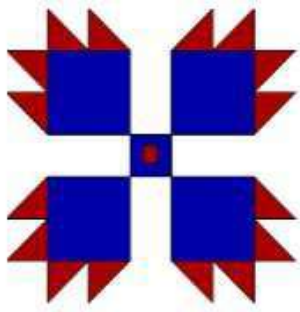




The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

November 2025 Newsletter

**Sylvan Abbey United Methodist Church
2817 Sunset Point Rd, Clearwater, FL 33759**

PQ website: ProcrastinatingQuilters.com

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

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November 2025 President's Message

Hello PQ Friends,

Ready or not, the holiday season is rushing in! I know many of us are ready for the cooler weather, so we can open the windows and let the breeze in. It is also a good time to pull out those UFO's to see which ones we can finish in time. Sometimes they look new again (or can be donated) or we decide to move on to more exciting projects. It will be fun to see which projects get unearthed for Saturday's Sit and Sew.

**Brown Bag Challenge
(2025)**

Pat Holliday

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I was inspired by the Quilter's Crossing Quilt show, so I will be announcing a President's Challenge to be due in February! Hope to see you all at our next meeting on November 20th. We will have a sign up sheet for our December Pot Luck, as well as Angel Tree requests for Christmas.

To good health and a Happy Thanksgiving,

Mary Ann

Community Outreach
Gale Pittman

Hello all

I made the large donation to Morton Plant hospital as posted on Facebook. They were happy to have more supplies especially for the infusion quilts with no batting.

They were running low on baby quilts also. As we do our new year's inventory of our supplies and have time to make either project it continues to be appreciated.

Happy holidays to you all. You are appreciated.

Gale Pittman

Brown Bag Challenge – Pat Holliday

Brown Bag reminder. We have two prizes to award at the November meeting. Everyone who presented a quilt in October or presents one in November will have their name in a random drawing. Thanks again for taking part and good luck.

Pat Holliday.

50/50 – Last Month for Angel Tree



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

November 20th - 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.

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

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

2025

Now - November 24 **Gallery Show “Mixing Up Our Media”** Tampa Bay
Surface Design Guild

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](#)

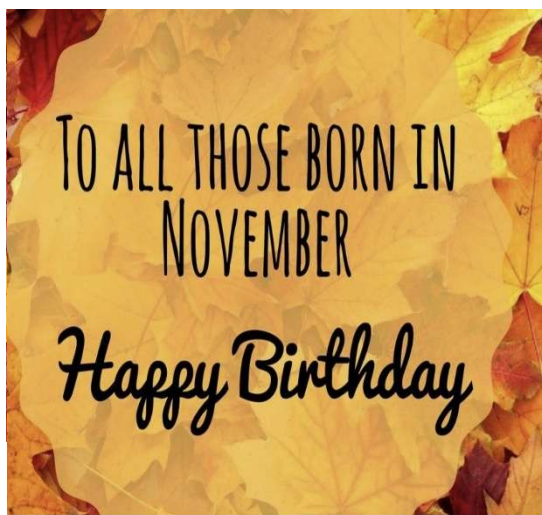
February 18-21 [AQS QuiltWeek](#)
in Daytona Beach

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



November Birthdays

11/06 Jacquelin Hurst
11/07 Gale Pittman
11/10 Jacquelyn O'Connor
11/14 Theresa Arrison
11/18 Michele Sinadinos
11/21 Joanie Thuemling
11/28 Elaine Rice

December Birthdays

12/03 Desiree Etheridge
12/14 Stephanie Sikes



Quilting Humor





2026 Annual PQ Retreat – Full

Judy Wedekind, Chair

Oh...My...Goodness...as I write this article, we are completely full and have a wait list in case of cancellation. See me if you want to join the wait list.

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/>
- ❖ Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/>
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- ❖ 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

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **November** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight. **Friday, December 5th**

If you have anything important that must go out to the membership, please contact Judy Wedekind at judy.wedekind@gmail.com