

# Patchwords

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December 2023

## President's Corner

Friends,

It is with mixed feelings that I write this message. This is my last one as your president. I have enjoyed serving alongside all of you and plan to remain very active. I'll be helping Susan whom I'm sure will make a fantastic president.

I'm sure that those of you who missed the retreat have heard all about it. I enjoyed every minute as I'm sure everyone else did. It took me two weeks to recover from all the fun and excitement. Thanks, Sue and Susan!

The board has decided on a date for our Quilt Show. It will be November 15-16, 2024, at the Bradenton Convention Center. Susan is chairing the show and will need help from EVERYONE of you. There are ways each of you can help. You may have noticed; I've mentioned Susan's name twice in this message. Please help her any way you can. She has two huge jobs ahead of her.

The Guild will again be doing the display case at the South Manatee Library for January. Jeanie McLaughlin has agreed to chair this project. She needs people to volunteer for setup on December 29 at 9:00 am and with take down on January 30 at 9:00 am. She needs small quilt related items like quilts, wall hangings, totes, tools, etc.etc.etc. Give her a call (941) 794-2056 or (603)986-0068 to help or have questions.

We are currently taking dues and membership forms for 2024. You **must** fill out a new form each year, and if you have made any changes, please show that on the form. There will be highlighters at the meetings to help you with this task. That will make it so much easier for the membership services committee.

PLEASE get your reservation in to Susan Fickey as soon as you can. The reservations that came late last month made it exceedingly difficult to get set up for you. The church needs to know set up details the Thursday before the meeting. See you December 4th.

Hugs and chocolate,  
Sheila



*"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." -Dr. Seuss*

## December 4 Meeting

*Our December meeting will be our annual holiday party! This year we'll have a Holiday Show & Tell, so bring those holiday projects you're working on. For those who signed up to bring homemade cookies, put a dozen in each of two zipper bags, mark "nuts" or "no nuts," and we'll put one dozen out for the party and you'll get a number so you can choose a dozen of someone else's to take home with you.*

*If you want to take part in a gift exchange, bring a wrapped quilt- or sewing-related gift costing between \$9 and \$11. You'll get to take one home with you. There will be door prizes, you'll have time to visit with friends (and make new friends) and we'll have a dice game with lots of small and a few larger prizes. So make a reservation by texting Susan Fickey ASAP so we know how many tables and chairs to set up. Hope to see you there!*



## Community Service

There won't be a Community Service workshop in December - **our next workshop will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, 9-2, at Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse, 810 49th Ave Ter W.** We'll be layering quilts & will need many hands to help.

In November, Manatee County Humane Society received 46 cat mats and 33 dog beds. We are currently sorting and planning for quilt donations to different charities - more info next month. These donations are what help us keep our 501c3 tax exempt status.

We appreciate receiving finished quilts - 20 in November - and quilt tops - 18 last month - and dog beds & cat mats at the Guild meetings. **Please don't bring any donations for Community Service to the December gathering - it's party time!!**

Happy Holidays!

Any questions, contact -

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**Monday, January 8—Cecilia Reid of Pats Sacks will present a trunk show on feedsacks, bring items for sale, and answer your questions**

**Monday, February 5—Molly Waddell, My Quilting Journey trunk show**

**Tuesday, February 6—Molly Waddell stained-glass workshop**

**Monday, March 4—”Strings, Crumbs, & Crazies”**

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

### *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 Sheila Walker (941-275-7899) and she will add your name to our reservations.*

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

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

## Did You Know?

Guild members and your friends can advertise items for sale in the newsletter and on our Guild web site. We advertise non-members equipment in the news letter for free and if they wish to advertise on our web site there is a one time of \$10 fee. Contact June Cannon at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com to advertise equipment you no longer need or want.

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!

## Tips and Tricks

I always keep a lint roller in my sewing area. It's great for picking up lint and stray strings on my cutting mat, around my machine, on my ironing board and, of course, on me!

I found this tip from Cindy Zidzik of New Jersey in American Patchwork and Quilting. When changing a bobbin in your machine, use a removable, 3/8" Avery Color Coding Label to mark the bobbin with the thread brand and color number. It's much easier to match the thread and bobbin. When placing the dot on the bobbin, be sure to catch the thread end – no more loose threads in the bobbin box. You can also use assorted colors to designate the type of thread (polyester, cotton, etc.)

Submitted by: Jennifer DeVivo



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How did you learn about Manatee Patchworkers? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to other guilds? Which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

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