



Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024



Website: www.hernandoquiltersguild.com

President's Message



Dear Friends,

I hope your holidays were filled with family and friends and maybe a few cookies! Were you able to get all your sewing gifts completed?

As we start 2024, will you make resolutions? Are any of them sewing related? My challenge to myself is to clean off my UFO shelf. Embarrassingly, some of these tops are years and fabric old. It's not always appealing to complete something that you are no longer excited about, but there is a sense of guilt associated with looking at them almost every time I am in my sewing room. Besides, that would leave room for more fabric! Speaking of fabric, my second challenge is to get rid of fabric that I know I will *never* use. I, at times, wonder what I was thinking. That task will take me weeks. It makes me shudder just considering it!

Another challenge I have to myself is to learn to long arm quilt. I took a class in September at a local shop and so far have finished two quilts. Are they worthy of ribbons, heck no. At times, I feel like I am in elementary school learning how to write cursive. Will I continue? You bet! It's important for me to always challenge myself with something new or I get bored. However, in doing so, I don't get as much sewing accomplished.

When I was early in my quilting quest and at another guild, I would see classes published in the newsletter and think, I don't need to go to a class, I can do that on my own. What I've learned over the years is that I may not need the skill building of a technique, but I do need the camaraderie of those people around the class. It helps getting to know others in the guild and forge some new friendships. Think about taking, or even teaching, a class.

What do we have planned for 2024? Lots of awesome things. We will have some speakers, visits from quilt stores and games. Stay tuned!

Keep on stitching,
Eileen



2023/2024 Officers/Committee Chairs

President	Eileen Gorzelic
1 st Vice Pres.	Ann Brock
2 nd Vice Pres. (Programs)	Sandy Wesley/Penny Dyer
Secretary	Pam Russavage
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Quilt Trips	Louise Isabelle
Block/Month	Marilyn Ryder
2024 Retreat (March)	Karen Pilon
2023 Quilt Show	Sharon Didden/Cindy Fitzgerald
Fat Quarter Drawing	Judy Thew
50/50/Food Bank	Sally Cosenza
Mystery Prize	Jennifer Hayes
Membership	Judy Bukowski
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2024 Fat Quarter Schedule

January	Red/White/Pink or Hearts
February	Greens or Shamrocks
March	Earth Tones: i.e. Browns/Tans, Golds, Burgundy, dark greens, etc.
April	Florals or Pastels
May	Batiks Only
June	Red/White/Blue
July	Black, Grey or White
August	Neutrals: Beige/Tan/Cream
September	Fall Colors i.e. Golds, Orange, Browns, Reds, Yellows
October	Any Fat Quarter you want to enter, but no more than 5 per person.
November	Christmas Theme
December	No Exchange

Happy Birthday

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2024

JANUARY

- Veronica Barrass 3
- Ava Rossler 7
- Linda Wells 10
- Darlene Livingston 14
- Carol Chase 14
- Ann Oceau 14
- Eileen Gorzelic 15
- Betty Haney 21
- Lisa Calby 21
- Nancy Jenkins 22
- Daun Boerum 24
- Raelee Russavage 26



Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Pattern	Presented By:
Oct	Nov	Jan	Hawaiian Block	American Quilters
Nov	Jan	Feb	Snail	Kathy Chapman
Jan	Feb	Mar	Grandmother Garden	HQG
Feb	Mar	Apr	Bargello	Spontaneous AGAF
Mar	Apr	May	Dresden Plate	HQG

FEBRUARY

- Janice Parker 3
- Marilyn Ryder 7
- Roxanna St. John 9
- Lee Buhr 9
- Dani Tolin 15
- Judy Bukowski 18
- Doreen Davis 19
- Karin Brunner 19
- Judy Thew 20
- Mary (Kay) Johnson 24
- Renee Lowdenslager 25
- Bev Stewart 27
- Denise Jolliffe 28
- Mildred Hernandez 28
- Carole Cupp 28
- Joanne Miller 29



* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up



Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed.	1/17/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	1/25/24	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed.	2/14/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	2/22/24	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed.	3/20/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	3/28/24	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed.	4/17/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	4/25/24	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30

FIELD TRIPS

Friday, January 19th, 2024

Louise has planned a trip to Mt. Dora with a visit to Piece By Piece and Sew Mini Things. Lunch somewhere in Mt. Dora. Meet at Publix on Cortez (50) and Broad St. (41) at 9:00am.

