



Patchwords

www.manateepatchworkers.org

October 2025

President's Corner

Hello Quilty Friends,

It is so hard to believe that it is already October! This is my favorite time of year. I hope everyone saw the pictures of the beautiful autumn display of our guild's quilts at the Lakewood Ranch library. Thank you to all involved. It is a beautiful representation of our members' skills!

We mentioned at the meetings that we would like to participate in local holiday. We have an opportunity on November 15 but need someone or a group of friends who would like to organize it. We have had several people state that they are willing to volunteer for all or part of the day, but we need someone to be in charge. Let a board member know if you are willing or have questions.

As a reminder, please bring a few non-perishable items to share with the church for their food pantry. They have embraced our guild, and I know everyone appreciates the fully set up room so let's help them in their mission to provide for the community.

Finally, now that we are in the 'ber' months, we will be welcoming back our northern friends as well as anticipating new members. I would like to encourage all our seasoned members to take the time to seek out new faces, make them feel welcome and even invite them to a cottage group. We have all been in the same position as the "newbie" and know how difficult it can be. We want every person that walks through our door to feel surrounded by friends. This guild means a lot to me, and I want all quilters to experience this amazing group of people.

Happy quilting,
Susan Fickey



"Quilters aren't greedy, they are just materialistic!"

October 6th Meeting

Welcome to October! First off, I wanted to thank everyone who contributed quilts and volunteered their time to set up our display at the LWR library. The display looked spectacular! If you let us use a quilt to display, come find me at the meeting and I'll get your quilt back to you.

October's meeting will bring us a wonderful representative from Tops to tell us all about stabilizers. It's NOT just for machine embroidery.

Registration for the quilted sneaker workshop with Elizabeth Ziccardi (2/3/2026) will open at our meeting. I've weighed the pros and cons of doing a drawing for registration spots and I ultimately decided against it. It will be first come, first served. Once the 15 spots have been filled, we will start a waiting list. If interested, you MUST turn in your registration form and payment (\$35.00) at the time of registration. There will be no "holding" of spots. The workshop is open to guild members ONLY. If we don't fill the 15 spots, we'll open it up to non-guild members.

Those of you who are participating in the UFO challenge, please bring your completed projects to get verified and checked off by one of the mermaids at the UFO station. Speaking of UFOs, don't forget to bring your quilts to Show & Tell. Due to time constraints, please limit your Show & Tell items to two.

Sneak peak into November, Flash's very own Ben Zimmerman is going to teach us about machine maintenance that you can do at home! And if time allows, he may give us some tips and tricks about needles. Did you know you're supposed to actually change your sewing machine needle?! Good thing the guild is here to keep you in check.

Don't forget to sign up for the other upcoming workshops. There's still room in the Disappearing Hourglass workshop and the Bucket Bag workshop.

Keep your eye on the MP Facebook page for more guild program updates.

Community Service

In September we donated 25 dog beds and 64 cat mats to the Humane Society of Manatee County. They were very appreciative.

Ann Sly has graciously volunteered to cut cat mats for the guild.

On community service day in September, we had 6 members present and we were able to add batting to tops and backs for 19 quilts.

It was a productive day!

We will be meeting for our next community service day, Wednesday October 8 from 10-2 pm at Fairlane Acres Clubhouse located at 810 49th Ave Terrace West, Bradenton.

Quilt tops to be machine quilted and quilts to be bound will be available at the community service table at the back of room at our next meeting. Dog bed covers will also be available.

We will have a sale table with some donated items to sell such as Go Baby with Die, rulers, mats, etc. so bring some cash, your checkbook or credit card.

Contact Janice Dentler 941-720-5403
mamabear@gmail.com

Deb Teeling (seasonal member) 860-308-1012
debteeling@yahoo.com

Debbie Magnier 941-773-2449 mam9969@outlook.com



Sage and Stone
Massage

Body, Mind, Soul healing through
Massage, Cupping, and Reiki

Roberta Brodesser, LMT

LMT Lic # MA78326
BCTMB # 620443-12
AMTA #1284249

(203) 721-5877
sageandstonemassage65@gmail.com



Nan Fishpaw
813-843-8664

Sew Easy To Quilt

Award Winning
Longarm Quilting

Facebook: Sew Easy To Quilt
SewEasyToQuilt@aol.com
1145 Oxbow Road
Wimauma, FL 33598

Fabrics & panels for the modern day quilter



www.thecountryquiltshop.com

Email:
jen@thecountryquiltshop.com
Ph: 503.332.7678

Jerry Stube
Designs



QuiltersQtrs.com
913-683-3324 / jerry@quiltersqtrs.com
Online Only: supplies, original designs, Retreats and classes

Margaret Beard
Longarm Quilter

The Quilt Zone

Quilting, Binding | Sarasota, Fla
Custom-made quilts | magsprout.mc@gmail.com

410-353-3203



PJ's
Quilt & Longarm Studio

Judy & Pat Sherman
OWNERS

239-995-0045
PJSQuiltAndLongarmStudio.com
Quilters@pjsquiltandlongarmstudio.com

3323 N. Key Drive Units 1-6
N. Fort Myers, FL 33903

Full Service Quilt Shop & BERNINA Dealer

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

ToPS VACUUM & SEWING

FLORIDA'S LARGEST DEALER-WE SERVICE EVERYTHING

VIKING • PFAFF • JANOME • HANDIQUILTER • BERNINA • INNOVA • BABYLOCK
BROTHER • Q'NIQUE • JUKI • AND MORE...

