

# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## September 2024 Newsletter

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*Denise Appleman*

## President's Message

Michelle Reinhard



Wow- it's September and it feels like the summer has gone so fast. I hope everyone had a wonderful time and was able to stay safe with all the hot weather, hurricanes, storms, and fires. I did not get as much sewing done as anticipated since I spent five weeks in Jacksonville with my sister as she recovered from hip replacement surgery. Her husband managed to have a major medical emergency as well, so my stay was longer than I planned. I got home in the middle of August and had to keep my pedal to the medal to get my quilts done that are going to be at Quiltfest in Jacksonville. But I successfully completed them and got them turned it. So now to focus on the brown bag challenge and making some items for boutique.

The nominating committee (minus one member who resigned from it) has been working on finding candidates for executive positions. We still have at least one position to fill, or if you want a particular position contact Michelle Crook. Thank goodness we do not have to have conventions or debates. I will say that after a couple of years as VP and then president I will be ready for a break. Everyone has been great to work with.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Michelle

**Brown Bag Challenge (2024)**

*Pat Holliday*

**Newsletter Editors**

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**Nominating Committee**

Michelle Crook

Peggy Smith

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**Quilt Nanny (2025)**

*Mary Ann Pickard*

**Quilt Show Liaison**

*Denise Appleman*

**Opportunity Quilt (2025)**

Pam Sprague

**Retreat Planner (2025)**

*Karen Pieczonka*

**Sunshine**

*Paula Riccio*

**Website**

*Judy Wedekind*

## Community Outreach



**Many hands make light work!**

**Gale Pittman, Chair**

Hello all!

I am happy we will be seeing each other this month. Please bring any donations to the meeting for community outreach and I will happily deliver them to the people who can use these items.

Thanks to those who participate.  
Gale Pittman

# Procrastinating Quilters Guild

## Upcoming Events

**September** - John Schunck from The Sewing Machine Service Center in St. Petersburg

**October** –Ritu Haldar to present a trunk show. She specializes in applique and Hawaiian block techniques, along with all her fabric talents. Her website is <https://quiltwoman.com>.

**November** – Brown Bag Reveal

**December** – Winter Party

### Suggestion for future programs

How would you feel about making use of the hall at St John's this fall for a MEMBER'S SHOWCASE? I am suggesting that we have 6 members teach a specific technique for about 1 hour each. What a fun way to learn and share without pressure on one teacher! The only cost would be the hall rental and any materials the teachers may ask you to bring.

I also ran across a website for online classes:

[kathymcneilquilts.com](http://kathymcneilquilts.com). if you are an AQS member, you may already know her.

### News of Interest

My daughter, Marcia, is the new manager for Flash Sew and Quilt in Sarasota. They are looking for classroom teachers in that area, so please let us know if you have friends or guild connections who may be interested.

The shop is offering guild member discounts on Tuesdays all summer.

Mary Ann Pickard - 727 512-4227



**Beat the SUMMER heat**

With our *Quilt Guild Summer Spectacular*  
Grab Your Friends this summer and head into *Flash Sew & Quilt!*

We have designated every Tuesday from June 1st through September 30th as **The Procrastinating Quilters'** Special Day at Flash Sew & Quilt - Sarasota featuring exclusive **savings and discounts!**

- **25% OFF all regular priced fabric (minimum 1 yard cuts)**
- Our Guild Specials of the week will include a **"surprise item"** with an even deeper discount... you'll find out when you walk in the door. The "Surprise Item" could include Stabilizers, Batting, Threads, Presser Feet, Jelly Rolls, Fat Quarter Bundles, Machine Accessories, etc.

**Please Note:** Must wear your Quilt Guild Name Badge so we know who you are

*We look forward to seeing you this summer*

## Brown Bag Challenge

Brown Bag Challenge is all about **COLOR**. At our June meeting each participant will draw two (2) crayons from the Brown Bag.



**RULE #1:** other colors may be added to your project, but your Crayon Colors must dominate.

**RULE #2** does not exist.

You may complete any project of your choice. Could be a king size quilt (for over achievers) or potholders (for under achievers). **TIME LINE:** Summer months, work, work, work on your project. November PQ Meeting: present your completed project along with your two crayons. "Best use of crayon colors" and PQ members favorite" prizes will be awarded.

Thanks for taking part, Pat Holliday

**Brown bag add on:** If by chance you are unable to attend the PQ Spring Gathering and want to participate, just randomly pick two Crayon Colors and go for it!!



