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January 2024

President's Corner

Hello my Quilty Friends,

A bit of a surprise to me that I am writing the President's Corner of our newsletter. This is not a position I have always dreamed of; however, I am happy to take my turn. We all know the amazing Sheila deserves a break! Let me start by thanking Sheila for her years of service as President. She isn't going anywhere and has promised to assist me in any way she can. I am very thankful to her as well as the rest of the board. This guild is filled with wonderful and caring people, and I look forward to continuing to work with and learn from all of you.

Now on to the business. REMEMBER, our next meeting has been moved back a week due to the holidays. We will meet January 8, 2024. Times remain the same, doors open at 6:30, meeting will begin at 7.

As usual, reservations for the January meeting need to be made to me (Susan) by texting (941) 920-1962. This helps with the set up so we can have a seat ready for you. We welcome guests and as we have a paid presenter, there is a \$5 fee.

The South Manatee Library has once again requested that our guild setup a quilting display at their branch. Special thanks to Jeanie McLaughlin who is chairing the 2024 library display. She will be setting up on December 29 at 9:00 am and taking down the items Jan 30 at 9:00 am. If you can help, please contact her at (941) 794-2056 or (603) 986-0068. Be sure to stop by the South Manatee Library to view our guild's display.

It is time to renew your membership with the guild. You will find the membership application at the bottom of this newsletter. Please copy, complete, and turn it in with your fee of \$30. We ask that you complete a new form each year so we can be sure our records stay up to date.

Happy Quilting,
Susan Fickey

"Enter this new year with a gratitude for this new chance to create your dreams."

~Avina Celeste

January 8 Meeting

Our first meeting of 2024 will feature Cecilia Reid, who will bring a trunk show and talk about feedsacks in the history of quilting. She'll have things for sale and will answer your questions. Also, our Ready for the Show UFO begins in January. If you haven't yet joined this UFO group, you can still sign up! Forms will be available at the meeting, along with flyers, supply lists, and workshop registrations for Molly Waddell's February 6 stained-glass workshop. It's coming up soon, so be sure to get your registration in! Community Service will be looking for your finished projects and will have dog-bed covers and quilts ready to be finished and returned. See you there!

Tips and Tricks

It's time to put your borders on your quilt. If they are not put on properly, did you know you can end up with wavy borders?

The correct way to put borders is to measure the top and bottom of quilt and, the middle. Don't be surprised if you have two to three different measurements, this is normal and what will cause waves in your border.

Add the different measurements together then divide the total by the number of different measurements. The total should be the length of your borders. Once you have your top to bottom borders on repeat this process for the side borders,

Taking this extra step will eliminate wavy borders.

June Cannon

Community Service

After thoughtful discussion, we've decided that we would cancel the Community Service workshop that was originally scheduled for January 11, 2024. The plan was to layer quilts, but after taking inventory we found we have a ton of quilt tops (with batting and backing) that need to be quilted in storage already - there just isn't room for any more right now. So, we are asking **PLEASE** to take one or more of these kits home from the January meeting. Quilt (and bind if you want to) and return at a later meeting.

There are no finished quilts in storage - in December, we were able to donate 65 quilts to Guardian Ad Litem and 35 quilts to Beds 4 Kids Manatee/Sarasota, In addition, His Girls Discipleship received 4 adult quilts, 7 quilts for toddlers, and 2 quilts for twin newborn girls (saw their picture on Facebook - they are just too cute!)

And here's our end-of-the-year info - in 2023, we donated 256 dog beds, 191 cat mats, 10 yards of terry cloth, and 2 sheets to Manatee County Humane Society. Guardian Ad Litem received 150 quilts; Vietnam Veterans of America received 14 quilts, His Girls received a total of 16 quilts and Beds 4 Kids received 35 quilts. Thank you everyone for helping the Guild maintain its status as a 501c3 tax-exempt charity - you're all amazing!!

Happy New Year -

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Library Page

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 will be updated regularly.



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2024 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Monday, January 8—Cecilia Reid of Pats Sacks will present a trunk show on feed sacks, 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”

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.

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Shelia Walker	Jan 4
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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 Stitchers Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse every 1st and 3rd Friday from 10am -2pm. The Clubhouse address is 810 49th Ave Terrace, Bradenton.
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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 newsletter for free and if they wish to advertise on our web site there is a one time fee of \$10. 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

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with Molly Waddell

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Location TBA

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The supply list and a workshop registration form can be found on our website, www.manateepatchworkers.org.

Send with your check to our PO box or bring to the January meeting. Please note on your form which pattern you want. Contact Mary Lewis at

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If you have questions.





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Do you belong to other guilds? Which ones? _____

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