



# Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

## MAY/JUNE 2024



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

### President's Message



Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, I was speaking with a gentleman on the phone trying to resolve a problem. I revealed that I belonged to a quilting guild. His response was "I heard that quilting was becoming popular again". I chuckled and said "Well, actually..."

My curiosity sent me down the internet rabbit hole to see what recent surveys indicate on how much money 'we' quilters spend to support the economy and who we are. Every year Premier Needle Arts releases the results of its annual Quilter's Survey. Here is some of those results from the 2022 survey:

- Dedicated quilters estimate the average dollar value of their "stash" to be \$3,677 and their quilting tools and supplies to be \$8,542;
- The average quilter is retired and is in her 60's, has been quilting for over 10 years and has a household income of \$60k+;
- We start 10-12 quilt projects each year (*the survey doesn't indicate if we finish them*);
- An average of six hours per week is spent on quilting projects;
- Approximately four sewing machines are owned;
- Our fabric is mainly purchased from independent quilt shops;
- We are online every day doing research, shopping and watching YouTube for quilt related information;
- There are currently 9-11 million active quilters in the United States;
- And by 2026-27 the amount that quilters spend is expected to be **\$5 billion!**

If you would like to read more about the 2022 survey, please visit: [The Size of the Quilting Market: Quilting Trends Survey Results 2022 - Craft Industry Alliance.](#)

Keep on sewing,  
Eileen

*We Stitch, We share Stories and Dreams. We laugh, we cry,  
We Learn, We Grow. We Care and We Love. We're There,  
We're Family, We're QUILTERS!*

### 2024/2025 Officers/Committee Chairs

President	Eileen Gorzelic
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	Ann Brock
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. (Programs)	Sandy Wesley/Penny Dyer
Secretary	Pam Russavage
Treasurer	Raelee Russavage
Quilt Shop Advertising	TBD
Quilt Trips	Louise Isabelle
Block/Month	Marilyn Ryder
2025 Retreat (March)	Karen Pilon
2026 Quilt Show	Cindy Downey
Fat Quarter Drawing	Judy Thew
50/50/Food Bank	Sally Cosenza
Mystery Prize	Sandy DeRosso
Membership	Judy Bukowski
2024/25 Sampler Quilt	Penny Dyer
2024/25 Quilt Challenge	Bev Abenante
2024 UFO Challenge	Eileen Gorzelic
Newsletter/Communications	Barb Theriault
Sunshine	Bonnie DeFranco
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Website Liaison	Eileen Gorzelic/Kristin Kelley

### 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

### MAY

Jackie Robbins 9  
Sharon Allard 10  
Diane Bailey 14  
Patty Richey 14  
Sheila Jones 20  
Mary Elizabeth Bon 23  
Karen Greenberg 30



### JUNE

Alice Comer 5  
Pam Russavage 6  
Connie Jablonsky  
Debbie Kolbasiuk 11  
Ellen Barnes 11  
Lynn Caulkett 18  
Caroline Nelson 20  
Sally Cosenza 23  
Bonnie Holliday 26  
Paulette Curtis 27  
Carol Derise 27  
Ann Brock 28  
Maryann Wilkinson 30

## Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2024

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Pattern	Presented By:
Jan	Feb	Mar	Hexie Flower	HQG
Feb	Mar	Apr	Scrappy Bargello	Bonnie Hinton
Mar	Apr	May	Dresden Plate	HQG
Apr	May	June	Snail	Kathy Chapman
May	June	July	String	Bonnie Hinton
June	July	Aug	Arrow Deco	Art Deco
July	Aug	Sept	Hootie	Quilt Maker
Aug	Sept	Oct	Christmas Tree	Ann Koetter
Sept	Oct	Nov	Bowtie	Yvonne Khin



\* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

## FIELD TRIPS for May, 2024

### Friday, May 17th

We will be going to Black Dogs Quilt Shop, 662 E. Hwy 50 in Clermont and lunch will be at Amore Ital. Rest. 2608 S. Hwy 27, Suite 100 in, then to Sewing Studio Fabric Superstore, 9605 S. US 17-92 in Maitland. Meet at Publix on Cortez (50) and Broad St. (41) at 8:45am so we can leave directly at 9:00am



