

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2024 Newsletter

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December 2024 President's Message

Happy Holidays. It is hard to believe that we are in the final month of the year, and that we have actually had some fall and winter like temperatures. I don't know about all of you, but I'm not ready yet for Christmas. My decorations are up but there is still baking, shopping and of course sewing left to do. Some of that may happen at our Sit N Sew on Saturday December 14th. It would be respite from the crowds out shopping.

It has been an interesting and mostly fun two years being guild president. I do want to thank everyone for their support. I know that our new executive board will do a fantastic job. And I thank them for stepping up.

Yay!! Looking forward to whatever they may have planned. Change can be good. That being said, this is my last president's message to you. I won't miss writing these every month. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Winter Gathering.

Michelle Reinhard



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Gale Pittman, Chair

I will not be at the December meeting as I am recovering from surgery. But please bring your donations to the meeting. Lori Lewis will take them to Morton Plant. I will see you at the January meeting.



Gale Pittman

Membership 2025

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!

Denise Appleman
Membership

Procrastinating Quilters Guild

Upcoming Events

December 12th – Winter Party

December 14th – Sit and Sew

We have reserved St John's Episcopal Church Hall for Saturday, December 14th, all day for a Sit and Sew. This would be a great time to finish up holiday gifts or to work on boutique items for the February show. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. The cost is just \$5. Come join the fun.

January 16th – Annual PQ Business Meeting

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

2025

January 24-25 Quilt Show in the Villages qgotv.org

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, 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 [info here](#)

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

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

<https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/i>

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

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.



December 2024 Birthdays

12/3 Desiree Etheridge
12/3 Norma Santiago
12/7 Denise Swenson
12/14 Susan Pisano
12/14 Stephanie Sikes
12/22 Fred Friedman

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



Quilting Humor



Quilters Anonymous



2025 Annual PQ Retreat

Karen Pieczonka, Retreat Chairperson

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

There is currently a waiting list of members wanting to attend. If for some reason you are not able to attend, please contact me ASAP, and a refund will be issued and names on the wait list will be contacted. A deposit or full payment will be needed at that time.

A link was provided last month for hotel reservations, if there are no rooms available when booking online, please let me know and the hotel will release more rooms. 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.

Parking is free, and a complimentary continental breakfast is served daily from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.

If you made a deposit for the retreat, final payment is due by the May 2025 meeting.

Retreat Dates: Thursday May 29 noon to Sunday June 1, 2025 until
3:00 pm

Place: Hampton Inn, Oldsmar

****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 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 set up 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

There are only 2 months left before the Mid Pinellas Quilt Show in February 2025. Again, I hope everyone is working on their boutique items for the show. A few of you returned their completed Microwave Bowl Cozy that Robin VanScoy gave out at the September meeting. There are still few to be returned so that they can be placed in the boutique. Please try to bring them to the December meeting.

Now is the time to sign up to volunteer at the boutique. The following explains the volunteer opportunities at the boutique. One bonus for helping to set up the boutique is that you see all the items for sale before anyone else!

I had the dates wrong in the November Newsletter! Sorry!

Boutique Setup on February 13, 2024

- 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, 2024 and February 15, 2024

The following are all sit-down positions!

- **Salesclerks** fill out sales slips with information from sales tags of items that were chosen by customers 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.

