

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2023 Newsletter

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President's Message

Michelle Reinhard - President

Seasons greetings and Happy Holidays!! This is one of my favorite times of the year. I love all the decoration and lights that go up and the Christmas music. I am driving my husband nuts with it. It's good for him- keeps him from becoming a scrooge.

It is also a season of giving. I like to share with those who are not as fortunate as myself. It's time to think about which charity will be the recipient of the funds raised by our beautiful opportunity quilt. Please email your suggestions to any of the board members. Also, if you picked up a tag for the Angel Tree, please bring your gift to our Winter Gathering.

As we look forward to the new year, we still have opportunities for some chairpersons. We need a program chair, and a quilt nanny for the opportunity quilt. We will also be needing a nominating committee. Please let me know if you want to take on that challenge. I also want to thank all my board members and committee chairs, and all who volunteered to present programs. I could not have done it without you, and it certainly made my first year as the guild president much less scary. And finally, I am sorry that so many of you were contacted by a scammer who used my name. In this day, we all need to be aware that not everybody is honest, and that in this season of joy there are always some grinchers.

I'm going to wrap this up because in true PQ fashion, I have gifts to finish (? start) making.

Have a wonderful holiday season full of peace and joy and best wishes for 2024,

Michelle



Mystery Quilt (2023)

Open

Newsletter Editor

Diane Friedman

Fred Friedman

Nominating Committee

Open

Parliamentarian

Penny Black

Party Coordinator

Judy Wedekind

Party Blocks

Joan DeSantis

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Quilt Nanny (2025)

open

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Community Outreach

(Gale Pittman, Chair)

Hello all!

Thank you all for the well wishes. I am on the mend and will see you at the holiday party.

I appreciate Pam stepping in to accept donations during the meetings I had to miss. She has been doing so much for the group.

At the January meeting I will summarize the community outreach projects that we have been making for the benefit of our newer members.

I continue to be amazed by the amount of donations this year. You have all been so generous !

Gale Pittman

Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events

December 14
January 18

Winter Party – Woodland Trees
Annual Business Meeting

Winter Gathering – Woodland Trees (Judy Wedekind)

The Winter Gathering moves up a week and starts earlier, it is **Thursday December 14 at 6:30pm**. This year's theme is Woodland Trees. The Guild will provide meat and a sign-up sheet will be passed around during our November meeting. If you are not able to attend this Thursday, send me an email so I can get an accurate headcount. Judy.wedekind@gmail.com

Any questions, please contact Judy Wedekind

Party Blocks - Joan DeSantas

As we discussed, the "party block" for this year's winter gathering will be made from a simple FREE pattern from Amy Smart of Diary of a Quilter blog, and the member's own stash. The instructions and tutorial can be found on Amy's blog page (<https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/modern-christmas-tree-quilt-block/>). I propose two options: super scrappy or green/white version.





Jay's Fabrics is closing. All quilting cotton is \$6.00/yard and they had a nice selection. The store will be closing at the end of January 2024. Address is: 801 Pasadena Ave South, St. Petersburg

Largo Cracker Quilters has a mini fabric outlet set up at Christ Presbyterian Church 3115 Dryer Ave Largo. Donations for fabric is \$2.00 a yard. There is also some thread and other notions. To schedule a time to come to the fabric outlet call or send a text message to June Sanchez at 727-409-4199. The best days are Tuesday or Thursdays at 10:00 AM or what can be arranged with June.

Welcome to New PQ Members

Desiree Etheridge
Michelle Crook
Michele Sinadinos
Mary Ann Pickard

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Ladies of the Lakes Quilters of Lakeland

175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, Florida, 33801
Friday, January 19, 2024 10 AM - Saturday 20, 4 PM

Quilting in Paradise

Port St. Lucie Crazy Quilters

Mid-Florida Credit Union Event Center
9221 SE Event Center Place, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34952
Friday, February 2, 2024 9 AM - Saturday 3, 4 PM

