

# Patchwords

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March 2024

## President's Corner

### Hello Quilty Friends,

Happy March Quilting Friends,  
Wow! We had a wonderful turnout for the Quilt Show meeting. Thanks to everyone who came and shared ideas. Katherine, Deb, and I met the following week and fine turned those ideas into a plan for judging. We will share that with everyone soon, although there will be new awards that will be left a surprise.

As many of you have heard by now, the convention center is under construction. The walking path from the main parking lot would cross the four lane Haben Blvd, go down the sidewalk and cross Haben again. We are extremely concerned about the safety of this plan and are looking into alternative locations as well as communicating with the convention center. We will update you when we know more. Opportunity Tickets are available, however, if our venue needs to change, the tickets will need to reflect this, and the board will make this adjustment.

**Quilt Show President's Challenge:** Since this year's show is just before the holidays, my challenge to you is to create a quilt that is no larger than 36" square and depicts your favorite holiday memory. Don't miss our April meeting as our judge, Beverly Fine, will be speaking.

To conserve space in the newsletter, we are going to make the "For Sale" items an attachment in the email. You are also welcome to make a post on our Facebook page for these items. Be sure to monitor your post and respond to comments.

Remember to send me your reservations for each meeting at 941-920-1962. We look forward to seeing everyone in March!

Happy Quilting!  
Susan Fickey

*"Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort."*

### March 4 Meeting

*Our March meeting will be a program cancelled when Hurricane Ian blew through—Strings, Crumbs, & Crazy's. I'll have a number of sample blocks to pass around; but we'd love to see your string and crumb quilts as part of our program; and if anyone has a crazy quilt to show, that would be great! We'll discuss how you can "bust your stash" to make wonderful quilts, so be prepared to put your hand up and share your ideas as well! Bring your UFOs if you've signed up for our newest UFO program, and any Community Service finished items. Darlene will have donor-quilt tickets at the library table for our wonderful quilt, so pick up lots for yourself and your friends! Anyone would love to be the lucky winner!*

**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, March 14, 10:00 to 2:00, at Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse, 819 49th Ave Ter W.** Once again, we'll be layering quilts. There are several job opportunities - choosing and piecing backing; some ironing; layering the three layers; bagging the "kits". We'll have cutting mats, rulers, and irons & ironing boards available - please bring scissors, rotary cutters and your lunch.

20 dog beds & 41 cat mats were donated in February to Manatee County Humane Society. As usual, dog bed covers will be available at the Community Service table, along with ready-to-quilt kits, before and after our meeting. Our donations help maintain our status as a 5013c tax-exempt organization

Have to send a big "thank you" to the best members ever - 14 quilt tops & 19 finished quilts were turned in at the February meeting. Last month's workshop "crew" layered 21 quilt tops & matched backing to several more. Give yourselves a hand!!

Contact Carolee Cuba (585-739-1896 - [caroleecuba@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 is updated regularly.

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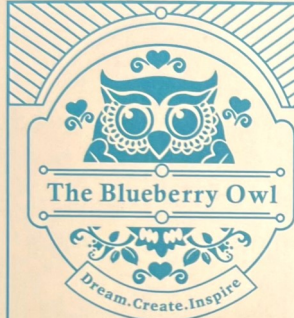
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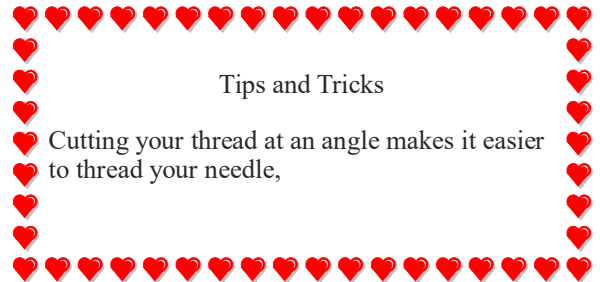
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## **2024 Upcoming Programs and Workshops**

**Monday, March 4—”Strings, Crumbs, & Crazyies”—bring your string and crumb and crazy 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**

**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! 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!**

# 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 Stitches** 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



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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](mailto:mjijetoo@aol.com)**





*Collage Class with Kim Hodge  
Saturday, March 23, 9:00-2:30  
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*Have you admired Laura Heine's collage quilts and wanted to try one for yourself but felt intimidated? Now's your chance! Buy the Laura Heine pattern of your choice that is no bigger than 45" by 45" (the photo above is only one choice of many) and bring it to Kim's class along with a selection of fabrics from your stash and create your own unique small quilt. There is some advance preparation for this workshop, so download and read through the supply list and class prep and be ready to go on class day. There is plenty of room for creativity, and you'll love the result! Go to our website, [www.manateepatchworkers.org](http://www.manateepatchworkers.org), to download the supply list and a workshop signup or pick up at the next meeting. You'll find Kim's contact information on the supply list if you have any questions for her.*



*“Mosaic” Class with Sheila Walker  
Saturday, April 6, 9:00–3:00  
At Oneco Hope Methodist Church  
2112 53rd Ave. E., Bradenton*

*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](http://www.manateepatchworkers.org), and you can contact Sheila at [manateepatchworkers@gmail.com](mailto:manateepatchworkers@gmail.com) if you have questions.*