



# Patchwords

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April 2026

## President's Corner

Hello Quilty Friends,

Spring has arrived. Does this inspire you to create more floral and bright color quilts? I am enjoying warmer days, but not anxious for the heat to return. We had an amazing retreat. Sue and I hope everyone had a wonderful time. Our team enjoyed planning it. It is now time to turn our attention to our July 11 auction. Robin

Fouraker will be looking for volunteers to help. Please get in touch with her if you can help either before, during or after the auction. We appreciate all donations. Remember, large quilts usually don't bring the money they are truly worth. Consider smaller panel quilts, table runners, bags, kitchen and table items. Placemats should be in sets of 6-8.

Thank you too everyone who has been helping with our fabric sales. We have been blessed by several large donations that will greatly benefit our guild but take a lot of time to prep and sale. Please contact Katherine Vance or Deb Teeling if you can help or have ideas for this project.

Happy Quilting

Susan Fickey



*"The whole quilt is much more important than any single square." – Rohinton Mistry*

Hi MPG Friends,

We have had an exciting couple of months with awesome presenters. April brings us Susan Brown, with TQR Rulers, AKA Cutting Corners Quilt Queen. Susan has revolutionized quilt education with her innovative techniques and her specialty rulers.

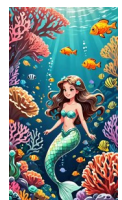
Susan will be teaching a workshop the following day using the Binding Tool Ruler. You get to choose from two patterns (Yes, she will teach both at the same time!). We only have a few spots left for this class!

In May we will have a SUPER SHOW and TELL! Get Ready! We are so excited to see what everyone has been working on!

We have lots of fun events swirling around in our heads for the rest of the year. If you make something really fun and like to share with our group by teaching a class, let me know.

Happy Quilting!

Deb Phillips & Kim Hodge



# Community Service

We received a thank you from the Humane Society of Manatee County after delivering 10 dog beds and 4 cat mats. They are grateful that we are again supplying them with both. Dog bed covers and cat mats to finish will be available at the April meeting. Thanks for stashing your scraps!

At our March community service gathering, we had 11 ladies participating and we accomplished much. Four quilts were completed with quilting and binding, 10 quilt tops were created, and some members took tops home to finish. One dog bed was filled. It was great to spend time together in fellowship and share new ideas and tips for quilting with each other.

Our next community service meeting will be held Wednesday April 8 at Fair Lane Acres located at 819 49<sup>th</sup> Ave West in Bradenton. We will be having another "open sew" day to work on guild projects, either quilt tops for charity or items for our auction in July. Jelly rolls, pre-cut kits and 5-inch squares will be available, or you can bring your community service projects from home. Hope to see you there!

Quilts for binding and quilts to be quilted will be available at the April meeting. They will be located at the community service table at the back of the room. We have many quilts that require quilting...our storage unit is filled to the top! Please consider taking one home with you this month.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> Ave Terrace, Bradenton.  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3rd Saturday from 10:30 - 3pm.  
 Maximum of 15 people. Contact: Kim Hodge 509-993-4937

**Lakewood Ranch Stitchers** Lakewood Ranch Townhall North, 8310 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. The 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month from 9am to 12 noon. Please contact Theresa Langston at [minnielang@hotmail.com](mailto:minnielang@hotmail.com) or on her cell 215-771-1150. Maximum number of 20 people.



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Michelle	Whiting	24-Apr
Barbara	Gow	27-Apr
Meg	Hawkins	28-Apr
June	Cannon	30-Apr

*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.**  
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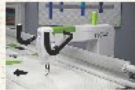
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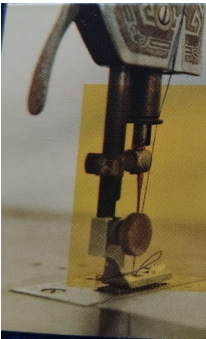


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Mon, Apr 6	7:30pm	Susan Brown presentation - My Quilting Life
Tue, Apr 7th	9:30am – 4:30pm	BINDING TOOL WORKSHOP with Susan Brown Lakewood Ranch Library – Meeting room B
Mon, May 4th	7:30pm	Super Show and Tell
Tues, May 5	TBD	Sit & Sew - Let's make bags & items for our Quilt Auction (Venue TBD)
Mon, June 1	7:30pm	Round Robin
Tues, June 2	9:30am - 4:30pm	Sit & Sew - Let's make bags & items for our Quilt Auction (Venue TBD)
Mon, July 6		NO Meeting



### 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 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.

 <https://www.facebook.com/susan.p.brown.73>

 <https://www.instagram.com/quiltersmercsusan/#>

Learn more about her at <https://www.tqmrulers.com/our-story>

## Binding Tool Workshop with Susan Brown

9:30am - 4:30pm at Lakewood Ranch Library, 16410 Rangeland Parkw

April 7<sup>th</sup>,

**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
- Backing - 4 1/2 Yards - Vertical Seams Or 2 1/2 Yards 108" Wide Backing

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