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May 2024

President's Corner

Hi Quilty Friends,

Can you believe we are preparing for our fifth meeting of 2024? Thank you to all who attended our April meeting. We had a full house! It was wonderful hearing from our judge, Beverly Fine. She shared information with us on how the judge views the quilt. It was informative; however, I have heard that a few in attendance are now concerned about putting a quilt in the show. They felt that their quilt wouldn't be "good enough." Beverly would never want to give us that impression. She does encourage us to strive to present a quilt that demonstrates our best skills, wherever we are in our quilting journey.

I have had the opportunity to listen to her as she judges and she is incredibly positive, acknowledges the skills done well, and gives suggestions for areas that can be improved. All these comments will be returned to you in a sealed envelope. It is your choice to open and read that report.

Speaking of the quilt show, plans are coming along. Deb Teeling has a floor plan and Carol Lipp is working on vendors. Our space is about half that of the convention center, but we are determined to make it work! The next area we could use help with is finding a couple of food trucks. If you would like to help schedule this, let us know.

As usual, don't forget to text me with your reservation for the May 6th meeting. This meeting will feature information on longarm quilting. Remember, Hope Methodist is collecting nonperishable food, school supplies and clothes including school uniforms, socks etc.

More information is in the newsletter. Yes, that wonderful newsletter the amazing June Cannon works so hard on each month. Looking for the clue word? Strawberries.

Happy Quilting,
Susan Fickey

"Quilts aren't greedy, they are just materialistic."

May 6 Meeting

Our May meeting will feature guild members with longarm machines who have quilting businesses or use their machines just for themselves. They will speak about their experience, the learning curve, the plusses and minuses of longarms, and what you need to provide when you take a quilt to a professional longarmer. It's sure to be informative and useful! In addition, be sure to pick up your donor-quilt tickets from Darlene at the library table, and bring your completed community-service projects or pick one up to take home and finish. Don't forget your show and tell—we always look forward to that! Your 2024 UFOs are first in line for show and tell. Plus, the church always appreciates donations for their food pantry. And wear your nametag—we have acquired several nice new prizes, so will have a drawing this month!

Community Service

Our next Community Service Workshop will be Thursday, May 9, 10:00-2:00, Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse, 819 49th Ave Ter W. Since we have quite a few of ready-to-quilt kits in storage (including 23 that were layered at the April workshop!), we'll be doing a sit-in-sew. Sheila Walker will share a technique for creating a "Big Block" with two coordinating fat quarters - 4 of these blocks make a great quilt for a little tyke. To make all four blocks, bring 8 coordinating fat quarters, your usual sewing supplies (plenty of pins Sheila says), sewing machine and extension cords. We'll have ironing and cutting stations set up.

At the April meeting, 16 finished quilts were turned in. Is it possible that 16 (or more!) to-be-quilted kits will be "adopted" at the May meeting? Eileen Barchi has graciously volunteered her time and talent to finish several of the lovely kits in storage so they can be enjoyed. Thank you, Eileen!

We were able to donate 50 dog beds and 50 cat mats to the Manatee County Humane Society in April. The puppies were grateful to those who recycled their fabric & batting scraps to fill all those dog bed covers, but they reminded everyone NO FOAM!!!! which includes Bosal and Soft and Stable.

Cat mats, dog bed covers, and those to-be-quilted kits are available at the Community Service table before and after the meeting.

Contact Carolee Cuba (585-739-1896, 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, 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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2024 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

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—your chance to take part!

June 8—One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Class with Darlene Schwartz at Fairlane Acres clubhouse

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 7—Hand quilting with Katherine Vance at Bits & Pieces

Monday, October 7—Skills Round Robin, subjects TBA

Monday, November 11—note change of date to second Monday! Last-minute show prep and volunteer signups

November 14, show setup; show November 15-16

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!

Calling all members! We will be having a Quilters Yard Sale at our quilt show in November 2024. I am looking for donations of quilting related items and fabric that you no longer want or need. I am looking for quilt shop quality fabric and notions that you want to give to your guild and we will sell at the show in November. If you could hold on to these items over the summer and I will start collecting at the September and October meetings. I live in a small house and have little storage. This is not to be confused with Consignment table of our show where you will receive part of the money from the sale. This is a donation. If you have any questions please contact me at the number on our membership list.

Thank you
Sandy Routhier

Tips and Tricks

The last sliver of soap may be used as a marker on most colors. This is a tip that has been verified by Fons and Porter of Love of Quilting

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One-Block Wonder Panel Quilts Class

With Darlene Schwartz

Saturday, June 8, 9:00-3:00

At Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse

810 49th Ave Terrace, Bradenton

Class Supply List

- **Required text:** *One-Block Wonder Panel Quilts* by Maxine Rosenthal and Nancy Miller (available on Amazon)
- 7 repeats of a fabric panel. **DO NOT PRE-WASH THE FABRIC!!!!** (Bits and Pieces in Bradenton has panels on sale and if you like one that isn't on sale there will be a discount for members taking the class.)
- Rotary Cutting tools - mat, rotary cutter, rulers - one long, one short, and one a 60 degree ruler
- Flower Pins. These pins lay flat; flat enough for a ruler to be over them and the ruler will still be flat against the fabric
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Wooden pressing tool or small iron
- Design wall (can be piece of flannel or batting, foam core covered with flannel or batting, or flannel backed table cloth)

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
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Fair Lane Stitches Fair Lane Acres Clubhouse every 1st and 3rd Friday from 10am –3pm. The Clubhouse address is 810 49th Ave Terrace, Bradenton.
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