

# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## March 2024 Newsletter

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### President's Message

Michelle Reinhard - President



March is the month of quilting with National Quilting Day celebrated on March 16<sup>th</sup>. It seems like many quilters are getting into the spirit by participating in the Florida Shop Hop. I'm not doing the shop hop but I will confess to visiting the local quilt store when we were camping in St. Augustine. I did buy the shop hop panel because my husband loved it and is requesting a quilt made out of it. He doesn't often request so I guess it will be a priority. And why not, some of the other UFO's can wait- they're not running away.

On to business- We will be having our fabric sale or auction at our March meeting so bring your money. I am curious to see the fabrics. It's always interesting to see what someone else likes to work with. I do want to thank Lynette and Pat for taking on that particular project. And thank you to everyone whom has stepped up to fill various positions. That's what makes the guild work, and my life easier.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to everybody- and Happy Easter to those who celebrate it.

Michelle

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**Many hands make light work!**

*(Gale Pittman, Chair)*

Donations have been very good!

I donated to the hospital:

Quilts 10

NICU hearts 78

Burp cloths 34

Bears 78

Stuffed chemo hearts 55

Infusion lab throws 7

Knitted toddler hats 9

Chemo head scarves 2

Remember we can make 36x42 sized throws for the infusion lab. Flannel on one side or both sides. No batting. You can sew the outer edge and then turn them right side out so no binding. You can quilt them with a walking foot, or tack them down by machine, or by hand. Now the new moms would like them for a covering when they nurse.

I should have some yarn to give out if anyone would like to add it to any yarn you have to make shawls for the new moms. Labor and deliver can also use newborn sized hats. Remember newborn means it will fit a grapefruit, which is not very big. They can be crochet or knitted. Pastel colors or holiday/season colors such as red/white/blue for now.

You have all been very enthusiastic about donations and I appreciate you!

Gale Pittman

## Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events

March 21st Peggy Wertheim will present her work and career in hand dyed, painted and marbled fabrics (and papers). Check out her Facebook or Instagram posts: peggywertheim

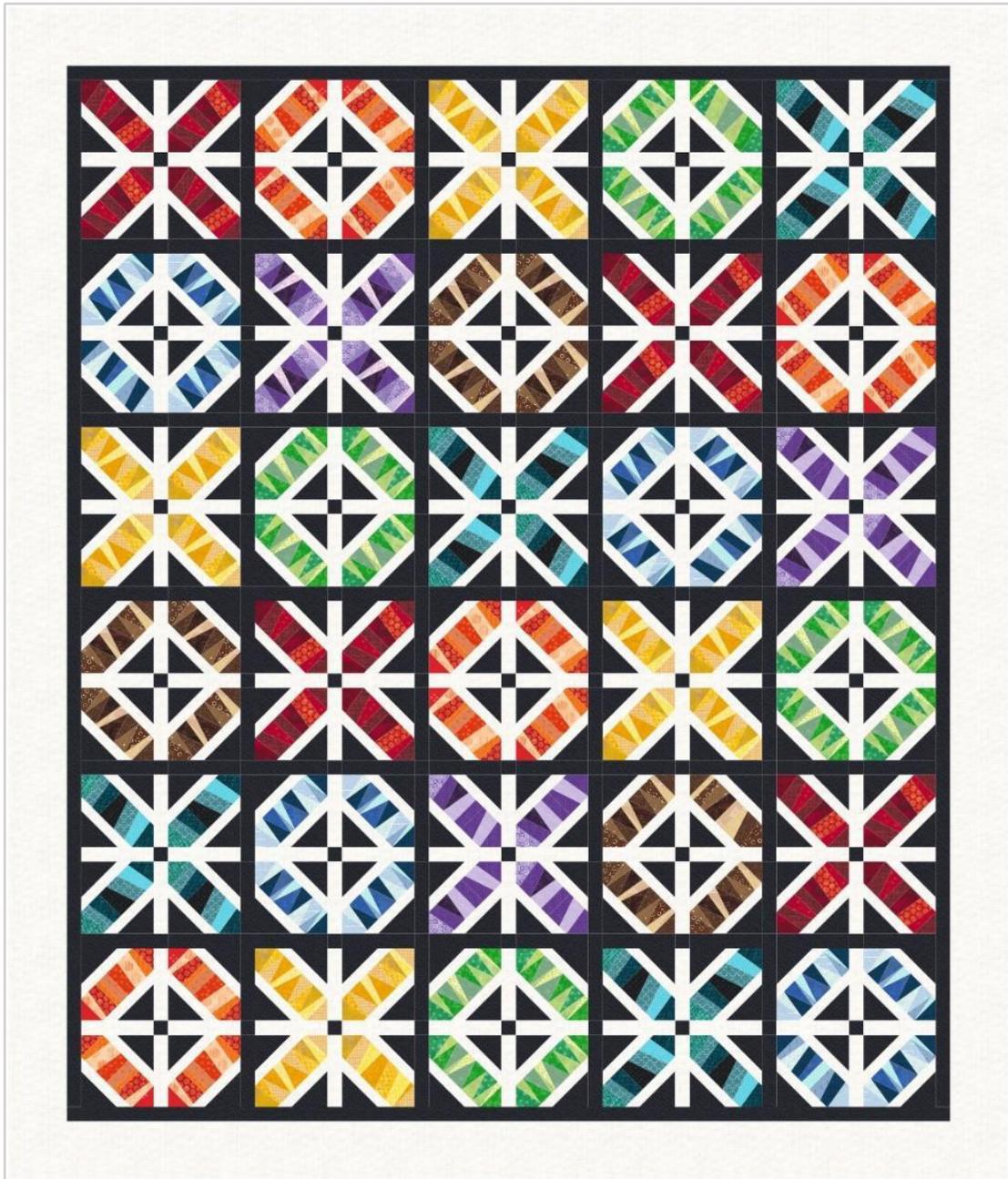
April 18th Trunk show by Reed Johnson of Blue Bear Quilts. He is a nationally known pattern designer who works with Accuquilt, QT Fabrics and Island Batik.

