

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

May 2025 Newsletter

Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church
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May 2025 President's Message



As quilters, we love to decorate a surface with fabrics, especially floral motifs. Did you know that Memorial Day started as **Decoration Day** at the end of the Civil War; to remember and honor fallen soldiers? May provides us with the blossoms necessary to decorate the cemeteries.

Over time, the holiday became known as Memorial Day and became official in 1968, when it was moved from May 30th to the last Monday in May to create a 3-day weekend. Unfortunately, it has lost its meaning for many people, but in my family, we honor my grandmother, Dorothy Ross, who was born on that day in 1913 - the first child of Irish immigrants (warriors in their own right). I was born on that day 42 years later as the first child of her first child, William.

Anyway, I hope you all find special meaning in this beautiful month. Stop and smell all the roses!

For the love of quilting,

Mary Ann

**Brown Bag Challenge
(2025)**

Pat Holliday

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Nominating Committee**Parliamentarian**

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Judy Wedekind

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Gale Pittman

Hello all!

Asked what the hospital needs now. She said we can continue what we have been doing, but we can ease off the baby NICU hearts for a bit since they have less babies born in the summer. Funny that there is a baby season. They can still use bigger stuffed hearts for the infusion lab and the no batting throws.

Please bring donations to the May meeting or the June meeting. I will not be taking donations at retreat as I am overpacking as usual and won't have the extra room. Things have been so cute lately.

Thanks,
Gale

Membership

Denise Appleman

Membership Reminder

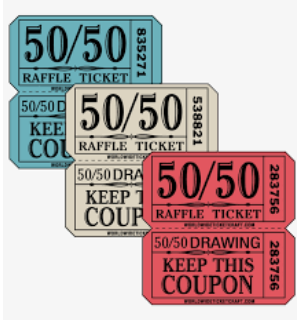
Just a friendly reminder that dues for 2025 were due by the March 20th meeting. Dues are \$30, payable by check or cash.

If you cannot pay in person, please send me a message at Appleman.denise@gmail.com and we can make arrangements for you to mail in your payment.

If you no longer wish to be a member, please let me know - same email address.

Thank you!

Denise Appleman
Membership



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.

Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events Michelle Crook

May 15th - Cecilia Reid of Pat's Sacks of Titusville

Cecilia will present feedsacks history and a trunk show. She will be selling her wares, and will be taking cash, and credit cards

June 19th – Spring Gathering

We will be serving Publix sandwiches. The sign-up for side dishes will take place at next week's meeting.

October 18th - Pauline Saltzman will teach a collage workshop.

We will start the sign-up for the workshop at the May meeting. The date is 18 October; the price is 65.00. The class size is limited to 20 people.

November 20th - Beach Potato Embroidery will be our speaker.

Details to follow. Please check the website for the year's itinerary, and the Facebook group for any changes.

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

2025

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

www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/

September 18-20 **Quiltfest** in Jacksonville

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/>

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

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

www.ManateePatchworkers.com

November 15-16 **Quilt Show** in

Tampa <http://www.quiltersworkshoptampa.org/>

2026

February 27-28 **Quilt Show** in Punta Gorda

March 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Venice



May Birthdays

5/2 Lynnette Schiffhauer
5/6 Andrea Pellegrino
5/6 Michelle Reinhard
5/7 Julie Jacobs
5/23 Joni Fletke
5/25 Paige Rapson
5/29 Ramona Griffin
5/30 Mary Ann Pickard



June Birthdays

6/7 Amanda Kreiling
6/10 Tammy Barton
6/22 Amy Mullins

Quilting Humor



I'm not procrastinating.
I'm just letting the fabric
tell me what it wants to be...
(which might take a while).

anniesattic.com



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

****Reminder final payment is due no later than the May meeting****

The 2025 PQ Retreat is almost here, and I am excited to sew all day and night! The doors will open at noon on Thursday May 29th, and the retreat will conclude at 3:00 pm on Sunday June 2nd.

There are goodie bags, door prizes, an ice breaker game, pizza party, and lots of sewing time and camaraderie. If you are staying at the hotel, a continental breakfast is available until 9am; coffee, tea and hot water is always available. All the hotel rooms have a small refrigerator and microwave. There are plenty of nearby restaurants for meals on your own.

For our ice breaker game, please bring a single serving size of a sweet snack and a salty snack. Besides all your sewing supplies and projects, sewing machine (don't forget power cord and feet), bring an extension cord or power strip, a snack to share, a sweater or light jacket (room tends to be cooler in the evening), special beverage if you prefer, and anything else for your sewing comfort.

The guild will provide cutting mats, power cords, design walls and bottled water. The hotel will provide two ironing boards and two irons. Tops Sewing and Vacuum will do a short presentation and bring door prizes, date and time to be announced. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing and sewing with everyone and another great retreat.

Karen Pieczonka

Items for sale

Elnapress2025 1004

I have this for sale for \$50.

Julie Jacobs

407-446-3018



Quilting Quotes

- I'm not a fabric hoarder. I am the curator of an extensive textile collection.
- Quilters know all the angles.
- Behind every sewer is a huge pile of fabric.
- A fat quarter is not a body part!

Free Quilting Patterns for Beginning Quilters

<https://www.polkadotchair.com/45-beginner-quilt-patterns-tutorials/>

Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: kathymcneilquilts.com.
- ❖ The Florida Quilt Network: <http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/>
- ❖ Buttermilk Basin: <http://www.buttermilkbasin.com/>
- ❖ Fabric Smart: <https://www.fabric-smart.com/>
- ❖ Craftsy: <https://www.craftsy.com/>
- ❖ Inspire Quilting: <http://inspirequiltingandsewing.com/>
- ❖ Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/>
- ❖ Patchwork Posse <https://www.patchworkposse.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>
- ❖ Whim So Doodle www.whimsodoodle.com

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **June** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight, **Friday, June 19th**.

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