

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild *Newsletter*

October 2025 Newsletter

Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church
2817 Sunset Point Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469944486465125/>

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October 2025 President's Message

Greetings!

October has already offered us a tremendous Full Harvest Moon to signal the start of the fall season. It was hard to miss, wherever you happened to be. I was lucky enough to be in Maine with family, picking apples, leaf-peeping, and traveling those roller coaster roads to see the best central/coastal Maine has to offer. Of course that included quilt shops: The Quilted Cupboard in Bangor, the Bolt in Bucksport and Keepsakes in Searsport (opened just one year ago). I was encouraged to see them open and thriving.

**Brown Bag Challenge
(2025)**

Pat Holliday

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Penny Black

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Judy Wedekind

Make the most of this cooler weather to shop and be inspired at our local quilt shops. All those holiday projects are just waiting to be started or finished. Pull out that UFO and take it with you to find that one thing that will make it sing!

Please keep in mind those members who are struggling with health issues. Maybe they need a ride to the meeting or a helping hand finishing a project. We can all count our blessings for every healthy day we have.

Mary Ann

**Community Outreach
Gale Pittman**

Hello all

Thank you for all the pretty donation items from last month. Dang we are talented!

I'm really motivated by seeing color combinations that are different than my usual.... Makes me want to use those colors ...which makes me cut out another quilt ...which makes more scraps...so I need to make more scrappy quilts...or should I donate some of my leftover fabric at the meeting for others to use and do the whole cycle again. This leaves me to think I must have ADHD (along with the rest of my friends). And it makes you all fabulous!

I save screen shots of some that you have made that I love and never made myself. Those pics it keeps me inspired.

Thanks for the inspiration and your donations.

Gale Pittman

Brown Bag Challenge – Pat Holliday

Brown bag: completed projects will be presented this month (October) at our monthly meeting. Thanks for participating and hope you enjoyed making a donation quilt. 2 prizes will be awarded for our favorites.

50/50



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

October 16th Wonder Curve Rulers Ellen Ault from MK quilts

October 16th Brown Bag Infusion Quilt Due

October 18th - Pauline Saltzman Collage Workshop - Cancelled

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.

December 11th – PQ Winter Gathering please note this event is a week earlier from our normal meeting cadence and starts at 6:30pm

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

2025

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

Now – February 22, 2026 **Under the Cover of Knowledge: Betty Ford-Smiths Pinecone Quilts** Ocala, FL
[Quilt Exhibit – Appleton Museum of Art](#)

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

January 23-24 **Quilt Show** in Lakeland,
ladiesofthelakes.org

February 27-28 **Quilt Show** in Punta Gorda
[Southwest Florida Quilters Guild](#)

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



October Birthdays

10/11 Gretchen Vautier
 10/13 Lynn Frank
 10/14 Diane Turscak
 10/15 Lori Lewis
 10/16 Erin Kaminsky
 10/18 Paula Riccio
 10/20 Judy Wedekind
 10/22 Joan DeSantis
 10/29 Janis Magee

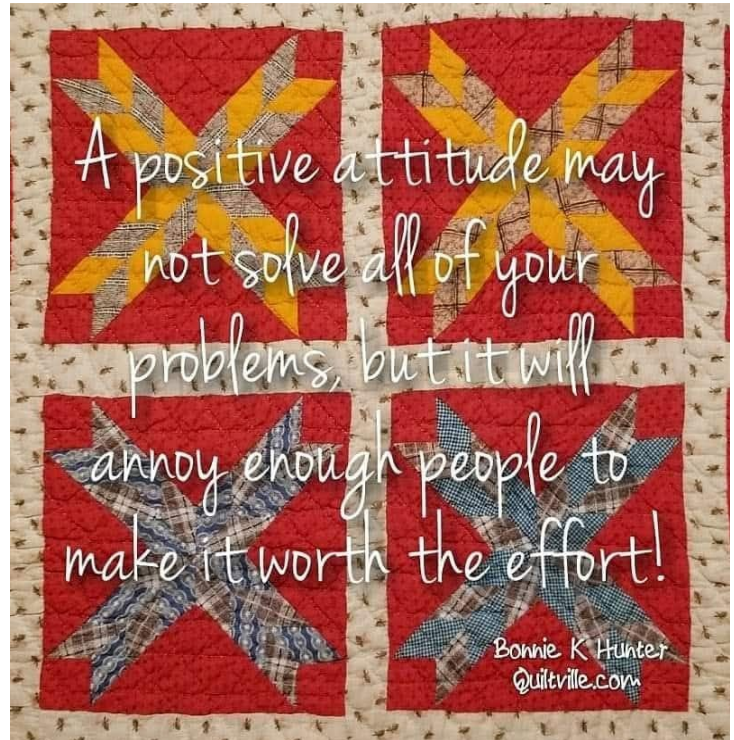
November Birthdays

11/06 Jacquelin Hurst
 11/10 Jacquelyn O'Connor
 11/14 Theresa Arrison
 11/18 Michele Sinadinos
 11/28 Elaine Rice



Quilting Humor

I don't have a fabric stash. I have a textile investment portfolio.



If they only knew how much swearing when into their gift!

Seller's Market

Largo Community Center Indoor Garage Sale - 400 Alt. Keene Rd, Largo

I am in the process of down-sizing my fabric stash, whoever said hoarder, they were talking about me! I will have a table to sell cotton quilt fabric at the Largo Community Center indoor garage sale on Sat., November 1st from 9:00 am to 12:00. Thanks, Pat Holliday



2026 Annual PQ Retreat – Full

Judy Wedekind, Chair

Oh...My...Goodness...as I write this article, we are completely full! I will be taking names for a waiting list in case of cancellation, so please see me.

The 2026 PQ Retreat will be held at the Hampton Inn, 4017 Tampa Road, Oldsmar, FL, beginning Thursday, April 30, 2026, at noon and concluding on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 3:00 pm. All fees remain the same as last year:

- **Retreat Fee:** \$130
- **Hotel Rates:**
 - \$119/night – 2 queen beds
 - \$139/night – studio with 2 queen beds*(Rates exclude tax/fees. All rooms include a microwave & mini-fridge.)*

A block of rooms has been reserved, and a booking link will be sent to members separately.

- **Final payment due:** April PQ Meeting (**April 16, 2026**)

Look forward to another wonderful weekend of quilting, friendship, and snacks.

Quilting Quotes

- Love me, love my stash.
- I am itching to be stitching!
- Don't needle the quilter!

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/>
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- ❖ 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 **November** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight. **Friday, November 14th**

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