

The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

March 2025 Newsletter

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March 2025 President's Message

☘ March is not just for shamrocks and leprechauns, or even for an Irish girl who loves the color green! March marks the return of Spring, even here in Florida when all the annuals' bud and blossoms start appearing. I watch quilter friends planning or working on Christmas projects and I commend their efforts! I am just not there yet - I want to appreciate Spring before the summer heat hits us.

Did you know that March 20th is International Happiness Day? Established by the UN in 2012 to honor this fundamental human goal. Let's fill our Facebook page that day with projects or ideas that make us happy, without mention of frustration, fear of failure or procrastination! It even falls on our meeting day, so our Show and Tell should shine!! Hope to see you all there with your 5fatquarters for Bingo. 😊

Wishing you all Happiness,
Mary Ann



Community Outreach

Gale Pittman

Hello all,
Hope you all saw the info about Largo Crackers doing a fabric sale.
You should see it in your email from last week.

Made a large donation to the hospital of items made for community outreach:

Baby quilts - 20

Throws for infusion lab no batting - 4

Crochet blankets - 3

Baby hat - 2

Teddy bears for ER - 2

Stuffed heart pillows for infusion lab - 1

NICU small (not stuffed) hearts - 8

Burp cloth - 1

Cough pillowcases - 2

ALSO, there were items donated after the sale at the quilt show. I will donate those items to the hospital, and they can sell them in their thrift shop called THE ATTIC which is near the hospital.

***UPDATE: The hospital is low on the large STUFFED HEART PILLOWS for the infusion lab. The pattern for that heart is on the website. If you cannot download and print them, I will have a few paper patterns with me. Or you can bring a sheet of printer paper and trace it during the meeting time. If you don't have stuffing, sew the heart, and leave an opening at the side seam and the ladies at the sewing room will stuff them and stitch closed.

They also give out lots of THROWS that have no batting. They are for the infusion lab also. They don't need to be huge, just large enough to cover legs or shoulders. They can be lightly stitched to hold two layers together or tied. Or tack the layers with a machine stitch. Whatever you like. Most are sewn and turned the edge, so you don't have to do binding. Use what you have at home leftover.... You know I am on my personal mission to use up my scraps, but it is a problem with no end in sight. If for any reason I must miss a meeting, there will be a backup person to receive your donated items. We have a table at the back of the meeting room for them but would love to have you show them at the show and tell as it gives other members ideas for the pretties they are making. Remember all skill levels are welcome to join in.

Thanks for donating so many items. My goal is to pass everything on to someone who has a need. I have the whole back seat of my truck absolutely full.

Brown Bag Challenge (2025)

Pat Holliday

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Retreat Planner (2025)

Karen Pieczonka

Sunshine

TBD

Website

Judy Wedekind

Gale Pittman, leave a voice mail or call if you have questions. 727-510-7559

Membership Denise Appleman

Membership Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that dues for 2025 are due by the March 20th meeting. Dues are \$30, payable by check or cash.

If you cannot pay in person, please send me a message at Appleman.denise@gmail.com and we can make arrangements for you to mail in your payment.

If you no longer wish to be a member, please let me know - same email address.

Thank you!

Denise Appleman
Membership



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

March 20th - Fat Quarter Bingo - Bring up to 5 fat quarters for a bingo card. There will be a limited number of fat quarters available for sale in case you forget. These fat quarters are a generous donation from MK Quilts, Country Quilts and Bears, and Rainbows End. They will cost \$3 each, this money will be a donation for the angel tree.

October 18th - Future Program

Pauline Saltzman has agreed to teach a **collage workshop** on 18 October 2025. We are working out the details currently. They will be posted on Facebook.

Happenings at other Quilt Guilds

Good morning PQs!

The West Pasco Quilt Guild (WPQG) is hosting Phyllis Cullen, fiber artist and quilter, at their March meeting, following a two-day workshop to create one of her portrait technique wall quilts.

Phyllis's URL to see the technique and examples is:

www.phylliscullenartstudio.com

Pam King, WPQG Program Chair has invited PQs to join in on the fun. If this applique technique and portrait work is on your bucket list, now is the time! See below what you need to do.

Contact Pam King at: pkingjr3@gmail.com

Thank you on behalf of WPQG.

Robin VanScoy

Phyllis Cullen will be speaking at West Pasco Quilters' Guild March 20th meeting at 10am and holding a workshop on Friday and Saturday after the meeting at Contractors Institute.

Phyllis is an art quilt artist. Her workshop will be about creating an art quilt from a portrait.

<https://www.phylliscullenartstudio.com/>

The fee for the class is \$60 for the two days. If you want to take the workshop, you will need to send her a photo which she will posterize for you plus sending her a picture of the 5 fabrics you will use so she can say or nay any of them. You must make 4 copies of the posterized photo before the workshop.

