

# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## February 2024 Newsletter

Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church  
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## President's Message

**Michelle Reinhard - President**



Ah, February- the month of hearts, chocolates, and love. Also, the season for quilt shows has started. There are some great shows in the next few months here in Florida. I plan to make it to at least a couple of them. I am particularly looking forward to the AQS show in Daytona. It always has beautiful quilts, lots of great vendors and some good classes. I will be taking a class on surface design with my twin. Time to let the inner 6-year-old out to play.

It's also the time of year to really set down what projects that I want to get done, UFOs and new ones. And, to decide what new techniques that I want to learn. It is a personal challenge to learn something new and how to incorporate it into my sewing and quilting. The Quilting and Sewing Expo in Lakeland offers some excellent opportunities to learn new skills or even refresh some. There are also some great opportunities to volunteer at the Expo and see what it's all about.

I hope everyone has a great and heart healthy month.

Michelle

**Mystery Quilt (2024)**

*Open*

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*Open*

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## Community Outreach

(Gale Pittman, Chair)

I am happy to report my totals from 2023 for community outreach: Quilts 198, hats 107, chemo hats 49, knitted and crochet items 61, bears 232, NJCU developmental hearts 418, chemo pillows 144, burp cloths 116, and adult bibs 115.

This is tremendous and I thank you all for taking time to do so much for the community.

We have a new project. The infusion/chemo clinic at the hospital is offering patients a throw size covering to keep warm during their appointments.

They have requested 36x48 inches. They can be flannel on both sides OR Cotton on one side and a flannel backing. NO BATTING so they take less space in the cabinet at the hospital.

Since there is no batting you can do the bagging technique if you don't want to bind them. Then you can tie them OR quilt them OR use a stitch on your machine to tack them

They will be light weight but soft and warm.  
Thanks for all who want to participate

## **Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events**

February 15 Cybersecurity

March 21st Peggy Wertheim will present her work and career in hand dyed, painted and marbled fabrics (and papers)

April 18th Trunk show by Reed Johnson of Blue Bear Quilts. He is a nationally known pattern designer who works with Accuquilt, QT Fabrics and Island Batik.

April 20th full day workshop at St John's. Scrappy Quilt (or table runner) designed and taught by Reed Johnson of Blue Bear Quilts. More details to follow.

May 16th meeting, trunk show and talk by Pauline Salzman, designer, maker and teacher of collage art quilts (best known for her Weimaraner dog portraits)

### **Other Florida Quilt Group Happenings**

Message from the Disconnected Piecers Quilt Guild, Quilt Show Publicity Committee

The 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial "Gathering of Quilts" Quilt Show 2024 will be held at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, Florida on February 23, 9 AM to 5 PM and 24, 9 AM to 4PM. The Judged Quilt Show is presented by the Disconnected Piecers Quilt Guild of Port Charlotte, FL and will feature over 200 quilts. It will include a Quilters Boutique, Merchant Mall, Charity Quilt Sew and Demonstrations. On-line Advanced Ticket Purchase available with discounts for 5 or more quests. Free parking and Buses Welcome.

## Quilting Tips and Tricks (Gale Pittman)

Using a hanging shoe holder for sorting my crumbs. Love looking at the pretty colors.



### **YARD SALE** - SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 9

917 Spanish Oaks Blvd

Palm Harbor, FL

727-225-2157

Norma and Michelle (The old Rainbow's End is having a huge yard sale.)  
It will be worth the drive.

Get your friends together and carpool.

**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.

## Upcoming Quilt Shows

### **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



**February 2024 Birthdays**

- 2/6 Teri Roberts
- 2/17 Cathy Starman
- 2/25 Robin Beall

**March 2024 Birthdays**

- 3/6 Susan Evans



## 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.

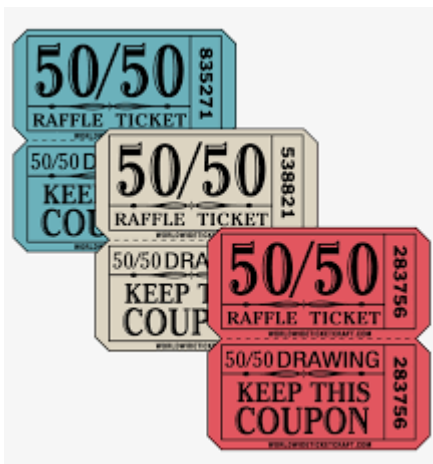
Members can choose to stay at the hotel with rates of \$119.00 for 2 queen beds per night or \$139.00 for 2 queen studio suite per night, plus taxes.

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.

**\*\*Please note: The final retreat payment is due at the April meeting. \*\***

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.

# Quilt Show 2025

## 2025 Mid-Pinellas Quilt Show Boutique

The 2025 Mid-Pinellas Quilt Show presented by the Procrastinating Quilters and the Largo Cracker Quilters is only a year away. Now is the time for each of you to start to plan what items that you can make for our boutique. Please do not think you have to make a lot items, but if each member would make 10 items there would be a good selection of boutique items.

Perhaps one or two members can work together on items; it more fun to sew with another person. Maybe each mini group can come up with ideas for their group members to make.

The price of the item is set by the member making and selling the item. The member receives 80% of the price of the sold item and the member's guild receives 15% and the quilt show receives 5%.

Some boutique ideas: coin purses, key fobs, table runners, wall hangings, placemats, baby quilts, baby bibs, pin cushions.

During 2024 at our guild meetings, we will be discussing the boutique. If you have ideas for items that members can make for the boutique, please share. I am looking forward to hearing all your ideas.

Teri Roberts, Boutique Chair for 2025 Mid-Pinellas Quilt Show  
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math and magic  
meet, and  
sometimes  
argue.**

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### 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/>
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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>
- ❖ Rainbow's End: <http://rainbowsendquilting.com>

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **March** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, March 8**

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)