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April 2025

President's Corner

Hello Quilty Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying National Quilting Month by participating in the Shop Hop, sewing at cottage groups, with friends, and of course, our retreat. Our board has been very busy. It takes many volunteer hours to keep our guild running smoothly. I really appreciate all these hard-working friends. Many of you benefited from the efforts of our Community Service team at the fabric sale. It was very successful!

One of my favorite activities is helping prepare for our retreat. One of our new adventures is a beginning quilt class. Kim worked hard and was rewarded with a full class three hours after it opened.

We will be updating our membership form to include a line for Facebook profile name. Many use a different name, and we want to be able to include all members in our private page.

We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the March meeting. Be sure to return in April for our speaker Michael Nardi. He will have items for purchase afterwards.

Happy Quilting!

Susan Fickey

"What happens at quilt retreat, stays at quilt retreat!"



April 7th Meeting

April's meeting brings us Michael Nardi from Bryn Mawr Quilts in Chicago, and the next day he's teaching a workshop on his [Connecting Ribbons pattern](#)! This class is full, however if you still want to be on the waiting list, please let me know ASAP. You can call, text or email me (509-993-4937, kimhodge509@gmail.com). There's a pretty good chance we'll be able to find a spot for you. Don't forget to follow Bryn Mawr Quilts on Facebook so you can see what he's all about. Michael will also be bringing his pop-up shop, so you'll have time to shop after the lecture. After the meeting, we'll need help setting up the church for the next day's workshop, so please give us a hand if you're able.

During the last board meeting, we voted not to have Show and Tell when we have a paid speaker as there simply isn't enough time. So, no Show and Tell in April. We will, however, have a Super Show and Tell in the fall!

Just a reminder that the guild will be teaching a series of [Beginning Quilting classes](#) at the LWR branch of Manatee County Library starting April 11th. We have volunteers to help students but can always use more assistance. Please reach out if interested. See you in April!

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Community Service

A big thank you to all the ladies who helped with the fabric sale at the February meeting. Your help contributed to its success. The results were better than any of us imagined and well worth the effort! Most of funds raised will go towards batting for our community service quilts.

Our guild members contributed 16 cat mats and 40 dog beds to the Humane Society of Manatee County in March. They were very much appreciated.

We will not be holding a community service day in March due to the Fabric Sale in early March and the guild retreat scheduled March 24 - 27th. We have scheduled our next community service for April 9, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fairlane Acres Club House, 819 49th Avenue Terrace West.

There will be quilt tops to be quilted and bound. Dog beds will also be available before and after the meeting on April 7th.

Questions????

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Tuesday, April 8th – Connecting Ribbons Workshop with Michael Nardi, 9:30 – 2:00pm Oneco Hope Global Methodist Church at 2112 53rd Ave E, Bradenton

Friday, April 11th – Beginning Quilting Class Session 1 from 9:30am – 12:30pm LWR branch Manatee Public Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211

Friday, April 25th – Beginning Quilting Class Session 2 from 9:30am – 12:30pm LWR branch Manatee Public Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211

Monday, May 5th – Round Robin skills demos (cancelled in October 2024)

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.



Tips and Tricks

I use alcohol wipes like the ones you find in first aid kits for cleaning the needle when sewing with fusible applique, so I always keep a few on hand by my sewing machine.

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Like most people my sewing journey started when I was 7 years old. my grandmother put a needle in my hand and began to teach me everything she knew about sewing by hand. I learned how to sew by hand using my coloring books. She would tear out a page and make me sew in the lines practicing stitch length.

Throughout the years I have worn many different hats, trying to find my place in this wondrous world. 13 years ago, I was lost. I was starting over for the first time in my life, having lost everything (talk about a complete failure of my life). I was lying in bed crying and trying to figure out what I wanted to do during what at the time felt like the darkest moment in my life. I was surfing YouTube when I discovered Jenny Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Company! It was her ultimate quilt binding video. You know that moment in your life where God just puts someone in your path to make things click for you? Well, she was my moment! The crying instantly stops and 2 hours later, video after video, I had a plan.

The next day I went to Joann Fabrics on Elston Ave in Chicago IL. to sign up for a learn to sew class. At this point I had never used a sewing machine in my life! I went one to take more classes and quilting became my whole world! I was so successful that my mentor Marilyn Baker who was the Education Director hired me as her Assistant Education Director only 8 months into my training. She taught me everything I know when it comes to using a sewing machine. Thanks to Jenny Doan and Marilyn Baker, two of the strongest women I know brought me out of my darkness. I owe my journey to them!

13 years later I'm a pattern writer, I have been published and continuing to be published for my quilt pattern, and I'm a successful quilt instructor. Who knew that an Italian boy from the South-side of Chicago would end up where I am? I thank God every day for shining his light on me through this amazing craft. Someone asked me once why quilting and I said, "Because through quilting I found myself again."

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.

Quilters Gatherings Braden River Library 1-4 p.m. every second Tuesday.
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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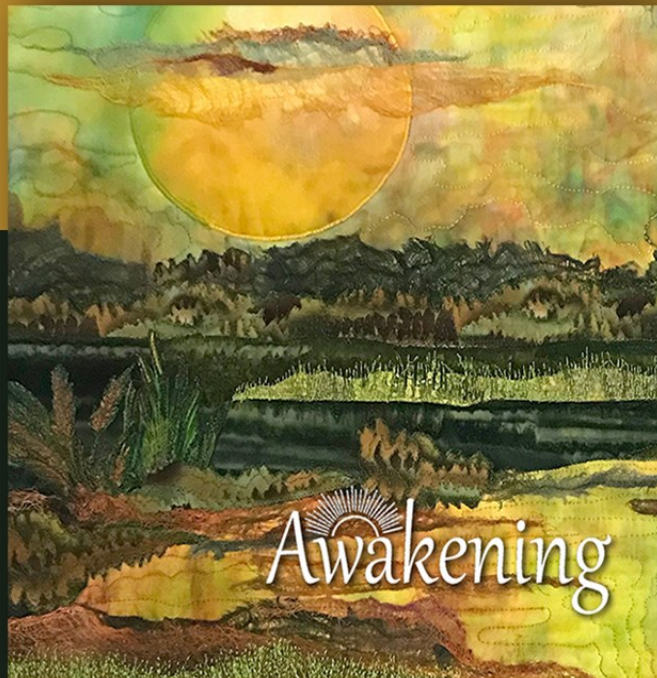
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