

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

January 2024 Newsletter

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President's Message

Michelle Reinhard - President



Another year has gone by, and a new one has begun. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Mine was wonderful, especially since I got to share Christmas with my twin, which has not happened in years due to work schedules.

I see January as a time to refresh and reset. It offers the chance to finish old projects (or find a new home for them) and the opportunity to start new projects and take on new challenges. We have the opportunities in our guild to be a part of that. We are looking for a charity to support with the money that our opportunity quilt takes in. Please feel free to let myself or any of the board members know if you have a charity in mind and can provide information about it. We will also need folks to help on the nominating committee, and to help with the upcoming quilt show in 2025. More to come on that.

We all have talents and would like you to share them with us, individually or as a group. I do want to thank Mary Ann Pickard for taking on the role of program chair. If you have ideas for a program that you would like, please let her know.

I am not a big believer in New Years resolutions, but I do like to set goals and to pick a focus word for the year. My focus word for this year is perseverance. I think it will help me to attain my goals. Here's to a great 2024!!

Michelle

Mystery Quilt (2023)

Open

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Open

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Community Outreach

(Gale Pittman, Chair)

Dropped off quilts from the last meeting today. I will do the yearly totals and post them soon. I had so many bears and chemo hearts. Quilts were very pretty. I didn't get photos since I wasn't having a great day after lots of vaccines yesterday.

Pat, I showed the fleece throw that was donated with the crochet edge to my friend at the hospital. Loved it and said the size was perfect as it was, and that the infusion lab would be who she shares it with. Wish I had measured it. Once you know the size, please let me know. I would never have thought to make them. Thank you all.

Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events

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Annual Business Meeting

Other Florida Quilt Group Happenings

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

The 15th 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 (Paula Riccio)

I am sending you a tip I found by making a mistake. I was working on an applique' for a quilt and I ironed the Hotfix Fabric Pre-fused fabric on the wrong side of the fabric. I did not have enough fabric to redo the applique'. So I thought I would try putting the fabric in the freezer and hopefully Hotfix would peel it off, well it worked. I was able to peel off the fused glue and could reuse the fabric.



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

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

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HEROES' PASSAGE

a retreat for veterans

Veterans' Outreach was donated 110 acres of KY wilderness by **Roger Hanshaw**. Plans are underway to develop **Heroes' Passage**, a healing environment for post 9/11 veterans that are having problems with transitioning to civilian life. Plans include a CORE facility (Counseling, Offices, Recreation, and Eatery), private cabins for each veteran, working farm, horse stable, Chapel, and tribute garden. We have contacts in place for therapy, job training, and job placement to help each veteran overcome and enjoy a fulfilling life. Our plans are sincere, but only through donations will this be possible. Please help us make this real for veterans in need.



For more information, contact: **John Ely** at 330-398-2904
Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.



VETERANS' OUTREACH



SERVING VETERANS IN
AL, FL, KY, NY, OH, & WV

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OUR MISSION

Veterans' Outreach has the primary mission of honoring and serving all veterans. Each veteran has unique needs. We use our program resources to offer a hand up, not a hand out to benefit veterans and in turn communities and this great nation.





★ WHO WE ARE:

Veterans' Outreach is a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization serving veterans since 1994. We are registered with the IRS and in each state that we serve, as required by law. We have a dedicated, energized, and hard working Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers, and Auditing Firm. We all come together to work for the common goal of honoring and serving each veteran we meet, one at a time.

★ WHAT WE DO:

Over the last 29 years, we have helped veterans more than 150,000 times through our programs that perform our mission to help veterans including:

The *Direct Aid Program* provides veterans up to \$200 per veteran per year. Direct aid needs have included, but are not limited to shelter, rent, utilities, food, auto repair, clothing, and relocation.

We work with veterans to help them find employment, either through our side employers, or through our own Workforce Program called the *Outreach Program*.

We offer free clothing and personal items to veterans through our *Heroes Closet Program*. We've dressed veterans for every occasion.

The *Freedom Food Pantry Program* provides healthy fresh foods and non-perishables all year long to eliminate hunger insecurity for veterans.

We work in harmony with other agencies that support and enhance veterans' lives.

We assist WWII veterans and their families with registration for the National WWII Memorial.

Some programs not available at all offices.

★ RATIO:

Veterans' Outreach pledges to operate in a manner that honors every donor, every partner, and all the relationships that we've built over the last 28 years. We are proud to have an average ratio of 80/20 with 80% of every dollar going towards helping veterans.

