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June 2026

President's Corner

Dear Quilty Friends,

Did you come home from our May meeting with an arm load of fabric? There will be more sales in the future. We have moved approximately 45 boxes of fabric that have yet to be sorted and measured to our new, temporary storage unit. Again, a huge thank you to Katherine Vance and Deb Teeling for all their work on this donation. They are a dynamic duo!

I know everyone enjoyed starting the May meeting a bit earlier. It was surprising to end the meeting when it was still light out! While that won't happen all the time, we are going to change our start time to 6:30 later this year. We will inform everyone when this change goes into effect. The earlier start should make it easier for many members to hear the full program from our amazing speakers.

Our July auction is approaching. So many of you have been generous in your donations. The auction will be held on July 11. Let Robin Fouraker know if you are available to help with this project.

Other dates to know: We will NOT have a regular meeting in July. Enjoy our nation's 250th anniversary with your family. Our September meeting lands on Labor Day so we are going to move it back a week to August 31st. Our December holiday party will be on a different date and location. More info on that to come. Happy Quilting,
Susan Fickey

"I'm a fabriholic on the road to recovery. Just kidding, I'm on the road to the fabric store!"



Hi MPG Friends,

As we wind down for the summer months, remember, we still have a lot going on in the Guild!

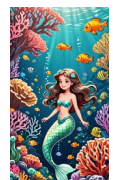
At our June meeting, we will host a Round Robin. If you haven't been to one before, let me explain. We have one member at each of four stations. Before we start, we will ask everyone to count off 1-4, and based on your number, that is the station you will start at. Each presentation will be 15 mins long with one minute to get from one station to the next. Very active and loads of fun! You won't want to miss this meeting.

We are still working hard on Auction items and will have a Sit & Sew day, Tues, June 2 at the LWR Library. The Auction will be July 14, so we need to get these items completed. I have seen some of the items being donated, and you will want to invite all your friends, family and co-workers so they can also pick up some great purchases. For more information about the Auction and how you can help, reach out to Robalee.

As you know, July 4th is America's 250th Anniversary, and so you can enjoy the full weekend with family and friends, we won't be having a meeting in July.

Stay Quilty!

Deb Phillips & Kim Hodge



Note from the Editor:

Robin has requested that everyone complete a Christmas in July form (found in this newsletter) for the items you are donating. Please include as much information as possible, even short stories about why and/or how you choose to make the items you are donating for the auction. Robin has indicated it actually helps with the sales.

Community Service

We delivered 25 dog beds and 10 cat mats to the Humane Society of Manatee County this month. Thanks for your donations. nine ladies attended the community service group in May. 44 quilts were sandwiched together. That was a great accomplishment for one meeting. We truly appreciate you ladies who participated!

Our next community service workshop will be held Wednesday June 10 at Fairlane Acres. The clubhouse is located at 819 49th Ave west Bradenton.

Quilts for quilting and binding as well as dog beds and cat mats will be available at the community service table at the next meeting in June.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the following members:

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 Deb Teeling (seasonal member) 860-308-1012 debteeling@yahoo.com
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Cottage-group coordinator: Jennifer DeVivo
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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 941 302 1402. .

Seaside Quilters We meet at Christ Church at 4030 Manatee Ave. W. In Bradenton on Mondays from 9:00-12:00. All are welcome. Contact Mary Lewis at manateepatchworkers@gmail.com for information.

Sewcialites South County Library, Bradenton on the 4th Saturday 9a.m.-1p.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
The Clubhouse address is 810 49th Ave Terrace, Bradenton.
1st and 3rd Friday from 10am –3pm. All are welcome. Contact: Rita Wright. 847-226-8201

Saturday Stitchers Flash, Sew & Quilt,
935 N Beneva Rd, #201, Sarasota. Open sew. Every 3rd Saturday from 10:30 - 3pm.
Maximum of 15 people. Contact: Kim Hodge 509-993-4937

Lakewood Ranch Stitchers Lakewood Ranch Townhall North, 8310 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. The 1st, 3rd, and 4th Mondays of each month from 9am to 12 noon. Please contact Theresa Langston at minnielang@hotmail.com or on her cell 215-771-1150. Maximum number of 20 people.



