# Bernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter



Dear Guild Members:

Fall has always been a time of reflection for me, assessing the year and prepping for the year to come. Growing up and spending most of my life in the north, I always looked forward to and was in awe of the beauty and glorious colors that fall brought. It created a fire in my creativity, the need to pull orange, yellow, red, and green fabrics to create something special to echo the splendor in the foliage. Living in Florida, while there isn't the same seasonal impact, there are whispers of changes; a few of our trees take on a burnished color and the humidity becomes less oppressive.

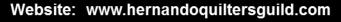
As we approach the end of this year, I want to thank those who have mentored and steered me through 2023. The Executive Committee has provided me with much guidance through some issues and helped me to grow. We are a team with awesome ideas and positive opinions. Karen Pilon and Louise Isabelle have also become wonderful sources for my questions and providing clarity. Next year will be an exciting year with many of our plans growing into reality.

We recently lost the soul of our family, my mother-in-law, Veronica. She has always been a part of my life, knowing her since I was a teenager. She was the essence of kindness and generosity to a fault. She loved her family without question and life. And always enjoyed an adventure, even to the Dollar Store. I am sure she is riding a rollercoaster somewhere! She taught me how to cook, always found and shared the best desserts and made the most awesome melt-in-your-mouth cutout cookies at Christmastime. While she didn't quilt, she sewed in a factory to help support her family of five children. She made men's ties, velour outfits and a myriad of other items. We were quite fashionable in the 80s in our velour outfits. She always told us to 'follow your heart and your dreams'. While her flame has gone out, her love lives on.

Till we meet again, follow your heart and your dreams!

Best, Eileen





#### 2023/2024 Officers/Committee Chairs

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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			
Μαγ	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

#### NOVEMBER

Laurie Pearce 4 Bonnie Hibbard 6 Debbie Burns 7 Jennifer Hayes 10 Ruthanne McGookey 13 Linda Wade 15 Betty Lynn Pepka 16 Jacqueline Major 16 Bonnie DeFranco 18 Barbara Theriault 20 Patty Roberts 23 Pat Mainster 23 Donna Muro 24 Paula Lawery 25 **Beverly Abenante 26** Pat Siddons 26 Deborah Ann Hetman 30



#### Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2023/2024

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Pattern	Presented By:	
July	August	Sept	Scaredy Cat	American Quilters	
Aug	Sept	Oct	Bacon & Eggs	Art Deco	
Sept	Oct	Nov	Starbright Wishes	Kathy Hock	

\* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed.	10/18/23	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	10/26/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
2023 Hernando QUILT SHOW	Wed – Sat	Set Up 11/1 & 2. Show 11/3 &4	Parish Hall, St. Joan of Arc, Spring Hill	Show Friday 10:00 to 4:00: Sat 10:00 to 3:00
Board Meeting	Wed.	11/15/23	Quarry 10:00	
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	11/16/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	9:30
HOLIDAY PARTY	Thurs.	12/7/23	Krueger Enrichment Ctr.	11:00 to 2:00



#### BUS TRIP TO LAKELAND – March 15, 2024

Sandy Wesley is making arrangements for our annual Bus Trip to the Lakeland Show. Sign ups will be after the first of the year. An estimated cost if \$45.00, but that could change. More info to follow.





#### FIELD TRIPS

DECEMBER Carol Luzzi 1

Barb Hillman 2

JoAnne Vesely 4 Karen Pilon 8 Marjie Corey 9 Judith Silva 11 Kathleen Rufa 20

Gayle Keenan 31

Sharon Kenny Didden 27

#### No Field Trips until January, 2024

There will be no field trips until January due to Quilt Show and Prep.

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 October 5th, 2023

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

#### **GUILD NEWS AND NOTES**

- Quill CHRISTMAS LUNCH Our Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am with Lunch served at 12:00pm at the Krueger Center and will be catered by Krueger Catering. It will be Buffet style. The cost will be \$30.00 per person and the Menu consists of Roast Beef in a carve station or Chicken Picada. Sides are mashed Potatoes, Gravy, mixed green salad, sherried carrots, rolls and butter. Ice Tea, lemonade and water included. Don't forget to bring your \$25.00 gift. If you bring a gift, you get a gift.
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 Guild Meeting.
- 2023 QUILT SHOW The dates for the show are November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 only have a few days left until our Quilt Show, so be sure you wear your wrist bands to get into the show. Please keep track of your volunteer commitments and show up on time.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with the drawing taking place on November 4<sup>th</sup> 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")

- 2023 RAFFLE BASKETS FOR QUILT SHOW Along with the Raffle Baskets at our Quilt Show, Nana's Quilt Shop has donated a Pacesetter Brother Sewing Machine PS300T to be a bonus raffle ticket attached to the basket raffle ticket purchase.
- 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.



### QUILT SHOWS



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

- ✤ January 19 20, 2024 Ladies of the Lake Quilt Show in Lakeland First Presbyterian Church 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr Lakeland, FL33801
- 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, Patriotic Quilt Display, Door Prizes, Trunk Show, Quilts of Valor presentations, Small Quilt Auction, Food by Special Olympics of Florida. Show Chair: Janie Franco, Rose Ann, Verheyen, Rhonda Koning

 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

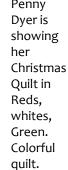


## Show & Tell September / October 2023

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 September/October Guild Meetings. Many items have been made by members and are being donated for the Boutique at the Quilt Show in November.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> several ladies gathered at Eileen Gorzelic's house for pricing of Boutique Items. Here are some pictures of the Event. Eileen's husband made some delicious Chili for our lunch. Also, Eileen served some great desserts.





Barb Theriault is showing her "Raining Cats & Dogs" Red Work Quilt. Applique and hand embroidery combo. Such a fun quilt!



Connie Jablonsky is showing her really cute "Moonlight Serenade." Love it!



Janice Parker is displaying her

Ribbon Block Quilt. Nice job.

Jane Ericson is displaying her colorful Dragon Quilt. Very Nice Jane!



Pam Russavage is very proud of her Wisconsin Quilt. Great job.



Pam Russavage is showing her "Dresden Neighborhood quilt. Amazing!



Darlene Livingston is showing her secret pocket purses which will be placed in the Quilt Show Boutique. Really nice.



## Show & Tell Continued



Judy Bukowski is showing her beautiful machine embroidered wall hanging of a lighthouse scene. Very nice!





Mystery Quilt by Karen Pilon – January 9<sup>th</sup> & Feb 13<sup>th</sup> T-Shirt Quilt by Penny Dyer – January 18<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Floral Fence Rail Beginners Class by Eileen Gorzelic & Louise Isabelle – Feb 20<sup>th</sup> & March 19<sup>th</sup>

Dresden Neighborhood by Pam Russavage – April 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 16<sup>th</sup>

Effective January, 2014 the new class fees will be \$10.00







Betty Lynn Pepka made this beautiful Christmas Wall Hanging "Jingle All The Way." Nice colorful!



Maryann Wilkinson is showing a quilted shawl she made. Very nice.



Sally Cosenza is showing her special Florida Quilt. Nice job Sally!





Sandy Wesley is displaying her granny Square quilt. The backing is just as beautiful as the granny squares on front!



Debbie Burns made this very patriotic Veterans Quilt. Great Job!





Linda Wells is showing two of her Christmas Projects.



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