

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

April 2025 Newsletter

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469944486465125/>



April 2025 President's Message

April is known for many things, like Easter, Passover, National Autism Month, the inauguration of George Washington and the sinking of the Titanic. In my little world, it was the month we decided to move to Florida in 2002. I was sitting by a hotel pool watching peacocks walk by while my husband was interviewing for jobs. I had to fly back to Maine for work so the next time he called, he was talking about options and all I could say was "It is snowing AGAIN." Then everything else was an easy choice.

We should all be grateful for our lovely weather and make the most of it. Hope you all are having a delightful spring! That is why I included that butterfly quilt block. Don't worry about those unfinished quilt projects; there will be plenty of time in the heat of the summer to stay inside!

In friendship,
Mary Ann



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(2025)**

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Hello all!

Thanks for all the donations. Seems like every time I drop off it's another truck load! We are in need of chemo wraps that have no batting. They just need to be adults' throw size. You can quilt or tie and way you like. They also need a lot of the stuffed larger size hearts in the infusion lab. If you don't have stuffing the volunteer ladies at the hospital will stuff them for you and stitch the opening closed.

Surprise...I have more fabric for anyone who is in need. A local church used to make prayer quilts but have lost the space they used to store their fabric. They gave me what they had left, so I'll bring it to the meeting.

I would ask pretty please to donate your things at the meeting but not at retreat. I'm packing up some projects for retreat. By the time I have my stuff loaded up I won't have extra room for donations and manage to close the doors on the truck!

Thanks,
Gale

P.S.
On another topic....

PAM SPRAGUE, you are fabulous!

I think sometimes in the group that things just magically appear. Pam made the opportunity quilt appear out of thin air. She now lives in Jacksonville but is a current member and gets to meetings and functions as best she can. I want to give a big thanks to Pam for taking on that quilt and she did it quite early. She chose the pattern and the bold colors. She had a few people help that could make blocks quickly. Then it went to Diane Turchak who quilted it at no cost to the quilt so we could make a bigger donation to the veterans group. We can get the final number at the meeting, but it was in the neighborhood of \$1600. Pam is very good with color and design and precision, and it showed on that quilt. Thanks so much Pam. The quilt was striking.

Membership Denise Appleman

Membership Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that dues for 2025 were due by the March 20th meeting. Dues are \$30, payable by check or cash.

If you cannot pay in person, please send me a message at Appleman.denise@gmail.com and we can make arrangements for you to mail in your payment.

If you no longer wish to be a member, please let me know - same email address.

Thank you!

Denise Appleman
Membership



50/50 NEEDS YOU!!! Please bring small bills \$1.00's and \$5.00's for 50/50. Money is going to the Angel Tree at the church, for the children in need at Christmas time.

Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events- Michelle Crook

April 17th - Cecilia Reid - Pat's sacks of Titusville will be presenting. Cecilia will present feed sacks history and a trunk show.

May 15th – Spring Gathering

October 18th - **Pauline Saltzman** will teach a **collage workshop** on We are working out the details currently. They will be posted on Facebook.

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

2025

August 31-September 2 - **Tallahassee Quilt Show**

www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/

September 18-20 **Quiltfest** in Jacksonville

October 1-November 24 **Gallery Show “Mixing Up Our Media”** Tampa
Bay Surface Design Guild

October 18-20 **Stephen Foster Quilt Show** in White Springs, FL

October 24-25 **Quilting Under the Palms** in Clearwater

<https://quilterscrossingguild.org/>

November 15-16 **“Fan”tastic Quilt Show** in Leesburg FL

November 15-16 **Quilt Show** in Lakewood Ranch

www.ManateePatchworkers.com

November 15-16 **Quilt Show** in

Tampa <http://www.quiltersworkshoptampa.org/>

2026

February 27-28 **Quilt Show** in Punta Gorda

March 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Venice

Birthdays of the Month

April 2025 Birthdays

4/8 Tahnee Eaton
4/10 Theresa Hicks
4/14 Penny Beamon
4/22 Janell Cleveland
4/27 Karen Pieczonka
4/30 Michelle Crook



