



Hernando Quilters' Guild Newsletter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

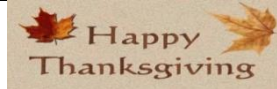


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President's Message



Dear Friends,



I found my magic ball the other day and as I was watching the colors sparkle in wonder, a face appeared. Unbeknownst to me there was a Genie inside! How could I not know this? My grandmother passed this mystical ball to me and never told me. Genie said to me: "I am allowed to grant you three wishes. What I need to tell you is if you pull a thread in time, you could create a ripple and never return to the place you are today." So, I sat and pondered should I take that chance and what would I wish for? Time, money, health, world peace, the sky was the limit.

After a few days, I decided yes! and told Genie my first wish. I wanted to return to an earlier age where my parents were still alive and healthy, my children were young and time was in front of me *but* I wanted to remember what was in my future too. Again, Genie warned me of that thread, pull it and it will change everything. Nope, I was going to do this. Thirty was a great age, kids were doing what kids do, sports, school, friends, mischief, we had great friends and neighbors and my parents were there to watch the children grow up. This was when my creative energy escaped. Knowing what my future held with sewing and quilting, I can now tailor my future self to avoid some of the pitfalls. I will buy quality fabric, engage actively with other quilters and most of all take classes to learn new techniques and the proper way to accomplish a successful project. This decade, the 80's, was about 10 years after the resurgence of quilting – better fabric choices (read that as less calicos), sewing machines were becoming more sophisticated and more people were becoming engaged in quilting. Oh, and I will warn myself about building a fabric stash. It will become an overwhelming nightmare—compounded by UFO's!

My second wish would be to have a never-ending ability to help others with their challenges. My dad spent some time in a wheelchair during his debilitating illness and my experience with his final few months made me cognizant of how cruel outside forces can be. My mom, as well, had similar challenges.

My third wish? I'll keep that to myself and let you imagine what that might be.

If you want to borrow my crystal ball, let me know and I'll bring it to the next meeting.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Best,
Eileen



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2025 Fundraising Chair	Cindy Downey
Fat Quarter Drawing	Judy Thew
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2024/25 Sampler Quilt	Penny Dyer
2024/25 Quilt Challenge	Bev Abenante
2024 UFO Challenge	Eileen Gorzelic
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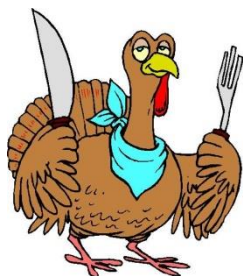
2024 Fat Quarter Schedule

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

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
Elizabeth Jennings 20
Barbara Theriault 20
Margo McConnell 21
Donna Muro 24
Paula Lawery 25
Janece Moss 25
Beverly Abenante 26
Pat Siddons 26
Deborah Ann Hetman 30



DECEMBER

Barb Hillman 2
Karen Benitez 2
JoAnne Vesely 4
Betty Willms 4
Karen Pilon 8
Marjie Corey 9
Judith Silva 11
Jan Finkelstein 13
Aurellia Talley 20
Gayle Keenan 31



Raffle Block of the Month Schedule 2024/2025

Preview	Distribute Kits	Raffle	Pattern	Presented By:
Aug	Sept	Oct	Disappearing 4 patch	Anne Koetter
Sept	Oct	Nov	Neck Tie	Anne Koetter
Oct	Nov	Jan	Christmas Tree	Anne Koetter
Nov	Jan	Feb	Ring of Heart	Quilting Daily
Jan	Feb	Mar	Clam Shell	Marilyn Ryder
Feb	Mar	Apr	Potato Chip	Anne Koetter
Mar	Apr	May	5 Patch Basket	Anne Koetter
Apr	May	June	Wedding Ring	Marilyn Ryder



* See Marilyn Ryder to sign up

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Place	Time
Guild Meeting	Thurs.	10/24/24	Krueger Center	9:00
Board Meeting	Wed.	11/13/24	Quarry	10:00
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Guild Meeting	Thurs.	11/21/24 3 rd Week	Krueger Center	9:00
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Guild Christmas Lunch	Thurs	12/5/24	Krueger Center High Tea	11:00

FIELD TRIPS

NOVEMBER TRIP

On Friday November 15th we will be going to Mt. Dora. Sew Mini Things and Piece by Piece shops. Lunch TBD. Meet at Publix 41 and 50 at 8:30.