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 **February 5th, 2024.**

Let our **SUNSHINE LADY**, Bonnie DeFranco (352-942-7336), or sewingnurs1118@gmail.com know about the needs or illnesses of our members.



“When we find moments of creation in our everyday activities, we also find simple satisfaction.”

GUILD NEWS AND NOTES



- ❖ **2024 Membership Dues** – The 2024 dues will be due in January 2024 and will be \$25.00 for all members renewing. The final deadline for dues is the February meeting. After that there will be a \$5.00 late fee.

- ❖ **2024 New Member Directory Coming In a Few Months**– Barb Theriault will be updating pictures of members. This process will take a few months and by March we should have an accurate count of members. Some drop off for various reasons and we also get new members during this time. She will be working on a software that we can marry the picture along with the member info. When this is complete it will probably be updated and sent out about 5 times a year. In the meantime you have been sent an updated list of members..

- ❖ **2024 UFO Challenge Starts in January** Your new form was e-mailed out in December. Your lists must be turned in by the January or February meetings. After February only new members will be able to sign up for the challenge. As you complete one of your items on your list you will receive a raffle ticket. The object is to help you complete some of your long overdue tasks. It again will be a \$5.00 entry fee. The entire sum will be given to the winner at the December 24 Holiday Party.

- ❖ **2023 Continued - Hernando Quilters Sampler Quilt** Penny Dyer is running this challenge which started in May 2023. Participants have been receiving a new block each month, through April 2024. They will get instructions for 12-12.5”(12 inch finished) Blocks. There will be months with 6”blocks, to make x4 for the 12” block. April 2024 will also include sashing and border instructions. Completed quilt should be 56”x70”.

- ❖ **2024 Hernando Quilters Sampler Quilt** Penny Dyer and her committee have chosen the subject of **Houses** for our new challenge for 2024 which will start in May. There is a discussion going on to possibly do wonky houses, or straight houses, or maybe combining the two. Penny will address the decision at the January meeting. Participants will receive a new block each month, through April 2025. They will get instructions for 12-10 1/2”(10 inch finished) Blocks.

- ❖ **2024 LAKELAND BUS TRIP TO EXPO** - We will be doing a bus trip to the Lakeland Sewing Expo on March 15, 2024 which is a Friday (2nd day of Expo). Sandy Wesley has a sign-up sheet on her table for those who wish to go so that we have an idea of how many will be attending. The cost will be \$45.00 per person which includes admission fee, parking and driver tip. The bus will leave at 8:30am sharp from the Weeki Wachee Shopping Center, Cortez & US 19 . We will attend the show from 10:00am to 3:00pm and arrive back home approximately 5:30pm.

- ❖ **2024 LAKE YALE RETREAT – Monday, March 4th to Thurs March 7th 2024** – Karen Pilon has secured the date for our 2024 Retreat at Lake Yale. We will be in the lighter, but a little smaller room in the building next to the Magnolia Dining Hall. Our Pods will be 4 Pods instead of 6 Pods due to limited space, so It was asked of people at the 2023 Retreat to give a \$100 deposit made out to Hernando Quilters' Guild, to our treasurer, Raelee Russavage, if they wish to go in 2024. The cost has increased to \$320.00 for a double room and \$390 for a single room. The final deposit of \$120, \$190 was due at the October meeting. For your advanced planning - Fat Quarters for 2024 Retreat- bring 6 and colors are Lime Green and Royal Blue. Please adhere to the colors requested. Do not try to use any other color, or you will not be able to participate in the Left/Right/Center game.

