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October 2026

President's Corner

Happy Fall, Y'all! This is my favorite time of year. Cooler temps, pumpkins everywhere and of course, football! Reminder, our October 5th meeting will start at 6:30. We realize many prefer to drive home before dark, and this will help, at least until Daylight saving time on Nov 1.

Our November meeting will have to be moved to Nov 9 as the church has to prepare for the elections in the first week.

We will have a meeting to discuss a 'quilt show' type event. The meeting is planned for Oct 6 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM. This will allow everyone to attend from their home. I will be providing a link to the meeting by email as well as passing out information at the Oct 5 meeting.

Please consider joining the call and sharing your ideas.

Happy Quilting!

Susan Fickey

"The amount of fabric I buy is nothing compared to the amount I don't buy. Let's keep things in perspective!"



Hello MPG Friends,

We had so much fun learning how to sew Rope Bowls with Lisa Curt. If there is enough interest, we will host advanced rope bowl classes bi-monthly. Let me know.

Don't miss our Oct 5 meeting for machine maintenance and special giveaways from Flash Sew & quilt.

We still have spots left for our FPP BOW class with Kim Hodge on Tues, Oct 6. Cost is $45 and will take place at the LWR Library 10am – 4pm, and for our Nov 9 rummage sale. Sign up here; https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyZpZD3wQ-e6roog_A39IEGZViD9s8QmADyr_LrCIdRex5Nw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=105443987151826127833
Are you interested in assisting me with finding presenters/events, and/or FB Live recordings of our meetings? Let me know if you or someone you know would be a good candidate.

Happy Fall!!!
Deb Phillips, 941-993-2783





Community Service

At our September community service meeting, 7 women participated. It was a great team of quilters, and 34 quilts were sandwiched and 16 quilts were completed. Great job ladies!

Our next community service meeting will be held on Wednesday October 14 at the Fairlane Acres Club House. The address is 819 49th Avenue, West Bradenton. We plan to make quilt tops so bring your machines. Fabric will be provided. All are welcome!

We donated 21 dog beds and 29 cat mats to the Manatee County Humane Society this month. We also donated 47 quilts to Beds for Kids and 26 quilts to Empath Tidewell Hospice. Both groups were very appreciative.

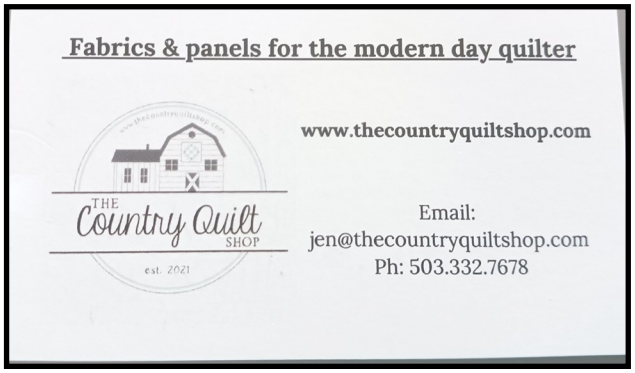
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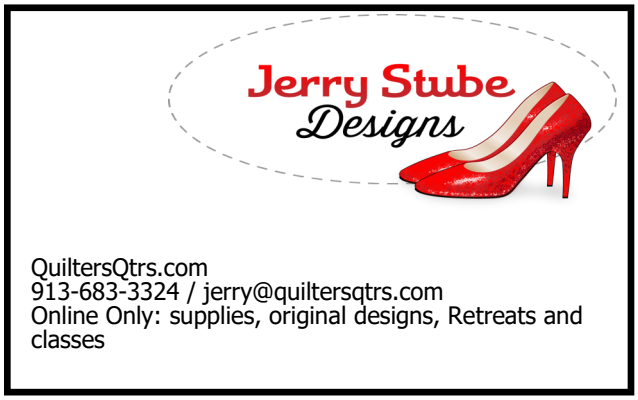
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Cottage Groups

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!

information.

Sewcialites

South County Library Bradenton on Sept. 26th 10:15 - 2:45; Oct. 24th 10:15 - 1 p.m.; Nov. 28 10:15 - 2:45 p.m. Dec. (might cancel) Contact Shelia Walker at 941-275-7899

Sew its Friday

Meetings are held at Lakeside South clubhouse 3817 40th Ave. W. in Bradenton on the second and fourth Fridays at 10:00 am. All are welcome. 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 more information.

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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Margaret	Able	10/1
Jane	Ellis	10/14
Linda	Bronkema	10/24
Linda	West	10/25
Mary Ellen	Bond	10/25
Shirley	Allen	10/25
Carol Ann	Deitzer	10/26
Jennifer	DeVivo	10/27
Deanna	Spencer	10/4
Janice	Dentler	10/7

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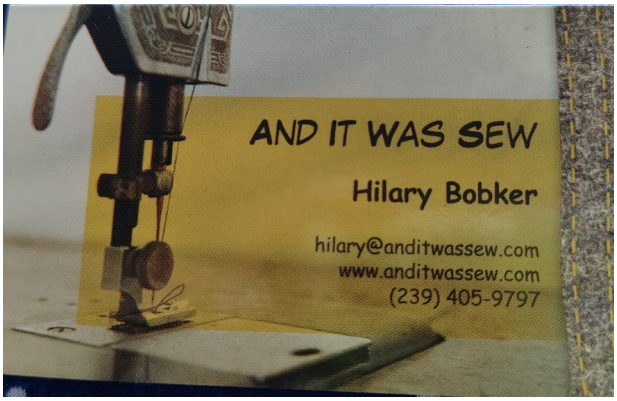