## 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](http://lakequiltguild.com)

November 15-16 **Manatee Patchworkers Quilt Show** in  
Palmetto [www.ManateePatchworkers.com](http://www.ManateePatchworkers.com)

### 2025

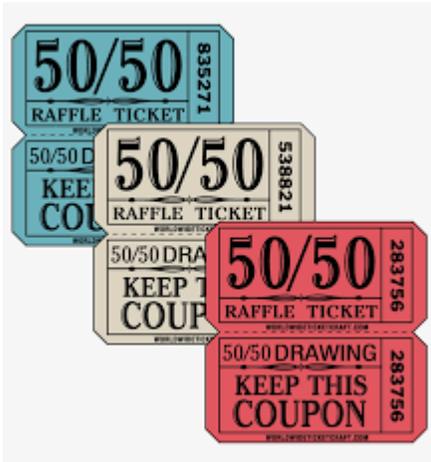
January 31-Feb 1 **Quilt Show** in Lake Placid

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**)

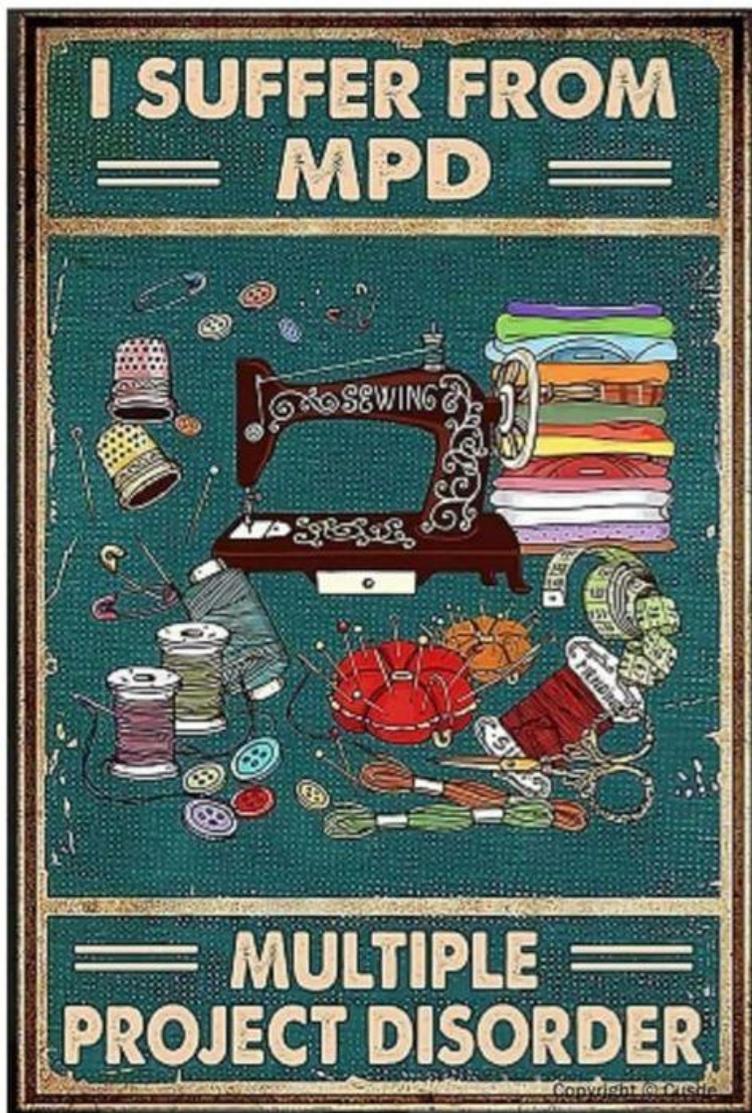
March 8-9 **18th Biennial South Florida Quilt Expo** in Pembroke Pines [info here](#)

March 21-22 **Stars Above, Quilts Below Quilt Show** in  
Pensacola [pensacolaquiltersguild.org](http://pensacolaquiltersguild.org)



**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.

## Quilting Humor





### September 2024 Birthdays

- 9/4 Karen Bishea
- 9/5 Karen O'Malley
- 9/11 Janice Corse
- 9/19 Denise Appleman
- 9/19 Mary Ann Blackmore
- 9/20 Carol Stens

### October 2024 Birthdays

- 10/13 Lynn Frank
- 10/14 Diane Turscak
- 10/15 Lori Lewis
- 10/18 Paula Riccio
- 10/19 Judy Bartlett
- 10/20 Judy Wedekind
- 10/22 Joan DeSantis
- 10/29 Janis Magee



## **2025 Annual PQ Retreat Karen Pieczonka, Chair**

The 2025 PQ Retreat will be held at the Hampton Inn, 4017 Tampa Road, Oldsmar beginning at noon Thursday May 29, 2025 to Sunday June 1, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

The cost of the retreat will remain the same at \$130.00. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel and a separate link will be emailed to members for reservations. Room rates are \$119.00/ night for 2 queen beds, and \$139.00/night for studio with 2 queen beds, these rates do not include tax or other hotel fees. All rooms include a microwave and small refrigerator.

