

# The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

## September 2025 Newsletter

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

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

### 2025 Officers and

#### **Committee Chairs:**

##### **President**

Mary Ann Pickard

##### **Vice President**

vacant

##### **Secretary**

Jackie O'Connor

##### **Treasurer**

Cindy Hovi

##### **Audit**

Robin VanScoy

##### **Community Outreach**

Gale Pittman

##### **Fifty/Fifty**

Gretchen Vautier

Robin VanScoy

##### **Historian**

vacant

##### **Membership**

Denise Appleman



## September 2025

### President's Message

Hello to all PQ members,

This upcoming fall season feels like a new school year! Your board members had a lively meeting last Thursday night discussing all the good things we want to happen for our guild over the next few months: great presentations, workshops, more Sit and Sews (with demos), group charity work, bus trips (?), and mentoring of new members.

To make any of this happen, we do need volunteers for the following temporary positions:

**Vice President:** Desiree is unable to complete this year due to health issues, so we need somebody willing to back up the president and to coordinate the holiday gathering

**Secretary:** Jacki has other obligations, so we need somebody to take notes for the next 3 meetings.

**Brown Bag Challenge  
(2025)**

*Pat Holliday*

**Newsletter editors**

*Diane Friedman*

*Fred Friedman*

**Nominating Committee**

**Parliamentarian**

*Penny Black*

**Party Coordinator**

*Judy Wedekind*

**Party Blocks**

*Judy Wedekind*

**Programs**

*Michele Crook*

**Retreat Planner (2025)**

*Karen Pieczonka*

**Sunshine**

*Penny Black*

**Website**

*Judy Wedekind*

**Historian**: This position has been empty for a bit, but Desiree has filled in to take photos during meetings to post on our Facebook page. Who likes taking photos?

**Nominating Committee**: We need 2-3 people to find members willing to take on empty seats for 2026. Normally, this would not be needed until the end of their 2-year terms, This position involves making phone calls to find candidates for the empty spots. The membership will then vote to approve new candidates.

**Greeters**: This is a new and exciting job that only lasts for one meeting! I will pass out a signup sheet for members to commit to one meeting of the year to greet any visitors or new members as they arrive. Make them feel welcome, answer questions and offer to find them a seat.

We are all fortunate to belong to such a talented and sharing group. Let's keep it thriving and productive - for the love of Quilting!

Mary Ann

**Community Outreach**  
**Gale Pittman**

Hello all

After the summer off I'm sure there will be many donations for community outreach. Please bring items to the meeting and I will gladly pass them on to the hospital

Remember that the challenge this year was to make infusion quilts from the fabric that was exchanged. Those are to be turned in at the OCT meeting as this is a separate program.

Gale Pittman



**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** **Michelle Crook**

**September 18<sup>th</sup> English Paper Piecing**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> Wonder Curve Rulers** Ellen Ault from MK quilts

**October 16<sup>th</sup> Brown Bag Infusion Quilt Due**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> - 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.

## Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

### 2025

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



### September Birthdays

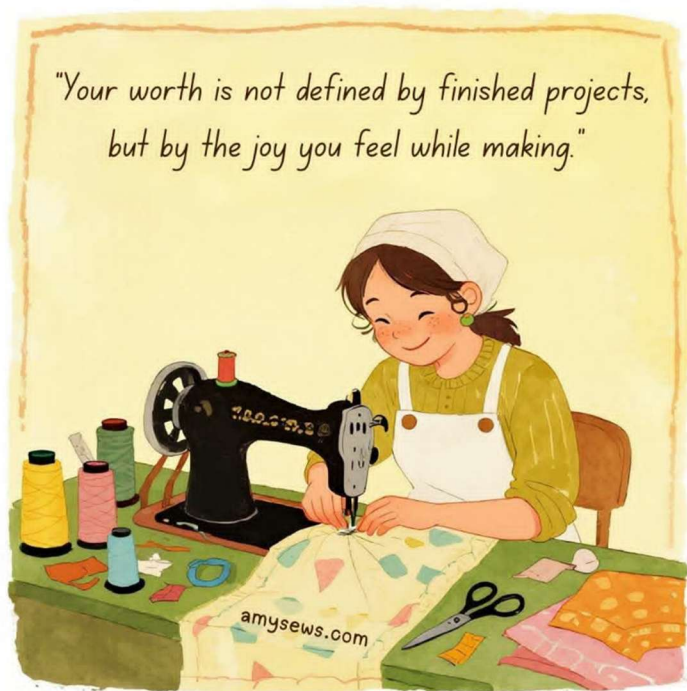
9/2 Angela Morrison  
 9/4 Karen Bishea  
 9/5 Karen O'Malley  
 9/11 Janice Corse  
 9/19 Denise Appleman  
 9/19 Mary Ann Blackmore  
 9/20 Carol Stens  
 9/22 Jamie Fox

### October Birthdays

10/11 Gretchen Vautier  
 10/13 Lynn Frank  
 10/14 Diane Turscak  
 10/15 Lori Lewis  
 10/16 Erin Kaminsky  
 10/18 Paula Riccio  
 10/20 Judy Wedekind  
 10/22 Joan DeSantis



## Quilting Humor







## 2026 Annual PQ Retreat Judy Wedekind, Chair

**2025 Retreat Business** - If you have not yet received your refund, please see Karen Pieczonka.

I am honored to serve as your 2026 Retreat Chair and know I have big shoes to fill after the amazing retreat led by Karen and her team this year.

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:

- **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.

### Hotel Amenities:

- Free parking
  - Complimentary continental breakfast (6:00–10:00 am)
  - Coffee & tea in the lobby at all times
  - Free bottled water provided by the guild
  - Free Wi-Fi
  - Outdoor pool, fitness center & business center
- Meals are on your own; many nearby restaurants are available in a wide price range.*

### Registration Details:

- Opens at the September 18 meeting
- **Deposit:** \$50 secures your spot
- The sewing room accommodates **36 participants**, so early registration is encouraged
- **Final payment due:** April PQ Meeting (**April 16, 2026**)
- If I'm unavailable at a meeting, please see Karen to submit your payment.

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

Check out the Procrastinating Quilters Facebook Page for photos from this year's retreat!

### **Quilting Quotes**

- Put your foot down and QUILT.
- Quilting forever... housework never!
- Quilting is my passion ... chocolate comes in a close second.
- A messy house is the sign of a happy quilter.

### **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 **October** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at [\*\*diane@QuiltingElegance.com\*\*](mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com)

by midnight. **Friday, October 10th**

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)