

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

April 2024

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April 2024 President's Message

I guess we are well and truly into Spring and on the fast track to summer. I am enjoying some of the spring flowers, although not necessarily the allergies that come along with them. I am happy about the warmer weather. I can now actually use my pool and have been this month. Yay!! Looking forward to a few upcoming camping trips with warmer weather. We are heading to Lake Louisa for a few days and next month to Milton. It's fun to get acquainted with areas of Florida that I'm not familiar with. And I usually get to find a quilt shop to visit.

So now I am really focused on working on my challenge quilt for Jacksonville, but I still have other goals. I would like to get at least 2 UFOs done. I also would like to get some more charity quilts done, but maybe that is my retreat projects. We have a full house for retreat, and I am looking forward to it. My sister is coming so I get to spend some quality time with her.

Thank you everyone who helped at the Lakeland Expo. We did great. Please keep thinking of places where we can show our beautiful opportunity quilt and sell tickets. Thanks to Pat and Lynette for putting together the fabric auction last month. I think it was successful. Looking forward to our speaker this month, Pauline Salzman. Her quilts are fabulous. Mary Ann has been working hard our programs and has a great class with Reed Johnson lined up. I'm looking forward to his class. It will

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be a good opportunity to use up some of my scraps, of which I have plenty.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Michelle



Community Outreach (Gale Pittman, Chair)

Hello Ladies (and Gentlemen),
You were all so generous this month

Here are the totals:

Stuffed heart pillows 63
Bears 60
Chemo head scarves 25
Quilts 7
Shawls knitted 5
No batting throws 11
NICU hearts 122
Burp cloths 41
Afghans 2
Note book for infusion lab 3
baby hats knitting/crochet 48
Adult bibs 3



I will be showing another project at the next meeting that will be a quick sew.

Thank you all for being so supportive and energetic for the community. I continue to collect items you make for donation at the meetings. I will give updated totals at the meeting.

Thanks for continuing to quilt and sew and donate. There have been so many items made this year!

I have a new project request...the hospital would like pillowcases for COUGH PILLOWCASES. This is a very firm pillow for the patient to press into their body while they cough after surgery. The patient will roll up a bath towel for the pillow and slip it into the case. We just need to make the pillowcase not the "pillow".

The pillowcase is to be 10 inches x 18 inches finished measurement. It is much smaller than a regular pillowcase.

There are many methods online and you can choose your favorite. Please finish the seams in some method to prevent raveling. They will be washed a lot.

This was recently requested so I have not written out the pattern yet. Send me an email if you would like me to do that. Use your leftover fabrics. These are for adults rather than kids.

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Upcoming Events

April 18th meeting, trunk show and talk by Pauline Salzman, designer, maker, and teacher of collage art quilts (best known for her Weimaraner dog portraits)

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. See below for details.

May 16th 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.

Workshop Details

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 still are spots available.

If you are interested, please reach out to Mary Ann Pickard by this Friday April 5th, to get your name on the list with payment due at the April 18th meeting. Otherwise we will open it up to people outside of our guild to fill the class.

Mary Ann Pickard

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Note about Workshop:

Just an upcoming reminder that we have a class scheduled for April 20th with Reed Johnson . We are getting this class at a cost than what he would usually charge. The pattern was shown in the last newsletter. This is a great chance to use up some of your scraps. We still have lots of openings and will be opening up to the other guilds very soon. I will be taking the class and look forward to seeing you all there.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Sept 19-21 **Quilt Show** in Jacksonville www.QuiltFestJax.com