There is free parking, complimentary continental breakfast daily from 6:00 am to 9:00 am, and coffee and tea is always available in the hotel lobby, bottled water will be provided by the guild. The hotel also features free Wi-Fi, an outdoor pool, fitness center, and business center. Meals are on your own with plenty of nearby restaurants in a wide variety of price ranges.

PQ Retreat registration will begin in September and a \$50.00 deposit will secure your spot. The “sewing room” will accommodate 36 participants, so register early to secure your spot. Final payment will be due by the May PQ Meeting (May 15, 2025).

I am pleased to be your retreat chairperson again this year and looking forward to another great time sewing with friends.

**[Look at the Procrastinating Quilters Facebook Page to see pictures of this year's quilt retreat.](#)**

## Quilt Show 2025

### 2025 Mid-Pinellas Quilt Show Boutique

I hope everyone is working on their boutique items for our 2025 Quilt Show Boutique in February. There are only about 5 months left to make items.

Robin VanScoy is making Microwave Bowl Cozy kits which will include the correct batting for use in a microwave and instructions for making a microwave bowl. The outer fabric will be supplied by each member who takes a kit. The completed bowl cozy will be returned to the guild for sale at the boutique with profits going back to the guild. Please help by taking 1 or 2 kits to make. These kits will be available at the September meeting.

Robin VanScoy, boutique treasurer for Quilt Show 2023, reported that these items sold well: small wall hangings, design boards, car trash or tote bags.

The guild needs a really good idea for a Valentine's boutique item - right price, easy to make and something that will sell. Is this an impossible thought? Let me know if you have a great idea.

I thought these little bags were cute, probably because of fabric that they were made of. I might make a few of these. Maybe they could hang a doorknob or in a bathroom or a small child's bag.

Think Boutique in the coming months.

Teri Roberts  
Boutique Chair for 2025 Mid-Pinellas  
Boutique Quilt Show  
727 481-7286



## Opportunity Quilt Reminder

We encourage all members to buy \$20 worth of tickets

Also, if you know of a place that the Opportunity Quilt can be displayed to sell tickets, contact our Quilt Nanny – Mary Ann Pickard

### Quilt Show Baskets

Quilt show Baskets - consider making a basket for the Basket Walk, we need 15, for the 2025 Quilt show. When making the basket, list the items with the approximate value on a separate piece of paper. – Theresa Arrison

## Quilting Humor

Ironwoman competition



Finally... an Olympic event for all of us!

## Upcoming ASG Open House in St Pete – from Karen Bishea

ASG Suncoast / Tampa Chapter  
New Neighborhood Group forming  
St. Petersburg, evening group

**Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 pm**

**Infinite Potential Learning Academy**

**1900 12th St South, St. Petersburg**

American Sewing Guild (ASG) is made up of Chapters with Neighborhood Groups.

### **Benefits to members include:**

- Local sewing community connections and fellowship. All experience levels are welcome.
- Participation in local sewing charity projects.
- Mentorships and learning from one another.
- Local and regional sewing ASG sponsored classes and events.
- Unlimited access to a library of over 150 online sewing classes and projects.
- Discounts on sewing products and services.
- Frequent articles, projects and more in the weekly [Notions](#) email newsletter.
- [Sew Much Fun](#) tours.

**No reservations needed, just come and learn about local ASG, bring a sewing friend. If you are a member already, come and share.**

## Flash Quilt and Sew Retreat Sarasota

This past July, Michele Crook, Mary Ann Pickard, Peggy Smith, and Desiree Etheridge attended the Flash Quilt and Sew retreat in Sarasota. It was held at the Carlisle Inn in Sarasota. The Amish food was amazing. Free breakfast, and hot cookies every afternoon. Homemade bread. Yum!

Kits by Carla, and beach potato embroidery, gave educational presentations.

Marcia Pickard, Mary Ann's daughter, is the manager of Flash quilt and sew Sarasota, and we were able to spend some time with her. Flash had a mini shop area set up, and a lot of new machines to try out. They also opened their nearby store for all our critical needs, like a fabric purchase fix. Alma Sues Quilt Shop was walking distance from the hotel, and money was spent there.

There were games, and raffles. We didn't win anything for the first 2 days, but the last day we won big. On the last day Desiree Etheridge won an Anita Goodesign box with embroidery machine designs inside. Michele Crook won the grand prize of a new, top of the line, Bernina serger with a carrying case. It was amazing, and so exciting. On the last day there was a fabulous fashion show.

It was a great time spent sharing our love of sewing with old and new friends. We all plan on attending next year. Pictures are on Facebook.  
Desiree Etheridge

### Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: [kathymcneilquilts.com](http://kathymcneilquilts.com).
- ❖ 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](mailto: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 **October** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, October 11, 2024**.

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)