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March 2026

President's Corner

Hello Quilty Friends,

Yeehaw!!! Retreat month is finally here! Some reminders for our posse: There will be a Keurig, and hot water will be available, please bring your own pods/tea bags. If you bring some "grub" to share, please make sure it **doesn't** need to be cooled. You might like to bring your own comfy "saddle" (chair) and those with wheels are always easier on the carpet. We are asking everyone to bring a gift valued at no more than \$20 to go into the White Elephant. This item should be something you would be happy to receive yourself. Remember, all attendees are welcome to stay for dinner. We have provided a helpful packing list to assist you with filling in your wagon, it is also included in this newsletter.

For those not attending the retreat, you are welcome to stop by to visit the Pop-Up Shop hosted by either Robin of SRQ Quilters or Linda of Bits and Pieces. Also, our 'sharpening guy' will be back on Tuesday/Wednesday so all guild members may bring their scissors/knives in to be sharpened.

Happy Quilting

Susan Fickey

"Good friends are like quilts, they never lose their warmth."



March 2nd Meeting

It's March! In like a Y seam, out like a straight stitch! This month we'll welcome Julia McLeod. She'll be presenting a lecture on quilt making with unusual and reclaimed textiles, which will be followed by a half day workshop on March 3rd at the LWR library.

We're also going to be doing "Painting with a Twist" on Sunday, February 22nd. If you already signed up – you can arrive 15 mins early. Drinks and food are allowed.

April brings us Susan Brown, AKA "Cutting Corners Quilt Queen," Susan has revolutionized quilt education with her innovative techniques and her specialty rulers. Susan will be teaching a workshop the following day using the Binding Tool Ruler. Both of these workshops will fill up fast, so please

register ASAP.

Stay Salty!
Deb Phillips & Kim Hodge



Community Service

The good news is we are back on track with our dog beds! The Humane Society of Manatee County has agreed to once again receive our dog beds and cat mats. We are currently looking for a volunteer to cut out the cat mats. We will have dog beds ready to be filled at the March meeting.

At our February community service gathering, we had 13 people in attendance. 40 quilts were layered and 7 quilts were completed. It was fun to spend time with other guild members, getting to know each other better. Our next

Community service meeting will be held on Wednesday March 11 at Fairlane Acres located at 819 49th Ave West in Bradenton. We will be having an "open sew day". More info on that to follow.

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

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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 941 302 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 information.

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

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 Stitches 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 Stitches Flash, Sew & Quilt,
935 N Beneva Rd, #201, Sarasota. Open sew. Every 3rd Saturday from 10:30 - 3pm.
Maximum of 15 people. Contact: Kim Hodge 509-993-4937

Lakewood Ranch Stitches Lakewood Ranch Townhall North, 8310 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. The 1st, 2nd 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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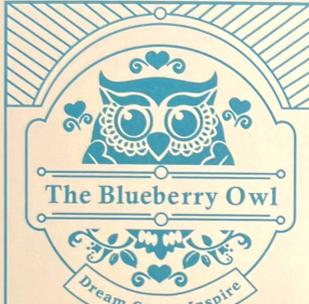
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2026 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Sun, Feb 22nd 2pm – 4pm	Painting With A Twist – Barn Quilt Block
Mon, Mar 2nd	Julia McLeod presentation
Tue, Mar 3rd Time 9:30 – 1:30	PIECING THE PINEAPPLE HALF DAY WORKSHOP with Julia McLeod Manatee County LWR Branch Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, LWR, FL 34211
Mon, Apr 6	Susan Brown presentation
Tue, Apr 7th Time TBD	BINDING TOOL WORKSHOP with Susan Brown Venue TBD
Mon, May 4th	Round Robin Demos



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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Meet Julia McLeod at our March 2nd meeting!



We are proud to welcome Julia McLeod to our guild in March! She is a quilt maker living and working in northern California's San Francisco Bay Area. She specializes in making quilts from rescued textiles, particularly silks. Neckties, saris, kimono and furnishing fabrics all find their way into her quilts.

Born and raised in England, Julia worked as a menswear textile designer in the woolen- and worsted mills of Yorkshire and Scotland, and later for a company on Savile Row, in the heart of London's bespoke tailoring industry.

She moved to New York City in the early 1990's, and America has been her home ever since. Julia enjoys lecturing and teaching on the subject of quilting-making with unusual and reclaimed textiles. She is also a trained quilt judge. Her book 'Patchwork Luxe' is published by C&T Publishing.

Julia will be teaching a half day workshop on Piecing the Pineapple on Tuesday, March 3rd. Space is limited to 24 students, so you'll want to register early!



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Learn more about her at <https://juliamcleodquilts.com/>

Meet Susan Brown at our April Meeting!



