



# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## June 2025 Newsletter

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## June 2025

### President's Message

Summer is officially almost here and already it is too hot to be outside for long! I see it as a time to enjoy all those sewing projects we have put aside because of busy schedules. I have saved a couple of easy quilt patterns for the Sarasota retreat next month - I am always too busy gabbing to get serious work done!

I did get to visit our retreat in Oldsmar and can't wait to sign up for next year. Karen and her helpers did a fabulous job! Everyone looked happy and productive.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next week at our summer gathering! Don't forget the 1/2 yard of fabric for the brown bag challenge. Even I don't know what surprise Pat has waiting for us 😊

Happy Summer,  
Mary Ann

**Brown Bag Challenge  
(2025)**

*Pat Holliday*

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## Community Outreach - Gale Pittman

Hello all

We will be breaking over the summer so remember to bring your charity items to the meeting

Also reminding you that if you went to retreat you have that nice discount paper in your goodie bag to use once by the end of June at FABRIC SMART!



**50/50** - Gretchen Vautier and Robin VanScoy

**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

#### **June 19th – Spring Gathering**

We will be serving Publix sandwiches. The sign-up for side dishes was passed around at the May meeting.

#### **September 18<sup>th</sup> - TBD**

#### **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 20<sup>th</sup> - 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.

## Brown Bag Challenge – Pat Holliday

BROWN BAG 2025 wants your help!

The plan is to "flood" the infusion lab with donations. If you choose to participate, put approximately 1/2 yard of fabric in a bag and bring it to the June meeting. (No worries if you don't have a bag, I have extras). Bags will be recorded, numbered, and exchanged.

Add stash fabric to the fabric you received, choose a favorite quilt block (Villa Rosa is a source for great patterns) and make a quilt. Infusion lab quilts are two layers about 40" by 50" in size. This measurement is not exact, so anything goes! These quilts have flannel backs and are pillowcase finished and can be tied or machine tacked. The quilts are also given to nursing mothers for cover-up so depending on your fabric that will work. Brown Bag hopes this will be a no stress project so have fun with it. Thanks

## Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

### 2025

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

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



### June Birthdays

6/7 Amanda Kreiling  
 6/10 Tammy Barton  
 6/15 Lilly Ames  
 6/22 Amy Mullins



### July Birthdays

7/2 Ellen Brin Weber  
 7/7 Janet Prueitt  
 7/28 Peggy Shaw



### August Birthdays

8/8 Penny Black  
 8/15 Pat Holliday  
 8/17 Linda Steinport  
 8/18 Janet Jensen  
 8/22 Lynda Weingart  
 8/30 Sherri Merrifield



## Quilting Humor







## Annual PQ Retreat Karen Pieczonka

The 2025 PQ Retreat was a great success and very productive for everyone with new projects started and UFO's finished, and the 2026 PQ Retreat is less than a year away!

I would like to thank the members who contributed their talents and time to the success of the retreat:

Lori Lewis - for making the design boards, butterfly pins and door prize donations

Tammy Barton - making PQ labels for design boards

Janet Jensen - donation of numerous door prizes and sewing room set up

Theresa Arrison - quilt store door prize donation

Sheri Merrifield - making monogrammed mug rugs and quilt store donations

Gale Pittman - securing Fabric Smart discount coupon

Pam Sprague - sewing room set up

In addition to our member support for the retreat, a huge thanks to the businesses that contributed door prizes and goody bag items for our retreat.

MK Quilts

Country Quilts and Bears

Whimsodoodle

Tops Sewing and Vac

Fabric and Sew Much More

Fabrics Smart

Magnolia Soap Company

After all expenses for the retreat were paid, a cash refund will be distributed to the retreat participants at the June meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Karen Pieczonka to make arrangements for your refund.

The 2026 Retreat location will remain the same at the Hampton Inn, Tampa Road, Oldsmar. The dates are April 30, May 1,2,3, 2026, so mark your calendars and watch the newsletter for registration information beginning in September. I will be co-chair of the retreat along with Judy Wedekind and Robin Van Scoy.

## Items for sale

I'm selling a large rolling bag for \$50. Should sell for \$80 but one side handle is "shedding" so someone may want to put a new one on...hence only asking \$50. It's for Husqvarna Viking machines but I suppose any machine could be carried in it if it fits. The actual carry space is 20" long x 12" wide x 14" high, on wheels with retractable handle and several zippered pockets.

Thought I'd see if anyone in the group was interested in buying it before putting it out on Facebook marketplace.

😊 Amy Mullins



## Quilting Quotes

- Quilting is my passion ... chocolate comes in a close second.
- Sewing is cheaper than therapy.
- Quilting is a form of mediation.

## Free Quilting Patterns for Beginning Quilters

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



### Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: [kathymcneilquilts.com](http://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](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 [www.whimsodoodle.com](http://www.whimsodoodle.com)

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **September** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, September 12th**

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)