Debbie	Van Berkel	6/4
Jeanie	McLaughlin	6/8
Deborah	Phillips	6/19
Teresa	Whalen	6/20
Susan	Jorena	6/24
Debra	Salisbury	6/25
Beryl Ann	Sly	6/25

Everyone will appreciate your cell phone being placed on vibrate or turned off during meetings and classes!



If you know of a guild member who needs some sunshine or special recognition, please let Susan Taylor know so she send a card.
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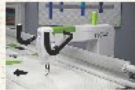
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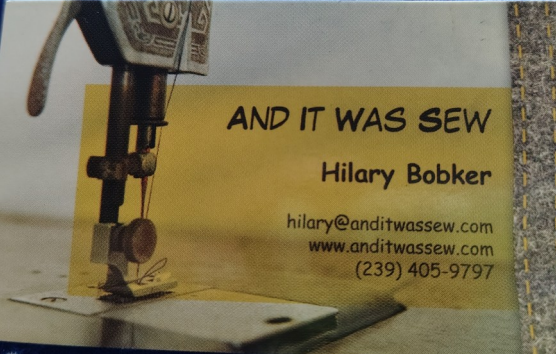


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2026 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Date	Time/Address	Event
Mon, June 1	7pm	Round Robin – We will have 4 presenters: One Block Wonder, Foundation Paper Piecing, Non-traditional quilt block, and Memory Bears
Tues, June 2	9:30am - 4:30pm 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211	Sit & Sew - Let's make items for our Quilt Auction Lakewood Ranch Library
July 6		NO Meeting



Workshop Registration

Register for workshops early! Use the form online and mail with your check to the PO box or bring to a meeting. Our workshops are open to all quilters, so to ensure your place, register early. Please use a separate form for each workshop.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY AUCTION

Item Donation Form

*Thank you very much for supporting the
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Donation Guidelines:

Any handmade item, any size

Please include 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)

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Comments about your item

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Manatee Patchworkers Quilt Guild 2026 UFO Challenge 1 June – 30 November 2026

The UFO (unfinished objects) challenge is a great way to motivate yourself to finish your PHDs (projects half done). The buy in is \$25 and you must be paid in full by June 1st. The guild member with the most completed UFO's by November 30th will receive the pot at the Christmas party in December. Should there be a tie, the pot will be split. If no one completes the minimum requirement of 6 projects, the kitty will carry over to the UFO challenge in 2027. We have faith in you that this won't happen!

RULES FOR UFO CHALLENGE

1. A UFO is defined as an object that you have ALREADY STARTED but have NOT FINISHED. It does not include projects that you have not yet started. We are not the quilt police, so this is on the honor system.

TYPES of UFOs

- **UFO Quilts:** Minimum size 30" x 40." Must be quilted, have a binding, and labeled to be considered finished. You may include quilts from guild workshops or any kits you have started as of June 1st.
2. UFOs become FINISHED when they are in their final form. For example, if a QUILT is entered, it must be **quilted, bound, and contain a LABEL**. Quilt tops "only" are not finished. If it does not meet these criteria, then please wait to declare it finished until it is truly finished.
 3. You must give a name to your UFO because we need to be able to identify which project to mark off your list as finished. For example, you enter a quilt that you name The Owl Quilt because it can be identified a few months from now by that name even though the label reads "Donna's Owl Quilt."
 4. The **DEADLINE** to submit UFO entry forms and entry fee is **MONDAY, JUNE 1st**. If you can't make it to the June meeting, you can mail your check and submission form to Manatee Patchworkers, PO Box 356, Bradenton, FL 34206. Make sure you make a copy for yourself.
 5. You must show the finished project to one of the UFO Challenge volunteers (Lori Zinsmeister or Mary Beth Horn) to receive credit for finishing it and to make sure the correct object is marked off your list. Don't forget to bring it to Show and Tell. If you can't make it to a meeting to show the finished project, you can email pics to Lori or Mary Beth. Pics must include the whole quilt, the binding and the label. You can turn in a project every month, or you can wait until 10pm on November 30th to email in your completed projects to us. But we hope you won't do that.

Lori Zinsmeister: lorizinsmeister@ymail.com

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**Manatee Patchworkers Quilt Guild
2026 UFO Challenge Worksheet
1 June – 30 November 2026**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Amount Owed \$ _____ Page 1 of _____

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This form and entry fee must be submitted no later than June 1st, 2026. You can either bring them to the May or June meeting or mail to Manatee Patchworkers, PO Box 356, Bradenton, FL 34206.