HERNANDO QUILTERS GUILD, INC.**2024 ANNUAL BUDGET**

INCOME	ANNUAL	MONTHLY
MEMBERSHIP DUES (130 x \$25.00)	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 270.83
50/50 RAFFLE	\$ 550.00	\$ 45.84
MYSTERY GIFT RAFFLE	\$ 770.00	\$ 64.16
EDUCATION - Block of the month	\$ 77.00	\$ 6.41
EDUCATION - Class tuition	\$ 820.00	\$ 68.33
EDUCATION - Mystery quilt (35 students @ \$12.50)	\$ 437.50	\$ 35.00
ADVERTISING - Newsletter (8 ads @ \$25)	\$ 200.00	\$ 16.66
CHARITY - Food Pantry = 0 balance account	\$ -	
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON = 0 balance account	\$ -	
Annual Retreat (40X\$320/\$390)	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 1,066.66
Estimated Quilt Show Income(\$9,000 divided by 3yrs)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 21,904.50	\$ 1,823.89
EXPENSES	ANNUAL	MONTHLY
Enrichment Center	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 125.00
COMM. LIABILITY INS.	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 108.33
BOM Payment Marilyn Ryder	\$ 75.00	\$ 6.25
FL DEPT OF STATE - Filing fee	\$ 80.00	\$ 6.66
EOY End-of-Year CHARITY (1 award of \$300.00)	\$ 300.00	\$ 25.00
CHARITY - Food Pantry = 0 balance account	\$ -	\$ -
BOD SUPPLIES (1 paper/1 ink x 5 Positions @ \$75/ea)	\$ 375.00	\$ 31.25
EDUCATION - Teacher stipend = 0 balance acct.	\$ 470.00	\$ 39.16
EDUCATION - National Educators	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 208.33
WEBSITE - Website Host (pd in one 3yr contract)	\$ 114.00	\$ 9.50
WEBSITE - Website Name	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.25
NEWSLETTER - Printing 6 times (avg. issue \$30)	\$ 121.00	\$ 10.08
P.O. BOX RENTAL	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.83
MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 1,285.00	\$ 107.08
MYSTERY GIFT - purchases (\$30/month)	\$ 330.00	\$ 27.50
MYSTERY QUILT PATTERN (35 X \$7.50)	\$ 262.50	\$ 21.87
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON - 0 balance acct.		
Miscellaneous/Discretionary	\$ 252.00	\$ 21.00
Annual Retreat (40X\$320/\$390)	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 1,066.66
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 21,904.50	\$ 1,835.75
2024 Proposed Income	\$21,904.50	
2024 Proposed Expenses	\$21,904.50	
BUDGET	\$0.00	

QUILT SHOWS



❖ **January 19 – 20, 2024 Ladies of the Lake Quilt Show in Lakeland**
First Presbyterian Church
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❖ **February 16-17-18, 2024 West Pasco Quilters' Guild Quilt show – "Pocketful of Sunshine"**

Location: NPR Recreation & Aquatic Center, 6630 Van Buren Street, New Port Richey, FL 34653.

Awesome: Guild Boutique, Patriot Quilt Display, Door Prizes, Trunk Show, Quilts of Valor presentations, Small Quilt Auction, Food by Special Olympics of Florida.

