



Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



JULY/AUGUST 2023

Website: www.hernandoquiltersguild.com

President's Message



Dear Friends,

When you were a child, maybe eight or nine, were you one of those children who couldn't wait until you were double digits? It felt like you were slogging through mud until you reached that magic number! Fast forward to now, it just boggles my mind that the months and years seem to have disappeared so quickly—you take a breath, and another birthday has come and gone. *Almost six months ago we were celebrating the holidays and now only five months until the quilt show!*

The quilt show provides the funding for our expenses for the next few years. I hope you all will consider donating your time at the show as well as items for the boutique. It's fun and it provides an opportunity to get to know other members.

In July at the conclusion of the meeting, we will have members show us techniques like paper piecing, border measuring, applique methods and more. In August we are planning bingo. So much to look forward to.

The Quarry and Krueger Enrichment Centers have been very generous in allowing us to have meetings and classes at their facilities at no cost. The Centers do not require us to have memberships for our meetings but do so with our classes (\$15 a year). Please be sure your membership is up to date if you take classes.

May your summer bring you good health and lots of time to sew!

Best,
Eileen

2023/2024 Officers/Committee Chairs

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Block/Month	Marilyn Ryder
2024 Retreat (March)	Karen Pilon
2023 Quilt Show	Sharon Didden/Cindy Fitzgerald
Fat Quarter Drawing	Judy Thew
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2023 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

JULY

Mary Evey 2
Ruth Sharpin 6
Suzanne Williams 8
Terri Coley 12
Gail Wright 13
Pat Wilcox 22



AUGUST

Darlene Mooth 3
Beth Kottmann 3
Monica Sheppard 8
Louise Isabelle 11
Ruth Koch 11
Cindy Fitzgerald 12
Kay Shafer 15
Sandy Wesley 16
Margo Wyllie 16
Christine Allard 16
Penny Vallauri 17
Jamie Crowe 18
Diane Heckenbach 20
Donna Anderson 26
Diane Meyer 28
Penny Dyer 28



* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2023/2024

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Pattern	Presented By:
Apr	May	June	Flamingo	Angela Huffman
May	June	July	Seminole Patchwork	Cheryl Bradkin
June	July	August	Amish Lone Star	Needlart Guild
July	August	Sept	Scaredy Cat	American Quilters
Aug	Sept	Oct	Bacon & Eggs	Art Deco
Sept	Oct	Nov	Starbright Wishes	Kathy Hock

FIELD TRIPS for June

Friday, June 16th

We will be going to Sweet Darlings and Scrap and Sew, both in Lutz. Lunch to be decided later. Meet at Publix on Cortez (50) and Broad St. (41) at 9:00am.

No Trips in July due to Louise and others going on vacation.



Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed.	6/21/23	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	6/22/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed.	7/26/23	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	7/27/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed.	8/23/23	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	8/24/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed.	9/27/23	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	9/28/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
Board Meeting	Wed.	10/25/23	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	10/26/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30

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

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 **August 5th, 2023**

GUILD NEWS AND NOTES



- ❖ **2023 UFO CHALLENGE**– \$5.00 to pay to join in on the fun! Starting in February and ends at the November 2023 Meeting. Make a list on the form provided in a previous mailing of your unfinished projects and turn your list in at the February meeting. As each UFO is completed you get a raffle ticket for a drawing in November 2023. The UFO must be: Quilted, Bound, Label affixed to back, unless the UFO is something other than a quilt that might preclude a label. i.e. purse, bag, clothing.
- ❖ **2023 Hernando Quilters Sampler Quilt** Penny Dyer is running this challenge which started in May 2023. Participants will receive 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. The committee thinks quilt blocks will be a good STASH BUSTER. April 2024 will also include sashing and border instructions. Completed quilt should be 56”x70”.
- ❖ **2023 Small Wall Hanging Sale** Penny Dyer, Anne Brock, Renee Lowdenslager and Pat Siddons are the Committee members for the Small Wall Hangings to be sold at the November Quilt Show. The Quilts can be 12” x 36” wide and 12” to 45” in length. Quilt sleeves are to be appropriate to the size of the quilt. The quilts will be priced at a minimum of \$15.00 to a maximum of \$60.00. The Committee will determine the final price. Registration Forms have been sent out and are due back by July 1, 2023 if you are participating. These completed quilts must then be turned in at the September 21st 2023 Guild Meeting.
- ❖ **2023 QUILT SHOW**– The dates for the show are November 3rd and 4th, 2023. The venue for the show will be at the Parish Hall at St. Joan of Arc Church 13485 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL. Sharon Kenny Didden and Cindy Fitzgerald are co-chairpersons for the show. We need more volunteers in order to have a successful show, so please volunteer some of your time. See Cindy Fitzgerald at the meeting to sign up, or let Sharon Kenny Didden know. We are well on our way with Boutique Workshops and classes to make items for our Craft/Quilt Boutique at the Show. You can also make items on your own and turn them in.

