



The Rocketeer



AUGUST 2025

President's Blurb

Susan Baker

This has surely been a hot summer! I hope you are keeping cool and quilting.

Thanks to Bobbie Williams for pinch hitting for me at the last meeting. I was up north visiting with friends and family. Had a great time and I'm glad to be home.

We had a great time at the two day retreat. Everyone had a productive two days, with lots of laughing and really yummy food. I can't wait until the next one, early next year. I'd like express my sincere gratitude to Shelia and the rest of her team that put on a wonderful retreat. I think I can say with great confidence that everyone enjoyed it.

Its time to announce the slate of officers for next year. We will vote on them in September. They are:

President, Susan Baker
Vice President, Donna Hogan
Secretary, Kathy LeMay
Treasurer, Joanna Hause



Our next meeting is August 8th. Our program will be Let The Games Begin. It will be a relaxed meeting with our usual functions, including Nifty Notions, Fat Quarters (purple), Recycle Table and Show and Tell. We will start collecting dues, \$20, for next year. I hope it will be a fun time for all.

Our September meeting will be a trunk show by Susan Schering, which should be inspiring. I just love seeing other peoples quilts! After the meeting we will be having a Placemat Pizza Party. We've got lots of placemat kits ready for sewing and quilting.

I can't wait to see you all in August and share the fun.

Susan Baker
President, Rocket Quilt Guild

Upcoming Events At a Glance

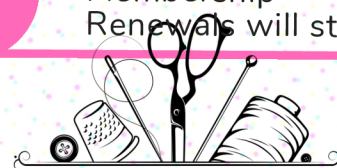
- Next Meeting - August 8 @ 9:45am "Let The Games Begin"
- Sept 12 - Trunk Show by Susan Schering AND a Placemat Pizza Party (after)

This Months Birthday's

Wendy Phillips	Aug 4
Diana Marchand	Aug 7
Catherine Schinella	Aug 15
Patricia Badman	Aug 20
Illona Parker	Aug 24
Karen-Sue Lynch	Aug 26
Cassandra Sharkey	Aug 28
Rose Hearn	Aug 30

Meeting Info & What to Bring

- August program will be **Let The Games Begin**. Bring your game face and let's pack in some fun!
- Remember your **PURPLE** Fat Quarters
- Membership Renewals will start



Block of the Month

Bring Your Orphan Blocks

Bring any SQUARE, RECTANGLE, HEXAGON, TRIANGLE, or DIAMOND block or blocks that don't have a home to the next meeting. The shorter side should be no less than 6.5 inches or no less than a 6.5 inch square blocks.

- No theme, bring whatever you have
- Sets of blocks are welcome
- Blocks too small? Sew some borders around it and bring those too



Orphan Blocks

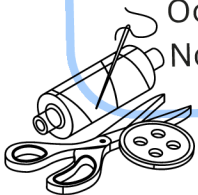
NEW! Starting in September ...

Free! Free! Free!
Merritt Island Library
auditorium SEW days

Need to set up Table &
chair & put away.

Tuesdays 9am -4 pm

Sept 9, Tuesday
Oct 14, Tuesday
Nov 4, Tuesday



OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Chrissy Skidmore

We're excited to continue selling tickets for our next Opportunity Quilt, beautifully made by Susan Baker and quilted by Shelia Bland. It's a showstopper—measuring 68" x 94"—and truly a beauty!

♦ Tickets are just \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
All proceeds support Community Quilts, helping cover the cost of batting and backing so we can finish the quilts you help create for the many charities we support.

Take a look at our stunning new Opportunity Quilt below—don't miss your chance to win!

Anniversary Challenge: "The Shape of Things" Due in October *Kathy Coon*

At our May meeting, we kicked off the Anniversary Challenge titled "The Shape of Things." Your mission: create a placemat (14" x 18") using the fabric provided and at least one of the following shapes—square, circle, hexagon, or triangle.

Projects must be quilted and bound or finished using the envelope style.

If you received fabric but don't need it all, feel free to share it with a friend or bring the extra to the next meeting to pass along.

✉ Questions? Reach out to Kathy Coon at fourcoons91@gmail.com.



Community Quilts

Production *Shelia Bland*

To all you Superstars of Rocket Quilters—thank you! I'm continually amazed and so grateful for the steady, beautiful work you do. Your commitment helps us share comfort and kindness in the form of quilts—bringing warmth, hugs, and smiles to those who need it most.

