

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

December 2025 Newsletter

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President's Message

Season's Greeting to all PQ members,

I do believe the season does sneak up on us here in Florida! With no snow, no icicles, not even any frost to brighten the leaves, we have to depend on our calendars and mailing deadlines to even notice. Television ads can help us when we see skating and sledding or cars covered with snow. I do like the new Amazon ad with 3 old ladies watching the kids sledding, nostalgic for those memories. One of them gets an idea to order padded seats for the toboggans and has them shipped overnight. All 3 ladies are shown gliding down the hill with big smiles on their faces! I still don't miss the snow.

**Brown Bag Challenge
(2025)**

Pat Holliday

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Judy Wedekind

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Penny Black

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Judy Wedekind

I hope you all are enjoying the projects you are trying to finish in time, just as I am. There is something about an exciting deadline to get the creativity flowing. Make the most of whatever plans you have and I look forward to seeing you next week for our Winter Gathering (pot luck). If you did not get to sign up for a dish, bring whatever you like to share. The guild will provide ham and rolls. Just remember, we start early at 6:30 pm.

In friendship,

Mary Ann

**Community Outreach
Gale Pittman**

Hello all,

Just wanted to thank all of you who have participated in our charity projects. I appreciate you all. We will continue to support the same charities so if you are finding time to sew over the holidays I can take those from you in January.

Happy holidays!.

Gale Pittman

**Procrastinating Quilters Guild Upcoming Events
Michelle Crook**

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

Membership 2026

Membership dues for 2026 will be due at the January meeting, which is January 15. **Dues are \$30, payable by cash or check.**

Membership tags can be ordered for an additional \$10.

Please place your payment in an envelope with your name on the front. Indicate if the payment is just for membership or if you also want to purchase a name tag. Envelopes will be provided at the meeting if you need one.

Thank you and looking forward to a strong showing in 2026!

Denise Appleman

New Member Alert!

Please welcome our newest member, **Karen Foggin**. Karen has been quilting for about a year and has been focusing on machine piecing and hand embroidery. She will be happy provide any assistance we need with our website or social media presence, as well as the newsletter. Karen lives in New Port Richey and spends her summers in Maine.

Welcome, Karen!

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

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

2026

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

February 13 – 15 **Quilt Show** in New Port Richey, [West Pasco Quilt Show](#)

February 18-21 [AQS QuiltWeek](#)
in Daytona Beach

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

February 27-28 Quilt Show in Melbourne
[Seaside Piecemakers, Inc.](#)

March 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Venice
[Venice Area Quilters Guild](#)

March 19-21 [Original Sewing & Quilt Expo](#)
In Lakeland



December Birthdays

12/03 Desiree Etheridge

12/14 Stephanie Sikes

January Birthdays

1/11 Pam Sprague

1/19 Cindy Hovi

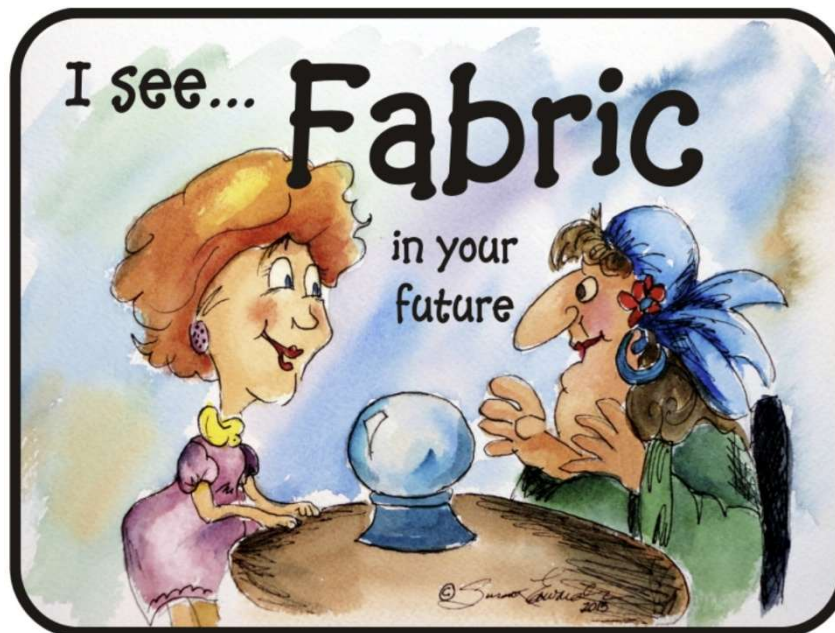
1/27 Carol Hemmingsen

1/28 Diane Friedman

1/28 Dawn Hunt



Quilting Humor





2026 Annual PQ Retreat – Full

Judy Wedekind, Chair

We've had a couple cancellations, the waitlist has been cleared, so if you are interested, let me know and I can add you to the new waitlist for the next available retreat opening.

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 and you must have an active membership:

- **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.

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/>
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