

# Patchwords

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January 2026

## President's Corner

Happy New Year! Time moves so quickly. A new year brings a fresh start with new goals and plans. Of course, mine is always to get more things completed, especially in my sewing room. Time with friends and family, especially my precious grands, is always a priority.

If you have not done so, it is time to renew your guild membership. Please print and complete the form to assist with our files. The membership forms can be found on our website and in this month's newsletter.

We are getting closer to our retreat. Our committee is working hard to make this the best retreat yet. To check your balance due, please email Judy Bennett as she will be quite busy at our January meeting.

Finally, remember our own Michael Nardi will be at our January meeting. Guests are welcome, we ask that they provide a \$5 donation.

Happy Quilting

Susan Fickey

***"It's a new year, time to start a new quilt ... I'll probably never finish!"***



## January 5th Meeting

Happy New Year, Manatee Patchworkers! The holiday party was a huge success! The winner of the UFO Challenge was Meredith Repassy, with Judy Bennet coming in as a close second. The 2026 UFO Challenge will start in June and will be headed by Lori Zinsmeister and Mary Beth Horn.

We are starting the new year off with the one and only, Michael Nardi! He'll be talking about everything that's going on in his orbit AND he'll be teaching his Hope Floats workshop on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember, this sold-out workshop is an AFTERNOON class from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Central Library in Bradenton.

February's meeting will welcome Elissa Ziccardi. If you've signed up for her workshop and can't make it, it's imperative you cancel by JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> as that will give those on the waiting list time to gather supplies. She will NOT honor any new students after January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Stay Salty!

Deb Phillips & Kim Hodge



## Tips and Tricks

Running sewing needles through soap keeps them from gumming up with adhesives.

Love of Quilting

## Community Service

Happy New Year to all our fellow quilters! Let's have a busy year with lots of fun sewing and learning new Techniques, and community service.

In December the guild donated 20 cat mats and 11 dog beds to the Humane Society of Manatee County and 31 quilts to Guardian Ad Litem.

We will have our next community service meeting Wednesday, Jan 14 at 10am. We will be meeting at Fairlane Acres located at 819 49<sup>th</sup> Ave Terrace West in Bradenton. We will be adding batting and backing to quilt tops that have been donated.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following members:

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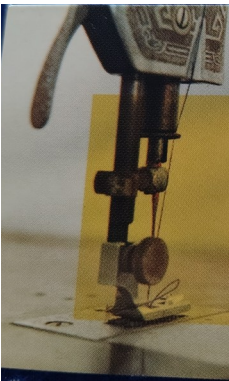


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<b>Tue, Jan 7<sup>th</sup></b> 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Hope Floats with Michael Nardi Central Library 1301 Barcarrota Blvd W Bradenton, FL 34205
<b>Mon, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Elissa Ziccardi Presentation
<b>Tue, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Time TBD	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Elissa Ziccardi Venue TBD
<b>Mon, Mar 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Julia McLeod presentation
<b>Tue, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Time TBD	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Julia McLeod Venue TBD
<b>Mon, Apr 6</b>	Susan Brown presentation
<b>Tue, Apr 7<sup>th</sup></b> Time TBD	<b>WORKSHOP</b> Susan Brown Venue TBD
<b>Mon, May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Round Robin Demos

### *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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# 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

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