



The Rocketeer

NOVEMBER 2025

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

President's Blurb

Susan Baker

I can't believe it's November already! Where has the year gone?

A big thank you to everyone who made our anniversary party meeting a success, and such fun! It was so nice to have the time to talk and enjoy the friendships we've all made though our mutual love of quilting. November will be a regular meeting, with the normal stuff. Our recycle table will probably be full since we didn't have one last month. I hope that one woman's junk will be someone's treasure.

This is the time of year that we all express gratitude. Please join me in bringing canned goods and non-perishable foods in both November and December for the Sharing Center. They do such good work in our community.

Just a quick heads-up about our December meeting. We've had to change both the date and location. It will be at the extension on Friday, December 5th at the normal 9:45 am. More details to follow.

Another schedule change – the sewing day at the Merritt Island Library is Tuesday, November 4th since the library is closed on Veterans Day. Hope you can join us for a fun day. You can even come by just to chat. We're there from 9-3pm.

Hope to see you at our November meeting!!!

Susan Baker

Rocket Quilt Guild, President

Upcoming Events At a Glance

- Next Meeting - NOV 14
- DATE CHANGES
 - Sit N Sew NOV 4
 - December Meeting DEC 5 @ the Extension

This Month's Birthday's



Mary Nielsen 6-Nov
Wendy Charles 10-Nov
Marti Rich 14-Nov
Judy Stevens 17-Nov
Gerry Finney 23-Nov
Peg Buckler 27-Nov
Jackie Griffin 27-Nov
Nancy Stewart 27-Nov



**DON'T
FORGET!**

NEXT MEETING BRING :
Your *Block of the Month*
Yard Sale Stuff
Fat Quarters



Block of the Month

Pattern can be found online @
rocketquilters.com
Fall colors, in any layout.

Recently I stumbled across the history of this quilt block, and it is worth sharing. This block was popular back in stage-coach and wagon days. Families were making the long trip west, hoping for a better life.

It was custom for women to make friendship star blocks for their departing quilter friend. Each friend might embroider their name on the center block, and all the blocks could be stitched together for a memory quilt. What a wonderful custom and gift.



Friendship
Star



SEW days

Free! Free! Free!

Merritt Island Library
auditorium SEW days

Need to set up Table & chair
& put away.

Tuesdays 9am -4 pm

Nov 4, Tuesday

NEW CHALLENGE QUILT

Chrissy Skidmore

April 2026 General Meeting / Tea Party Quilt Challenge

Calling all quilters! For our upcoming April 2026 gathering, we invite you to create a quilt panel that showcases your creativity and flair. Here are the guidelines:

Panel Requirements

- Minimum finished size: 40" x 40"
- Include creative borders using a block of your choice (Borders may be partial—no need to frame the entire quilt)

- Browse examples and inspiration online

🌐 Suggested Sites for Panels & Ideas

- Equilters
- Etsy
- Pinterest
- Honest Quilters

Let your imagination run wild—whether it's bold colors, themed blocks, or unexpected layouts, we can't wait to see what you bring to the party!



OPPORTUNITY QUILT

Starlight

New Opportunity Quilt pieced by Crissy Skidmore and quilted by Shelia Bland

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*

To date, we have:

- Collected: 430 quilts
- Distributed: 418 quilts (including those from the Thursday Group)
- Current Inventory: 12 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.

118 Placemats last month

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 October meeting, we had 56 Members present!

BE THANKFUL
BE GRATEFUL
&
BE BLESSED

Membership Renewal

Our fiscal year-end ended October 31st. If you see "MRR" on the November 7th meeting sign-in sheet near your name, that's a gentle reminder that you haven't renewed yet. If you can't remember if you've renewed yet and would like to know before the meeting, you can drop me an email (diana.marchand@gmail.com) or call my cell phone (407-450-6128) and I'll look it up for you.

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. You can stop by the Membership table on the break to pick up your Receipt and laminated Membership Card. Did you know that many quilt shops across the USA will give you a discount if you show them your membership card? Try it!

If you cannot be at the November meeting, 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

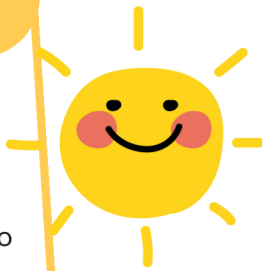
Sunshine

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.



Recycle Table

Irene Harrington

Re-cycle table is back.

If you have scraps, mark the bag scraps and put it in my box on table

If you have projects you don't want to finish(in progress) include pattern and put in my box on table so someone else can finish it.(do not put on re-cycle table) we want to keep everything together.

And the Winners ARE

OPPORTUNITY QUILT ... Joan Berner

Placemat Winners

I'm all squared up Karolyn F.

I'm in a love triangle Dawn Byrd

I'm well rounded Kris David

I'm very hexed Cathy Jacob

I made a splash with colors Cassandra Sharkey

Desert Contest winner.....

#8 Dee Richardson with a Key Lime Pie

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

Upcoming Fat Quarter Themes

January - Black and White Prints (no solids)

in all things
GIVE
Thanks

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