Upcoming Florida Quilt Shows

2025

March 22 **Suwannee Valley Quilt Festival** on March 22, 2025 by the Historic Train Depot in Trenton, Florida. **Springhouse Quilters**

March 28-29 **Stars Above, Quilts Below** Quilt Show in Pensacola pensacolaquiltersguild.org

March 29 **Festival of Modern Quilts** in Sarasota

April 4-5 **Quilt Show in Palatka** - bev312jk@aol.com

August 31-September 2 - **Tallahassee Quilt Show**
www.quilttallahassee.com/qu24show/

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

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

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February 27-28 **Quilt Show** in Punta Gorda

March 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Venice



Birthdays of the Month

March 2025 Birthdays

3/6 Susan Evans

3/31 Mary Tittle



April 2025 Birthdays

4/8 Tahnee Eaton

4/10 Theresa Hicks

4/14 Penny Beamon

4/22 Janell Cleveland

4/27 Karen Pieczonka

4/30 Michelle Crook

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. ****

Items for sale

LCQ - FABRIC SALE N...



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LARGO CRACKER QUILTER'S FABRIC & KIT SALE

MARCH 22ND, 2025 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

NO EARLY BIRDS

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE HALL

3115 DRYER AVE, LARGO, FL 33770

PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN BACK OF HALL.

THERE WILL BE A HUGE SELECTION OF HIGH-END QUILTING KITS. MOST KITS INCLUDE PATTERN, PRE-CUT FABRICS AND SOME MAY INCLUDE BACKING. KITS ARE PRICED ACCORDING TO THE OVERALL KIT VALUE.

OUR FABRIC ROOM HAS A LARGE SELECTION OF FABRICS AND OTHER SEWING ITEMS.

FABRIC PRICES:

\$2.00 PER YARD

\$4.00 PER YARD FOR BATIKS

\$5.50 FOR 1/2 YARD AND 1/3 YARDS

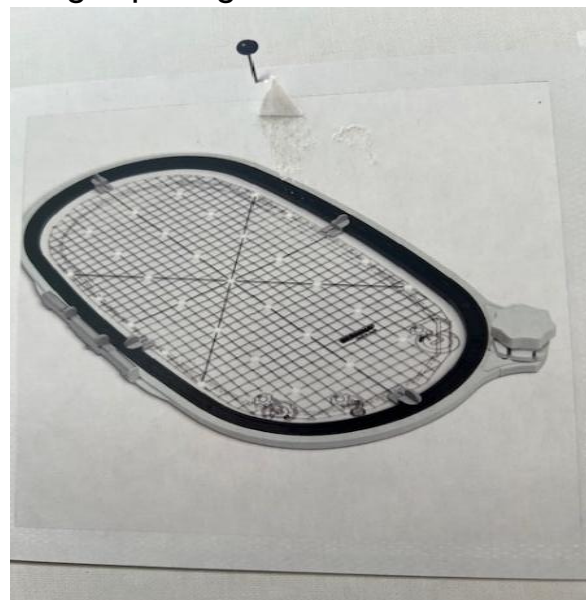
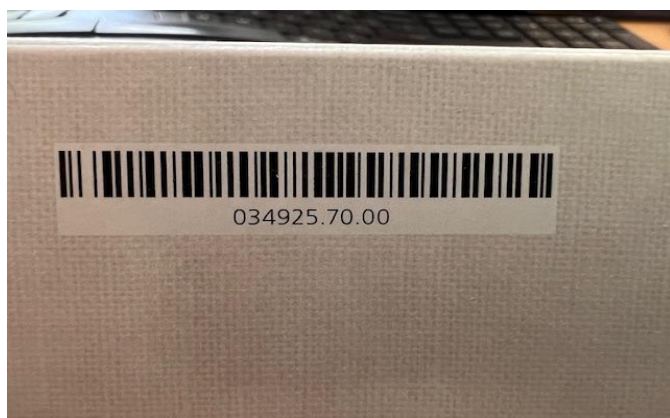
FAT QUARTERS FOR \$5.50

WE WILL ACCEPT CASH, CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL KAREN BARRIE AT 727-289-6534

For Sale Bernina Maxi Hoop 40x21cm for 700 Series Bernina Machine - \$250.00

This hoop is brand new never out of box, retails between \$450 and \$550. If you are doing a lot of embroidery on your Bernina 700 series machines, then this hoop is for you! Great for using the edge-to-edge quilting motifs.

Please contact Robin VanScoy 727-871-0956 or eravanscoy@gmail.com





Embroidery Module for Aurora 430/440 Series Sewing Machines: \$150.00 obo

I have a brand-new embroidery module for the Bernina 430/440 Series sewing machines. Taken out of box once. Carry case, one hoop and Software included.

Never used, as I was gifted a Baby Lock Embroidery machine by my mom.

Will bring it to the March Meeting.

Contact me at 727-871-0956 or email

eravanscoy@gmail.com

Robin VanScoy

Quilting Quotes

- **"Behind every quilter is a huge pile of fabric.**
- **"You can't buy happiness, but you can buy fabric, and that's pretty close."**
- **I'm not addicted to sewing. I can stop as soon as I finish one more project."**

Interesting Links:

- ❖ Kathy McNeil Quilts: 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
- ❖ 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

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **April** Newsletter to Diane Friedman at diane@QuiltingElegance.com by midnight, **Friday, April 11, 2025**.

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