



# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## January 2025 Newsletter

Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church  
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PQ website: [ProcrastinatingQuilters.com](http://ProcrastinatingQuilters.com)

PQ Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469944486465125/>

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*Gale Pittman*

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*Norma Santiago*

#### **Membership**

*Denise Appleman*

### January 2025 President's Message



Happy New Year 2025!

I am not much for resolutions, but since I am an optimist at heart, I always look forward to learning new things in the new year. That usually means I look back as well at what I did and did not like. Recently, I saw a message about the Disney movie, called Pollyanna with Haley Mills. It was released this month, 65 years ago! It was one of my favorites, so I looked it up to watch again, only to discover 2 other versions. The first was made in 1920 and the other in 2003 by Masterpiece Theater. It made me think of quilting as we remember favorite quilt designs and then discover new and exciting versions we have never seen before. We have so many talented quilters in our group! Never assume your quilt or technique has been seen before or would not be interesting, especially for new members!

I am happy to serve as your new president. Please share your ideas and suggestions freely!

Mary Ann

**Brown Bag Challenge (2025)**

*Pat Holliday*

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TBD

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*Mary Ann Pickard*

**Quilt Show Liaison**

*Denise Appleman*

**Opportunity Quilt (2025)**

*Mary Ann Pickard*

**Retreat Planner (2025)**

*Karen Pieczonka*

**Sunshine**

TBD

**Website**

*Judy Wedekind*

# Community Outreach

**Gale Pittman**

Hello all!

Hope everyone had a good holiday season.

With the help of friends, I have been able to collect and get donations to the hospital.

Please bring any donations to the meeting. We will have a space at the show to exhibit our community outreach projects. At the past quilt show we have gained new members through the show. They ask what we do in the guild and a portion of them end up joining.

I'm not sure yet how much space we will have but I'd like to display several types of projects we have been doing.

Gale Pittman

## Membership 2025

**Denise Appleman**

Membership dues for 2025 will be due at the January meeting, which is January 16. Dues are \$30, payable by cash or check. The process will be the same one we followed in 2024. You will be asked to fill out a small form with your name and the amount. The completed form should then be placed in an envelope, along with your payment, and handed to me. Forms and envelopes will be provided at the meeting. This system allows me to prepare the necessary reports for the treasurer. Once you've been marked as paid you will receive your 2025 membership card. If you are a new member, joining in September '24 or later, the payment you made when you joined covers your 2025 membership dues. Thank you and looking forward to a strong showing in 2025!

## Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual PQ Business Meeting**

### Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

#### **2025**

January 24-25 Quilt Show in the Villages [qgotv.org](http://qgotv.org)

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

Feb 1 **Farm Fest & Quilt Show** in Dade City

[www.PioneerFloridaMuseum.org](http://www.PioneerFloridaMuseum.org)

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

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

March 7- 8 **Stitches in Time Quilt Show** in Naples, Florida

March 8-9 **18th Biennial South Florida Quilt Expo** in Pembroke Pines

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

August 31-September 2 **Tallahassee Quilt Show**

[www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/](http://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/)

October 1-November 24 **Gallery Show “Mixing Up Our Media”**  
Tampa Bay Surface Design Guild

October 18-20 **Stephen Foster Quilt Show** in White Springs, FL

October 24-25 **Quilting Under the Palms** in Clearwater

<https://quilterscrossingguild.org/>

Nov 15-16 **“Fan”tastic Quilt Show** in Leesburg FL

Nov 15-16 **Quilt Show** in Lakewood Ranch

[www.ManateePatchworkers.com](http://www.ManateePatchworkers.com)

Nov 15-16 **Quilt Show** in

Tampa <http://www.quiltersworkshoptampa.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.



# Birthdays of the Month



## January 2025 Birthdays

- 1/9 Peggy Smith
- 1/11 Pam Sprague
- 1/19 Cindy Hovi
- 1/27 Carol Hemmingsen
- 1/28 Dawn Hunt
- 1/28 Diane Friedman

## February 2025 Birthdays

- 2/6 Terri Roberts
- 2/17 Cathy Starman
- 2/24 Judy Gregory
- 2/25 Robin Beall





## Quilting Humor



### 2025 Annual PQ Retreat Karen Pieczonka

May 29, 30, 31, June 1, 2025

Hampton Inn, Oldsmar

Cost \$130.00, does not include meals or hotel accommodations

*Currently, the retreat is full, with 36 participating registered with a deposit or full payment. Final payment is due no later than the May PQ meeting. If you are unable to attend the retreat, please contact Karen Pieczonka as soon as possible as there is a waiting list for cancellations. A full refund of payment will be given for cancellations as long as there is a waiting list. Remember you must be a paid PQ member to attend.*

I am pleased and surprised that the 2025 retreat is full, with 36 participants!!!