West Pasco Quilters' Guild Inc.
 19th Biennial Quilt Show
"POCKETFUL OF SUNSHINE"
 Sew Many Quilts 2024
February 16-17-18, 2024
 Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm - Sunday 10am-4pm

Admission: One day \$10, Multi-day \$25

Over 400 quilts on display - VENDOR - Luncheon - Food - Basket walk - Silent auction - "ARTIST" quilt display by West Pasco Historical Society - Quilts of Valor - Trunk show

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❖ **March 14 – 16, 2024 - Original Sewing & Quilt Expo in Lakeland, FL.**
RP Funding Center, 701 West Lime Street, Lakeland, FL
Exhibit Hall Hours:
Thurs. & Fri. 10am – 5:30pm
Sat. 10am – 5pm



Guild Events and Classes

The below Ladies are displaying their Christmas Stockings. These stockings were taken by Pam Russavage to the Child Advocacy Center and donated for the children. The staff was very thankful for our generosity. See photo Below.



Our lives are a patchwork of beautiful moments and what we make with our hands we give with our hearts!

Date	Quarry – 800 Gary Grubbs Blvd. Brooksville, FL	Krueger Enrichment Ctr. Spring Hill, FL	Instructor
	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	
JANUARY			
9th	Mystery Quilt		Karen Pilon
11th		Bowl Me Over Bag	Raelee Russavage
16 th	Iron Caddy		Penny Dyer
FEBRUARY			
6 th	T-Shirt Quilt		Penny Dyer
8 th		Bowl Me Over Bag	Raelee Russavage
13 th	Mystery Quilt		Karen Pilon
20 th	Floral Fence Rail Beginners Class		Eileen Gorzelic/Louise Isabelle
MARCH			
4th	Retreat 4th – 7th		
12 th	T-Shirt Quilt		Penny Dyer
19 th	Beginners Class – Floral Fence Rail		Eileen Gorzelic/Louise Isabelle
21 st		Scrappy Quilt	Sandy DeRosso



Quilt Guild Events

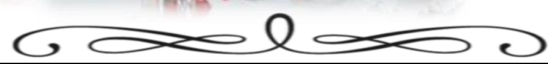


Annual Guild Christmas Luncheon – December 7th, 2023

The 2023 Christmas Luncheon was held on December 7th at the Krueger Enrichment Center. It was catered by Krueger Catering. Everyone had a good time and it was great to be able to enjoy each other's company. We had a wonderful gift exchange and a 50/50 raffle. We would like to thank Ann Brock for her hard work in securing the venue and the Catering for this event. Also a thank you to all the little elves who volunteered to help with set up. The team-work was great as usual. Here are a few photos. We had our usual gift exchange and a special prize that was purchased at Nana's Quilt Shop. It was a Brother small sewing machine which is great for taking to Retreats or classes. The lucky winner was Joanne Miller (Picture below).



The Winner - Joanne Miller



Quilt Guild Events 2023 Quilt Show



This year on November 3rd and 4th we hosted our Quilt Exhibit & Craft show at the Parish Hall at St. Joan of Arc Church in Spring Hill. A tremendous amount of work went into creating this show. A big thankyou to the Chairpersons of the show – Sharon Kenny Didden and Cindy Fitzgerald and also to all the committee heads for the various segments of the show. Below are some pictures of the show.



Viewers Choice Awards



First Place: Louise Isabelle – Circle Of Life



2nd Place: Tekla Bell (posthumously) – Garden Party



3rd Place: Connie Jablonsky – Snow Days



Opportunity Quilt Winner – Guild Member - Diane Hackenbach

Some of the worker Bees!



Our Amazing Boutique



The Basket Raffle



The Small Quilt Sale



Quilt Guild Events 2023 Quilt Show (Continued)

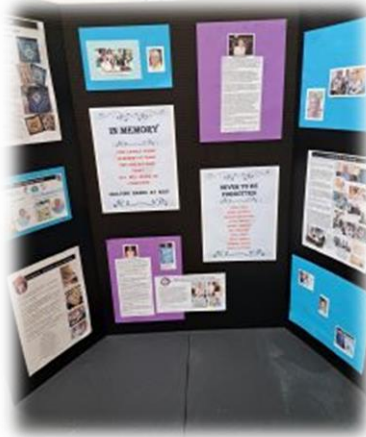
Some of the Quilts on Display



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