

# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## October 2023 Newsletter

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

PQ Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/469944486465125/>

### 2023 Officers and Committee Chairs:

#### President

*Michelle Reinhard*

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*Joan DeSantis*

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*Robin VanScoy*

#### Community Outreach

*Gale Pittman (Chair)*

#### Fifty/Fifty

*Linda Steinport*

#### Historian

*Norma Santiago*

#### Membership

*Denise Appleman!*



## President's Message

### Michelle Reinhard - President

#### October 2023 President's Message

Hello Fall. Thank goodness for at least a couple of days of cooler weather with more to come. I actually got to open my windows for a couple of days. Of course, it also means the leaves are falling. The oak trees have been busy depositing leaves in my pool. I love fall (not as much as summer) but it's great. I really like decorating for the fall and especially Halloween.

October is such a great month for so many reasons. My snowbird cousins make it down to Florida. My wedding anniversary and the Navy 's birthday is in October, not so coincidentally on the same day, and of course Halloween. We get together with our neighbors and make it into a mini block party so that the adults can have fun too. I also start revving up my sewing, so that I can get some projects done as gifts for Christmas. Of course, there will still be some last-minute finishes 😊 Speaking of finishes, I hope everyone is progressing and having fun with the brown bag/president's challenge. I have spoken to some folks who love what they received to work with, and some whom didn't 't. But that is what a challenge is about- to stretch yourself (without making it make you crazy or crazier). You are such a talented group of ladies and gentleman that I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's creations. Thank you, Norma, for stepping up. And thank you everyone who has volunteered. The guild doesn't run without the talent and giving of time and talent.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Michelle

**Mystery Quilt (2023)**

Open

**Newsletter Editor**

Diane Friedman Fred Friedman

**Nominating Committee**

Open

**Parliamentarian**

Penny Black

**Party Coordinator**

Judy Weekind

**Party Blocks**

On Hold

**Programs (Chair)**

Karen Bishea

**Quilt Nanny (2025)**

open

**Quilt Show Liaison**

Joan DeSantis

**Opportunity Quilt (2025)**

Pam Sprague

**Retreat Planner (2024)**

Karen Pieczonka

**Sunshine**

Paula Riccio

**Website**

Judy Wedekind

**Spring/Winter Exchange Blocks (Chair)**

Open

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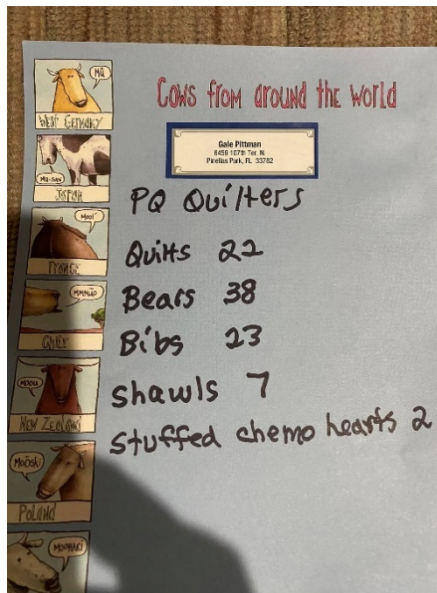


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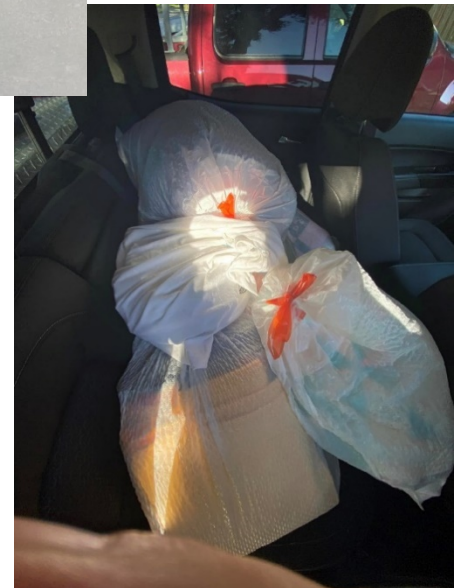
## Community Outreach

(Gale Pittman, Chair)

Making a donation today!



Thank you all!



## Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events

October 19	Karen Pieczonka – Bag Making
November 4	Bag Making Primer Class
November 16	Brown Bag Challenge Reveal
December 14	Winter Party

### 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.

#### Interview completed by Diane Friedman – Newsletter Editor

How long have you been quilting? **40+ years**

How did you learn to quilt? **Sewed clothing for my children when they were little.**

**Expanded to quilts as they got older. Took classes and bought books and patterns to expand my skills.**

Who taught you? **Mostly Self- taught**

What size was your first quilt? **Single bed size with a large Squirrel. McCall's pattern**

Where did you learn to quilt? **Learned to longarm on a friend's long arm machine**

What do you do with your quilts? **Give some as gifts, donate some and keep some for myself, because I they are so hard to give away**

How do you quilt your quilts? **On my Innova longarm machine**

How long have you been a member of PQ? **A long, long time ago. Joined the guild 6 months after it formed**

Have you held a position in the guild? **Yes**

Which positions? **Sunshine, 50/50, PQ Newsletter**

Have you been committee chair? **Yes**

Which committee(s)? **Retreat Committee**

What is your favorite technique? **Paper Piecing**

How many sewing machines you own? **Three- two Janomes and a Viking**

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

What has been the best ever tip you have been given? **Measure twice, cut once**

What would you say to a new quilter? **Relax and enjoy the process**

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

Norma, PQ's Historian



### October 2023 Birthdays

Lynn Frank	10/13
Diane Turscak	10/14
Lori Lewis	10/15
Paula Riccio	10/18
Judy Barlett	10/19
Judy Wedekind	10/20
Joan DeSantis	10/22
Janis Magee	10/29



### November 2023 Birthdays

Gale Pittman	11/7
Theresa Arrison	11/14
Elma May Brey	11/22
Joanie Thuemling	11/21
Elaine Rice	11/28



**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**

Brown Bag Challenge

We are almost to the finish line. I only need to finish the binding and sew the label on my quilt. November meeting is the big reveal. Bring your finish quilt. Can't wait to see all the beautiful quilts been made by you all.

Any questions you can send me a message: [nvstgo@me.com](mailto:nvstgo@me.com)

## 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.



### 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](mailto: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>

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **November** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, November 10, 2023.**

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