

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

May 2024 Newsletter

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Michelle Reinhard -
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What a wonderful time we had at the retreat last week. There was a lot of talking, laughing and snacking. And, oh yes, some sewing did actually get done. It was so much fun to see the creativity flowing and the different projects that everyone was working on. We truly have many talented members. And thank you to Karen (and her helpers) for setting up the retreat. You did an excellent job and I'm looking forward to next year.

It is hard to believe that we are already into May. It is such a special month for me personally as it is my birth month. I don't feel a year older, but my body doesn't always agree. We're also in the middle of National Nurses' Week. Thank you to all our nurses, those still working and those who are now enjoying retired life. It's also Military Appreciation Month. It's a hard life and many times it is the family of the service member who has the hardest part. And of course, with Memorial Day upcoming, let us not forget those in the military who gave their life serving our country to give us the freedoms we have.

Off my soapbox now. We will be having a brown bag challenge which Pat Holliday is spearheading. And don't forget about our exchange blocks for our summer gathering. Since we have the summer off, I plan to find some projects to make for the boutique. I encourage you to share your boutique projects on our Facebook page. We want to have a successful boutique at the show as it does provide funding for the guild.

I will be off camping in May but will catch up with you all in June at the Spring/Summer gathering.

Michelle



Brown Bag Challenge (2024)

Pat Holliday

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Open

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Many hands make light work!

Gale Pittman, Chair

Dropped off things for the hospital yesterday (4/20)
Shawls 3. Baby hats 3,
chemo pillows 5, quilts 4,
NICU hearts 17, cough
pillowcases 6, adult bibs 6



To the fabulous bear makers.... due to choking hazard...it is requested that we not put the cute ribbon bows on them. The hospital is always concerned about safety.

To clarify, no bows on the bears. If the cute bear maker wishes to wear bows on themselves then go for it!

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

Gale Pittman

Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events

May 16 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.

June 20- Spring Gathering

July/August - Summer Break

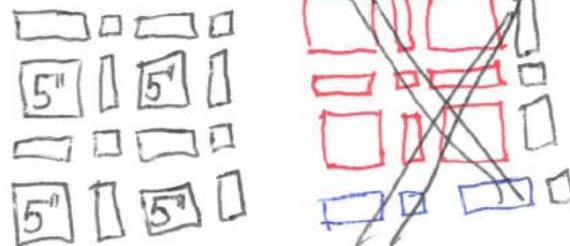
SPRING GATHERING BLOCK

We're making the free pattern called 'Peanut Butter Quilt' by Meghan Buchanan at Then Came June, here's the link if you want to get the full pattern:
<https://thencamejune.com/blogs/blog/the-peanut-butter-quilt-the-cover-one>.

For each block cut:

- 4, 5" squares (floral print)
- 4, 1.5" squares (white on white or white low volume)
- 8, 1.5" x 5" strips (solids)

For fabric I am looking for very scrappy quilt. Floral prints for the 5" squares, white on white or white low volume for the 1.5" squares, and solids for the 1.5" x 5" strips. Please use different floral prints for all the charm squares, and use minimal black and brown fabrics.



SPRING GATHERING BLOCK



Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

2024

September 12-14 **QuiltFest of Jacksonville**
Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida

November 15-16 **Quilt Show** in Leesburg lakequiltguild.com

November 15-16 **Manatee Patchworkers Quilt Show** in
Palmetto www.ManateePatchworkers.com

2025

January 31-Feb 1 **Quilt Show** in Lake Placid

February 7-8 **Quilt Show** in Vero Beach Quilt Guild

February 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Seminole (Procrastinating Quilters Quilt Guild
& Largo Crackers Quilt Guild)

March 8-9 **18th Biennial South Florida Quilt Expo** in Pembroke Pines [info here](#)

March 21-22 **Stars Above, Quilts Below Quilt Show** in
Pensacola pensacolaquiltersguild.org

Upcoming classes in the area



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

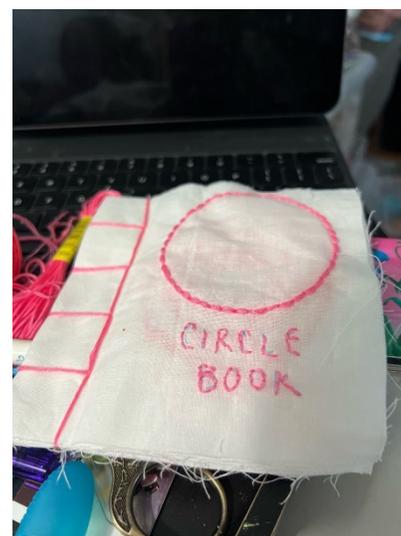
Perlé Cotton size 8, or 6 strand floss; colors can be matching or contrasting