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)

# Hugs and Kisses

A Scrap Buster Quilt or Table Runner  
Finished Quilt 69" x 81" or 69" x 21"



Quilt Pattern by Blue Bear Quilts®

BBQ #221

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# MATERIALS

Yardage is based on 42"-Width of Fabric (WOF). This is a scrap buster quilt in 8 different colors. (Color) is the color referred to in the pattern. The amounts needed for the table runner are in [red] if different from the quilt.

- Various scraps, in various shades, (at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide) that amount to  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard, or a fat quarter, each, of (Red), (Orange), (Yellow), (Green), (Teal), (Blue), (Purple) and (Brown) for blocks.
- 4 [1-1/4] yards of (White) for blocks, sashing and outer border.
- 2-1/4 [1/2] yards of (Black) for blocks, sashing, cornerstones, and inner border.
- 3/4 [1/2] yard of (White) recommended for binding.
- 5-1/8 [1-3/4] yards for backing with 5" overage. (White) recommended.
- 79" x 91" [79" x 31"] piece of cotton batting with 5" overage.
- (30) [5] sheets 8.5" x 11" scrap paper for foundation piecing.
- 6" square up ruler
- Optional, but helpful, would be a wooden iron or small portable iron with pressing mat.

# Quilting & Finishing

- 1.) Pin and sew the inner Black and outer White borders. Pay attention to the different sizes for either the quilt or the table runner in [red]. Be sure to measure your quilt top before sewing the borders together.
- 2.) Layer, quilt, and bind.
- 3.) Congratulations- your quilt is complete!



## Quilter Requests

Susan Pisano is asking if anyone has any butterfly fabric they would like to donate. As little as a fat quarter, she will be able to create part of an outfit for the children. See below for more information. Please bring the fabric to the March meeting. Further questions, please respond to [susanfpisano@gmail.com](mailto:susanfpisano@gmail.com)

The New York Giving Doll will be providing approximately 40 Giving Dolls to the attendees of this year's CancerCare's Healing Hearts Camp, which is being held from June 7 – 9 in Memorytown, PA, in the Poconos. Healing Hearts Family Bereavement Camp is a free camp which allows families who have experienced the loss of a loved one to cancer to come together for a weekend retreat. The camp has a yearly theme, and this year their theme is "the butterfly."

Additional request

If you have fabric you won't get to that is suitable for making bears, please bring for Susan P. Their mini group has been making lots of bears and we can resupply their stash. They can also use stuffing if you have any extra. Bring to March meeting please



## Quilting Tips and Tricks

Gale Pitman shared this idea she saw on Pinterest.



