb Theriault Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

February 25th, 2016 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. **All Challenge Quilts are due at this meeting to be judged.**



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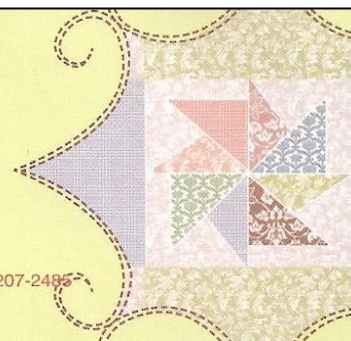
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QUILT SHOWS/RETREATS



November 6 – 7, 2015 – Riverview, Florida - Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Brandon Presents: 2015 "The Harvest of Quilts" showcasing quilts of the Past, Present and Future

Where: The Regent Event Center, 6437 Watson Road, Riverview, Florida

What: Judged Quilts on Display and for sale, Fab Finds Gift Shop, Silent Auction, Gift Basket Drawing, Vendors galore.

Opportunity Drawing: A Janome 6600 Sewing Machine - donated by *Keep Me in Stitches*

Admission: \$7.00 (\$5.00 for pre-arranged groups of 15 or more, send request to

RNryan@verizon.net



January 7 – 9, 2016 - NATIONAL QUILT SHOW IN ORLANDO

We are excited to announce our return to sunny Florida, Now in its 7th year, **World Quilt Florida** will be held at the **Orange County Convention Center** in Orlando, Florida. Official lodging will be the attached **Rosen Plaza Hotel**. The show will once again present the international entries of Mancuso's annual **World Quilt Competition** along with select U.S. winning quilts. Also on exhibit will be the entries to the **Florida State Competition**, a colorful display of special exhibits plus a diverse Merchants Mall. **World Quilt Florida** will also host a line-up of international and national quilt instructors who will present a wide range of workshops and lectures. Mancuso Show Management hopes to see you this January in Orlando!

Mary Claire Moyer | Event Coordinator, Mancuso Show Management

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January 15 – 16, 2016 - QUILT MARKETPLACE IN THE VILLAGES

Marketplace Event - A One Stop Shop Hop. Over 45 vendors offering Quilting, Sewing & other FiberArts supplies, Basket Mania, Charity Quilt Raffle. From: 9:00am - 3:00pm at La Hacienda Regional Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, Florida. Admission \$10 at the door . www.qgotv.org

February 5 – 6, 2016 - QUILT SHOW IN OCALA

Busy Bees Quilt Show ... "Old is new again" 9:00am to 4:00pm

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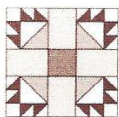
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February 19, 20 and 21, 2016 - QUILT SHOW IN WEST PASCO

West Pasco Quilters' Guild 2016 show, Reach for the Stars, will be held February 19, 20 and 21, 2016. <http://www.westpascoquilters.org/quiltshows.htm>

February 26 and 27, 2016 - QUILT SHOW AND TEA IN BROOKSVILLE

February 2016 Quilt Show and Lady Dresden Tea. It will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27, 2016 from 9 AM to 4 PM. The event is in our Community Center in High Point Community, Brooksville, FL 34613. The address of the Center is 12249 Club House Road. The email for the newsletter for more info is quiltshow14@gmail.com.



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Guild Events

Annual Retreat – Coming Up In March 2016

Our annual Quilting Retreat is being held at the Lakewood Retreat Center, 25458 Dan Brown Hill Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602. We will begin at 1:00pm Monday – March 7, 2016 and continue until 11:00am Thursday – March 10, 2016. The time is yours to do whatever it is you wish to work on. You may wish to bring piecing, marking, basting, applique, and hand or machine quilting, or all of the above. We are planning a fun filled week of Workshops, Tabletop classes and more!

Meals included in your retreat fee are breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with snacks all day long. Buffet meals will be served starting with dinner on Monday evening and ending with breakfast on Thursday morning. You are encouraged to bring snacks to share. Lakewood Retreat will host an Ice Cream Social to welcome our group on Monday evening.

We will have lots of special goodies and prizes and of course, our grand prize drawings on Bingo night! Bring your buttons for Bingo markers. We will have Show & Tell each evening so we can all show off our special projects and talents.

The Retreat Cost will be \$138.00 per quilter. There will be no refunds. You will be responsible to find someone to take your place in the event you're not able to attend.

We will be accepting payments during the October 2015, November 2015 and January 2016 General Guild Meetings. You will have the following options to pay during any of the meetings listed.

- One (1) payment of \$138.00
- Two (2) payments of \$69.00
- Three (3) Payments of \$46.00

Your first payment is required to hold your spot. We are limited to no more than 48 quilters. A Registration Form has been handed out and/or e-mailed to you. Please fill it out and get it back to Leida Martinez per the instructions on the Form.

Lifted Star Class – August 11th

On August 11th Pat Conkle taught a class on “Lifted Star”. What a beautiful pattern. See samples below. The ladies appeared to be having fun learning this tricky little pattern.



Braided Technique Class – August 18th

This was a great class taught by Sharon Allard. What a great design for purses or Pillows with the use of a special ruler.



