

Patchwords

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March 2023

President's Corner

Friends,

I was so excited to see the enthusiasm for our Christmas in July Auction at the last meeting. I ran out of forms to pass out. Ten items with the appropriate paperwork and labels were turned in. Then last week Laura Lawson gave us 20 items for the auction. Thank you, Laura!

Some of you asked, "Why the paperwork?" There are a couple of reasons. One is that we need to give the pattern designers credit for their creativity. Secondly, the person describing the items during the auction will have sizes and other details to pass to the consumers.

If you are at a loss for what to make for the Christmas in July event, we will have a selection of patterns at our meeting. Two designers have given us permission to copy their patterns for the Guild's use. A big shout out to Jordan Fabrics and Villa Rosa Designs for this wonderful gift.

The auction is scheduled for July 15th. Be sure to put the July 15th on your calendar. We will need lots of help.

I understand registration forms for Quilter's Safari (Manatee Patchworkers Retreat) will be available at the March meeting. Get your reservation in asap. There are a limited number of spaces, and we have so much fun.

Due to the huge number of members we are getting at our meetings, we are beginning to run out of space. We will be moving the registration table outside, weather permitting, and making some other changes to table placements. The last meeting was a little problematic when we had to throw up so many chairs at the last minute. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE get your reservation in to Susan Fickey as soon as you can, so we can alleviate that issue.

See you March 6th.



Hugs and chocolate,
Sheila

"Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air."
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

March 6 Meeting

In March we'll welcome back Diane Murtha for a program called License to Play. She'll have lots of tips on how to make a pattern your own. Her workshop the next day on Fantastic Flowers still has plenty of openings, so download the info from our website and sign up now! Don't forget about dog beds, cat mats, and any Community Service projects you're working on, and be sure to bring your show and tell so you can enjoy the applause for your efforts! Be sure to text Susan Fickey so she will put you on the list for the meeting.

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Community Service

Our next Community Service workshop will be Monday, March 13, 9:30-2:00, at the South Manatee County Library, 6081 26th St W, Bradenton. We will be quilting our "ready-to-quilt" kits. If you're planning to attend, please pick up a kit at the March meeting (March 6). Take it home and get it "sewing machine ready" - baste, spray, pin, mark, etc. Bring it back on the 13th, along with your usual sewing supplies and your machine. There'll be a demo of a simple, easy design for the quilting if you need help deciding on a pattern.

A thank you - to the folks who donated fabric for dog bed covers - we were able to replenish our supply! The Humane Society received 54 dog beds and 62 cat mats in February. These donations enable us to continue to maintain our 501c3 tax exempt status.

And a preview - A while ago, we received a large fabric donation. The fabric includes Northcott - Stonehenge, Harbor Reflections, and Naturescapes - Michael Miller, QT Fabrics, and P & B Fabrics, among others. We will be selling these fabrics at our April meeting at \$5.00 per yard and we're currently measuring and pricing them. Buyers must purchase the whole piece - we do not have the time or space to cut at the meeting. We will have more info next month.

Questions? Contact -

Janice Dentler - 941-720-5403 - mamabear229@gmail.com and
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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.

2023 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Monday, March 6—Diane Murtha, License to Play

**Tuesday, March 7—Diane Murtha, Fantastic Flowers, Leaves & Wings at
Quilters Haven**

Monday, April 3—Community Service fabric sale

Monday, May 1—Improv portraits—fusibles, materials, embellishment

Saturday, May 6—Whimsical portraits using scraps, found objects, etc.

**Monday, June 5—Painting & embellishment, using and taming unusual
fabrics**

Monday, July 3—Snacks and social time, Christmas in July info

Saturday, July 15—Christmas in July online auction of donated quilts Etc.

Monday, August 7—Community Service workshop

**Monday, September 4—All About Color; choosing and combining fabrics,
color wheel basics; special show & tell of favorite quilts and patterns**

Monday, October 2—Skills Round Robin on embellishment

Monday, November 6—Program TBA

Monday, December 4—Annual Holiday Party

*Please wear your name
tag at meetings and workshops so we'll all know
who you are and can get to know you!*

*Please avoid using scented products
on meeting nights to help our mem-
bers with allergies breathe a little*

FOR SALE:

My mother just passed away and she has a less than 1 year old sewing machine if anyone in your group is willing to pay \$150 for it plus all threads and sewing table must pick up as soon as possible - please let me know if any interest .

Laurie J. Chase M: (941) 224-8604





Fantastic Flowers, Leaves & Wings

With Diane Murtha

March 7, 2023, 9:00-4:00

Quilters Haven

925 10th St. E., Palmetto

Do you want to make a wallhanging or art quilt pop? Learn to embellish your quilts with 3-dimensional petals and leaves using Diane's floral-wire technique. The supplies needed are easily found and inexpensive, and you will take home a new technique that can be used in



many ways. You can also use beads or sequins to embellish your 3D flowers, and even do trapunto to make your flower stand

out more! Download the supply list from

www.manateepatchworkers.org, along with a workshop

registration form, and sign up now!

Questions? Contact Mary Lewis at

manateepatchworkers@gmail.com. Visit Diane's website at

www.dianeLmurtha.com.

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.

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

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.

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. More changes will be on the way later.

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.

For Calendar of quilting events may be found on the link below, the Florida Quilt Network Newsletter:

<http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/>

Membership Renewals

Please check with the Membership Directors (Sue Baker or Sally Cook) to confirm that your membership renewals applications have been updated for this year. We are in the process of verifying who has not renewed their membership and your assistance has been requested.

If you paid your renewal dues, but did not complete a renewal application we require all members to complete a new application every year as the forms are our record of all active members. This year's application has been updated to include emergency contact information.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUCTION

Item Donation Form

Thank you very much for supporting the Manatee

Patchworkers Quilt Guild!

Donation Guidelines:

Any handmade item, any size

Include a label. Please attach a Manatee Patchworkers label if space permits. You may also include a personal label with your name and date if you wish. Also, if not an original design please include the designers' information/pattern name (this is required for us to sell the item). It does not need to be permanently attached, it can be pinned to the back of the item or placed in a pocket.

If it is a home décor item, please don't forget a hanging method, sleeve, corners or maybe a cute ribbon.

Please add a few comments. It will greatly help the presenter to have a few notes to help sell your item. For example, made from donated fabric; 100% cotton batting; Insul-brite batting; number of pockets; strap length, made with help from my grandchild, etc. Any little tidbit to add some pizzazz to our show!



Makers Name & Phone # (in case we have questions)

Item Type (Quilt, Bag, Wall Hanging, Pillow, etc.)

Item Name (eg. "Hot Flashes" by Cozy Quilt Designs or "Clam Up" by ByAnnie)

Item Size (W x L or W x L x D. Also Crib, Throw, Queen etc. if applicable)

Comments about your item

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