



# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## February 2025 Newsletter

Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church  
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PQ website: [ProcrastinatingQuilters.com](https://ProcrastinatingQuilters.com)

PQ Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/469944486465125/>

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*Gale Pittman*

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*Norma Santiago*

#### **Membership**

*Denise Appleman*

## February 2025 President's Message



### LOVE OF QUILTING



First of all, I want to share my pride in our membership for stepping up to do so much work for the Mid Pinellas Quilt Show! What a team of hardworking and committed people! It was the perfect way to spend Valentine's Day. The show brought together people I have known over the last 10 years in the quilting world, as well as new people I want to know better.

We will have great memories and inspiration for the rest of the year! The skill level of the quilt makers was so high that I am hoping people will have the confidence to share techniques and to mentor newer quilters. Often people who share during Show and Tell are so modest or shy. Look around our meeting room with fresh eyes to see what members are responding to. Let's find ways to encourage potential teachers and enthusiastic students to share that **love of quilting**.

Happy Valentine's Month  
Mary Ann

**Brown Bag Challenge (2025)***Pat Holliday***Newsletter Editors***Diane Friedman**Fred Friedman***Nominating Committee**

TBD

**Parliamentarian***Penny Black***Party Coordinator***Judy Wedekind***Party Blocks***Judy Wedekind***Programs (Chair)***Michele Crook***Quilt Nanny (2025)***Mary Ann Pickard***Quilt Show Liaison***Denise Appleman***Opportunity Quilt (2025)***Mary Ann Pickard***Retreat Planner (2025)***Karen Pieczonka***Sunshine**

TBD

**Website***Judy Wedekind*

## Community Outreach

### Gale Pittman

The quilts were all so beautiful when I was there on Thurs to drop things off for the show. I'll get to see the quilt show Saturday when I work my shifts. I was so amazed and the variety and how much talent our groups have. When I see my brother take pictures from his (out of state) county fair I think about how we did that style and techniques 20 years ago.

I put together a small representation of our community outreach. Unfortunately, I have donated so many items I had little on hand. I had missed the November and December meetings, and Lori stepped in for me and donated those items quickly. The lovely banner was made by our past president Michelle several years ago and will remain in her care if anyone needs it for future events. Her skill in quilting and design is outstanding.

Thank you all who participate in community outreach. It can be a fun challenge to see what we have on hand and make it work. Try a new technique or pattern you want to try without a huge commitment of time or money. It's fun. It's needed. It doesn't need to be a masterpiece. Keep the quilting simple or try something new and practice. All skill levels are appreciated. If anyone would like batting for charity projects please let me know prior to the meeting and I can bring you some.

Gale Pittman.

727-529-7559, you can leave a message or text

## Membership Denise Appleman

If you haven't paid your membership dues for 2025, they are payable by cash or check. The membership fee is \$30. The process will be the same one we followed in 2024. You will be asked to fill out a small form with your name and the amount. The completed form should then be placed in an envelope, along with your payment, and handed to me. Forms and envelopes will be provided at the meeting. This system allows me to prepare the necessary reports for the treasurer. Once you've been marked as paid you will receive your 2025 membership card. If you are a new member, joining in September '24 or later, the payment you made when you joined covers your 2025 membership dues. Thank you and looking forward to a strong showing in 2025!

## NAME TAGS

I will be placing an order for PQ name tags after the February 20th meeting. If you would like one and haven't ordered one already, please let me know at the meeting next Thursday. Name tags are \$10 each, check or cash.



**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

**February 20**—Ritu Haldar trunk show.

She specializes in applique and Hawaiian block techniques, along with all her fabric talents. Her website is <https://quiltwoman.com>.



## Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

### 2025

Feb 19-22 **AQS Quilt Week** in Daytona each [Quiltweek.com](https://www.Quiltweek.com)

Feb 28-Mar 1 Friendship Knot Quilters **Quilt Show** in Sarasota

March 7- 8 **Stitches in Time Quilt Show** in Naples, Florida

March 8-9 **18th Biennial South Florida Quilt Expo** in Pembroke Pines

March 21-22 **Stars Above, Quilts Below** Quilt Show in Pensacola [pensacolaquiltersguild.org](https://pensacolaquiltersguild.org)

August 31-September 2 **Tallahassee Quilt Show**  
[www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/](https://www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/)

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/>

Nov 15-16 **“Fan”tastic Quilt Show** in Leesburg FL

Nov 15-16 **Quilt Show** in Lakewood Ranch  
[www.ManateePatchworkers.com](https://www.ManateePatchworkers.com)

Nov 15-16 **Quilt Show** in  
Tampa <http://www.quiltersworkshoptampa.org/>

# *Birthdays of the Month*



## February 2025 Birthdays

2/6 Terri Roberts  
2/17 Cathy Starman  
2/24 Judy Gregory  
2/25 Robin Beall

## March 2025 Birthdays

3/6 Susan Evans  
3/31 Mary Tittle





## Quilting Humor



### 2025 Annual PQ Retreat Karen Pieczonka

May 29, 30, 31, June 1, 2025

Hampton Inn, Oldsmar

Cost \$130.00, does not include meals or hotel accommodations

Currently, the retreat is full, with 36 participating registered with a deposit or full payment. Final payment is due no later than the May PQ meeting. If you are unable to attend the retreat, please contact Karen Pieczonka as soon as possible as there is a waiting list for cancellations. A full refund of payment will be given for cancellations if there is a waiting list. Remember you must be a paid PQ member to attend.

I am pleased and surprised that the 2025 retreat is full, with 36 participants!!!

**\*\*Look at the Procrastinating Quilters Facebook Page to see pictures of last year's quilt retreat. \*\***

### Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: [kathymcneilquilts.com](http://kathymcneilquilts.com).
- ❖ Whim So Doodle: <http://www.whimsodoodle.com/>
- ❖ The Florida Quilt Network: <http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/>
- ❖ Buttermilk Basin: <http://www.buttermilkbasin.com/>
- ❖ Country Quilts and Bears: <http://www.countryquiltsandbears.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 **March** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [diane@QuiltingElegance.com](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com) by midnight, **Friday, March 14, 2025.**

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)