We are recipient of the Guidstar Platinum Seal of
TRANSPARENCY.



★ ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Vets have said "Veterans' Outreach is a safe place, a place where they always leave with their dignity".

In 2022, we continued to serve and honor veterans with our resources and programs. Slowly but surely, America is recovering from the Pandemic. Things will never be as they were pre-pandemic, but that's ok. Americans know how to adapt to new normal and that's what Veterans' Outreach has done. Our commitment to the mission has not wavered but is strengthened by the generous donors and volunteers that have stepped up to help veterans overcome hardship and attain victory over daily struggles.

Take a look at our "Spotlight of the Week" to see individual results.

"Heroes don't wear capes, heroes wear dog tags."

We are grateful for and humbled by the generous donations of our supporters.
Without you, we could not exist.

2022 PROGRAM RESULTS:

- ★ **Direct Aid Program** helped veterans more than 5,000 times.
- ★ **Outreach Program** employed 52 veterans.
- ★ **Heroes' Closet Program** provided over 100,000 articles of clothing.
- ★ **Freedom Food Pantry Program** distributed 10,000 boxes of food.
- ★ **Heroes' Closet** provided hygiene items to thousands of veterans.
- ★ Published a "**Spotlight of the Week**" weekly to share our work.
- ★ Hosted our **7th Annual Golf Scramble**.
- ★ Continued development of **Heroes' Passage - A retreat for veterans**.
- ★ Hosted or benefitted from **27 Special Events**.
- ★ Increased our Facebook page to over **65,000 followers**.
- ★ Published the monthly digital **VetNet Newsletter**.
- ★ Purchased a **Corporate Home that is 7 times larger** than the current space.

★ SPOTLIGHT OF THE WEEK ★

Read about what we do for veterans, new cases are posted weekly on our website, veteransoutreach.org and Facebook page.



A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "the United States of America" in the amount of: up to and including his life.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



- ★ **Donate**
- ★ **Gift Vehicles, Boats, Real Estate**
- ★ **Host an Event or Food Drive**
- ★ **Remember Veterans' Outreach in your Estate Planning**

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free 1-800-HELP FLA within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.



Bear Making Party





**JANUARY
IS MY
BIRTHDAY
(YES, THE WHOLE MONTH)**

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

February 2024 Birthdays

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



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.

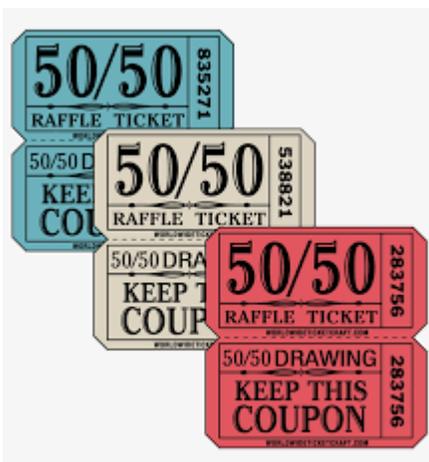
The cost will remain the same at \$130.00 for the sewing room rental and a \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot.

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.

Quilt Show 2025

The mid-Pineellas Quilt show is on its way. Lynda Wikingart and Cathy Storman are the co-chairs. Show will be held on Feb 14th and 15th at the Seminole Recreation Center. The recommendation after the last show was to have a member of each guild step up to be on each committee. We are still looking for volunteers to serve on several of these committees. It takes all of us to pull together to have a quality show so please help us out.

We need to fill the following openings:

1. Boutique - Teri Roberts is the chair but we need to have a P.Q. member to coordinate items between the guilds.
2. Basket Walk - Judy Wedekin is the chair but we need to have a P.Q. member to help her organize the P.Q. baskets.
3. Ads - We need a chair from both guilds to help get ads for the program.
4. Hospitality/Volunteers - We need both guilds to co-chair. These 2 people will coordinate the people working at the show (Computer program sign people up)

5. Publicity/Marketing - both guilds have an opening to cofhaire. This position involves contacting newspapers, other guilds to advertise in their newsletters, placing flyers in local shops.
6. Quilt Selection/Layout
Carol Marshall and Peggy Snow are cofhaire
P.Q. needs one person to help this position.
7. Program printing - Both guilds need to find cofhaire to help put the program together and get it ready to send to the printer.

Please consider filling one of these positions.
Contact either Lynda (727-418-3180) or
Cathy (727-391-0006) with questions or
to sign-up.

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 **February** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight,

Friday, February 9

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