May Birthdays

5/2 Lynnette Schiffhauer
5/6 Andrea Pellegrino
5/6 Michelle Reinhard
5/7 Julie Jacobs
5/23 Joni Fletke
5/25 Paige Rapson
5/29 Romona Griffin
5/30 Mary Ann Pickard

Quilting Humor



2025 Annual PQ Retreat Karen Pieczonka

May 29, 30, 31, June 1, 2025

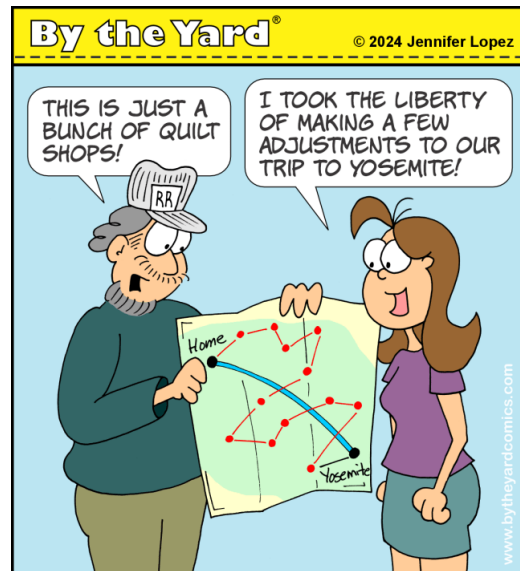
Hampton Inn, Oldsmar

Cost \$130.00, does not include meals or hotel accommodations

****Reminder final payment is due no later than the May meeting****

Currently, the retreat is full, with 36 participating registered with a deposit or full payment. Final payment is due no later than the May PQ meeting. If you are unable to attend the retreat, please contact Karen Pieczonka as soon as possible as there is a waiting list for cancellations. A full refund of payment will be given for cancellations if there is a waiting list. Remember you must be a paid PQ member to attend.

I am pleased and surprised that the 2025 retreat is full, with 36 participants!!!



Items for sale

Seller Lorraine Turner, our next speaker

Bernia Q20 Longarm sit-down with Koala table. Local pick up. \$6,000, cash only. Table measures 45" wide, with the two leaves inserted it measures 78" wide and 35.5 " deep.

Stitch Count 5743270. Table color: Maple

No longer under warranty (store closed). I am a professional textile artist and former Bernina Ambassador – it is maintained. Includes machine manual, table assemble manual, accessories and sit-down table. The table has storage compartments. Condition: like new

Quilting Quotes

- If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?
- Quilters come with strings attached.
- Quilting is cheap therapy.
- To quilt is human, to finish divine.

Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: kathymcneilquilts.com.
- ❖ Whim So Doodle: <http://www.whimsodoodle.com/>
- ❖ The Florida Quilt Network: <http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/>
- ❖ Buttermilk Basin: <http://www.buttermilkbasin.com/>
- ❖ Country Quilts and Bears: <http://www.countryquiltsandbears.com/>
- ❖ Fabric Smart: <https://www.fabric-smart.com/>
- ❖ Craftsy: <https://www.craftsy.com/>
- ❖ Inspire Quilting: <http://inspirequiltingandsewing.com/>
- ❖ Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/>
- ❖ Patchwork Posse <https://www.patchworkposse.com/>
- ❖ SewCanShe: newsletter@sewcanshe.com
- ❖ Sew'n Wild Oats Quilting Blog: <http://sewnwildoaks.blogspot.com/>
- ❖ Sue Spargo: <http://www.suespargo.com/index.php>
- ❖ Sweet Darling Quilts: <http://www.sweetdarlingquilts.com/index.htm>
- ❖ Rainbow's End: <http://rainbowsendquilting.com>
- ❖ Whim So Doodle www.whimsodoodle.com

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **May** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com

by midnight, **Friday, May 9th**.

If you have anything important that must go out to the membership, please contact Judy Wedekind at judy.wedekind@gmail.com