We are so thrilled to welcome Susan Brown as our April speaker! Known as the "Cutting Corners Quilt Queen," Susan has revolutionized quilt education with her innovative techniques. Her templates and tools work for beginners and experts alike. Quilters who buy her rulers use them not occasionally, but consistently. They become as important as your rotary cutter or pin cushion. Susan is the founder of the TQM Rulers Company, home of the popular Binding Tool Ruler, and has spent the last 10 years leading quilt retreats at the Missouri Star Quilt Company.

During the evening meeting, Susan will present a trunk show featuring her inspiring quilts, she also has many tips and tricks to offer to those who attend her lecture. Susan will offer her signature rulers and tools for sale following the lecture and trunk show.

Susan will be teaching a Binding Tool workshop that is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to make something that goes together quickly with great results. You can choose between the Binding Tool Star or the Geese in Motion quilt. Participants will receive a Binding Tool, a pattern and interfacing.



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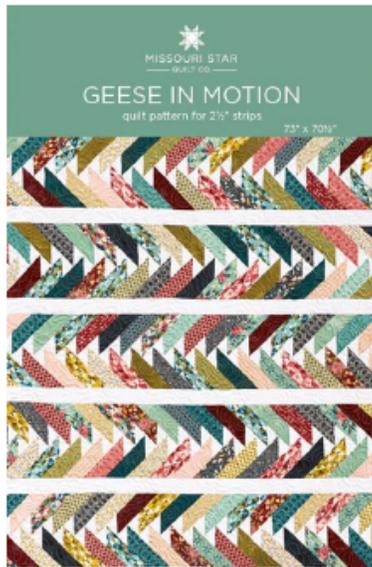
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Binding Tool Workshop with Susan Brown

April 7th, Time and Location TBD

Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for nonmembers

Join us for a fun and exciting workshop with Susan Brown! Susan's Binding Tool workshop is perfect for beginners or anyone looking to make something that goes together quickly with great results. You may choose between the Geese in Motion quilt or the Binding Tool Star quilt. Each participant will receive a Binding Tool, a pattern and interfacing.



Supplies for Geese in Motion 73" x 70 1/2"

- Standard sewing supplies: Sewing machine, rotary cutter & mat, iron, ironing mat, rulers, marking pen, thread, needles, pins, wonder clips, etc.
- 1 Roll of 2 1/2" Strips
- 2 Yards Background Fabric Includes Inner Border
- 3/4 Yard Binding
- 4 1/2 Yards Backing - Vertical Seams Or 2 1/2 Yards 108" Wide Backing



Supplies for Binding Tool Star 77" x 77"

- Standard sewing supplies: Sewing machine, rotary cutter & mat, iron, ironing mat, rulers, marking pen, thread, needles, pins, wonder clips, etc.
- 1 Roll of 2 1/2 Inch Strips
- 2 1/2 Yards Background Fabric (A strong contrast to the Strip Roll)
- 3/4 Yard Inner Border
- A Charm Pack for the Outer Keyboard Border
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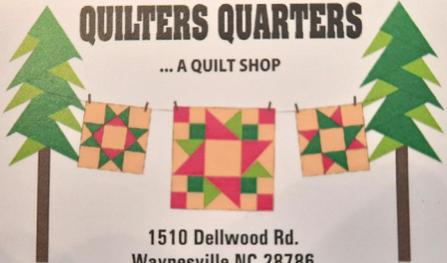


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The Wild West Retreat

Date: Monday, March 23 thru Thursday, March 26, 2026

Where: Christian Retreat Center, 1200 Glory Way Blvd, Bradenton

What to bring:

- v Bring a quilt related item valued around \$20 to play “wrangle yourself a gift”.
- v Sewing machine, cord and pedal
- v Small cutting mat and your favorite rulers (large mats will be available)
- v Notions: needles, thread, bobbins, seam ripper, scissors, pins/cushion, starch, rotary cutter, extra blades, rulers, marking pens, Ziplock bags, tape to label, etc.
- v Extension cord / power strip (we have a large group with lots of things to plug in!)
- v Sewing projects (I like to have mine cut and ready to go in project bags so I can sew right away!)
- v Small iron/pad if desired (large iron stations will be available)
- v Seat cushion (many bring their own chair since the provided chairs don't roll)
- v Lighting
- v Snacks to share. (nothing that needs to be refrigerated)
- v Personal drinks in a small cooler (you need to bring your own Keurig pods)
- v Personal cup with lid to protect our precious fabric! (And the carpet)
- v Money to spend with vendors. (SRQ Quilters and Bits & Pieces)
- v Scissors/knives that need sharpened and or Featherweight for servicing if desired
- v Sweater or light jacket
- v Medications
- v Phone charger
- v Great attitude, ready to have fun with friends!

Yeehaw! Our wranglers have been busy out on the range planning activities for our shindig so we hope you will have a rip-roaring time. Feel free to dress in your comfy duds to match our theme.