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Date	Time/Address	Event
Mon, Oct 5	Guild Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Oneco Hope Global Methodist Church 2112 53rd Street East Bradenton
Tues, Oct 6	10am – 4pm Lakewood Ranch Library 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211 Meeting room A	FPP The Christmas Bow with Kim Hodge $45 Supplies found on FB or Webpage
Mon, Nov 9	Rummage Sale	Bring Cash!!! If you would like a table to sell your items, call Deb Phillips 941-993-2783
Tues, Nov 17	10am – 2pm Braden River Branch Library 4915 53rd Avenue East Bradenton, FL 34203	Quilted Sweatshirt Jacket with Fran Holloway & Linda Crump $30
Tues, Dec 1 & Weds, Dec 2	10am – 4pm TBC: Lakewood Ranch Library	Quilted Teddy Bear Class with Lori Zinmeister $45

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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Mondo or Midi Bag Class w/Brigit

Quiltsmart Mondo Bag Pattern
Saturday, September 26th | 10:00am – 4:30pm
Braden River Library, West Wing room 205, 4915 53rd Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34203

Supplies:

- ☐ Mondo bag pattern (includes printed, fusible interfacing)
- ☐ **48** - 5" squares (a charm pack generally comes with **42** squares)
- ☐ 1 ¼ yards for lining
- ☐ 4 – 2 ½" strips for handles
- ☐ 1 ¼ yard fusible fleece or soft n stable

Optional key strap

- ☐ 2 ½ x 5" pieces of fabric
- ☐ Metal ring

Supplies:

- ☐ Midi bag pattern (includes printed, fusible interfacing)
- ☐ 108 – 2 ½ " squares
- ☐ ¾ yards for lining & handles
- ☐ ¾ yard fusible fleece or soft n stable

Optional key strap

- ☐ 2 ½ x 5" pieces of fabric
- ☐ Metal ring

Notions:

- ☐ Pressing sheet (protects iron from adhesive)
- ☐ Walking foot
- ☐ Wonder clips
- ☐ Wonder clips
- ☐ Pins
- ☐ Mini iron/pad
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Rotary cutter

Link to Mondo pattern: https://a.co/d/g89MMLm
Link to Midi pattern: Amazon.com: Midi Bag Fun Pack - Pattern and Printed Interfacing by Quiltsmart
Contact info: Brigit Christensen, 941-807-0690 | email: brigitntom@gmail.com



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Foundation Paper Piecing Gift Bow Workshop w/Kim

Date: October 6th, 2026 • Time: 10:00 – 4:00
Location: Lakewood Ranch Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211
Skill Level: Confident Beginner



Join us for a fun day of Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP)! In this workshop you will make a 16" block and learn the basics of this addicting skill to add to your quilting tool box. This project works best with solids. This gift bow pattern is only $12.25 and is a digital download available from Lover of Life Designs on Etsy. Hope you can join us!



Patchwork Quilted Teddy Bear with Lori Z

2 day class: Tues, Dec 1 and Weds, Dec 2: 10am - 3pm
Lakewood Ranch Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211
**Pattern and templates included in class fee.

Everyone loves a Teddy Bear! Use fabric scraps you have been saving for years or just your favorite Cotton, Flannel, etc.

Pattern Requirements:

About 126 – 5 inch squares to make 4 "mini quilts", Thread, Poly Fiberfill Stuffing, Safety Eyes or Buttons, and Ribbon.



Step 1. Make FOUR mini quilts large enough to cut out your pattern pieces. Using Fusible Pellon 911 stabilizer to press each 5 Inch square onto your stabilizer making FOUR 22x30 mini quilts. Then fold and sew like the picture shown.



Step 2. Once that is done then attach a layer of fusible Pellon 971 batting and quilt using your favorite method. Press the mini quilts nice and flat to ensure easy pattern cut out.

Step 3. There are two pattern pieces for each bear. A front and a back. Remember when cutting out your pattern pieces you will need to flip your pattern piece over to have a mirror image for the opposite side of your bear (Right and Left). When laying out your pattern pieces fronts and back, try to match the patchwork squares and keep them equal distance from center seams.



Step 4. To ensure you have a secure Teddy Bear, sew a Zig Zag stitch around all four cut out pieces and create the darts.

Step 5. Sew the front pieces together and the back pieces using a ¼ inch seam. Then sew all together leaving a small portion at the bottom open for stuffing.

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Step 6. Mark the eyes and nose positions and place them before stuffing your bear.

Step 7. Pull fiberfill apart and fluff it before inserting into your bear. Use pieces about the size of a tennis ball. You can stuff your bear to your likeness. It can be stiff or floppy to your desire.

Step 8. Hand sew bottom seam to close up your bear after stuffing.

Step 9. Add ribbon and enjoy.

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Workshop Registration Form
Manatee Patchworkers Quilt Guild

Class fees are $45 for a full-day workshop (non-members $50), $25 for a half-day, and $50 for a two-day class. Some workshops will have a pattern or supply fee, which will be stated on the flyer. Members of Friendship Knot, Sarasota Modern, and South Sarasota Modern guilds pay the member fee.

Teacher _____

Class Title _____Class Date_____

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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.

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