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April 2024

President's Corner

Hello Quilty Friends,

I hope March has been good for all of you. Anyone else enjoying the Florida Shop Hop? This is the first year I have participated. I am enjoying visiting new shops. So far, Farm Girl Quilting in Fort Meade has been the biggest surprise. We are still solidifying our quilt show location and, it looks like we will be going with Harvest UMC instead of the convention center. This allows us to keep the same dates, but we will need to amend how we manage other things given it is a church. I hope to have everything completed so I can report to you at the April meeting.

Speaking of the April meeting, DON'T MISS IT! Our program will be presented by our quilt judge, Beverly Fine. I have learned so much listening to her as she judges quilts. She always shares the positives about the quilt along with suggestions for improvement. Be sure to send me your reservations so we can prepare the room for everyone. Along with knowing the number of chairs we need; we also make decisions as to the setting up of our guild tables. We want to include everyone who would like to attend.

There was a question on the President's Challenge for the show. This can be a memory from any holiday. It should be no larger than 36" square.

Finally, now that you have read down to the bottom, I want to give you the chance to win a prize. Find me at the meeting and say the word "COTTAGE GROUP." I will give you a ticket to win a prize just from me. Let's support all the work June does by reading her email each month.

Happy Quilting!

Susan

"Put your foot down and quilt."

April 1 Meeting

Our April meeting will be an informative one featuring Beverly Fine speaking about what judges look for when judging quilt shows; there will be a slide show and lots of useful tips—and not just for shows! It's also month 4 for this year's UFO challenge for those taking part. We always want to see those as well as your other recent projects for Show and Tell! And don't forget your Community Service projects; drop yours off or pick up something to take home to work on. Our donor-quilt tickets will be available from Darlene at the library table—we hope every member will take four sets of six tickets. Fill them out for your friends as well as yourself! This is our most important fundraiser that helps the guild meet expenses. And as always, check out our upcoming classes and quilting opportunities in our cottage groups!

To reserve your seat at the guild meeting send a text to Susan Fickey 941-920-1962, and she will confirm your attendance.

Community Service

Our next Community Service Workshop will be **Thursday, April 11, 10:00-2:00, at Fair Lane Acres clubhouse, 819 49th Ave Ter W.** We'll be layering quilts again, so we'll need lots of "hands".for choosing, piecing & ironing backing, layering the "sandwiches" and bagging the kits. Please bring regular sewing supplies - including scissors! We'll have cutting mats, rotary cutters, rulers, irons & ironing boards.

In March, we were able to donate 20 dog beds & 15 cat mats to Manatee County Humane Society. Thanks to all who returned your scraps in dog bed covers - this monthly donation helps us maintain our 501c3 tax-exempt status.

As usual, dog bed covers & ready-to-quilt kits will be available at the Community Service table before & after the monthly meeting.

Contact Carolee Cuba (585-739-1896 - caroleecuba@gmail.com) with any questions.

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Check out the Library page on our website. There is a link there to a library list, and you can email our librarian, Darlene Schwartz at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com, and request a book that you can pick up at the next meeting—we have lots of books, and Darlene cannot put them all out for meetings, so take a look at the list, which is updated regularly.

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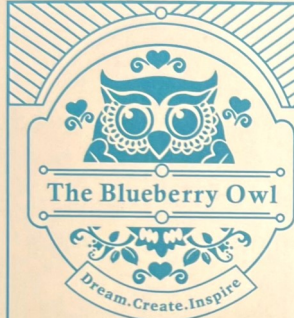
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2024 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Monday, April 1—Beverly Fine, “Do You See What I See?” a look at judging criteria valuable for our upcoming show

Saturday, April 6—Sheila Walker Mosaic workshop, Oneco church

Monday, May 6—Everything you want to know about longarming

Monday, June 3—Meet the board and volunteers and learn what it takes to run our guild and all its activities

June ?—date TBA—One Block Wonder workshop with Darlene Schwartz

Monday, July 1—Guild social, snacks and drawings, UFO final and prize drawing—enjoy socializing and make new friends!

Monday, August 5—Time TBA—Community Service workshop

Monday, September 2—Super Show & Tell and more

September ?—date TBA—Hand quilting with Katherine Vance

Monday, October 7—Skills Round Robin, subjects TBA

Monday, November 11—note change of date to second Monday! Last-minute show prep and volunteer signups

Monday, December 2—Annual Holiday Party—volunteer party planners needed! This is your opportunity to grab a couple of friends and plan a memorable holiday party!



Tips and Tricks

For your specialty rulers, use a binder clip to attach the instructions to the ruler when you are not using them.

2024 Board of Directors

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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.

Quilters Gatherings Braden River Library 1-4 p.m. every second Tuesday.
Contact June Cannon 941-405-5365 for information

Seaside Quilters Meets at Annunciation Church on Holmes Beach on Mondays from 9-12. All are welcome. Contact Mary Lewis at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com for information.

Sewcialites South County Library, Bradenton on the 4th Saturday 9a.m.-3p.m. Contact Shelia Walker at 941-275-7899

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 Stitches Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse every 1st and 3rd Friday from 10am -2pm. The Clubhouse address is 810 49th Ave Terrace, Bradenton.
All are welcome. Contact: Rita Wright. 847-226-8201



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If you know of a guild member who needs some sunshine or special recognition, please let Jeanie McLaughlin know so she send a card. mjijetoo@aol.com

We encourage support of those who support our guild with their advertisement in our newsletter and web pages!

Please avoid using scented products on meeting nights to help our members with allergies breathe a little



*“Mosaic” Class with Sheila Walker
Saturday, April 6, 9:00-3:00
At Oneco Hope Methodist Church
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This pattern by Donna Jordan makes a simple but interesting quilt. Sheila has Donna’s permission to provide the pattern to workshop participants, so choose your favorite colors and make it for yourself or for a gift. If you were unable to attend the 2023 class because of its popularity, now’s your chance! And there’s room for you if you weren’t on the waiting list, too, but don’t wait too long! It will be a fun day with your fellow guild members, and you can make piles of blocks for a colorful quilt that will go together in a flash! These blocks would also make a great table runner or pillow. A supply list will be available on our website, www.manateepatchworkers.org, and you can contact Sheila at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com if you have questions.

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month, we meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at Perkins on SR41 and our meeting begins at 7 p.m. Join us for dinner or come just for the board meeting. Please contact Susan Fickey (941-920-1962) and she will add your name to our reservations.



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