



# Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

March/April 2016



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

## President's Message



Dear Guild Members:

Hopefully, after this newsletter goes out, we will have inducted a new treasurer and our Guild will have survived. At the time of this message we have three possible candidates. Thank you to Barb Theriault for sending out emails to all our members requesting a volunteer for Treasurer.

Kathleen East has graciously offered to help the new Treasurer with the transition. Kathleen has gone above and beyond in her efforts in the interest of our guild. She has done an amazing job these past three years.

The Guild is a wonderful resource to us all and should be fun, as we enjoy our passion for sewing, quilting and sharing the wisdom of each other's knowledge. Volunteering is at the heart of this Guild's success and without volunteers we would cease to exist!

I want to thank my Executive Board; First vice president, Nancy Nickel: Christmas party, pot lucks and show & tell.

2nd Vice Presidents, Sally Mara & Millie Singleton, whose hard work make our interesting and informative classes possible. Thank you to our new Secretary, Beverly Abenante who stepped up to the plate when we needed her.

A special thank you to Barb Theriault - Newsletter, communication and website for keeping us informed of guild happenings.

I also want to thank all our faithful volunteers: Alma Martin - Membership, Ester Feil - 50/50 Raffle and Food Bank, Lucy Van Lieu - Mystery Gift Raffle, Marilyn Ryder - Block of the Month, Betsy Goker - Fat Quarter Sales, Judy Thew - Fat Quarter Raffle, Beverly Brown - Quilt Shop Ads, Shirley Kerstetter - Sunshine, Debbie McCabe - Charity Coordinator, Bridgette Kasm - Veteran's Quilts (Bridget & Ave Rossler distributed the veteran's quilts to the Veteran Nursing Homes). Thank you to Karen Pilon for the beautiful embroidered quilt labels.

Field trips, January(Quilts on Plum Lane) by Barb Theriault, February (West Pasco Quilt Show) by Denise Jolliffe.

Another special thank you to Leida Martinez and her committee, Donna Bleier and Ava Rossler for their work in preparing for the March Retreat. We are looking forward to having a fun time.

Happy Quilting,  
Bonnie

## Officers/Committee Chairs 2016/2017

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Newsletter/Advertising	Barb Theriault
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Sunshine	Shirley Kerstetter
Charity Coordinator	Deborah McCabe

## 2016 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	"REDWORK" Fabric
February	Greens or Shamrocks
March	Reproduction (i.e. Civil War, 1800's, 1930's or Shirtings)
April	Spring Colors (Tone on Tone, Reading Solid)
May	Batiks Only
June	Red/White/Blue
July	Black, Grey or White
August	Beige/Tan/Neutral (Backgrounds)
September	Stripes or Plaids
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**

Dorothy Johnson 2  
 Bobbie Lemay 7  
 Sandy Klemz 8  
 Ruth Redeker 12  
 Gae Nocella 14  
 Joyce Shively 15  
 Michelle Wing 16  
 Barbara Bradstreet 17  
 Brigitte Kasm 18  
 Joan Wildman 28  
 Sandra Davis 28  
 Millie Singleton 26  
 Kathleen East 30  
 Margaret Zielinski 31

**APRIL**

Georgene Jurgensen 4  
 Mary Ann Norfleet 7  
 Gene Chambers 10  
 Sue Oxendorf 13  
 Linda Woytisek 14  
 Muriel Johnson 16  
 Bonnie Baker 25  
 Brenda Anderson 29

**FIELD TRIPS**

The Guild has planned the following trips for March and April, 2016

**Friday, March 25, 2016**

Trip to Rainbow's End, possibly Ctry Quilts & Bears and new location of Happy Apple Quilts. Call Karen Pilon w/questions. 352-556-4720.

**Friday, April 15, 2016**

Trip to Suwannee Valley Quilt Shop, Trenton. Meet at 9:15am on Route 19 next to Hardee's.

If you have any questions, call Barb Theriault at 352-597-8816 or Cell: 678-793-5335

Don't let this happen to you! – Read your Newsletter for times and dates!

**Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2016/2017**

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Presented By	Pattern
Nov	Jan	Feb	Shirley Kerstetter	4 Crowns
Jan	Feb	Mar	Shirley Kerstetter	Flower Bed
Feb	Mar	Apr	Ruthanne McGookey	Taking Flight
Mar	Apr	May	Shirley Kerstetter	May Flowers



\* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed	2/24/16	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	2/25/16 (Challenge Due)	Spring Lake House, 1202 Kenlake, SH	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	3/23/16	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	3/24/16	Spring Lake House, 1202 Kenlake, SH	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed	4/27/16	Enrichment Center	9:30
Guild Meeting	Thurs	4/28/16	Spring Lake House, 1202 Kenlake, SH	9:30

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## **GUILD NEWS AND NOTES**

### ❖ **Hernando Quilters' Guild has a NEW MEETING PLACE!**

For those who were not at the January meeting and plan on attending the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting don't forget the new location is: **SPRING LAKE HOUSE at 1202 Kenlake Avenue, Spring Hill**, next to the Little Red Schoolhouse, less than a mile from our previous meeting place. Our meeting date remains the 4th Thursday of the month and the building is ours from 9am to 1pm. There will be circular tables that seat up to 8, and ceiling fans overhead to help move the air-conditioned air. We have a kitchen available for our use and a locked cabinet to hold our paper goods and other meeting paraphernalia. There is ample parking, including handicap spots in front of the Little Red Schoolhouse. Please don't park in front of the Little Red School House unless you need to park handicap.

#### **Directions to the new location:**

1. Coming west on Spring Hill Drive: Turn left at Kenlake Avenue. There is a stop light at this intersection. A Bank of America will be on your right. Continue on Kenlake to the stop sign, then continue straight to the Spring Lake House.
2. Coming south on Hwy 19: Turn left at Applegate Drive. There is a stop light at this intersection. Denny's and Panera Bread will be on your right. Drive past the Westside Elementary School, turn right onto Kenlake Avenue and continue to the parking lot.
3. Coming north on Hwy 19: Turn right at Applegate Drive. There is a stop light at this intersection. Denny's and Panera Bread will be on your left. Drive past the Westside Elementary School, turn right onto Kenlake Avenue and continue to the parking lot.

### ❖ **DUES \$15.00 DUE AT FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING (Final)** Please do not forget to bring your **checkbooks to pay your annual dues**. 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.

### ❖ **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 before summer, so the snowbirds could start working on it while home for the summer. Just remember the rules. The quilt has to be made between March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to February, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 was 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. The final payments for the Retreat were due at the January meeting. **Don't forget to bring your envelope with your contact and medical info to the February meeting and hand in to the committee for the retreat.** Leida will have more info on particulars as we get closer.

### ❖ **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.





## Calendar of Classes/Meetings



**Please Note:** Larger classes may need to be held at the Quarry. We will determine after checking the sign-up sheet if the number of students is too large for the Enrichment Center, we will notify you that the class location will change to the Quarry.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Twisted Star taught by Bonnie Holiday** Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting** at The Spring Lake House. **All Challenge Quilts are due at this meeting to be judged.**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Due to March Retreat there will be a Sew-cial instead of actual class run by Nancy Nickel** Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Sampler Quilt Block #3 and #4 (Gentlemen's Choice and Jacob's Ladder) – Millie Singleton** Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting** at The Spring Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave., Spring Hill, FL.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Table Topper Class taught by Nancy Nickel** Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Sampler Quilt Blocks #5 and #6 (Churn Dash and Friendship Star) – Millie Singleton** Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm – Water Bottle Tote taught by Carol Winney** Bay front Health Brooksville Enrichment Center, Bring Lunch, or you can purchase a lunch in the café at a discount.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Thursday 9:30am General Guild Meeting** at The Spring Lake House, 1202 Kenlake Ave., Spring Hill, FL.