**\*\*Look at the Procrastinating Quilters Facebook Page to see pictures of this year's quilt retreat. \*\***

## Quilt Show 2025

Hello fellow quilters! We are rapidly approaching the Mid Pinellas Quilt Show being held at the Seminole Recreation Center on February 14th and 15th, 2025. The preplanning is complete and now we need your participation.

Please sign on to [midpinellasquiltshow.com](http://midpinellasquiltshow.com) and read all about it. There is a lot of information available to the public. You can enter the members only site with the password `pqlargo2025`. Here you can submit up to three quilts per guild. The deadline to enter quilts is December 15. The Quilt Selection Committee needs time to organize the display of quilts on the show floor.

Quilts do not need to be complete to enter, but please don't enter any quilts that you will not be able to finish. We saw many beautiful quilts at Show and Tell. Now is the time to get them registered for the show!

We will need all the people available at the show. Please look at the Volunteer section and sign up to work a minimum of four hours on the 14th and 15th. We also need as many people as possible to help setup for the show on the 13th.

Are you working on items for the boutique? This is a great way to earn a little extra cash and help supplement the guilds.

We need to help in selling ads for the program. Please think of people and businesses that you know who would like to advertise in the program. Information regarding ad sizes, prices and the form are on the website.

If you need help entering quilts or signing up for volunteer hours, please reach out to anyone on the quilt show committee.

Cathy Starman and Lynda Weingart  
Show Co Chairs

## 2025 Mid-Pinellas Quilt Show Boutique

The Mid Pinellas Quilt Show is about a month away. The setup for quilts and the boutique is being done on February 13, 2025. I checked the volunteer list and there are still a lot of openings for setup. There are also volunteer openings for the quilt show days and the takedown of the quilts and the boutique. **Please check out volunteer opportunities and signup.**

### **Boutique Setup** on February 13, 2025

- Receive items from seller to be sold in the boutique
- Check to see that tags are filled out properly and the number of items is correct
- Arrange items to be sold on tables, racks, etc.

### **Boutique Positions** on February 14, 2025 and February 15, 2025 **The following are all sit-down positions!**

- Salesclerks fill out sales slips with information from sales tags of items that were chosen by the customer to buy.
- Cashiers total the amount of purchased items, add the sales tax, and take the money from the customer.
- Baggers remove the item tags and staple tags to the original sales slip which is then placed in a box for Boutique treasurer to process. The purchased items are then bagged and given to the customer.

### **Boutique Takedown** on February 15, 2025

- Sort all unsold items by member consignment number along with a duplicate of the boutique item form.
- Take down racks and other items used in setting up the boutique.
- Return unsold items to sellers.

Go to <http://midpinellasquiltshow.com> to sign up for the above volunteer opportunities.

For those making items for the boutique, please fill out the boutique item list and tag for each item. Two copies of your boutique item list need to be turned in with your boutique items on February 13. Instructions were emailed out in December.

If you have any questions about volunteering or making boutique items, please call or text me.

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



## More Boutique Info

Robin is looking for scraps for the scrap bags to be sold at Quilt Boutique. She is asking folks to bring scraps at least 2", quilt shop quality and pressed to the Dec and/or Jan meetings?

## 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 - Theresa Arrison

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. –

Prior to the meeting this Thursday, around 6:30 pm, Theresa and Judy will be at the church collecting the baskets for the Quilt Show Basket Promenade. For those who sign up please...

1. Bring your basket ready for "wrapping" - we will have tissue paper if you need to raise your items and cellophane to wrap
2. Bring the list of contents, preferably in an electronic format, such as Word, email to Judy Wedekind

If you are not able to attend the meeting or bring your basket this Thursday, please contact Theresa Arrison.

Side note - I will send out a "Tips for Building Basket" pdf along with the list again with the newsletter.

### 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>
- ❖ Whim So Doodle [whimsodoodle.com](http://whimsodoodle.com)

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **February** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, February 14, 2025**.

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)