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 **December 5, 2024.**

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



Merry Christmas

GUILD NEWS AND NOTES



- ❖ **2025 Member Renewal Dues**– Starting in January the yearly dues will be increased to \$35.00. Payment is due at the January meeting with a grace period of February meeting. After that there will be a late fee of \$5.00.
- ❖ **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 we hope to have a photo list by end of November. She is 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 Guild Christmas Luncheon** _On December 5th our Christmas Luncheon will be a High Tea to be held at the Krueger Center. Start thinking about wearing a hat for a contest and perhaps an optional flowery dress and gloves. Bring one of your own tea cups. Tea Pots have been donated to use as center pieces. Approximate cost of the Luncheon will be \$35.00 per person and we will again have our gift exchange, bring a \$25.00 gift, get a gift. Sulky has donated a large prize for our luncheon.
- ❖ **2024 Hernando Quilters Sampler Quilt** Penny Dyer and her committee have chosen the subject of **Houses** for our new challenge for 2024 which started 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. So far 5 blocks have been sent out w/directions. Remember, the key is color variety and/or theme.
- ❖ **2024 Cookbook Project** Patty Richey has volunteered to head up the Guild Cookbook Project. The books have been printed and received. Members can now purchase the books. See Patty Richey at each meeting.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 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!



QUILT SHOWS/EVENTS



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

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Friday 9 am - 5 pm
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In addition to the gorgeous quilts, our show also features a huge Boutique, a beautiful Raffle Quilt (pictured above), Quilt Sales, and Raffle Baskets.

November 15 & 16, 2024 QUILT SHOW IN TAMPA FL

Quilted Treasures Tampa Bay Quilt Show
Mark your calendars for: **November 15 & 16, 2024**

Higgins Hall (St. Lawrence Catholic Church)
5225 N Himes Ave Tampa, FL

Friday 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

\$10.00 admission (Cash or Check)
Group Bus

200 quilts made by our members
Boutique
Opportunity Quilt
Small Quilt Auction
Gift Basket Walk
Vendor Mall
Food Truck

*Quilters Workshop of Tampa Bay
November 15 - 16, 2024
Quilted Treasures of Tampa Bay*



*Dragon Fly Dance (89 x 69 inches)
Opportunity Quilt
Drawing November 16, 2024*

Photo by Irene Miller

January 24 & 25, 2025 QUILT SHOW IN THE VILLAGES

Blossoming Arts presented by Quilting Guild of The Villages – Showcase of Quilts
Friday 9-5pm, Saturday 9-4pm

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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!

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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 st place, 2 nd place and 3 rd 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 – August

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



Cindy Downey – Our Fundraising Chair– has hosted a few events so far this year. One was the “Bark Bash” held at the Gulf View Mall to benefit shelter dogs up for adoption. Many of our members donated quilted items for sale including items with Pet themes. So many Guild Members donated their time and talent for this sale. See some photos below.



Patty Richey is holding one of the Bears she made. Really nice.



Gail Wright is showing her Retreat Quilt. Finally finished. Nice job Gail.



Glenda Corn displays her Military Quilt. Very nice and big.



Pam Russavage – so cute bucket hat. Pam taught a class on these and I think she's set for collecting some Halloween candy with her little pouch. You go girl!



Diana Kilgore is displaying her quite large disappearing Nine Patch. Great job Diana.



Look at that adorable baby quilt displayed by Jane Ericson. So Cute!



Roni Hunt is showing her “Carnegie Mellon Quilt. Amazing!

Guild Show & Tell – August continued



Kathleen East is showing one of her many quilts. Very colorful and nice job Kathleen.



What beautiful blues by Darlene Livingston. Great job!



Very interesting. Carol Kilduff and Jo Anderson created these two quilts from the same pattern with their separate versions. Really cool!



Dot Price made this Stack & Wack quilt. Great job.



Mildred Hernandez is showing her Space Lap Quilt. So Cute!



Sandy Wesley is showing her cat quilt which she donated to the Bark Bash. So cute Sandy!



Penny Vallauri made some cute Christmas Stockings. I think she donated them for Child Advocacy.

t'was a few weeks before Christmas and in my head was a plan
To make all of my Christmas gifts by my own hand.
Away to my scrap box in a flash I did fly,
with patterns in my head and a twinkle in my eye.



I cut and I sewed as merry as an elf.
Making things for others and not for myself.
A quilted vest for a teenage niece.
Quilts for the grandparents with love sewn in each piece.

Quilted covers for aunt's tabletops.
Away I go with hardly a stop.
On scissors, on needles, on thimbles and thread,
Oh, hurry I must, for Christmas day is ahead.

A quilted diaper bag for the baby so new.
I may even quilt Santa a coat before I'm through,
Quilted bedspreads for Mother and Sis.
I still have a few left on my list.

Cushions with quilted tops and potholders done.
It's now Christmas Eve and I have a gift for each one.
So I sprang to my Volks wagon and quite a clatter.
The neighbors ran to the windows to see what was the matter.

From one house to the other, I leaped like a deer.
Leaving my presents and hopefully cheer.
With best wishes to each for a Christmas so bright.
A tired, happy quilter drove away in the night.

Merry Christmas to ALL!!!!!!



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