



# Patchwords

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February 2024

## President's Corner

### Hello Quilty Friends,

First, let me start by thanking Mary for her selection of Cecilia Reid of Pat's Sacks. I shared all your wonderful Facebook comments with Mary at our board meeting. I heard many of you thank Cecilia after her presentation and share how much you enjoyed it. Next month, we will welcome Molly Waddell. She will also be hosting a class "Stained Glass Workshop." Come join us at Quilter's Haven on Feb 6 at 10:00 to learn this technique. Class registration forms can be found on our website. Don't forget to make your reservation for our Feb meeting by TEXT to 941-920-1962. (If you are not able to send a text, you are welcome to call and leave a message.)

Recently, I put a poll on Facebook to get a consensus of the best time to schedule quilt show meetings. Our show will be here before we know it and I would like to have monthly meetings. Based on the responses to the poll, we are going to hold the show meetings on the same day/location as our regular monthly meeting. We will meet at the church at 5:00. I know this might not work for everyone, but it is difficult to accommodate all schedules. Our first meeting will focus on Judging/categories, etc. As time allows, we will discuss other areas, but this one is an important one to work on first. I hope to see many of you at our first meeting, Feb 5 at 5:00. Questions? Call me, Susan, on 941-920-1962.

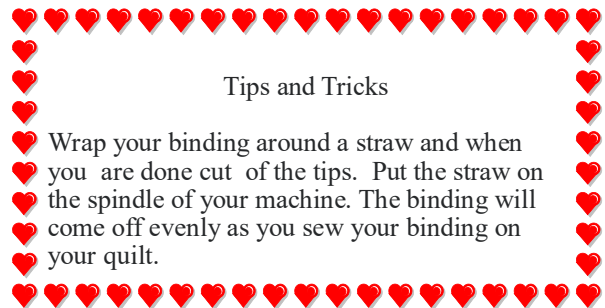
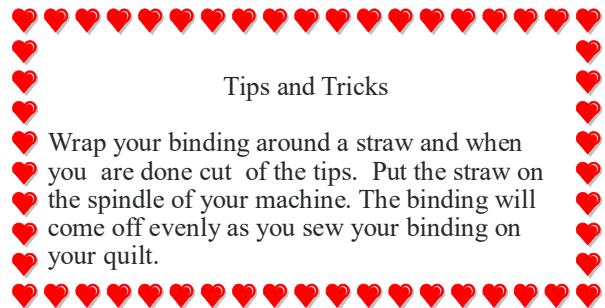
Remember, it is renewal time! If you haven't renewed your membership, please print the application, and bring it with your \$30 fee to the next meeting or mail it to: Manatee Patchworkers Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 356, Bradenton, FL 34206.







Happy Quilting,  
Susan Fickey

*"Every quilter has a masterpiece inside."*

### February 5 Meeting

**Our program for February will be Molly Waddell, who will be presenting a trunk show and speaking about her quilting journey. The day following will feature Molly's stained-glass workshop, with a choice of two patterns, at Quilters' Haven. There is still plenty of space for you to sign up for this workshop, so get your form in as soon as possible! A kit will be available so all you need to round up is fabric from your stash. Bring your UFO projects to show, and we hope to have our donor quilt tickets ready for pickup as well. And there will be Community Service projects to finish, so plan on taking at least one home with you! See you there!**


  
 Tips and Tricks
   


 Wrap your binding around a straw and when
   
 you are done cut off the tips. Put the straw on
   
 the spindle of your machine. The binding will
   
 come off evenly as you sew your binding on
   
 your quilt.
   


## Community Service

Our next Community Service Workshop will be **Thursday, February 8, 10:00-2:00, at Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse, 810 49th Ave Ter W.** We'll be layering quilts, so we'll need many helpers for choosing, piecing & ironing the backings; putting the layers together; & bagging the quilt "sandwiches". There's a fridge & microwave available if you bring your lunch. Please bring your usual sewing supplies; we'll provide rulers, cutting mats, & irons.

In January, Manatee County Humane Society received 16 dog beds and 18 cat mats. **REMINDER: Dog beds should be stuffed with lightweight (quilting) fabrics or batting ONLY!!!** Please do not use heavy fabrics (think canvas, home dec, etc.) or wool. Fabrics should be cut into pieces no bigger than 6" or 7" & "fluffed". There are instructions at the Community Service table. **Cat mats are NOT stuffed - they should be flat,** When a cat is adopted, the "family" is given a temporary crate for transportation - a cat mat is placed inside so that kitty has something to "knead". The mats are also used after surgery for comfort.

As usual there'll be quilt sandwiches that need to be finished and dog bed covers waiting to be stuffed at the Community Service table. Please stop by to pick up one or two, Thanks.

Any questions contact -

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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](mailto: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 will be updated regularly.

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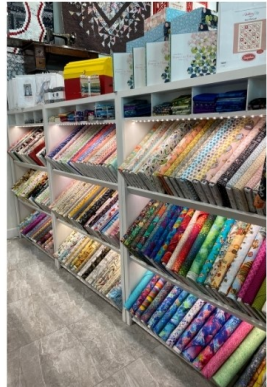
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Tuesday, February 6—Molly Waddell stained-glass workshop at Quilters' Haven

Monday, March 4—"Strings, Crumbs, & Crazy's"—bring your string and crumb quilts to show!

Saturday, March 23—Kim Hodge collage workshop

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, location TBA

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

### 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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# 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

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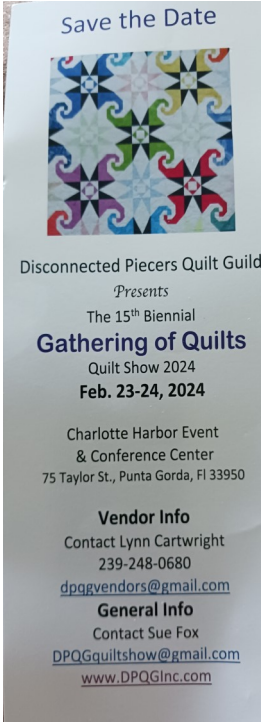
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**Spirit Quilters** Toale Brothers Celebration of Life Center, 4310 Solutions Lane  
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