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November 2026

President's Corner

It's November! First, remember our meeting will be pushed back a week to Nov 9 since the church is used for elections. Come prepared to SHOP! Before the meeting we will hold our elections for the coming year. A ballot was sent to everyone via email.

Thank you to those that attended our ZOOM quilt show discussion meeting. Thank you, Deborah Phillips, Kathy Holewa, Gina Holman and Timbre Thompson who are going to begin researching venues, costs, etc.

Be sure to get in touch with Sharon White regarding our Holiday Party. She has a list for the covered dish items.

Finally, we are holding another big fabric sale on Nov 7 at Bits & Pieces. Please contact Katherine Vance to let her know how you can help. We are so thankful to our Community Service team, Katherine and Deb Teeling for all their work.

In honor of Thanksgiving, this month's quote is my own.
Happy Quilting!
Susan Fickey

"I am sew very thankful for this guild and the many friends it has blessed me with."



Hello Quilty Friends!

Fall is my favorite season. The cooler weather, the changing of the leaves, the pumpkins, gourds and wonderful fall colors! It's also time to get my holiday gifts started! If you are a procrastinator like me - come join one of our classes and make some neat gifts made before Christmas like a Rope Bowl, Quilted Sweatshirt (or use the technique to make a bag!), or a quilted teddy bear!

Remember - Clocks go back Nov 1. And our Rummage sale is on Mon, Nov 9. Bring Cash or use Zelle to pay for your purchases at each table. All tables are members items, so have fun shopping!!

Please remember: The sale will not start until after our short meeting.

Happy Fall Ya'll!
Deb Phillips





Community Service

Our September community service meeting we had seven women in attendance, and several quilt tops were completed. Ladies, thank you for all your help. It was a great day of fun and fellowship!

In November we donated 10 quilts to Jordan's Joy. We also donated 21 dog beds and 62 cat mats to the Manatee County Humane Society.

Our next community service meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at the Fairlane Acres Club House. The address is 819 49th Avenue West in Bradenton. We will be working on Sandwiching quilts. All are welcome to join us.

If you have any questions or concerns , please contact the following members:

Janice Dentler 941-720-5403 mamabear229@gmail.com

Deb Teeling (seasonal member) 860-308-1012
debteeling@yahoo.com

Debbie Magner 941-773-2449 mam9969@outlook.com















Cottage Groups

Cottage-group coordinator: Jennifer DeVivo
Please contact Jennifer should you want to join an existing group or create a new cottage group.

Cottage groups mean fellowship, friendship, and accomplishment! We would like to encourage our snowbird members to form a cottage group which will meet during the fall and winter months.

Your cottage group should be mostly members but can include others—think of it as a recruiting tool!

information.

Sewcialites

South County Library Bradenton on Sept. 26th 10:15 - 2:45; Oct. 24th 10:15 - 1 p.m.; Nov. 28 10:15 - 2:45 p.m. Dec. (might cancel) Contact Shelia Walker at 941-275-7899

Sew its Friday

Meetings are held at Lakeside South clubhouse 3817 40th Ave. W. in Bradenton on the second and fourth Fridays at 10:00 am. All are welcome. Please contact Carolee Cuba 585-739-1896 or Maureen Dimmick 941-730-3836.

In Stitches

St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Lakewood Ranch. Meet Thursday at 10.00 am; teaching and learning all the time. Please join us. Posy Havens is the one to call for information at 941 302 1402**.**

Seaside Quilters

We meet at Christ Church at 4030 Manatee Ave. W. In Bradenton on Mondays from 9:00-12:00. All are welcome. Contact Mary Lewis at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com for more information.

Spirit Quilters

Toale Brothers Celebration of Life Center, 4310 Solutions Lane
Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 – 3:30. Free sew, maximum of 15 people. Contact: Sue Baker

Fair Lane Stitchers

Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse The Clubhouse address is 810 49th Ave Terrace, Bradenton. 1st and 3rd Friday from 10am –3pm. All are welcome. Contact: Rita Wright. 847-226-8201

Saturday Stitchers

Flash, Sew & Quilt, 935 N Beneva Rd, #201, Sarasota. Open sew. Every 2nd Saturday from 10:30 - 3pm. Maximum of 15 coordinators Jean Snyder and Jerry Stube Contact Jean Young 941-374-4930

Lakewood Ranc Stitchers

Lakewood Ranch Townhall North, 8310 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.
The 1st, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of each month from 9am to 12 noon. Please contact Theresa Langston at minnielang@hotmail.com or on her cell 215-771-1150. Maximum number of 20 people.