Guild Events - Continued

Afternoon Tea – August 27, 2015

On August 27th after our regular meeting we held a tea. Most of the ladies wore hats and all brought their own teacup and saucer. They enjoyed flavored tea along with a luncheon of finger foods and desserts served typically with a high tea. Each lady stood up and gave a story about their teacup. It was a lovely luncheon and the stories were wonderful. Barb Theriault even brought her original designed quilt that she made for her Aunt in 2004 with appliqued teapots titled “Tea With Aunt Kate”. She visited her in New York every year enjoying a cup of tea and conversation until she passed at the age of 99 in 2013. Her teacup was a gift from her favorite aunt.



Some Show & Tell – August & September



Ava Rossler is showing her sample quilt of Rail Fence. She taught a class on this pattern in August.



Jody Mills is showing a purse she made from the Braided Technique class she took in August. She is also holding a really cute feathered stuffed bird she calls “Bobbin The Robin,” which she made just for fun!



Kathleen East made this cute Row Quilt with Race Cars.



Bonnie DeFranco finally finished this beautiful Queen Size Rail Fence Quilt. Nice job Bonnie.



Alma Martin made this really cute Christmas Santa Wall Hanging.



Georgene Jurgensen displays her wonderful Dresden Plate Quilt. Nice job Georgene.



Marilyn Ryder, Left, is showing another one of her Expressive Art Quilts entitled “WHY” Very unique and imaginative Marilyn.



Tips / Tricks

Cleaning Olfa Self-Healing Mats

A little tidbit that will help us all . This is from the Olfa website. Did you know?? It is recommended that you soak your mat from time to time. Your self healing mat loves moisture.

To soak it, put your mat in a bathtub or large container (would have to be large so it can lay flat) and soak it for 15-20 minutes in a solution of 1/4 cup white vinegar to every gallon of cool water. Let me repeat, cool water. Do this every so often to help extend its useful life.

Then use a squirt of mild dish washing soap (Ivory) and clean the mat with a mushroom brush (soft is the key word here). The purpose of this gentle scouring is to remove the fibers that get trapped in the cut marks preventing the cuts from "healing".

Keep 'em clean, keep 'em moist, keep 'em flat and NO heat. Your cutting mat is not a coffee cup coaster!"

Quilting Websites To Consider

- www.Quiltcompany.com This is a great website if you are a quilter who loves to do applique patterns. They also have links to where you can buy fabrics, notions, etc. I have a few of the patterns from this company and just love them. Hoping to make some soon.
- www.Thisandthatpatterns.com This is a great site for small patterns such as table toppers, runners, pillows, small quilts, pin cushions, notebook covers and many hand embroidery patterns combined with piecing. Check it out.



"I guess Mazel is still sore about last year's judging..."

In one of my more recent newsletters, I posted some helpful hints on paper piecing, which came from tips from quilters across the country. I was later approached by Emily Hamilton offering her special tips and guidelines for Paper Piecing, which I found not only very helpful and precise, but somewhat amusing and humorous in parts. Enjoy Emily's Rules below:

Emily Hamilton's Rules For Paper Piecing



Before you begin:

- 1) Paper piece in a place where you can be incredibly messy. This activity creates a lot of liter.
- 2) Never paper piece when you are tired, stressed out or have had a fight with a family member. Paper piecing tends to be tedious.
- 3) Photocopy extra pattern designs.
 - a) This method destroys your pattern
 - b) If you make a complete shambles of your design, you'll need a new pattern.
 - c) If you don't like the material or colors you used, you can start over.

After you begin:

- 1) You will be sewing along pattern lines so you can't see what is happening to the material underneath. This is an act of faith.
- 2) Even though this is a good way to use scrap pieces, make sure the scrap is big enough to cover that section of the pattern and not so big that extra material gets caught in the stitches.
- 3) Carefully determine the placement of the material. The right side of the fabric needs to come up on the right side of the pattern and the seam is where you expect it to be. It is easy to lay the material so it folds back the wrong direction.
- 4) Sew 15 stitches to an inch or very tiny so that the stitches will not pull out when you trim across seam lines. Granted, ripping out of very tiny stitches can be maddening so try to do it right the first time. This saves hours of aggravation.
- 5) It is best to press as you go along (finger pressing works but is not as good as ironing) because once a piece of material is sewn over another seam, you cannot go back and press it unless you want to rip it all out.
- 6) Sew according to the numbers on the pattern. Sometimes it makes a BIG difference if you don't do this.
- 7) Trim all seams to 1/4th inch or less, especially when using tiny pieces.

Advantages to paper piecing:

- 1) You can make all sorts of designs that would be super tedious to impossible using conventional methods.
- 2) You can use very TINY scraps of material.
- 3) You can get perfect points.
- 4) All sewing is along straight lines. It may be considered a disadvantage by some that you cannot sew curves, but there are ways to create curves.
- 5) All patterns can be modified - enlarging or shrinking, creating curves, readjusting lines to fit your project, etc.
- 6) In spite of what others say, you can make your own designs once you learn the basics of paper piecing.

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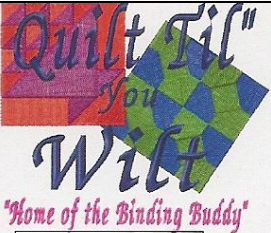
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