- ❖ **2023 OPPORTUNITY QUILT**– The Chairperson for the Opportunity Quilt is Anne Koetter. The Quilt Raffle Tickets were designed by Barb Theriault and are available for sale at each of our meetings and at various shops and venues throughout the year. Tickets will also be sold at the Quilt Show on November 3rd and 4th with the drawing taking place on November 4th at 2:00pm. You need not be present to win. The Quilt is called “**SNAILS AT SEA**” and it measures 86” x 96”. Each member is being asked to purchase at least 2 sets of 6 for \$5.00.



Snails At Sea (86 “ x 96”)

- ❖ **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. If you were not at the 2023 Retreat and want to go in 2024, please get your deposit in as soon as possible to secure a spot. The cost has increased to \$320.00 for a double room. For your advance planning - Fat Quarters for 2024 Retreat- bring 6 and colors are Lime Green and Royal Blue.

QUILT SHOWS



❖ Jacksonville, FL - September 14 to 16, 2023 QUILTFEST 2023

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street,
Jacksonville, Florida

Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Admission: \$15.00

Children under 12 are free

Senior Thursday, 60+: \$14.00

Military: \$14.00 with ID



❖ October 20 and 21st, 2023 Clearwater, Florida - Quilters Crossing's 17th Biennial Quilt Show - Quilting Under The Palms

• Fri. Oct 20th, 2023, from 9 A.M.-4 P.M. & Sat. Oct 21st, 2023, from 9 A.M.-3 P.M.

• Admission \$10.00

• Over 200 Beautiful Quilts Traditional to Contemporary

• Boutique, "Couture, Décor & More", Door Prizes, Gift Baskets (including one with a Featherweight Sewing Machine), Group Quilt, Quilt appraiser and Vendors

• Gift Basket tickets may be purchased at the show

• Bus tours are welcome

• Lots of free convenient parking

Countryside Recreation Center, Clearwater, Florida

❖ November 3rd & 4th, 2023 Hernando Quilters' Guild, Inc. Presents "Sew It Up" Quilt Exhibit & Craft Show

Time: Friday – 10am to 4pm

Saturday – 10am to 3pm

Place: Parish Hall at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

13485 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609

General Admission: \$10.00

Quilts On Display – Vendor Booths – Craft Boutique – Raffle Baskets – Opportunity

Quilt – Small Wall Hangings for Sale – Food Served by Knights of Columbus

❖ November 10 & 11, 2023 Lake County Quilters Guild Presents FANTastic Quilt Show At the Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Circle, Leesburg, FL 34748

Friday 9am to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 4pm.

Admission: \$10.00

Boutique sales,

Quilt Raffle,

Baskets,

Door Gift,

Demos,

Vendors



CLASSES



2023 Calendar of Classes/Workshops



Date	Quarry – 800 Gary Grubbs Blvd. Brooksville, FL	New Enrichment Center – 392 Beverly Court, Spring Hill, FL	Instructor	
	TUESDAY	THURSDAY		
JUNE				
1 st		Open UFO – Machines Allowed		
6 th	Boutique Workshop			
8 th		Open UFO- Machines Allowed		
13 th	Boutique Workshop			
15 th		Open Hand Sew		
20 th	Boutique Workshop			
JULY				
4 th	NO CLASS			
6 th		Folded Wreath/Star	Anne Koetter	
11 th	Poppins Bag 15 Limit			
13 th		Embroidery Coaster or Mug Rug	Raelee Russavage	
18 th	Christmas In July			
20 th		Hand Sew		
AUGUST				
1 st				
3 rd				
8 th				
10 th		Back Basting Applique	Bev Abenante	

Show & Tell April / May 2023

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

Here are some photos of the Show & Tell Quilts from the April and May Guild Meetings. Many items have been made by members and are being donated for the Boutique at the Quilt Show in November.