### Upcoming workshop

April 20th at St John's Episcopal parish hall, Reed Johnson will be teaching from 9-3 and we have use of the hall from 8:30 to 5:00.

The cost of the workshop will be \$40, which includes a free PATTERN from Blue Bear Quilts (since we will be the 1st class to use it!) and the hall rental (which is a lovely, light filled space). There are 20 spots available that can be reserved with your payment at the March or April meeting.

### Reminder

This month is the last chance to see Susan Lumsden's free exhibit in the lobby of the Aging Well Center, just behind the Long Center. You will recall her wonderful trunk show from last fall!

### Mini fabric outlet

**Largo Cracker Quilters** has a 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.

### 2025 Opportunity Quilt Update

A charity was selected for our 2025 Opportunity Quilt. Veterans Outreach out of Pinellas Park, Fl.

### Upcoming Quilt Shows

#### **QuiltFest of Jacksonville**

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center  
1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida  
Thursday, September 12, 2024 9 AM - Saturday 14, 5 PM



## Fabric Book Construction Workshop with Norma Santiago

**Date:** May 19

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Location:** Beach Art Center, 1515 Bay Palm Blvd., Indian Rocks Beach

**Cost:** \$20 Beach Art Center Fee (No charge for instructor)

In this workshop we are going to be looking at four different techniques that can be used to construct fabric books. Fabric books can be used to create a combination of a stitch, textile or cloth book, or journals. Learn about multiple methods of creating and binding books. At the end of the day, each student will have created four different books with the addition of illustrations or stitches.

### **Materials needed for workshop:**

Fabrics - Muslin, any commercial fabric or your own dyed fabrics

Book 1 - 6 1/2 by 12 inches - 8 pieces

Book 2 - 5 inches by 10 inches 8 pieces

Book 3 - 6 inches by 12 inches 8 pieces

Book 4 - 1 fat quarter (18 by 22 inches)

Sewing needles and thread

Tapestry or chenille needle

Perlé Cotton size 8, or 6 strand floss; colors can be matching or contrasting

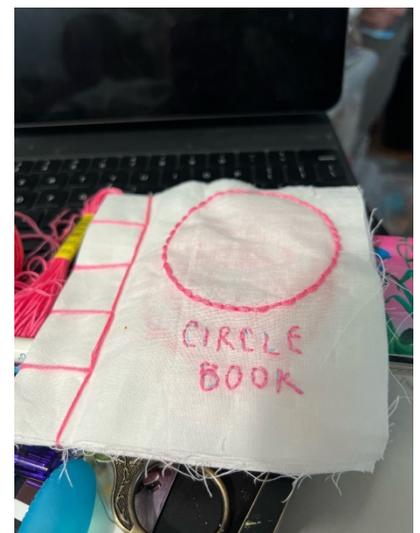
Scissors

Iron and Iron mat

Starch, sizing or Best Press type of spray

Optional rotary mat and rotary cutter.

Contact Norma Santiago if you have any questions: [nvstgo@me.com](mailto:nvstgo@me.com)





## March 2024 Birthdays

3/6 Susan Evans



## April 2024 Birthdays

4/8 Tahnee Eaton  
4/10 Theresa Hicks  
4/14 Penny Beamon  
4/27 Karen Pieczonka  
4/30 Michelle Crook

## 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

Now is the time to start making items for the 2025 Quilt Show Boutique. If each PQ member would make one item a month starting now – each member would have made 12 items made by the time of the quilt show in February 2025. Let us not procrastinate on making boutique items.

Our past boutiques have had outstanding items for sale. When making fabric items consider the fabric you use. I know that I buy an item at a boutique when the item and fabric speak to me.

Quilted items that you have already made can also be sold at the boutique. I have sold small quilts, wall hangings, table runners, and pillow cases that I had previously made.

Also, non-fabric items can also be sold at the boutique – cross stitch items, design boards, knitted items, etc. I am currently doing some research on boutique items that can be made with old bobbins, thread spools, and wine corks. Use your imagination!

Please reach out to me with your ideas.

Teri Roberts

Boutique Chair for 2025 Mid-Boutique Quilt Show

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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/>
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- ❖ SewCanShe: 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 **April** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, April 12.**

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)