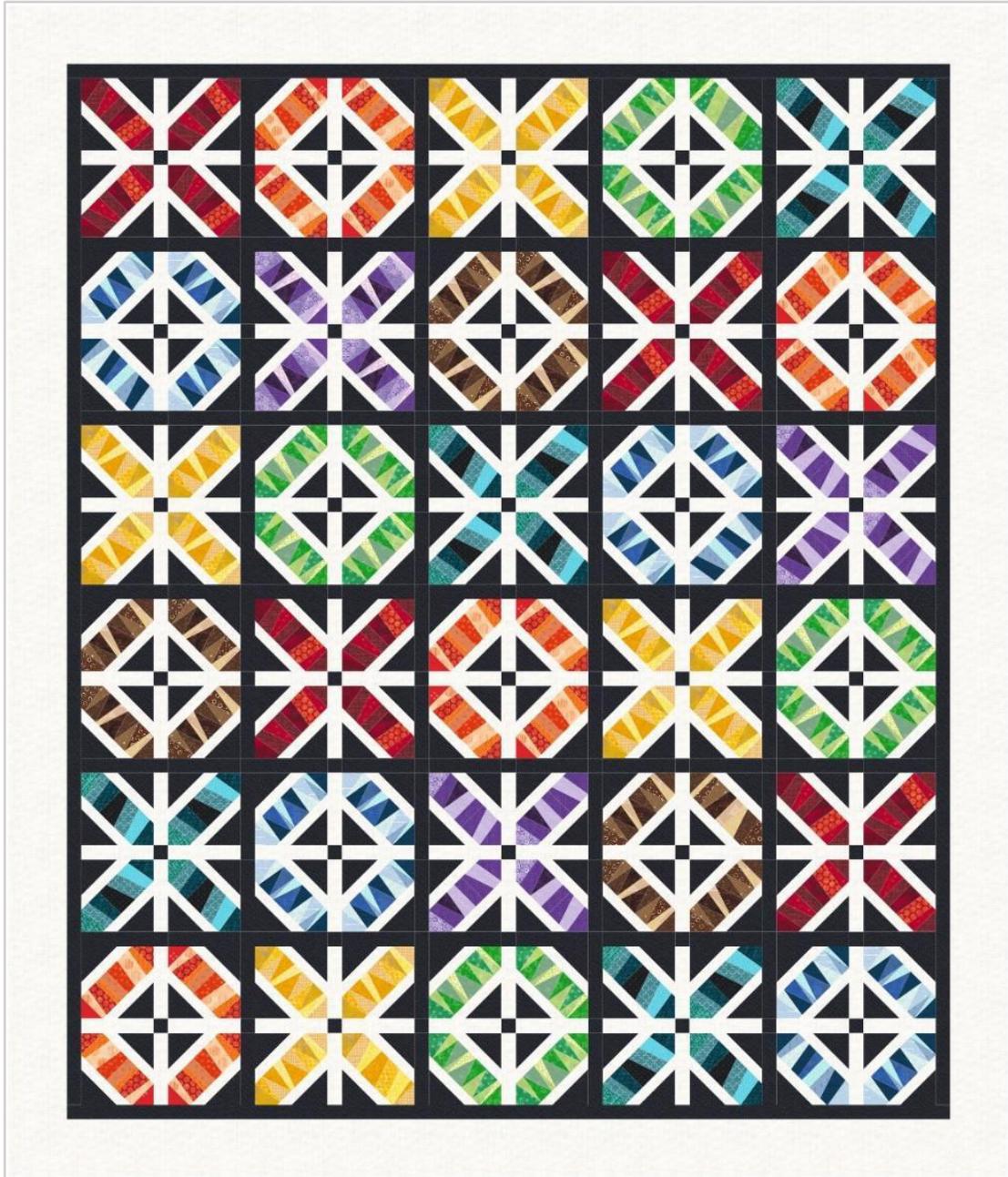
Nov 15-16 **Quilt Show** in Leesburg lakequiltguild.com

Pauline Salzman's Work



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!





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

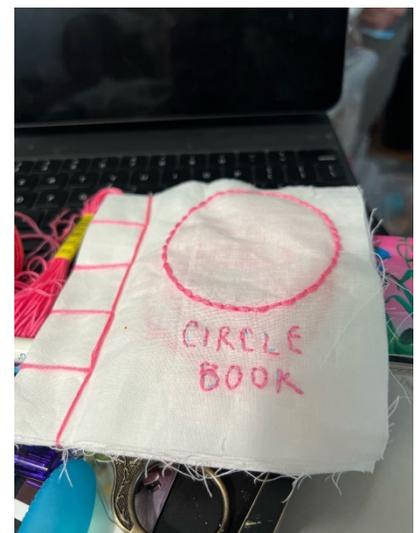
Scissors

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



Nov 15-16 **Quilt Show** in Palmetto

2025 Opportunity Quilt Update

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



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.