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Gayle	Sweda	11/15
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Mary	Lewis	11/19
Vicky	Legg	11/20
Eileen	Barchi	11/20
Patricia	Wenzel	11/25
Jolyn	Taylor	11/27
Jamie	McClain	11/30

Everyone will appreciate your cell phone being placed on vibrate or turned off during meetings and classes!



If you know of a guild member who needs some sunshine or special recognition, please let Susan Taylor know so she send a card. catlady0319@gmail.com

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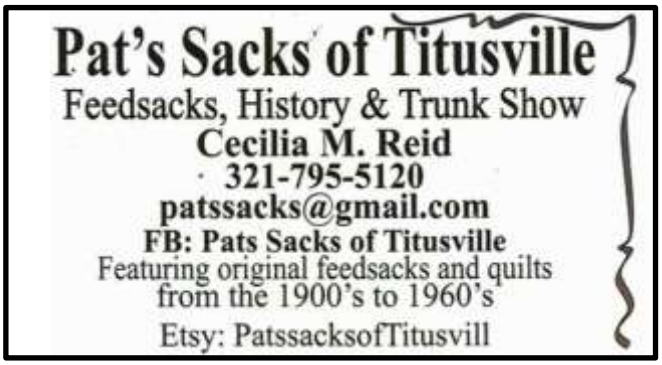
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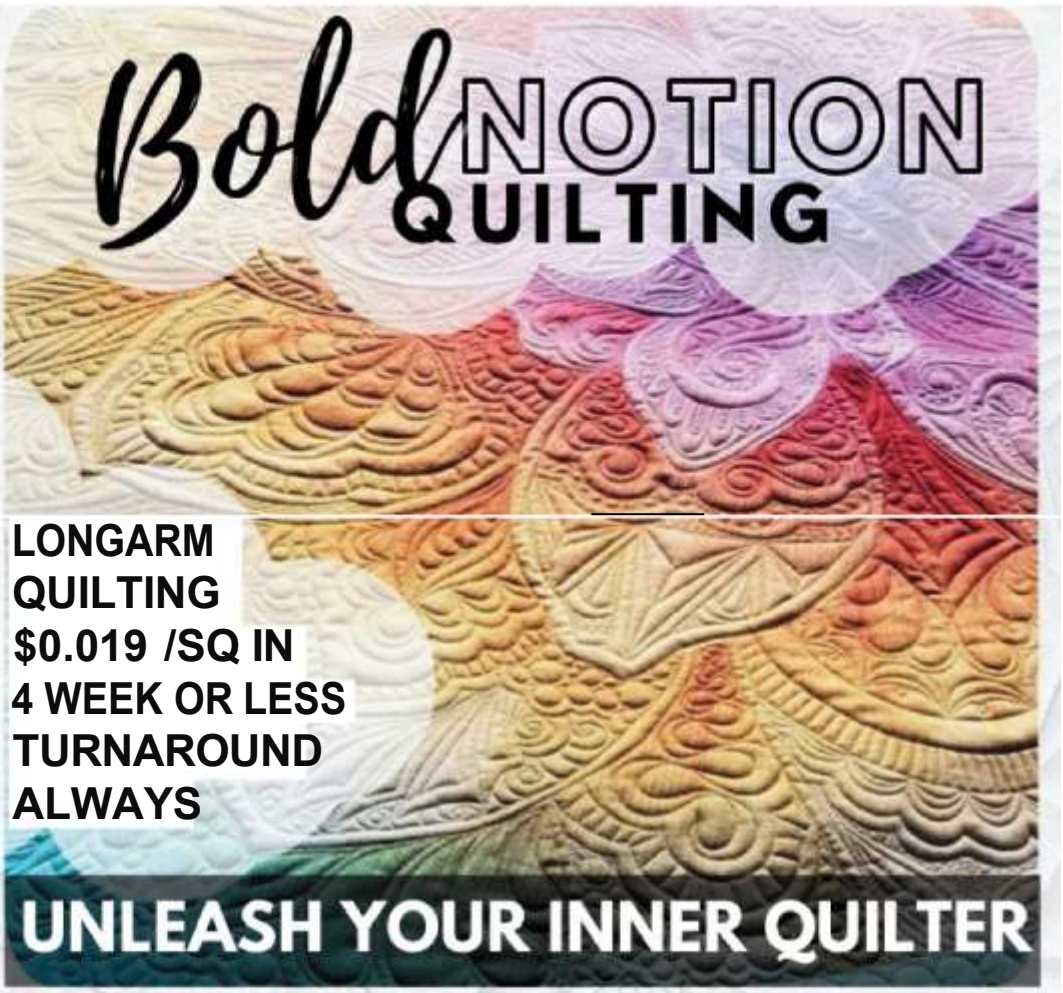
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2026 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Date	Time/Address	Event
Sat, Nov 7	12:30pm - 5:30pm	Advanced rope bowl Class at LWR Library
Sat, Nov 7	11 am – 4 pm	Fabric Sale, Bits n Pieces, 1303 13 Ave., Bradenton
Mon, Nov 9	6:30 PM	Rummage Sale after meeting
Tues, Nov 17	10am - 2pm	Quilted Sweatshirt - Fran Hollaway & Linda Crump - at Braden River Library
Tues, Dec 1	10am - 5pm	Lori Z – Teddy Bear at LWR Library
Tues, Dec 8	5:30pm - 9pm	Quilters Holiday Party – Terra Palms, 211 63rd Ave West Bradenton, FL 34207
Mon, Jan 4	6:30 PM	45th year MPG History & first/last show & tell - Susan Fickey -
Tues, Jan 5		No class

