



# Patchwords

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July 2026

## President's Corner

Dear Quilty Friends,

First, I would like to thank Deborah Phillips who has officially accepted the Vice President position. She has been filling in for Kim and will now take over the position officially. Thanks, Deb! Next, please take a moment to mark your calendars with these important dates:

**We will NOT have a July meeting. Enjoy our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

**July 11 - our guild will hold our auction. Location is Oneco Methodist Church**

**September meeting is moved to August 31.**

If you can help with the auction, please let Robin or another member of the board know. We will need help prior to the show to organize items during the auction to help move items around and after when it is time to ship the items. We need everyone's help in advertising by sharing posts and telling friends and family. During the summer, if you know someone who could use a get-well message from the guild, please contact Sheila Walker as she will be covering while Jennifer DeVivo is on vacation.

Finally, would you be interested in participating in a workshop to discuss the quilt show. Should we have one? Should we try something else? Let me know. We will try to plan this soon. I am willing to include people online if you happen to be out of town.

Happy quilting and happy summer!  
Susan Fickey

**"Blessed are the children of piecemakers for they shall inherit the quilts!"**



Hello MPG Friends,

Our June class was a huge success! We will be hosting a Teddy Bear and One block wonder class as soon as we can get them scheduled. We are anxiously looking forward to our July Auction and working hard to get things ready. Make sure to share the Sun and Moon Jewelry Market Facebook group with friends & family. They will have to register to participate. The more we invite, the more successful we will be!

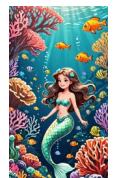
Please note that the auction location has been changed to the Oneco Methodist Church. We are asking if we may have access to the building on Friday to set up and if we get permission we will advise you. Also, Robin is still looking for assistance, please contact her. You do not have to stay through the entire auction, but any time you can assist would be greatly appreciated.

We still have 5 spots for our Intro to Thread Painting on Aug 4, and 14 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.

Have a lovely summer!  
Deb Phillips, 941-993-2783



### Note from the Editor:

Robin has requested that everyone complete a Christmas in July form (found in this newsletter) for the items you are donating. Please include as much information as possible, even short stories about why and/or how you choose to make the items you are donating for the auction. Robin has indicated it actually helps with the sales.

# Community Service

We delivered 15 dog beds and 5 cat mats to the Humane Society of Manatee County this month. In May we donated 28 quilts to Guardian Ad Litem, 27 quilts to Beds For Kids, 2 quilts to His Disciples and 20 quilts to Tidewell Hospice.

Our next community service meeting will be on Wednesday August 12 at Fairlane Acres. The clubhouse is located 819 49<sup>th</sup> Ave west Bradenton. We will not be meeting in July. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one the following members:

Janice Dentler 941-720-5403 [mamabear@gmail.com](mailto:mamabear@gmail.com)

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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: Deb Phillips 941-993-2783

**Lakewood Ranch Stitchers** Lakewood Ranch Townhall North, 8310 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. The 1st, 3rd, 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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Denise	Ingham	7/14
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Donna	Koenig	7/16
Terry L.	Snyder	7/20
Lyn	Marosz	7/21
Joan	Krogman	7/22

*Everyone will appreciate your cell phone being placed on vibrate or turned off during meetings and classes!*



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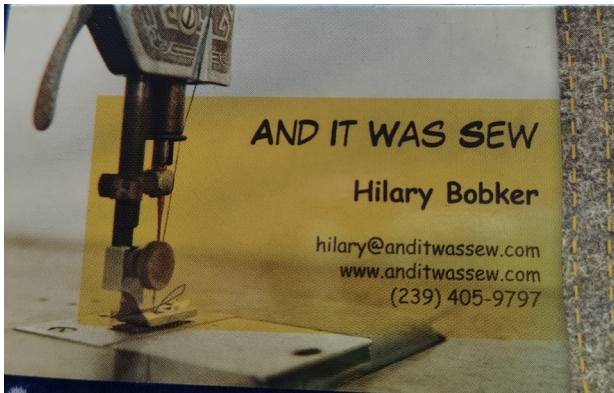


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Date	Time/Address	Event
Mon, July 6		NO Meeting – Enjoy the long weekend with family and friends!
Tues, July 11 8:30 a.m.	Live – Oneco Methodist Church	July Auction – register on FB group for “Sun and Moon Jewelry Market”
Tues, Aug 4	10am – 2pm 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211	Intro to Thread Painting with Christine Boulter
Tues, Sept 1	9:30am – 4:30pm 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211	Intro to Rope Sewing with Lisa Curt/Papaya Cottage

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TUES, AUGUST 4, 2026  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THREAD PAINTING

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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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Class Title \_\_\_\_\_

Class Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Supply lists for classes are on our website, [www.manateepatchworkers.com](http://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.

# CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUCTION

## Item Donation Form

*Thank you very much for supporting the  
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### Donation Guidelines:

Any handmade item, any size

Please include a Manatee Patchworkers label if space permits.

You may also include a personal label with your name and date if you wish. Also, if not an original design please include the designers' information/pattern name (this is required for us to sell the item). It does not need to be permanently attached, it can be pinned to the back of the item or placed in a pocket.

If it is a home décor item, please don't forget a hanging method, sleeve, corners or maybe a cute ribbon.

Please add a few comments. It will greatly help the presenter to have a few notes to help sell your item. For example, made from donated fabric; 100% cotton batting; Insul-brite batting; number of pockets; strap length, made with help from my grandchild, etc. Any little tidbit to add some pizzazz to our show!

### Makers Name & Phone # (in case we have questions)

### Item Type (Quilt, Bag, Wall Hanging, Pillow, etc.)

### Item Name (eg. "Hot Flashes" by Cozy Quilt Designs or "Clam Up" by ByAnnie)

### Item Size (W x L or W x L x D. Also Crib, Throw, Queen etc. if applicable)

### Comments about your item

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