



The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

February 2026 Newsletter

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President's Message

Happy February!

I hope you all enjoyed your Valentine's Day in some fashion. It was a lovely day, the cold snap ended and the West Pasco Quilt show was in full swing. What a tremendous job they did putting it all together! The color program was a bonus, full of information for every quilt. I was also impressed that other community highlights were included like the Art Guild, Historical Society and the Sanctuary quilt display. Our travel group had so much fun and then relaxed at Central Park Family restaurant with other quilt lovers. 😍

**Brown Bag Challenge
(2026)**

Pat Holliday

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vacant

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vacant

Programs

Robin VanScoy

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Retreat Planner (2026)

Judy Wedekind

Sunshine

Penny Black

Website

Judy Wedekind

We have a wonderful and talented membership! I am sending a big THANK YOU to Judy Wedekind for stepping in as our treasurer for 2026, and to Amy Mullins for taking over the newsletter for the remainder of the year!! Please set a goal for 2027 to see how YOU can help keep our guild thriving. 💖

From the Heart,
Mary Ann

Membership 2026

If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can do so at our next meeting, which is February 19, 2026. Dues are \$30.00.

Membership tags can be ordered for an additional \$10.

Please place your payment in an envelope with your name on the front. Indicate if the payment is just for membership or if you also want to purchase a name tag. Envelopes will be provided at the meeting if you need one.

If you can't pay in person, please mail me your payment. My address is

2968 Windridge Oaks Dr
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Thank you,

Denise Appleman
Membership

Community Outreach Gale Pittman

Hello all!

Hope you have all used up your scraps by now. LOL!

Keep in mind that if you can, make a chemo throw for the hospital using what you already have on hand. These chemo throws should NOT have batting. You may "birth" them or tie them or machine stitch them. Any technique to hold the top and the backing together is acceptable. It can be as simple as 9 patch or incorporate any orphan blocks you may have. These throw quilts are handed out to patients who are cold when they come to the infusion clinic and have forgotten their blanket. They get to take it home and continue to use them. They can be any throw size dimensions--no particular size is dictated.

We continue to collect baby quilts for the nursery. We have a stuffed teddy bear pattern for the kids who come in to the ER. We have a NICU flannel heart pattern to help encourage bonding with mom and dad. We can use adult bibs in the rehab. Basically, if you make anything to donate, I will find a home for it.

I try to pick up donation fabric and find a member who can put it to good use for charity.

If you need any patterns please text me and I will bring you a pattern to the meeting. The patterns are on our website if you have a printer.

Do what you like to do and use what you have on hand. I am encouraging any skill level to join in.

Thank you all.

Gale Pittman

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows 2026

February 18-21 [AQS QuiltWeek](#)
in Daytona Beach

Now – February 22, 2026 **Under the Cover of Knowledge:
Betty Ford-Smiths Pinecone Quilts** Ocala, FL [Quilt Exhibit](#)
[– Appleton Museum of Art](#)

February 27-28 **Quilt Show** in Punta Gorda
[Southwest Florida Quilters Guild](#)

February 27-28 Quilt Show in Melbourne
[Seaside Piecemakers, Inc.](#)

March 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Venice
[Venice Area Quilters Guild](#)

March 19-21 in Lakeland
[Original Sewing & Quilt Expo](#)

Free Quilting Patterns for Beginning Quilters

<https://www.polkadotchair.com/45-beginner-quilt-patterns-tutorials/>



February Birthdays

- 2/06 Teri Roberts
- 2/17 Cathy Starman
- 2/24 Judy Gregory
- 2/25 Robin Beall

March Birthdays

- 3/06 Susan Evans
- 3/31 Mary Tittle



Quilting Humor





2026 Annual PQ Retreat – 2 Openings

Judy Wedekind, Chair

Theme: April Showers bring May Flowers

We have TWO openings available. Please let me know if you want to claim that last coveted spot. Deposit is \$50 to hold your spot. Come see me at the February meeting.

The 2026 PQ Retreat will be held at the Hampton Inn, 4017 Tampa Road, Oldsmar, FL, beginning Thursday, April 30, 2026, at noon and concluding on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 3:00 pm. All fees remain the same as last year and you must have an active membership:

- **Retreat Fee:** \$130
- **Hotel Rates:**
 - \$119/night – 2 queen beds
 - \$139/night – studio with 2 queen beds*(Rates exclude tax/fees. All rooms include a microwave & mini-fridge.)*

A block of rooms has been reserved, and a booking link will be sent to members separately.

- **Final payment due:** April PQ Meeting (**April 16, 2026**)

Look forward to another wonderful weekend of quilting, friendship, and snacks.

Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: kathymcneilquilts.com.
- ❖ The Florida Quilt Network: <http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/>
- ❖ Buttermilk Basin: <http://www.buttermilkbasin.com/>
- ❖ Fabric Smart: <https://www.fabric-smart.com/>
- ❖ Craftsy: <https://www.craftsy.com/>
- ❖ Inspire Quilting: <http://inspirequiltingandsewing.com/>
- ❖ Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/>
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- ❖ Rainbow's End <http://rainbowsendquilting.com>
- ❖ Whim So Doodle www.whimsodoodle.com