Workshop Registration

Register for workshops early! Use the form online and mail with your check to the PO box or bring to a meeting. Our workshops are open to all quilters, so to ensure your place, register early. Please use a separate form for each workshop.

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Patchwork Quilted Teddy Bear with Lori Z

2 day class: Tues, Dec 1 and Weds, Dec 2: 10am - 3pm
Lakewood Ranch Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211
**Pattern and templates included in class fee.

Everyone loves a Teddy Bear! Use fabric scraps you have been saving for years or just your favorite Cotton, Flannel, etc.

Pattern Requirements:

About 126 – 5 inch squares to make 4 "mini quilts", Thread, Poly Fiberfill Stuffing, Safety Eyes or Buttons, and Ribbon.



Step 1. Make FOUR mini quilts large enough to cut out your pattern pieces. Using Fusible Pellon 911 stabilizer to press each 5 Inch square onto your stabilizer making FOUR 22x30 mini quilts. Then fold and sew like the picture shown.



Step 2. Once that is done then attach a layer of fusible Pellon 971 batting and quilt using your favorite method. Press the mini quilts nice and flat to ensure easy pattern cut out.

Step 3. There are two pattern pieces for each bear. A front and a back. Remember when cutting out your pattern pieces you will need to flip your pattern piece over to have a mirror image for the opposite side of your bear (Right and Left). When laying out your pattern pieces fronts and back, try to match the patchwork squares and keep them equal distance from center seams.



Step 4. To ensure you have a secure Teddy Bear, sew a Zig Zag stitch around all four cut out pieces and create the darts.

Step 5. Sew the front pieces together and the back pieces using a ¼ inch seam. Then sew all together leaving a small portion at the bottom open for stuffing.

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Step 6. Mark the eyes arid nose positions and place them before stuffing your bear.

Step 7. Pull fiberfill apart and fluff it before inserting into your bear. Use pieces about the size of a tennis ball. You can stuff your bear to your likeness. 1:t can be stiff or floppy lo your desire.

Step 8. Hand saw bottom seam to close up your bear after stuffing.

Step 9. Add ribbon and enjoy.

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