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August 2026

President's Corner

Dear Quilty Friends,

This guild continues to amaze me. We asked for donations for an auction and our members responded! We asked for volunteers to assist with the auction and again, you showed up. Robin told me everyone worked together making sure the auction went smoothly. This team spent several hours setting up on Friday and then spent almost 10 hours holding the auction!

INCREDIBLE!!! Because everyone donated so generously, there were still items left over. Robin and Donna would like to have a second auction later this year. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all you do to make this guild so successful.

Quilt show, yes or no? Let's talk about it. If you are interested in attending a meeting to discuss the future of a quilt show, please send me an email or text. I will then work with those people to set a date for a meeting. My email is: susan@omnifla.com or text me at 941-920-1962.

Remember, our September meeting is being moved up a week to August 31.

Happy Quilting!
Susan Fickey

"I'm not a fabric hoarder. I am the curator of an extensive textile collection."



Hello MPG Friends,

The Auction was AMAZING and looked like a huge success, THANK YOU to everyone who donated, volunteered, and purchased items. I got a few treasures myself!!

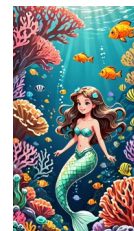
We still have 3 spots for our Intro to Thread Painting on Aug 4, and 11 spots for Intro to Rope Sewing on Sept 1. Get your forms and payments in to secure your spot.

I am interested to see how many would be interested in a Zoom Class, even if we did it as a group at the library. We will take a live vote at our meeting in August.

I am also looking for someone to assist me with presenters/events AND FB Live recordings of our meetings. Let me know if you are interested or know someone that would be a good candidate.

I hope you are having a lovely summer!

Deb Phillips, 941-993-2783



Community Service

We will be holding our next community service gathering on Wednesday August 12 at Fairlane Acres. The clubhouse is located at 819 49th Avenue West Bradenton. Bring your lunch. Refrigerator and microwave available

The guild made no contributions for the month of July and held no community service gathering. If you have never participated in a community service gathering, please consider doing so. Our community service activity is how we maintain our 501C3 tax withholding so your contribution to this activity would be greatly appreciated, many hands make for light work.

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 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 3rd
Saturday from 10:30 - 3pm.
Maximum of 15 people. Contact: Deb Phillips 941-993-2783

Lakewood Ranch 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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Andrea	Powell	8/20
Judie	Coffey	8/21
Brigit	Christensen	8/21
Linda Kay	Bynum	8/23
Kathleen	Dieter	8/23
Sue	Baker	8/24
Marilyn	Vreugdenhil	8/27

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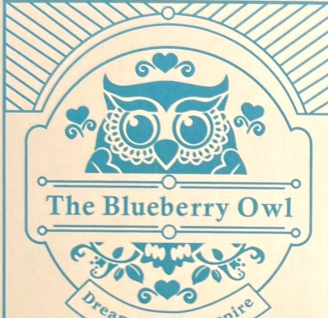
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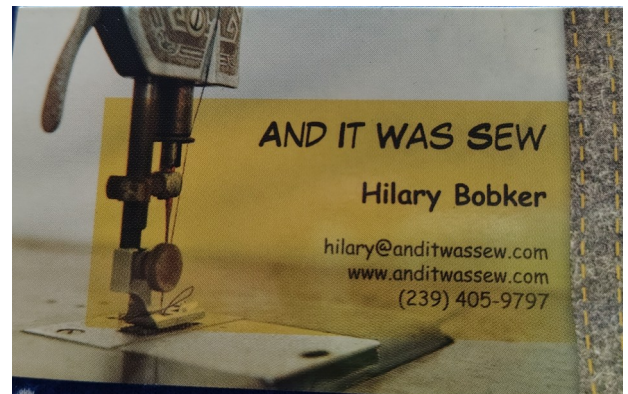
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Date	Time/Address	Event
Tues, Aug 4	10am – 2pm 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211 Meeting room B	Intro to Thread Painting with Christine Boulter Kit price \$12 paid to Instructor
Tues, Sept 1	10am – 5pm 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211 Meeting room A	Intro to Rope Sewing with Lisa Curt/Papaya Cottage Kit price \$25 paid to instructor
Tues, Oct 6	10am – 4:30pm	Midi or Mondo Bag with Brigit Christensen Details to follow



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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TUES, AUGUST 4, 2026
10am - 2 pm
Lakewood Ranch Library



INTRODUCTION TO THREAD PAINTING

Sew along with Christine Boulter

This lesson will introduce you to thread painting on a picture block wall hanging.

Supplies:

Sewing machine, cord and foot pedal.

80 or 90 sewing needle (what works best for your machine)

All the Thread to match the colors in your panel

Black thread for outlining

Bobbin thread to match the backing fabric

Ruler, rotary cutter, scissors, safety pins, sewing gloves (opt.)

1/4" foot for sewing borders

Most important: Depending on your machine bring your

Darning foot or Free hand quilting foot or

Open foot free hand embroidery foot or

Bernina stitch regulator if you have a Bernina.

If you choose the kit you will have your beginners panel/block, stabilizer, batting and backing fabric.

If you bring your own supplies you will need—

Panel or Block (focus theme)

SF101 Pellon Shape Flex

Light weight batting & backing fabric larger than your focus fabric.

* SELECT your KIT AND Receive it on Monday, Aug 3 to
Select Thread colors to bring to class.



Intro to **Rope Sewing**

Tues, Sept 1, 2026 - 9:30am - 4:30pm
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Supply lists for classes are on our website, www.manateepatchworkers.com. **Supply and kit fees are payable to teachers at workshops.** Check class information for amounts.

_____ If the class is full, check at left if you'd like to be on the waiting list. Check workshop flyer for start time, but plan to arrive early enough to be set up and ready to start promptly. Your help in setting up the room and helping to clean up at the end of the day will also be appreciated.