



The Procrastinating Quilters Guild October 2026 Newsletter

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Fifty/Fifty

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Denise Appleman



President's Message

Mary Ann Pickard

Sew Spooky October

I took an interesting class at MK's for this quilted bow. It is constructed from 2.5 inch squares from a Ruby Star layer cake. Zoom in for the cutest images! It uses the same method as the Mondo bag from Quiltsmart. I was sorry to have missed all your show and tells at the September meeting, so I hope someone will share pics.

So, here we are headed into the holiday season. Maybe the demos we planned for the October meeting will give you confidence or the inspiration you need to tackle some holiday UFO's!

Happy Halloween

Mary Ann

Brown Bag Challenge

Pat Holliday

Newsletter editor

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Nominating Committee**Parliamentarian**

Penny Black

Party Coordinator

vacant

Party Blocks

vacant

Programs

Robin VanScoy

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Retreat Planner (2026)

Judy Wedekind

Sunshine

Penny Black

Website

Joan DeSantis

Community Outreach

Gale Pittman, Chair

I thank each of my friends for collecting donations last month. I plan to be at the October meeting. I will need some help getting donations to my truck since I'm still working with one arm.

Thanks everyone!

Gale

If you have any quilt donations for All Children's Hospital, I will be collecting those at Thursday's meeting as well.

Thank you for all of the donations our guild provides to each place, whether through one of us or on your own!

They are a blessing to each person that receives them.

Theresa

Programs

Robin VanScoy

Happy October PQers!!

I'm excited for our spellbinding meeting this week!

Our Program is about the one thing that haunts us to finish our quilts, BINDING.



We will have several PQ witches who will share their techniques for binding quilts. These techniques include preparation, hand binding, machine binding, serger binding and facing along with a few cool tools to make the job easier and dare I say, more FUN. Have a binding question? This is your time to have it answered by our expert panel.

Schedule of upcoming Programs/Events:

Oct 17 – 2nd Day Collage Quilting – St John's Episcopal Church; info sent to attendees

Nov 19 – Meeting Speaker is Margaret LoBianco – 3D Fiber Artist. Her website for a sneak peek is <https://margaretsewfunquilts.com>

Nov 21 – Sit-n-Sew...See Facebook invite for more info – St John's Episcopal Church

Dec 10 – Winter Gathering see below regarding the Party Blocks and Gift Exchange.

Jan 21 - Meeting Speaker is Bonnie Langenfeld, national quilter whose specialty is landscapes in fabric. Her website is: www.landscapesinfabric.com/ There will be a workshop hosted by West Pasco Quilt Guild.

UFO Challenge:

WOW!! 9 projects were shown at the Sept Meeting! Participants are making a dent in their lists! UFO #2 was drawn, keep up the great work! Let's see who will complete their whole list by December! (This girl better get her act together!)

Winter Gathering (WG): Not too early right!

WG Party Blocks: This year, our Winter Gathering Party Blocks are embracing the cool weather of winter, with Mugs and Mittens. The FREE easy patterns are in PDF format and will be shared electronically with all of you. We ask that you use a predominately white fabric for the background of the blocks. Otherwise, the other color selection is yours. For every block you make, you will be entered to win enough blocks to make a quilt. All blocks are due on or before the December meeting. The more blocks the more winners and/or bigger size quilts.

WG Gift Exchange: To go along with the winter mugs and mittens theme, we will be holding a fun gift exchange. Bring a new mug with either a holiday or sewing theme filled with your favorite holiday candy, wrapped in a holiday gift bag. We will have a fun activity to exchange with one another!

50/50 Drawing:

Don't forget to bring small bills for this month's 50/50 drawing!

PQ Retreat 2027

Judy Wedekind

2027 PQ Retreat

April 29th at Noon – May 2nd at 3:00pm

Hampton Inn

4017 Tampa Road

Oldsmar, FL 34677

As in the title of the 1969 Three Dog Night song One –or– as Count Dracula says, “One, ha ha ha ha ha” yes, **ONE spot is left available** at this time for the retreat. (Yes I love Three Dog Night and Count Dracula.) Will have a maximum of 36 sewing stations. There is no requirement to stay the night at the hotel, but if you want to attend as a day-sewer, you will need to commit to pay for the entire weekend even if you are unable to attend all of the days.

Registration Details:

Must be a member of the guild to register and attend

Deposit: \$50 secures your spot or pay in full (\$130)

Sewing room accommodates 36 participants, so early registration is encouraged

Final payment due: April PQ Meeting (April 15, 2027)

Cancellation cutoff is April 15, 2027 for refund; you must notify me!

Hotel Info:

Hotel Rates, small increase of \$5 per night:

Standard Room – 2 Queen Beds: \$124 + fees/taxes per night

Suite – 2 Queen Beds: \$144 + fees/taxes per night

Check-in April 29th, 2027 at 3:00 pm / Check-out May 2, 2027 at 12:00 pm

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

Hotel Amenities:

Free parking – Wi-Fi – Coffee/Tea in Lobby – Water Cooler in sewing room

Complimentary continental breakfast for guests staying overnight at the hotel
(6:00–10:00 am)

Outdoor pool, fitness center, business center

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

Any questions please contact me.

Member Shout Out!

Diane Turcsak's Banned Book quilt is hanging in the Palm Harbor Library in the Community Room! Be sure to go check it out! It is absolutely stunning!



October

10/11	Gretchen Vautier
10/14	Diane Turcsak
10/15	Lori Lewis
10/18	Paula Riccio
10/20	Judy Wedekind
10/22	Joan DeSantis
10/29	Janis Magee

November

11/06	Jacquelin Hurst
11/06	Lisa Wolfe
11/07	Gale Pittman
11/10	Jacquelyn O'Connor
11/14	Theresa Arrison
11/21	Joanie Thuemling

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

- 09/17 - 12/24 Quilters Crossing Challenge Quilts on display at Dunedin Fine Arts Center on Michigan Blvd; Exhibit on 2nd floor of museum and free admission
- 11/13 - 11/14 "Fantastic" Quilt Show - Lake County Quilters Guild, Leesburg, FL <https://lakequiltguild.com/quilt-show/>



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin Recipe - YUM!

PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFINS

Ingredients

½ c. pecans, chopped
1 c. cake flour
1 t. baking soda
½ t. baking powder
½ t. salt
1 c. sugar
1 t. ground cinnamon
½ t. ground nutmeg
2 large eggs
1 c. canned pumpkin puree
½ c. butter, melted
1 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease muffin tin.
Lightly toast pecans in 350 degree oven for 5 minutes. Set aside.
In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Stir with a fork.
In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, pumpkin, and butter.
Gradually add dry ingredients to wet ingredients stirring until all is moist. Add pecans and chocolate chips and stir until mixed.
Spoon into prepared muffin tin and bake for 25 to 30 minutes.
Cool for 10 minutes, then remove from tin and cool on wire rack.
Makes 12 medium muffins.