

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild

Newsletter

January 2026 Newsletter

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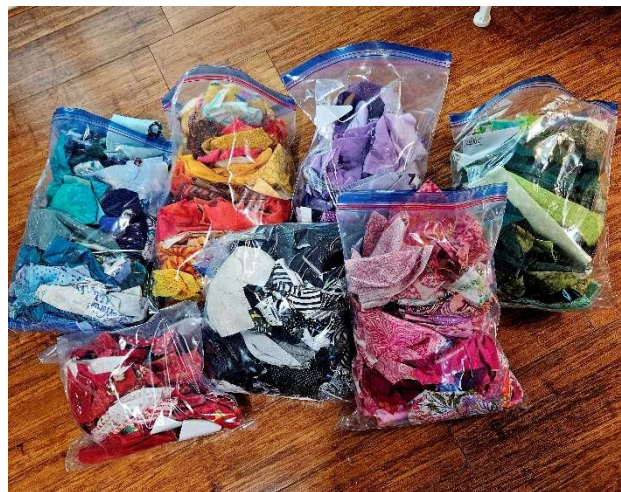
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January 2026

President's Message

Happy New Year 20 - the 26!

It has been an unsettling year on many levels. We, as quilters and sewists, find solace and escape in our creative spaces! Making things we love to give as gifts or donations is very satisfying. I also find it satisfying to look through my scraps to remember all the projects I worked on in 2025, 2024...

I am not very good at organizing these scraps but they were getting out of hand, filling 3 trash bags! So, I bought 2-gallon zip lock bags to begin sorting colors as you can see on our Facebook page. They almost look like fireworks (but much quieter). I have seen lots of your fabulous ideas, but now I need to begin by not looking at the neat stacks of new fabrics in my stash.

**Brown Bag Challenge
(2026)**

Pat Holliday

Newsletter editor

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Nominating Committee

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Party Coordinator

vacant

Party Blocks

vacant

Programs

Robin VanScoy

Gretchen Vautier

Retreat Planner (2026)

Judy Wedekind

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Judy Wedekind

We have some great speakers and programs coming up, so look ahead and get involved. Keep those hands busy and hearts open.

Mary Ann

Open Officer and Board Positions

Wanted to let you know, our amazing Treasurer Cindy Hovi is retiring and moving away immediately. We need to fill this roll for this year now.

Also please consider stepping up and filling one of our Committee Chairs that are vacant

Membership 2026

Membership dues for 2026 will be due at the January meeting, which is January 15. Dues are \$30, payable by cash or check.

Membership tags can be ordered for an additional \$10.

Please place your payment in an envelope with your name on the front. Indicate if the payment is just for membership or if you also want to purchase a name tag. Envelopes will be provided at the meeting if you need one.

Thank you and looking forward to a strong showing in 2026!

Denise Appleman

Membership

For Sale

TUTTO XLG Black embroidery & project bag, 28" x 22" pockets for hoops, projects and embroidery arm. Only 8 months old. I got a new embroidery machine and the arm is too big. \$100 – Please contact Robin Beall (410)596-4324

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

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



January Birthdays

1/11 Pam Sprague
1/19 Cindy Hovi
1/27 Carol Hemmingsen
1/28 Diane Friedman
1/28 Dawn Hunt

February Birthdays

2/06 Teri Roberts
2/24 Judy Gregory
2/25 Robin Beall



2026 Programs – Robin VanScoy and Gretchen Vautier

Happy New Year fellow PQers! We are excited to partner up with another Guild's, West Pasco Quilters Guild, Program chair to leverage Speakers and Workshops this year. Doing this reduces the overall cost by sharing the Workshop and Travel Expenses and it also enables us to collaborate and mingle with another guild. With that said, we have been working hard to pull together a program that provides a variety of topics and techniques.

PQ 2026 Calendar of Events as of 1-9-26

Date	Activity/Speaker	Comments
Jan 15	Business Meeting	Review Schedule and Announce UFO Challenge, Signup sheet.
Feb 19	Laura Heine Collage Quilts – Cathleene Tokish	Cathleene is a certified instructor for the Laura Heine Collage Quilt technique. Will schedule a workshop if members are interested. (2 day nonconsecutive)
Mar 19	Presidents Challenge Reveal	Make something that reflects what home means to you and must include a heart on it somewhere. Anything you make works. It does not have to be a quilt.
Apr 16	Open	See below WIP
Apr 30 – May 3	PQ Quilting Retreat	Hampton Inn, Oldsmar
May 21	Julie Luoma – Dancing on the Border	https://www.offthewallquilt.com/pages/lectures-classes-by-julie
May 22	Workshop w Julie Luoma – Dancing on the Border	Will be held at the New Port Richey (NPR) Rec Center \$60.00/ Student
June 18	Spring Gathering	Party Block? Work with VP and Party Committee on other fun activities
July 2026	Sit-n-Sew or activity	TBD
Aug 2026	Sit-n-Sew or activity	TBD
Sept 17	open	WIP
Sept 17 – 19, 2026	Jacksonville Quilt Show Bus Trip	Members have asked about going as a group, Friday or Sat?? Need an owner. We can either carpool or find a bus if cost effective and we have the count.
Oct 15	open	WIP
Nov 19	Margaret LoBianco –3D Fiber Artist	https://margaretsewfunquilts.com/
Nov 19 and 20	1 ½ day Workshop: Tropicallicious Dresdens	Will be held at the NPR Rec Center. \$60/Student + Full kit available for \$65 or pattern only \$22 (3 hr pm on 19 th and rest on 20 th)
Dec	Winter Gathering	Party Block? UFO Winners, A few activities
TBD	Dresden Houses Workshop w Robin Beall	Robin taught this class at Quilter's Crossing and the Wall hanging quilts were adorable, different themed houses. More to come.