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

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Board Meeting	Wed.	4/17/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	4/25/24	Krueger Center	9:00
Board Meeting	Wed.	5/15/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	5/23/24	Krueger Center	9:00
Board Meeting	Wed.	6/19/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	6/27/24	Krueger Center	9:00
Board Meeting	Wed.	7/17/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	7/25/24	Krueger Center	9:00
Board Meeting	Wed.	8/14/24	Quarry	10:00
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	8/22/24	Krueger Center	9:00

**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](mailto:btheriault1@tampabay.rr.com); or call 352-597-8816 or Cell: 678-793-5335. Next deadline **June 5th, 2024.**

## GUILD NEWS AND NOTES



- ❖ **2024 Membership Dues** – The 2024 dues was 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 was 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 April meeting 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 4 times a year. In the meantime you will be sent an updated list of members. She will continue to update the regular roster as well to avoid any unforeseen problems with the new Directory..
- ❖ **2024 Cookbook Project** Patty Richey has volunteered to head up the Guild Cookbook Project. She is in need of recipes from all members of at least 3 recipes. So far she has only received 100 recipes and needs at least 300 for the book. Please continue to send in your recipes to her as soon as possible.
- ❖ **2024 UFO Challenge Started in January** Your new form was e-mailed out in December. Your lists must have been 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 quilts 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. Participants will receive a new block each month, through April 2025. They will get instructions for each block along with the pattern. In April 2025 they will receive instructions on finishing the quilt.
- ❖ **2025 LAKE YALE RETREAT – Monday, March 3rd to Thurs March 6th 2025** – Karen Pilon has secured the date for our 2025 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 2024 Retreat to give a \$165 deposit made out to Hernando Quilters' Guild, to our treasurer, Raelee Russavage, if they wish to go in 2025. The cost has increased to \$345.00 for a double room and \$390 for a single room. The final deposit of \$180.00 is due at the October 2024 meeting. For your advanced planning - Fat Quarters for 2024 Retreat have not been chosen yet. Stay tuned for more info. When colors are chosen, 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 at the Retreat.

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

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# QUILT SHOWS/EVENTS



September 19 - 21, 2024



**Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center**  
**1000 Water Street**  
**Jacksonville, Florida**  
**Thursday, Friday & Saturday**  
**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**November 15 and 16 Quilt Show in Leesburg, FL Hosted by "Lake County Quilters"**

**You're Invited!! 2024 Fantastic Quilt Show**

Hosted at The Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Circle, Leesburg, F 34748



At our March 28th, 2024 Guild Meeting we had a wonderful Luncheon and a nice Demo by Eric Drexler from Sulky. He showed some beautiful work and taught us so much about fusibles and their various uses. Very informative! He also had a sales table set up with discount products for us aided by our own VP, Ann Brock.



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# Guild Challenge Directions 2025

Bev Abenante as the winner of the 2022 Challenge, has chosen the following which runs from March 2024 to February 2025. All entries will be shown and judged at the February 27, 2025 meeting.

## Four Colors of FallOrange, Green, Gold and Brown



***The challenge is to make a quilt using the four colors of fall. Members may make either a wall hanging (no larger than 30X30}, or a Lap Quilt (no larger tan 45 X50).***

***We encourage everyone participating to use your imagination.***

***You may use embellishments on your quilt such as buttons, yoyo's, beads, ribbons, etc.***

***Some suggestions are leaves, acorns, horn of plenty, pumpkins, vegetables, sun flowers, scarecrows or a variety of blocks using the four colors.***

***Have fun making your quilt for the challenge.!***

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| Categories: | Entries will be judged in one category.   |
| Judging:    | We will again try to bring in an outside judge and will have "Best of Show", 1 <sup>st</sup> place, 2 <sup>nd</sup> place and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place. Guild members will vote for the winner of "Viewer's Choice."   |
| Quilting:   | You must have hand or machine quilting on your entry.   |
| Size:       | A wall hanging (no larger than 30x30), or a lap quilt (no larger than 45x50).   |
| Due Date:   | February 27, 2025 – Guild Meeting   |
| Rules:      | You are not allowed to use a project that has been made previous to this challenge. It must be made between March 28, 2024 and February 27, 2025. There will be a sign-up sheet when you turn in your entry and you must have your name on the back of the entry. |





# Guild Events and Show & Tell – Feb/March



Helen Anderson is showing a cute quilt in February. Nice job Helen!



Kathy Bixby is showing another one of her amazing quilts. Very nice!



Diane Kilgore displays some new purses she made. Great job!



