



# Patchwords

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October 2024

## President's Corner

Hi Quilty Friends,

Can you believe October is almost here? For me, that means football season and fall decorations. It also means our quilt show is almost here. We need everyone's help. Please sign up to volunteer, sell opportunity quilt tickets and help us advertise this show. Judy Evans is handling our volunteer list so please let her know how you can help. Don't forget the President's Challenge quilt. It should represent your favorite holiday memory. This can be any holiday, and size cannot exceed 36" square.

It is time for Board elections for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Community Service and Communications so nominations are open. The communications area has three positions: Newsletter, Facebook and Website. Darlene has been designing our website, but due to a change in her working hours, she would like to turn that over to someone else. If this interests you, please let us know at the next meeting. She will also be relinquishing the library. This position will involve storing the books. If we don't have anyone who wants to take this on, the board has decided to sell/donate the books and magazines.

The board voted and we have a new treasurer. Robin needs to take a break, and Judy Bennet has agreed to complete the remainder of Robin's term. Please welcome Judy as well as taking time to thank Robin for her years of service.

We are no longer taking reservations for meetings so don't hesitate to come and bring a friend. Please note, due to elections, our November meeting will be held one-week later Nov. 11. The board will not meet in November. Our Holiday party will be Dec. 2.

Happy Quilting!  
Susan

*"I just want to create pretty things and ignore all my adult problems!"*

## October 7 Meeting

Our October meeting program will be our ever-popular round-robin stations, this time three different disappearing blocks that you can try at home. At the meeting we will encourage you to think about offering your time and enthusiasm to help in running our guild, and we hope that some of you will step up! Our election is coming up In November, so your opportunity awaits! Take home a Community Service kit, bring dog beds, check out the free table, and sign up for one or several volunteer slots at the quilt show. And bring your Show and Tell!

Those who have signed up for the Spring Retreat contact Sue Baker (941) 224-7137 for information.

We will need your deposit to hold your place for the retreat. Please bring your deposit to the next guild meeting and if paying by check please indicate on your check that it is for the Spring Retreat.

You may also mail your deposit to Manatee Patchworkers, PO Box 356, Bradenton, FL 34206.

All checks should be made payable to Manatee Patchworkers Quilt Guild.

## Community Service

Our next Community Service Workshop will be **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 10:00 to 2:00**, at Fair Lane Acres clubhouse, 819 49th Ave Ter W. We'll be preparing our fat-quarter grab bags to be sold at the show. Any profit made is used to offset the cost of batting and other supplies. We'll need lots of helpers - come for the whole time or just an hour or two.

In August, 33 dog beds and 3 fleece blankets were donated to the Manatee County Humane Society. We also donated 6 lap quilts to Tidewell Hospice. In September, the Humane Society received 29 dog beds and a bunch of bed sheets.

And, speaking of dog beds - please use smallish pieces of quilting-weight fabric and batt **only** to stuff the covers - not yardage. If there are long "trimmings" from the edge of a quilt after quilting, please cut into smaller pieces before stuffing the covers - don't roll them into a ball and put them into the covers. Before closing the cover, give it a little "fluff" - nobody likes a lumpy mattress!

Quilts-to-be-quilted, quilts that need binding, and dog bed covers will be available at the Community Service table before and after the meeting.

Any questions,

contact -

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## 2024 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

**Monday, October 7—Skills Round Robin on Disappearing Blocks**

**Monday, November 11—note change of date to second Monday because of the election! Quilt turn-in at the church AM, last-minute show prep and volunteer signups at meeting**

**Thursday, November 14, show setup; show November 15-16**

**Monday, December 2—Annual Holiday Party—we'll celebrate a successful quilt show and relax with snacks, prize drawings, and musical entertainment!**

**Come prepared for a fun meeting!**

Time to renew our membership is fast approaching. All members are required to complete a new membership form each year. The form and membership dues of \$35 are due by December 31st. You will find the membership form on our website and an attachment in the cover letter of our newsletter for your convenience. If there is any update the guild needs to make to the membership list, please circle it so that Membership Committee can make the required changes.

Thank you

### Tips and Tricks

#### YO-YOS!

Instead of wrestling with small circles while basting around the edge of yo-yos, draw circles on fabric, and then baste inside the drawn lines. When you cut out the circles, be careful not to cut the thread tails, and, voila! You have all the yo-yos you need in a snap.

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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.

**Quilters Gatherings** Braden River Library 1-4 p.m. every second Tuesday.  
Contact June Cannon 941-405-5365 for information

**Seaside Quilters** Beginning June 3 we will be meeting at Christ Church at 4030 Manatee Avenue W. in Bradenton until October. on Mondays from 9-12. All are welcome. Contact Mary Lewis at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com for information.

**Sewcialites** South County Library, Bradenton on the 4th Saturday 9a.m.-2p.m. Contact Shelia Walker at 941-275-7899

**Spirit Quilters** Toale Brothers Celebration of Life Center, 4310 Solutions Lane  
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**Fair Lane Stitches** Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 10am –3pm. The Clubhouse address is 810 49<sup>th</sup> Ave Terrace, Bradenton.  
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## Help Wanted!

*We have an election coming up! This year we'll be voting for vice president, secretary, communications, and community service. As vice president for some time, I am looking to either pass this job to someone else with my continued assistance, or recruit someone to assist me and take over at the next election. The primary VP task is planning guild programs and workshops. For any of the jobs, please consider volunteering to assist and share the work—the board will welcome your involvement! Our board is a close and congenial group, and we'd love to share both the work and the friendship you'll find when you join us! Please contact Mary Lewis or any board member at the guild email for more info or to offer your services—*  
*and thanks!*  
*Mary Lewis*

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