UFO Challenge – Robin and Gretchen

The survey that was done last year indicated that members would like to have a UFO related activity that would motivate them to finish a few things in a fun way. Therefore, we are bringing back a UFO Challenge this year! This is always a fun way to work on your unfinished projects, and we hope to have many participating!

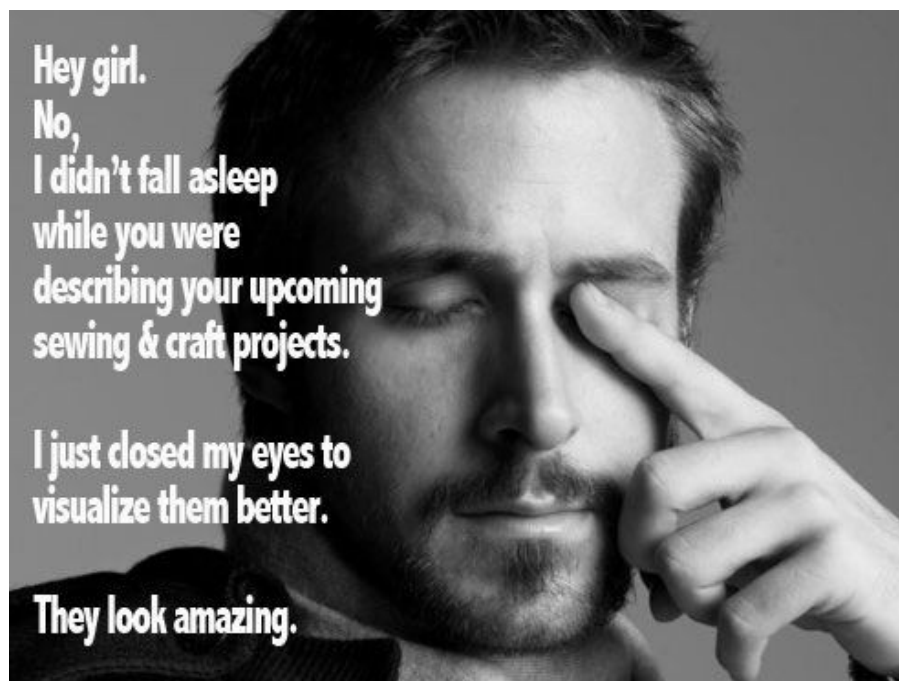
Here is how it will work:

1. Members sign up at the January meeting to indicate that they will be participating.
2. Between Jan and Feb Meetings compile a list of 9 projects to complete in 2026, number them 1-9. Projects don't have to be a quilt but sb quilt or sewing related.
3. Bring a copy of the list to the Feb Meeting. (Email to Robin VanScoy if you are unable to attend the Feb Meeting)
4. Each month starting in Feb we will pull a number. You work on the project that corresponds to that number.
5. Bring the finished item to the next meeting. Show it, we check it off your list and your name goes in the UFO jar for a chance to win 1 of 2 great prizes.
It is ok to finish and show from a previous month, YOU Got it DONE, show it off!
The idea is to work toward finishing the project in a month, if you don't it's ok, at least you worked on it.
6. We will pull the names of the winners at the Dec Gathering and vote to see if we want to do a similar process and challenge in 2027. 10 Projects if a new list is created and brought to the Jan meeting.

Below is the schedule for the UFO Challenge:

Month	What happens
January	Announce UFO and Sign up, Compile your list at home 1-9
Feb	Bring in List – We Pick a Number
March	Bring in Feb Finished – We Pick a number
April	Bring in Mar Finished – We Pick a number
May	Bring in Apr Finished – We Pick a Number
June	Bring in May Finished – We Pick a Number
July	no number - catch up on Prior Months
August	no number - catch up on Prior Months
Sept	Bring in June Finished & Prior Months Catch up – We Pick a number
Oct	Bring in Sept Finished – We Pick a number
Nov	Bring in Oct Finished – We Pick a Number
Dec	Bring in Nov Finished & Draw names for Raffle

Quilting Humor





2026 Annual PQ Retreat – 1 Opening

Judy Wedekind, Chair

Theme: April Showers bring May Flowers

We have one opening available. Please let me know if you want to claim that last coveted spot. Deposit is \$50 to hold your spot. See Karen Pieczonka at January meeting, as I will be out of town.

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/>
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- ❖ Rainbow's End <http://rainbowsendquilting.com>
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