I've received a few questions about quilt sizes, so here's a quick guide:

- Wheelchair quilts: Please aim for approximately 40" x 40".
- Other quilts: Try to keep them within the range of 40" x 45" to 40" x 54". These dimensions work well with standard fabric widths and can be quilted on domestic machines.
- Baby quilts: At this time, we are not collecting baby quilts, so please keep that in mind when selecting fabrics.

A big thank you to everyone who picked up quilts to be longarmed or bound—we truly couldn't accomplish this monumental task without your help and generosity!

Distribution *Donna Hogan*

In June, we collected 33 quilts and delivered a generous batch to the Elks Lodge in support of Veterans in Transition.

To date, we have:

- Collected: 253 quilts
- Distributed: 235 quilts (including those from the Thursday Group)
- Current Inventory: 96 quilts

Thank you for your beautiful gifts of comfort and care. Each quilt is a heartfelt gesture that makes a meaningful difference. We couldn't do this without you!

Placemats & Dog Beds

Donna Hogan

A batch of beautiful placemats was recently donated to Aging Matters, helping brighten mealtime for local seniors.

Looking ahead, placemat kits are being prepared for the upcoming Christmas in July Retreat,

Thank you for your beautiful gifts of comfort and care.

We're happy to share that our handmade dog beds are now being donated to shelters in both Titusville and Eau Gallie. These cozy beds offer comfort to animals in need while they wait for their forever homes.

Membership

Diana Marchand

Thank you for remembering to sign in at the membership table at the entrance to the meeting room! At the July meeting, we had 56 members in attendance, and everyone signed in. We had 2 guests, one of which became a member. Please welcome:

Melissa Tabboula of West Melbourne

We currently have 121 members, and are open for new members, so be sure to tell your quilting friends to check us out.

Membership Renewal

Our fiscal year-end is coming up in October. Therefore, we will start taking membership renewals at the August meeting. Rocket Quilters Membership is \$20 per year. You can pay by cash or check payable to Rocket Quilters. If you pay by cash, please bring exact change. Receipts and Membership Cards will be provided at the meeting during the break.

If you cannot be at any of the next 3 meetings (Aug, Sep, Oct), you can renew your membership via mail by sending your check for \$20, along with a self-addressed-and-stamped envelope to our Post Office Box, and we will mail you back a receipt and your Membership Card:

Rocket Quilters, P.O. Box 793,
Cocoa, FL 32923

Sunshine

Marti Richi

Do you know a Rocket Quilters member who could use a smile, a little encouragement, or just a reminder that they're missed? Whether it's a cheerful "thinking of you," a heartfelt "you've got this," or a friendly "miss you," we want to lift their spirits.

Our Sunshine Chair, Marti Richi, is ready to send a thoughtful card—and maybe even a surprise—to brighten their day.

✉ To share a name, just reach out to Marti at mmrich@cfl.rr.com. Let's keep the sunshine flowing!

Purpose and Address

The purpose of our not-for-profit Guild is to provide fellowship and social opportunities to members while promoting quilting arts and skills.

Rocket Quilters
PO Box 793
Cocoa, FL 32923

Nifty Notions

Faye Cannoll, Peg Bucklen, and Beverly Torbert

Get ready for some fun—Nifty Notions is happening this month! 🎉

Bring a little cash and take a chance at winning fabulous items, fun fabrics, and maybe even something you didn't know you needed.

On The
Website

Visit our website at
<https://rocketquilters.com/>

You will find Resources:

- Rocket Members Long arm Quilters list
- Committee Chairs List
- Web Resources
- Local Shops and Services list



Recycle Table

Irene Harrington

If you have any project you don't want to finish, put in ziploc bag add pattern and give to Irene, we have people that will finish your project and donate to Rocketquilters. Do Not Put on Re cycle table. It seems to get scattered.

If you have scraps put in ziploc bag mark scraps give to Irene, will get into dog beds.

Do Not put on Re Cycle table.

Re-cycle table is for material to be purchased. Thank you!

Happy treasure hunting!

FAT QUARTERS

Yvonne Makowski & Becky Osborne

Ready to share and win? For every fat quarter you donate, you'll receive one raffle ticket—and a chance to win a bundle of fat quarters!

📌 This month's theme: Checks, Plaids, Stripes, Dots, and more!

Bring your themed fat quarters and join the fun—your stash swap could be someone else's perfect piece!



FAT QUARTERS 2025 SCHEDULE

AUGUST - Purples
SEPTEMBER - Any Holiday
OCTOBER - No fat quarters - Anniversary Party

NEXT MEETING :

Your **Block of the Month**
Your Canned goods donation
Your Show & Tells

**DON'T
FORGET!**