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May 2025

## President's Corner

Hello Quilty Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend. I was blessed to spend mine with four generations. We can never take time with family for granted!

Our April meeting was one of my favorites! I'm sure everyone else enjoyed Michael's visit as much as I did. His class was lots of fun, and I really appreciate that he writes his patterns to be easily executed. Thanks to Kim Hodge for arranging his visit as well as providing lodging for him.

They spent lots of time generating ideas for our guild and you will soon see the results of that brainstorming, beginning with our UFO challenge. I hope everyone will participate. I will be turning in my list with all intentions to finish all of them!

We have another opportunity from Michael. He gifted us with copies of his BOM quilt pattern, with permission that I may make copies if needed. I will post the pattern on our private FB page as well as having the patterns at the meeting. Let me know if you are interested in participating.

Happy May and Happy Quilting!

Susan Fickey



"Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love."

## May 5th Meeting

May's meeting brings us the Round Robin Skill Builder event. We'll be doing four 15-minute skill builder demos that you won't want to miss! It's like speed dating, but for quilters!

We're also kicking off our 2025 UFO challenge that starts on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends on November 30<sup>th</sup>. For \$20, you can join the challenge. Whoever completes the most UFOs by November 30<sup>th</sup> will get the pot at the Christmas party. The more members who join, the bigger the kitty. Meow! Rules and entry forms are at the end of the newsletter and will be posted to the website. We'll be ready to take your UFO forms and entry fee at both the May and June guild meetings.

If you went to the retreat, bring your projects to Show and Tell. And even if you didn't attend the retreat, you can still bring something to show. What is Kawandi Quilting? You'll learn more at June's guild meeting.

The LWR library is looking for more quilting classes. If you're interested in teaching, reach out to me ([kimhodge509@gmail.com](mailto:kimhodge509@gmail.com)) and I'll put you in touch with them.

Our April speaker, Michael Nardi of Bryn Mawr Quilts, is coming back in January and he loved us so much that joined our guild! See you in May!

# Community Service

A big thank you to all the ladies who made dog beds and cat mats for April. We were able to donate 44 dog beds and 14 cat mats to the Humane Society today. This is the largest donation since March '24 which proves that we have all been busy sewing recently.

Sorry we ran out of dog bed covers at the last meeting. We will be sure to have plenty available for the May meeting. We are looking for donations Of heavier fabric to make the covers if anyone has fabric laying around. We were very productive at our recent community service meeting. We had 14 ladies participate and we were able to sandwich 24 quilts. We ran out of batting but continued to match quilt tops to backing fabric for future quilts. Thanks to all who attended.

Our next community service day will be Wednesday May 14 at 10am. We will be meeting at Fairlane Acres Club House, 819 49 th Avenue Terrace West. Our plan for the May community service is to cut 2 ½ inch strips for jellyroll kits. If anyone has an accuquilter for cutting 2 ½ strips please bring it.

Thanks to the ladies who recently contributed quilt tops and to the ladies who quilted and bound quilts that were waiting to be completed. We understand that not everyone is able to attend the community service day each month but it means a lot to participate in working on quilts for the community in any form.

There will be quilt tops to be quilted and bound at the community service table at the May meeting. Also dog beds will be available.

Questions????

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**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Round Robin skill builder demos

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**Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Beginning Quilting Class Session 4 from 9:30am – 12:30pm  
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**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Kawandi Quilting with Katherine Vance and Sally Cook, followed by Board members First/Worst Quilt and progression to the latest quilt.  
UFO 2025 Challenge kicks off. All entries must be received by this date.

**Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Kawandi Quilting workshop from 12:00pm – 5:00pm  
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**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning Quilting Class Session 5 from 9:30am – 12:30pm  
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**Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning Quilting Class Session 6 FINAL class from 9:30am – 12:30pm  
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**Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** – Ice cream social, details TBD

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**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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Shelia Walker

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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.

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Contact June Cannon 941-405-5365 for information

**Seaside Quilters** We meet at Christ Church at 4030 Manatee Ave. W. In Bradenton on Mondays from 9:00-12:00. Mondays from 9-12. All are welcome. Contact Mary Lewis at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com for information.

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**Spirit Quilters** Toale Brothers Celebration of Life Center, 4310 Solutions Lane  
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