



# Patchwords

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December 2025

## President's Corner

WOW! November's meeting was fantastic. We had at least 81 people present. The guild sold a lot of fabric, and I hope our vendors did as well.

Plans are beginning for our Auction sometime in July. We welcome donated items for the auction. Last year, we found that typical quilts do not bring in enough to even cover the cost of most materials. Consider panel quilts that are less expensive and time consuming.

Also, if making things for the table, please plan for sets of 6-8 for placemats/napkins. Other household items like table runners, pillows and bags are popular.

If you have an embroidery machine, the seasonal table or wall hangings, wreaths, and similar sell well. There is no need to put a lot of time and money into these items. People who don't quilt have no idea of the cost of fabric and time that goes into these beautiful creations!

As we prepare for the Holidays, I wish all of you a blessed and joyous holiday season.

Happy Quilting and Happy Holidays!

Susan



## December 8th Meeting

It's party time! Please join us for our holiday party on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Party starts at 5:30 and will be at Lakeside South, 3817 40th Ave W., Bradenton, FL 34205. Wear something festive!

The UFO Challenge is ending. Thank you to all who participated. We will be handing out a check to the winner at the holiday party. If you are interested in doing another UFO challenge for 2026, and you want to be the point of contact, please let one of the board members know. It is a very easy job, and you get to know so many people. You can even do it with a friend; all the legwork is already done.

We are going into 2026 with some great guest speakers! Check out the upcoming programs page of the newsletter for info. January is kicking off with the return of our own Michael Nardi! His class is sold out, but if interested, you can get on the waiting list.

The LWR library invited us back to show off our holiday quilts next year, December 2026. We're looking for some people to head up this display and another one to celebrate the USA's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary by displaying some americana quilts and wall hangings in April.

As mentioned during November's meeting, I'll be heading up north to be closer to my family. You'll be extremely capable hands with the lovely talented Deb Phillips. She'll be the VP co-chair through April, then we'll see what happens.

Thank you everyone for making my short time with the guild a memorable one. I only hope if I ever join another guild, that they're as friendly and welcoming as the Manatee Patchworkers.

Stay salty, Mermaids!

Kim Hodge



# Community Service

Our November Community Service Day was a big success! 43 dog beds were made in addition to walker bags for a rehabilitation facility. Three door prizes were issued at this Community Service event. Thanks to all who participated. In all, 54 dog beds and 18 cat mats were donated to the Humane Society of Manatee County for the month of November.

We will not be having a community service day in December due to the Christmas party. In addition, we are asking, please do not bring dog beds or quilt tops or finished quilts to the party. Save them for the January meeting. If this is a problem for anyone, please notify Janice Dentler

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following committee members:

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<b>Sat, Dec 6th</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Laura Lawson Bucket Bag! This will be at Laura's house 2 spots left
<b>Mon, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm</b>	Holiday Party @ Lakeside South, 3817 40th Ave W., Bradenton, FL 34205
<b>Mon, Jan 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Michael Nardi Presentation
<b>Tue, Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Time TBD</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Michael Nardi Venue TBD
<b>Mon, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Elissa Ziccardi Presentation
<b>Tue, Feb 3rd Time TBD</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Elissa Ziccardi Venue TBD
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<b>Mon, Apr 6</b>	Susan Brown presentation
<b>Tue, Apr 7th Time TBD</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Susan Brown Venue TBD
<b>Mon, May 4th</b>	Round Robin Demos

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# 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!**

**Sew its Friday** All are welcome. Meetings are held at Lakeside South clubhouse 3817 40th Ave. W. in Bradenton on the second and fourth Fridays at 10:00 am. 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 941-752-4812.

**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 information.

**Sewcialites** South County Library, Bradenton on the 4th Saturday 9a.m.-1p.m. Contact Shelia Walker at 941-275-7899

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