



# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

May 2023

Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church  
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PQ website: [ProcrastinatingQuilters.com](http://ProcrastinatingQuilters.com)



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*Gale Pittman (Chair)*

### Fifty/Fifty

*Linda Steinport*

### Historian

*Norma Santiago*

### Membership

*Denise Appleman!*

## May 2023 President's Message

### President (Michelle Reinhard)

I can't believe that we're almost halfway through May. Another PQ retreat is behind us. I had a great time. Thank you, Judy and your helpers, for setting up the room. And thank you everyone for making me and my sister's birthday sew special. She also had a great time.

And now on to other projects. Don't forget the upcoming Brown Bag/president's challenge. I have my charm packs ready-now just to pick which one to use. And don't forget to include a star somewhere (anywhere) on the quilt. I am also working on a challenge for Quiltfest. How many more challenges can I fit in? I also have plenty of UFOs to work on.

May is also the month of National Nurses Week, national teachers' appreciation day, I love Reese's day and national flip flop day. It is also when we remember our military members who lost their lives during wartime. Many thanks to all our nurses, teachers, and to those who have lost family members who gave their lives for our country.

Michelle Reinhard



## **Community Outreach (Gale Pittman, Chair)**

Hello Ladies and Gentleman,

We had a great time at retreat this year. If you were not able to attend, please consider it next year.



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I put my visiting sister to work making charity quilts with me. We have 23 to quilt after retreat was finished. We had some pieced and donated by members also. This is a lot but we will tackle them and make it happen.

I will be bringing some nicely pieced twin and throw sized quilts for finishing for charity. Some even have backings that I added. If you would be able to simply quilt then I can donate them. They are larger than I feel comfortable doing at home.

Hope you all enjoyed the block at retreat that we made I thought it was an interesting technique .

Gale Pittman. [galepittman@hotmail.com](mailto:galepittman@hotmail.com). 727-510-7557

## **Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events**

May 18th, 2023 - Planning Your Quilt, Member Led Program

June 15th, 2023 - Spring Gatherings

July/August - Summer Break

## Historian Jottings (Norma Santiago)

I want to make a section in the newsletter and in the historian record of our quilters. If you don't mind, I would like to ask you a couple of questions.

How long have you been quilting?

How did you learn to quilt?

Who taught you?

What size was your first quilt?

Where did you learn to quilt?

What do you do with your quilts?

How do you quilt your quilts?

How long have you been a member of PQ?

Have you held a position in the guild?

Which positions?

Have you been committee chair?

Which committee(s)?

What is your favorite technique?

How many sewing machines you own?

What is your favorite activity that PQs has done or doing?

What has been the best ever tip you have been given?

What would you say to a new quilter?

Thank you in advance for your response. (Please send your responses to [nvstgo@me.com](mailto:nvstgo@me.com))

Norma  
PQ's Historian

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**May 2023 Birthdays**

5/2 Lynnette Schiffhauer

5/6 Michelle Reinhard

5/23 Joni Fletke

5/27 Jo Clark

**June 2023 Birthdays**

6/13 Maggie Stokes

6/30 Anne Kaucher





**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.

### **PQ Brown Bag Challenge 2023 - Norma Santiago - Coordinator**

This year the brown bag challenge will be a fun one. Here are the rules:

- 1 - One charm pack inside a brown bag - lunch size. Do NOT write your name in the bag. Please!
- 2 - Bring bag to the summer party.
- 3 - Your bag will be given a number and we will log your information.
- 4 - You will be picking a bag to take home. You will check that it isn't yours and we will log the partner.
- 6 - Make a Small Quilt max size 36" X 36". Use the fabric given on the front of the quilt.
- 7 - Add fabrics or embellishments from your stash.
- 8 - Quilt needs to be completed with biding and quilt label. Quilts will be display.
- 9 - Bring finish quilt to the November meeting to do the Big Reveal.

If you are not able to attend the November meeting, please make arrangements to get the quilt prior to the meeting.

Quilts will be display and to make it fun we will be voting on three winners.

You will be getting your charm pack back in a beautiful quilt.

Have fun!!!

# What Makes a Quilt So Special?

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by Debbie Anderson Searles

Surely, when the final stitch is entered and the needle laid to rest, only a quilter can know the feeling of pride soaring within her soul. She has the contentment of knowing that a long, hard journey has come to an end. She has conquered a challenge, and through her own patience and endurance, has created a loving work of art. It may well live on long after she has finished her walk upon this earth.

Perhaps what makes a quilt so special, is that pride a quilter knows — that deep in her heart she knows — some distant future generation might gaze upon her quilt, or touch its fragile threads, and still feel the love and care that she has sewn in every stitch.



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## Volunteers Needed

The Heritage Village is a Pinellas County Park with buildings that represent the history of Pinellas County. Many of the homes are from the McMullen family. One of these houses has been dedicated to the textile arts. The day for quilting and sewing has been on Fridays. Since the shutdown from Covid, no one has been going on Fridays. The guild has been involved with this program for years. We have volunteers from the guild to be there on Fridays, however, not enough to cover the days. On the days no one can attend the home will be closed. While at the home the volunteers can work on their projects and share our love of sewing. Often groups of children come to the Village on an outing. This is an opportunity to teach younger children about our craft and encourage interest into textile arts. I am asking others who would be interested in providing this service to volunteer at the home at whatever capacity they can. I have contact information from the Heritage Village.

Anyone interested in Volunteering to be at the house on Fridays, contact Peggy Shaw at

[peggyjane50@gmail.com](mailto:peggyjane50@gmail.com)

# Pictures From Our Annual PQ Quilt Retreat





### **Interesting Links:**

- ❖ 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/>
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- ❖ 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>

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **June** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, June 9, 2023.**

If you have anything important that must go out to the membership, please contact Judy Wedekind.