At the last meeting, Nadia, a student from USF stopped by. She enjoyed our meeting and seeing the beautiful quilts. Please see the note below from Nadia. Her requested survey takes less than 5 minutes.

From Nadia:

We are continuing our quilting research on philanthropy and have an anonymous survey we are sending out that collects data on quilters history with philanthropy. We were wondering if you could send it out in your guild's newsletter or to any quilters you know? It would really help us out.

This is the link to the survey

https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3VKmkpz4TDBWnHM.

Just a friendly reminder that it is anonymous and no sensitive information will be collected.

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

April 2024 Birthdays

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



May 2024 Birthdays

- 5/2 Lynnette Schiffhauer
- 5/6 Michelle Reinhard
- 5/23 Joni Fletke
- 5/27 Jo Clark
- 5/30 Mary Ann Pickard



EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

2024 PQ RETREAT

PQ Retreat 2024 (Judy Wedekind)

2023 PQ Retreat is May 2nd Noon – May 5th 3:00pm
Hampton Inn, 4017 Tampa Road, Oldsmar, FL 34677

The PQ 2024 Retreat is full, with 36 members registered to attend. This is the most members in several years! It will be cozy in the sewing room with an extra pod added to accommodate the group, but a great opportunity to meet new friends. Final retreat payment is due 4 /18 and also the last date to make a room reservation at the special rates. Check in time for the retreat is noon on Thursday May 2nd, and for overnight accommodations check in time is 3:00pm. On Sunday May 5th, check out time for overnight accommodations is 11:00am, and for the sewing room 3:00 pm. Members are on their own for meals, however there is a complementary continental breakfast at the hotel from 6:00 am to 9:00 am and coffee and tea is always available, water will be provided by the guild. If you are unable to attend the PQ meeting this week and have not paid fully for the retreat, please contact me to make arrangements for payment. Don't forget all your supplies, sewing machine, foot pedal, power cords, projects, rules, rotary cutter, snacks, chocolate.....The hotel will supply tables for cutting, ironing boards, and irons. PQ's has cutting mats, table risers, and power strips, however if you have a power strip you might want to pack that along too. Looking forward to another great retreat!!!

Karen Pieczonka

Roommate Request for Retreat

To those of you attending the PQ Retreat May 2-5, Diane Friedman is looking for someone to share a hotel room with her. Please contact her directly at diane@quiltinelegance.com

What's Your



QUILTING NAME



1. Find the first letter of your name.

A - Log Cabin

B- Precut

C- Scrap

D- Fat Quarter

E- Appliqué

F- Stash

G- Half Square Triangle

H- Scissor

I- Seam Allowance

J- Pinwheel

K- Back Stitch

L- Batting

M- Fabric

N- Thread

O- Four Patch

P- Stitching

Q- Flying Geese

R- Seam Ripper

S- Patchwork

T- Binding

U- Sashing

V- Free Motion

W- Bobbin

X- Longarm

Y- Border

Z- Ironing

2. Find the month you were born.

Jan- Mama

Feb- Addict

March- Wizard

April- Princess

May- Angel

June- Pixie

July- Superstar

Aug- Fairy

Sept- Genius

Oct- Queen

Nov- Gangster

Dec- Ninja



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Interesting Links:

- ❖ 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>
- ❖ Blue Bear Quilts <https://bluebearquilts.com/>
- ❖ Sew Cute and Quirky <https://www.quirkyb.com/>
- ❖ Red Bird Quilt <https://redbirdquiltco.com/>

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **May** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight, **Friday May 10, 2024.**

If you have anything important that must go out to the membership, please contact Judy Wedekind.