Airing of the Quilts

South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild

Maxine Barritt Park

1800 Harbor Drive South, Venice, Florida, 34285

Saturday, February 3, 2024 10 AM - 2 PM

Pocketful of Sunshine

West Pasco Quilters Guild

6630 Van Buren Street, New Port Richey, Florida, 34653

Friday, February 16, 2024 9 AM - Sunday 18, 4 PM

Gathering of Quilts 2024

Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda, Florida, 33950

Friday, February 23, 2024 9 AM - Saturday 24, 4 PM

Stitches In Time 2024

Naples Quilters Guild

New Hope Ministries

7675 Davis Boulevard, Naples, Florida, 34104

Friday, March 1, 2024 9 AM - Saturday 2, 4 PM

"Quilting by the Gulf XX" -- a Festival of Quilts

Venice Area Quilters guild

Venice Community Center

326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice, Florida, 34285

Saturday, March 2, 2024 9 AM - Sunday 3, 4 PM

2024 Lakeland Original Sewing and Quilt Expo

RP Funding Center

701 West Lime Street

Lakeland, FL 33815

March 14, 2024 - March 16, 2024

QuiltFest of Jacksonville

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center

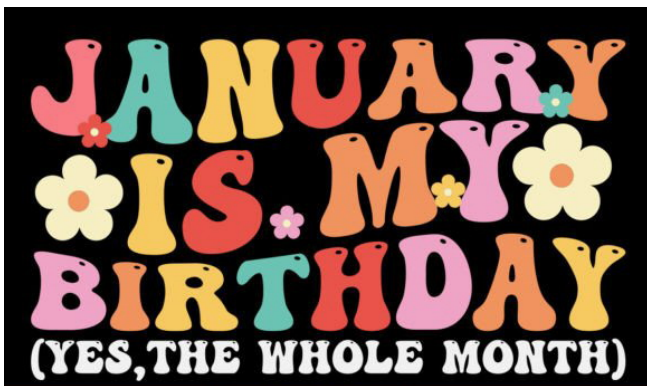
1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida

Thursday, September 12, 2024 9 AM - Saturday 14, 5 PM



December 2023 Birthdays

- Norma Santiago 12/3**
- Denise Swenson 12/7**
- Susan Pisano 12/14**
- Stephanie Sikes 12/14**
- Kat Carlson 12/20**
- Fred Friedman 12/22**



January 2024 Birthdays

- 1/11 Pam Sprague**
- 1/17 Margie Dotson**
- 1/19 Cindy Hovi**
- 1/27 Carol Hemmingsen**
- 1/28 Diane Friedman**
- 1/28 Dawn Hunt**

2024 Annual PQ Retreat Karen Pieczonka (Chair)



The 2024 PQ Retreat will be held Thursday May 2 through Sunday May 5 at the Hampton Inn, Oldsmar.

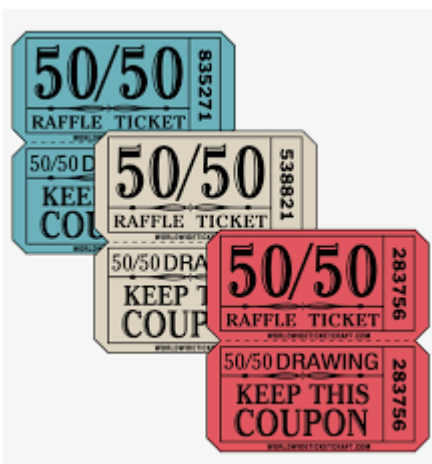
The cost will remain the same at \$130.00 for the sewing room rental and a \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot.

Members can choose to stay at the hotel with rates of \$119.00 for 2 queen beds per night or \$139.00 for 2 queen studio suite per night, plus taxes.

There will be a separate email with the link to make the hotel reservation.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2024 Retreat.

Checks can be mailed to: Karen Pieczonka
29081 US Highway 19 N
Lot 257
Clearwater, FL. 3376



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.

Interesting Links:

- ❖ 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/>
- ❖ SewCanShe: newsletter@sewcanshe.com
- ❖ Sew'n Wild Oaks 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>

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **January** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight,

Friday, January 12, 2024

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