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

Norma Santiago

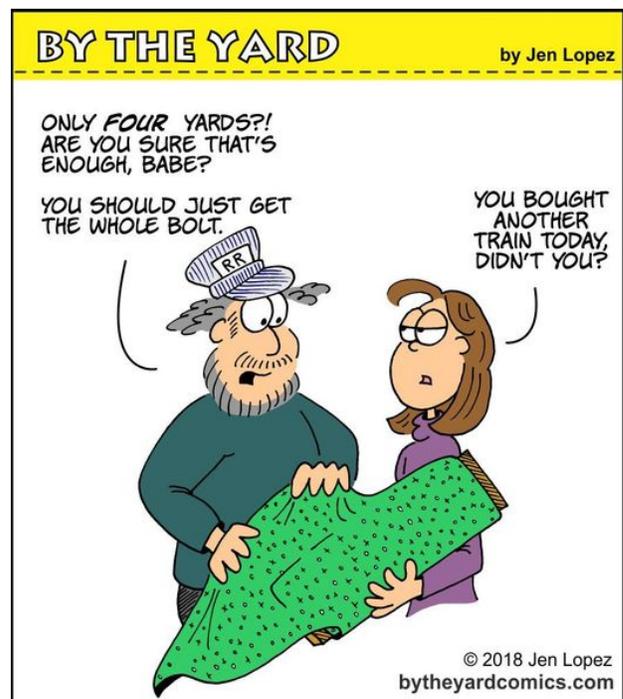
My piece below is part of the exhibition: Interwoven Legacies: Celebrating 25 Years of the Tampa Bay Surface Design Guild, in Honor of Marlene Glickman. Show runs: May 18 - August 4, 2024 at the Leepa-Ratner Museum- 600 E Klosterman Road, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689.



Tatter.org - Tatter explores the medium of textiles to tell human stories and cultivate understanding. This organization has resources it is a textile library. Also, offers workshops sessions on zoom and in person. It is a wonderful institution. Personally, I have taken several workshops and they are amazing. Currently they are about to start a quilting series. Below link:

<https://tatter.org/events/hand-sewn-quilting-primer-series/>

Quilting Humor



!! HEALTH WARNING ADVISORY !!

!! BEWARE !!

!! HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS !!

Everyone in this building has been diagnosed with

QUILT POX

Symptoms include:

- Inability to stop buying fabric
- Giggling while sewing
- Insatiable Hoarding of Fat Quarters
- Severe need to bond with other quilters
- Savage desire to cut perfectly good fabric into small pieces and sew them back together
- Uncontrollable urge to make everyone you know a quilt... or two!

Bonnie K. Hunter

Quiltville.com



May 2024 Birthdays

- 5/2 Lynnette Schiffhauer
- 5/6 Michelle Reinhard
- 5/6 Andrea Pellegrino
- 5/23 Joni Fletke
- 5/25 Paige Rapson
- 5/27 Jo Clark

June 2024 Birthdays

- 6/7 Amanda Kreiling
- 6/13 Maggie Stokes



Annual PQ Retreat Karen Pieczonka, Chair



Retreat 2024

Well, another successful retreat has ended, and I don't know about you, but I suffered Post Retreat Syndrome; tired, achy, wanted to nap and not cook, but had so much fun.

I want to thank the vendors who contributed product and door prizes for the retreat: Art Gallery Fabrics, Benzie

Designs, ByAnnie, Country Quilts and Bears, Missouri Star Quilt Company, MK Quilts, Quiltfolk, Rainbows End, Tops Vacuum and Sewing, and the Warm Company. Also, thanks to my Mini Group, The Seville Girls, for their help in donations, fabric and sewing podlets.

Retreat 2025

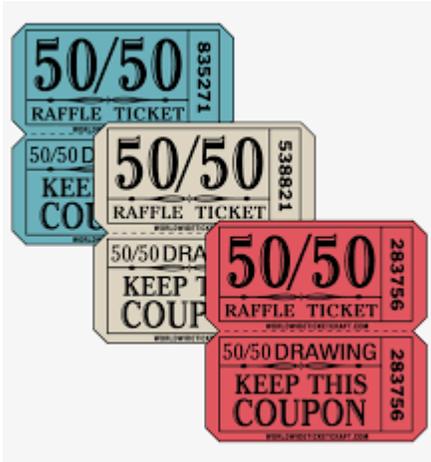
The dates for the 2025 Retreat are Thursday May 29 to Sunday June 1 (this is the weekend after Memorial Day). The cost will remain the same, \$130.00 for the sewing room rental. It will be limited to 36 participants and registration will begin in September; a \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot.

Members can choose to stay at the hotel with rates of \$119.00 per person for 2 queen beds per night or \$139.00 per person for a 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 2025 Retreat.

Take a look at the Procrastinating Quilters Facebook Page to see pictures of this year's quilt retreat.



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/>
- ❖ Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/>
- ❖ 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 **June** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight, **Friday, June 14.**

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