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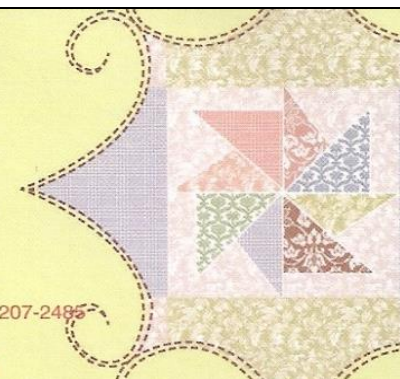
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# QUILT SHOWS/RETREATS



## **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 24-27, 2016 - AQS Quilt Show – Daytona Beach, FL**

American Quilters Society is pleased to announce it's newest **QUILT WEEK** Event to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida from February 24-27. It will be held at the Ocean Center, 101 North Atlantic Ave. More info at: [Quiltweek.com](http://Quiltweek.com)

## **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](mailto:quiltshow14@gmail.com).

**March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Mt. Dora, Florida - "FAN"tastic Quilt Show** The 2016 "FAN"tastic Quilt Show will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016, from 9:00 to 5:00 and Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 9:00 to 4:00. Our show is hosted at Lake Receptions, 4425 Highway 19A, Mount Dora, FL 32757. Join us to view almost 200 unique quilts and items on display. Shop at our many trend setting vendors and enjoy our large boutique. We have demonstrations of new techniques and products 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. In the atrium, there are tables and chairs to relax and have lunch. Lake Receptions will have salads, sandwiches, sweets and drinks for purchase. Admission is \$7.00; parking is free and buses are welcome. USA currency and checks are the only means of payment for guild items. Vendors accept credit and debit cards as well. Please direct email inquiries to this address: [quiltshowchair@lakequiltguild.com](mailto:quiltshowchair@lakequiltguild.com).

**March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - Largo, Florida** – Minnreg Hall, 6340 126<sup>th</sup> Ave., Largo, FL. 33773 Suncoast Quilting Circle Presents: "Reaching For the Stars – Today's Pleasures, Tomorrow's Treasures XVI." Friday 3/11 from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday 3/12 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Location: Minnreg Hall, 6340 126<sup>th</sup> Ave., Largo, FL. 33773. Admission \$8.00. Judge Show – Boutique – Vendors' Mall – Food Court, Silent Small Auction. Children 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult.

## **March 17 - 19, 2016 - Original Sewing & Quilt Expo – Lakeland, FL**

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**April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – Quilt Show In Lakeland - Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild presents: "Quilts By The Lake"** Location: First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr., Lakeland, Florida 33801 - Friday and Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Vendors, Boutique, Quilt Appraisals, Treasure Baskets, Food Concession, Opportunity Quilt, Charity Quilts Display. Admission \$7.00 (children under 6 FREE) For more info: [www.ladiesofthelakes.org](http://www.ladiesofthelakes.org)



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### Lunch At Applebee's

The Guild held their first Board Meeting of the new year on January 27, 2016 at the Enrichment Center. After a long meeting working on the budget, discussing new business and old business, we enjoyed a delicious, relaxing lunch at Applebee's Restaurant on Cortez Blvd. in Brooksville.



Seated from Left to Right: Karen Pilon, Nancy Nickel, Millie Singleton, Sally Marra, Barb Theriault, Beverly Abenante, Kathleen East, Bonnie DeFranco and Donna Bleier.

### Some Show & Tell – January



Several of the ladies took Karen Pilon's class "Square On Point" on January 19<sup>th</sup> and here are some of the results. A great quilt to make several of in various colors!



Beverly Abenante is demonstrating a new tool she has that picks up all those threads and scraps off you table and floor. This demo was part of our January Program of "Tools and Tips" by members. Great Ideas!



Rosemary Willett and Diane Favero are displaying their results of a "Paper Piecing" class also taught by Karen Pilon. Great job girls.



Look at those beautiful table center pieces by Jodi Mills. Just wonderful.



January 28, 2016 Spring Lake House  
A look at our New Meeting Facility



Shirley Kerstetter is showing two of her Melted Crayon Quilts. Just beautiful. She is a true artist!



Darla Matthews is showing one of her Christmas projects. Really nice job.



Ruthanne McGookey made this wonderful Redwork Quilt of several dog breeds. I just love It!



# Quilter's Corner

## The Life Of A Master Quilter

### Shirley Kerstetter



Shirley Kerstetter was born in the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and grew up with one older sister and two younger brothers.

Her mother and aunts were skilled in sewing, embroidery and needlework of all kinds, which contributed to Shirley's learning to sew at an early age, however she and her sister had to work together as neither could reach the Singer Treadle alone.

