

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild May 2026 Newsletter

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President's Message Mary Ann Pickard

Spring greetings!

What a perfectly fun way
To start the month of May!
With projects for miles
Surrounded by smiles 😊

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A big shout out to Judy and her team for putting on another great retreat! Thanks for all the organizing and hard work to make it happen. I hope you all get a chance to experience our kind of retreat whether you stay overnight or commute. There were terrific prizes (including those provided by Topp's), snacks, games, a pizza party and a trivia challenge. My favorite part was getting to see all the projects and talk with all the talented quilters!

We just don't get to know other members in busy meetings, where Show and Tell is so short. Please consider sharing your excitement about new patterns, fabrics and techniques on our Facebook page! I was so inspired and impressed by the talent of our members.

I personally had to find ways to create without my right hand: new tools like electric scissors, Accuquilt cutters, a walking foot, a serger and my embroidery machine. Don't give up your favorite hobbies when your hands show their age.

For the love of quilting and quilters,
Mary Ann

Community Outreach

Gail Pittman, Chair

I made a donation to Morton Plant Hospital with all the quilts and other items I had. They are running low on baby quilts and on chemo quilts. If you have any donations this month, please bring them to the meeting next week as I'll donate again quickly!

I will have the "mesh bag for drains" supplies with me that are used after breast surgery. If you would like to sew some of these, I would be happy to give you as many as you would like. They are easy to sew once you see one that has been done. My only request is that you get them back to me at the June meeting. It takes roughly 5-10 minutes to sew one.

Thank you to all who participate!

Gale Pittman

If you would like to have your baby quilts go to All Children's Hospital/John Hopkins in St. Pete, Theresa Arrison will be the contact person for these donations. You may give them to her directly at the meeting or reach her by phone or text message.
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2026 Annual PQ Retreat Recap

Judy Wedekind, Chair

Hi Ladies,

Thank you for another fun retreat and indulging me with my game. I came away with renewed and new friendships, and a couple of suggestions for next year.

I would like to personally thank Karen Pieczonka, Linda Steinport and Robin VanScoy for their support as part of the Retreat committee. They made my job easier.

Thanks to all who donated items for the retreat:

Goody bags - Judy Gregory, Karen Pieczonka, Gale Pittman, and Judy Wedekind
Door prizes - Rainbows End, Whim So Doodle, Tops Sewing & Vac, Dawn Hunt, Karen Pieczonka, Robin VanScoy and Judy Wedekind
Snacks - everyone!

I will be out of town for the May meeting, so come see me in June for your refund!

Thanks,
Judy

Programs

Robin VanScoy

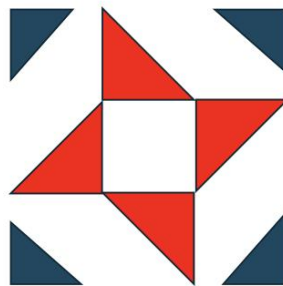
Happy May PQers!

We have so many exciting things on the calendar for the upcoming months! Make sure to RSVP on our Facebook page for any of the events you'd like to attend.

June 18	Summer Gathering - Friends and Freedom Party
July 18	Sit n Sew
Aug 15	Dresden Neighborhood Workshop with Robin Beall

May Program: Please note the workshop with Julie Luoma on Friday 5-22 has been cancelled. Good news though...she will still be with us at the May meeting to share her improv way of "Dancing on the Borders". We are looking forward to a great presentation!

June Gathering: Party Blocks celebrating Friendship and 250 years of America; In March, we distributed pieced friendship stars and Redwork embroidery designs to be completed and returned to Robin VanScoy by the June Gathering. The kits include the background and instructions. There will be more at the May meeting. We ask for a \$1 donation for each. Two pieced or one embroidery block puts you into the raffle to win enough blocks to make a quilt! We will most likely have about 3 to give away! If you can't make the June party, you are welcome to turn your blocks in at the May meeting. Please make sure to pin your name to them.



UFO Challenge:

So many of you are completing your UFOs! Check out the pictures on our PQ Facebook page this month!

In April, we picked project #8. Bring your finished #8 item to show and tell in May and earn two entries for our UFO Challenge raffle! Taking a little longer than you anticipated? Don't worry, get them done and shown by December and you will earn one entry per finished project. There is no stress in quilting, enjoy the journey and be reminded as to why you started the project in the first place!



Machine Embroidery Simplified

Would you like to use that embroidery part of your sewing machine? You paid for it but it is so complicated: design files, downloads, thumbdrives, formats, sizing, stabilizers... I have had many questions over the past few months, especially around organizing, storing and retrieving design files.

Embroidery can add so much to a quilt through design, quilting blocks, customizing labels or making an entire quilt (see Sweet Pea Embroidery from Australia). I have been embroidering for 14 years and have surpassed 13 million stitches on my last machine. I truly admire the hand embroidery I see on quilts and the trend hitting the internet, but my hands simply cannot do it anymore

I would be happy to offer a talk or workshop if the interest is there!

Mary Ann Pickard



May

05/02 Lynnette Schiffhauer
05/06 Michelle Reinhard
05/07 Julie Jacobs
05/23 Joni Fletke
05/25 Paige Rapson
05/29 Ramona Griffin
05/30 Mary Ann Pickard

June

06/10 Tammy Barton
06/22 Amy Mullins

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

- 06/20 - 08/16 Quilt Exhibition - Museum of Art in Deland
<https://moartdeland.org/exhibitions>
- 09/17 - 09/19 QuiltFest in Jacksonville - Osborn Convention Center
<https://quiltfestjax.com/>
- 11/13 - 11/14 "Fantastic" Quilt Show - Lake County Quilters Guild -
Leesburg, FL <https://lakequiltguild.com/quilt-show/>