At the officers table Raelee has laid out several items she has made for the Boutique. Most done on her embroidery machine in the hoop.



Several items are being shown that the ladies have made for the Boutique. Mesh Bags, Christmas Tree wall hangings, Hanging Towels and Reading Pillows to name a few.



Louise Isabelle is donating this beautiful Sachiko Quilt to the Small Quilt Sale. Beautiful.



Louise Isabelle is donating these two wall Hangings for the Small Quilt Sale at the Show.



Raelee is showing her Trapunto Star Quilted Wall-Hanging for the Boutique Sale. Really nice job.



Darlene Livingston made these 3 framed paper-pieced blocks for the small quilt sale. Really nice job.



Sharon Allard made these cute Flamingo Place Mats for the Boutique. Great!

Note from Editor: Due to amount of pictures and space in the Newsletter, I am not always able to put all the show & tell pictures in, but be assured I have saved all of your pictures and they could appear in another newsletter down the road.

This & That

WHY WOMEN QUILT???

One – Self Expression

Much of our creativity is stifled in the world, starting when we are young. ("Never color outside of the lines.") Most jobs use little or none of our creative juices. People come to quilting to express creativity, to release some bubbling energy. Every step of the quilting process allows quilters to uniquely express themselves. Creativity flows from choosing colors and fabrics, discovering ways to combine them, designing patterns, and picking out threads.

Two - Charity

Quilters often quilt for a cause. They make homemade, snuggly quilts to give to abused and neglected children, patients in hospitals, residents at nursing homes, Alzheimer patients, etc. They donate quilts to raise funds for charitable organizations. Quilters are a very giving bunch.

Three – Make Due

Quilting can be a very frugal undertaking. Many quilters quilt in order to reuse and recycle. They scout thrift shops for old clothes; swap scraps; and use other throwaway fabrics, like fabric sample books from furniture stores. The result is a repurposed, useful, and beautiful item.

Four - Healing

Many people come to quilting to work through loss, grief, mourning, or pain. There appears to be something cathartic about piecing together scraps of material as one tries to piece together the scraps of her, or his life. The calming, repetitive motion of the hand, sewing up and down, in and out, is a meditative and restorative activity. The satisfaction of completing block after block is real. To see the tangible result of one's time and energy is rewarding. For many, quilting is therapy.

Five - Art

Quilting has emerged as a respected art form uniquely its own. Shows and displays are held all over the world. Patterns and designs have become increasingly more intricate, and many art quilters have moved away from pattern work toward more free-form styles. These incorporate key elements of art theory, combining line, form, texture and light value to create more conceptual art quilts.

Six - Domesticity

My farm girl friend helped me with number six. Quilting makes many feel homey and domesticated. She said that quilting helps her "feel motherly and domestic in a sometimes too harsh world." Although she's currently on a break from quilting, she wrote, "... in my 'heyday' of quilting, I don't think I was ever so complete "

Seven - Camaraderie

The act of quilting lends itself to companionship; yes, quilters are partiers. Sure, quilting can be done solo, but most people join with others to have fund quilting together. This is different from most crafts, which are done alone. And finding a group of friendly quilters is easy. Most every community has quilting clubs and quilting stores. A quick Google search ("online quilting groups") produces over eight million results.

Eight - Religion

Does this surprise you? For some, quilting (along with other crafts) is a religion. There is even a Church of Craft (ChurchOfCraft.org), whose mission statement says, in part: "When we find moments of creation in our everyday activities, we also find simple satisfaction. The power of creating gives us the confidence to live our lives with all the love we can." Quilting can be prayer; quilting can be religion.

Nine - Health

Quilting is good for you. A study from the University of Glasgow indicates that quilting can improve well-being. The study found that quilting helps cognitive, creative, and emotional health. That's huge. As it turns out, quilting may be better for us than walking on a treadmill every day.

Ten - Legacy

The most popular reason for quilting is the desire to create an heirloom, a legacy. I remember as a kid that my brother, my sister, and I used to argue over which of us would get the brightly striped quilt made by my great-aunt Ruth. We each wanted it on our bed, not only because we needed a warm covering (there were plenty of blankets in the linen closet), but because of some deeper reason we would never have been able to articulate. That quilt held some sort of emotional connection to our heritage for us. It made us feel good and helped us sleep well.

Source: (Mary Janes Farm Magazine clipping)



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