She majored in Commercial Art in High School and won a 4 year scholarship to the Philadelphia Museum School of Art. Upon graduation and marriage to James Kerstetter, a career in designing children's clothes in Philadelphia ensued.

Later, motherhood and other duties kept her busy at home. She re-entered the workforce when her daughter and son were in school and continued her career in the fashion industry.

The next big sewing frenzy was her daughter's wedding and the move to Florida followed, first to Dunedin to be near aging relatives, then to Spring Hill in 1987. After getting settled in their new home, Shirley looked around and thought quilting might be a suitable hobby.

An advertisement in Hernando Today's "Hometown Happenings", told of a new Quilting Guild that was meeting at Evergreen Woods. There was a waiting list and a few months later she received the news that there was an opening. The year was 1990 and the Guild was starting a very special project – making a Heritage Quilt. The committee was headed by Lois Fowler (now deceased) and the quilt layout had 22 blocks depicting the history of Hernando County. As the blocks were being spoken for, Shirley selected the "Hernando Desoto Block." No patterns were available for the buildings, vehicles, sites of interest or characters to be portrayed, so pattern drafting was needed. Her skills fit in perfectly and now that Heritage Quilt hangs in City Hall in Brooksville.

Shirley was recognized on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the guild as a "Charter Member" and presented with a certificate and a special pin commemorating the guild's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She served two terms as secretary and presently is our Sunshine Lady. Shirley loves the guild and has worked in many ways to contribute to its success. As the Guild changes with the years, every new member is welcomed and valued by Shirley. She has been inspired by fellow members and hopes she has been an inspiration to others by entering quilts in fairs, quilt shows and challenges. She has received many awards throughout the years for her wonderful talent and we are very fortunate to have Shirley as a member, good friend and a fellow quilter! Here are just a few of Shirley's wonderful creations including her Hoffman Challenge winning quilt above, and her famous President's Quilt which has been featured in "Quilter Magazine" and many shows throughout the quilting world.

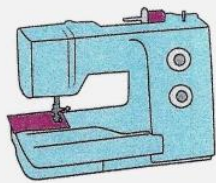






# Tips / Tricks/This & That

## WHAT TO PACK – QUILTING RETREAT TIPS



### SEWING, CUTTING, PRESSING

- ☐ Rotary cutter
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Small cutting mat
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Sewing machine (including foot pedal and power cord!)
- ☐ Neutral thread (plus colors needed for specific projects)
- ☐ Prewound bobbins
- ☐ Pins and pincushion
- ☐ Needle threader
- ☐ ¼-inch foot
- ☐ Walking foot
- ☐ Zipper foot
- ☐ Seam ripper
- ☐ Shelf liner to put under machine
- ☐ Wide rubber bands to hold foot control in place
- ☐ Spray bottle for water (to use at ironing station)
- ☐ Wooden seam presser
- ☐ Portable pressing surface
- ☐ Mini iron
- ☐ .....

### EXTRA, EXTRA

- ☐ Extra sewing machine needles
- ☐ Spare rotary cutter blades
- ☐ Fabric basting glue
- ☐ Fusible web
- ☐ Marking tools
- ☐ Specialty rulers or acrylic templates
- ☐ Freezer paper
- ☐ Interfacing
- ☐ Batting
- ☐ Container or tool caddy
- ☐ Notebook and pencil
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### PROJECTS

List projects, kits, and any special supplies needed for each.

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### GETTING COMFY

- ☐ Extra lighting
- ☐ Snacks (fruit, veggies, nuts, and cheese)
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Layers of clothing
- ☐ Slippers
- ☐ Plastic cup with a cover
- ☐ Cushion or special chair
- ☐ Your own pillow
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## A Quilter's Life

A Quilter treasures life's moments  
one stitch at a time.

She knows the joy of patiently creating  
a work of art that can only grow  
more precious with the gift of years.

She tells a beautiful story  
with patterns and colors, and  
the patchwork of her life is  
woven with threads  
of laughter and tears, memories and dreams.

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of preserving the past  
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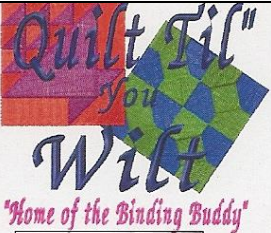


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