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

Teri Roberts - 727 481-7286

Boutique Chair for Mid-Pinellas Boutique Quilt Show

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. –

Items for Sale

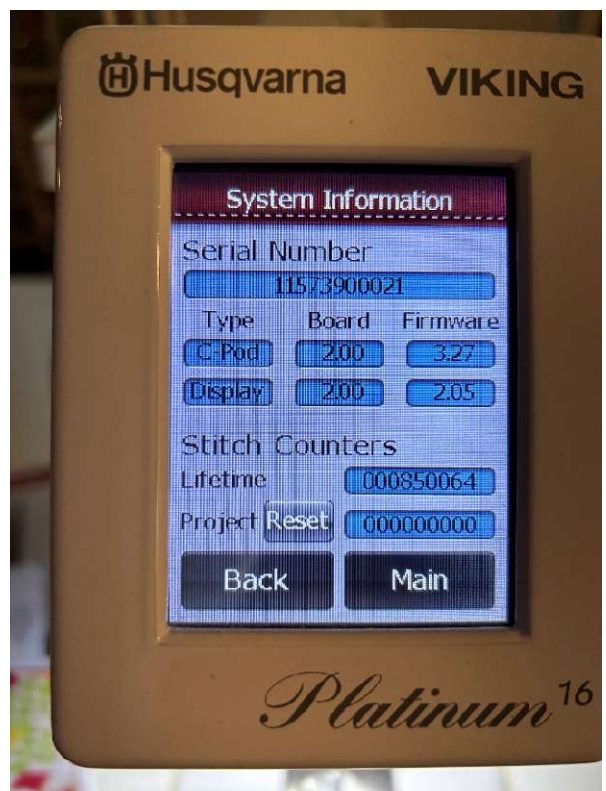
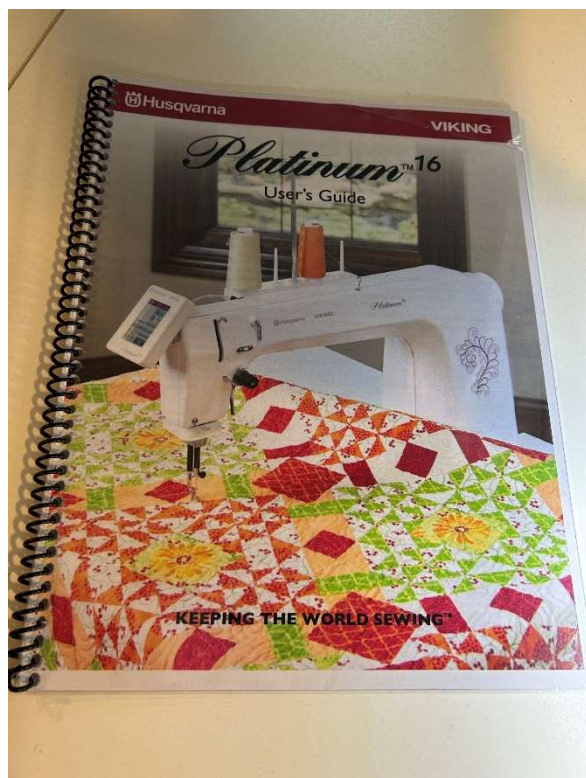
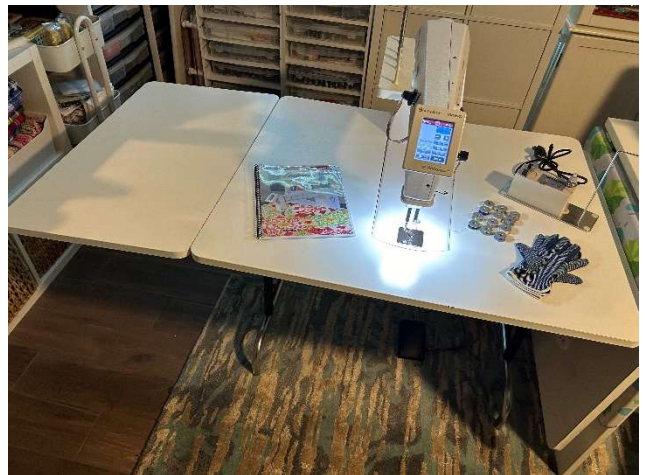
For Sale: 8-foot New Joy machine quilting frame, Babylock 1500 sewing machine to fit the frame and a huge assortment of pantographs for use with the laser on the quilting frame. This is a great setup for free motion quilting or all over pantograph quilting using a laser. \$500. For more information, contact Cathy Starman at (727)391-0005.

Items for Sale

Due to the recent hurricanes, I have decided to move to Tennessee. I was a Longaberger Basket Consultant for many years. So, I have about 300 baskets I would like to sell. None were in the flooding we got in our home and were stored in a climate storage unit. They are priced to sell. If you would be interested in seeing what I have available, please call Janet Jensen at 727-423-7132. I can make arrangements for you to see what is available.

Items for Sale

I'm selling my Husqvarna Viking Platinum 16 "Longarm" with custom table and extensions. It's the equivalent to the HQ Sweet Sixteen. Only selling because I bought a computerized longarm recently. The HQ installer fell in love with this platinum 16 but I wasn't ready to give it up at that time. He commented on the excellent condition of it. 850,064 stitch count Runs perfectly! Includes: Platinum 16 longarm machine; Custom fit table 36 x 30; Right and left table wings - each measuring 18 x 30; Overall measurements with both wings up is 72" x 30"; Instruction manual; Bobbin winder; 12 bobbins; 3 types of quilt grips; 1 pack of Groz-Beckert needles \$1400 obo Smoke free home!



Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: 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
- ❖ 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

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **January** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight, **Friday, January 10, 2025**.

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