



The Rocketeer



SEPTEMBER 2025

President's Blurb

Susan Baker

Can't wait to see you all at our next meeting on September 12th. Our speaker is Susan Schering, and her work is beautiful. Prepare to be inspired!

After the meeting I hope you can join us for the Placemat Pizza Party. We'll be sewing up placemats from the kits that Donna Hogan has put together. We'll be providing the pizza for lunch. Should be fun!

Don't forget that our October meeting is the anniversary party. The guild will be providing the protein and members will provide side dishes. We're having a desert contest!! We have some fabulous bakers (pun intended) and I love sampling the results. We'll be drawing for the opportunity quilt, so get your tickets.

We'll also have the placemat challenge using the fabric provided by the guild. Mine is almost done, and it was a fun project.

Thank you all for the lovely quilt tops you've been turning in. I've finally caught up with the quilting, so there will be quite a few for binding handed out at the meeting. Don't forget to provide binding with your quilt tops, if you can. We don't always have a perfect match, and we want your hard work to look it's best. Thanks again for all your hard work.

Hope to see you at the meeting!!!

Susan Baker
Rocket Quilt Guild, President

Upcoming Events At a Glance

- Next Meeting - Sept 12 -@ 9:45am Trunk Show by Susan
- Stay After - Placemat Pizza Party (after)
- October - ANNIVERSARY MEETING

This Month's Birthday's

Dionne Casey - 2nd
Zinda Dills - 3rd
Roxanne Kermidas - 6th
Joanna House - 8th
Kathy Lemay - 14th
Loretta Shiner - 16th
Chrissy Skidmore - 16th
Dottie Newhouse - 25th
Pat Robinson - 26th
Dawn Byrd - 28th
Diana Phillips - 28th
Shelia Bland - 29th



NEXT MEETING BRING :
Your *Block of the Month*
Your Canned goods donation
Your Show & Tells
Sewing Machine for the After Party

DON'T FORGET!



Block of the Month

Here's another scrappy block from Karen-Sue.

It is easy to do, if you follow the template she gave out. Remember those beautiful quilts Karen made from the last scrappy block. Please go through your quilt scraps and make this block. It'll look great in a community quilt. As always, thanks for your participation!

The pattern can be found on our website at www.rocketquilters.com



Scrappy Block

Starting this MONTH...

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 August meeting, we had 66 members in attendance, and everyone signed in! We had 2 guests, 1 of which became a new member at this meeting. We are now up to 122 members.

Please join me in welcoming the following new member:

Sue Ebersberger, Aurora, Colorado!

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 Carroll, Peg Buckler, 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 Recycle 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: Any Holiday! Bring your themed fat quarters and join the fun—your stash swap could be someone else's perfect piece!



FAT QUARTERS 2025 SCHEDULE

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

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