Oh my, look at those pretty star blocks from a new member: Jackie Alston-Morse! Love them!



Anne Koetter is showing a beautiful table runner. Big Flower Petals. Nice!



Sandy Wesley displays a very large quilt at February Meeting. Very nice colors and design.



Sandy Wesley at the March meeting is displaying her large Jewel Quilt. Just beautiful!



The ladies are displaying a few samples of this year's Mystery Quilt taught by Karen Pilon every year. Great job again!



Penny Dyer showing a large Quilt and I think she says it's her last big Quilt! Right!!



Bonnie Holliday's T-Shirt Quilt. Nice job!



Another masterpiece from Louise Isabelle!







## Lake Yale Retreat - 2024

On March 4th to March 7th, 2024 approximately 42 members attended our 10th annual Quilting Retreat. For the 5th time it was held at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, 39034 County Road 452 in Leesburg, Florida. Our Chairperson again this year was Karen Pilon along with her many helpers. We had 3 days and nights of sewing, eating, relaxing, laughing and being with friends. Everyone had a wonderful time. Here are a few pictures of the retreat.



The Gang's all here!



The Winners of the "Left, Right and Center Game. Congrats Ladies. From Left to Right on top row: Sandy Wesley, Millie Singleton, Sally Marra. Left to Right on bottom row: Doris Brehm, Margo Wyllie, Ruth Koch, Debbie Burns and Darla Matthews.



Bonnie Holliday is hard at work on her project!



Joanne Miller is showing her beautiful quilt she put together at Retreat.

Barb Theriault completed the first block of her newest project called "Crystal Lane." This one should not take 4 years (LOL).



Lou Stockton looking perky as she works! Fun, Fun!



Louise Isabelle showing a really cute quilt she just finished piecing! Nice work!



Judy Thew probably working on another paper pieced project. She is good at that technique!



Penny Dyer - Oh, are you finally going to finish that wedding ring quilt!!!







## Lake Yale Retreat – 2024 - Continued



These two quilters know how to relax enjoying the outdoor hammocks!



Renee Lowdenslager is working on a very colorful quilt, enjoying the process.



Sandy Wesley is showing her pictorial quilt. Nice job!



Sharon Allard getting ready for next Halloween! Cute Wall Hanging!



Kristin Kelley working right along. First Retreat with us I believe! Great to have you with us!



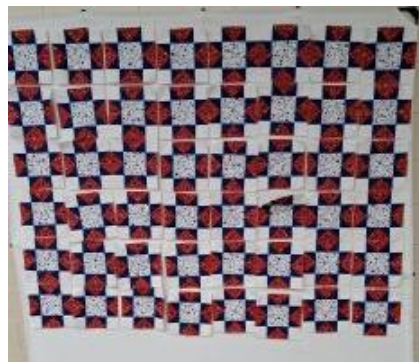
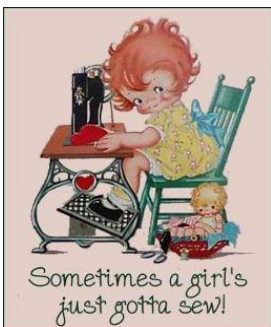
Debbie Burns enjoying the process!



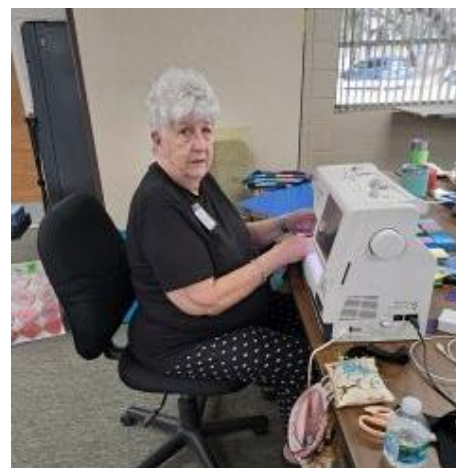
Millie Singleton Taking a break to smile at the camera!



Sally Marra taking a water break! How many black Jelly Beans did she eat!



This year's Retreat Blocks. Everyone made a block!



Karen Pilon – Our Retreat Organizer extraordinaire! Great job again this year! Thanks Karen!



Ava Rossler showing the Retreat Quilt that she taught. Great contrast!



Kathy Chapman finished a very colorful quilt. Nice job!



Cheryl Berkey showing her finished Retreat Quilt. Nice!





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