LOWEST PRICES
IN THE USA



AUTHORIZED
ALL 11
STORES



JANOME



JUKI



WHERE TO INVEST IN YOUR LONG ARM & MORE

Stand Ups • Sit Downs • New • Pre-Owned • All Dealerships • Most Liberal TradeIns



HandiQuilter Moxie



HandiQuilter Amara ProStitch



Innova M24 with Autopilot

ToPS TEAM MAKING IT HAPPEN

Mechanics (No Longarm Customer left behind)
Merchandising (Keeping store stocked with Thread, Accessories)
Installation (Free Delivery Set-up)
Ability to Upgrade (All Your \$ Back if Upgrade)
Warranty (10 Years Parts & Labor)
Longarm Showrooms (Sarasota, Palm Harbor, Lakewood Ranch)
Instruction (Lessons • Classes • Personal)

Announcing NEW INNOVA Dealership

They Choose Us!

- Flexible Handlebars
- LED Light - Front Laser
- Motor is underneath
- Stand and Pro Tension
- Embroidery Software

Wow!

SEWING SERVICE

- Lubricate
- Adjust Tension
- Adjust Timing
- Reset to Factory Tolerances
- Polish Hook

1 Year Warranty
Expires June 30, 2023



SAVE
\$20

FREE ESTIMATES

TOPS ADVANTAGES

- Guaranteed Prices
- Free Lessons for Life
- Ability to Upgrade after 1 Year
- 10 Year Warranty on ALL Sales

PRICE!

Get the price you want.
Just call a local store or contact me!

You will be shocked!

We Save You Thousands
Moxie, Amara, M24 any
Pre-owned Imaginable
Greg (Owner) 702-581-9632
gregoryabank@gmail.com

Florida's Biggest Dealer
for the Worlds Best

Melinda Sword

Part of the TOPS Family since 2018
HandiQuilter Expert

Jennifer Newel

(Formerly Florida Quilting Center)
Full-time 2021
One of Top Innova Instructors
NEW Social Media Queen for TOPS
Martelli Expert

WE BEAT ALL DEALS

Lowest Price on the
Internet Models and the
Dealer Exclusive Models
Saves You Hundreds on New
or Used Equipment

11 LOCATIONS
Open Mon-Fri 9a-5:30p
Sat 9a-5p

Make an Appointment • Tutorials & Videos • Schedule a Demo

ToPS VACUUM & SEWING
www.topsvacuumandsewing.com
facebook.com/TopsVacuumAndSewing/

Grand
Opening

BRANDON
1102 E. Brandon Blvd.
Brandon, FL 33511
813-689-5257

LAKEWOOD RANCH
7212 55th Ave E
Bradenton, FL 34203
941-251-5226

TAMPA
14922 Dale Mabry Hwy #6
Tampa, FL 33618
813-963-6732

LARGO
12495 Seminole Blvd
Largo, FL 33778
727-584-0534

PALM HARBOR
3327 Tampa Rd. #215
Palm Harbor, FL 34684
727-787-7043

SARASOTA
2120 Bee Ridge Rd.
Sarasota, FL 34239
941-926-2699

BRADENTON
5206 Manatee Ave.
West Bradenton, FL 34209
941-792-8048

PEMBROKE PINES
10826 Pines Blvd.
Pembroke Pines, FL 33026
954-431-3552

FORT MYERS
12135 S. Cleveland Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33907
239-939-4445

NAPLES
5367 Airport Pulling Rd. N
Naples, FL 34109
239-591-4422

PORT CHARLOTTE
3846 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941-764-7118



**KATE MITCHELL
QUILTS**

Patterns
Classes/Lectures
Quilting Services

Kate Mitchell
321-313-1067

KateMitchellQuilts.com
KateMitchellQuilts@yahoo.com



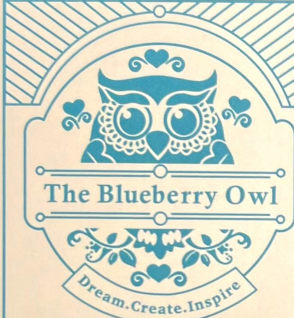
Robbalee Fouraker

11523 Palmbrush Trail #161
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
941.253.7572

Long Arm Quilting Services
Online and Local Quilt Classes
Fabric and Kits Available
Etsy for Homemade Items



Instagram: srquilters
Etsy: srqQuilter
Facebook: SrqQuilters
www.srqquilter.com
srquilter@gmail.com



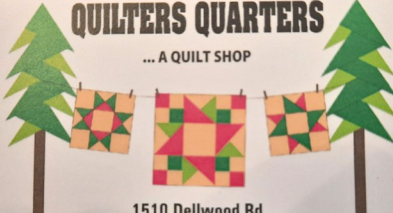
The Blueberry Owl

Dream. Create. Inspire

Deb Phillips
Quilting & Longarm Artist

www.theblueberryowl.com
quilting@theblueberryowl.com

941-993-2783
where life meets art



QUILTERS QUARTERS
... A QUILT SHOP

1510 Dellwood Rd.
Waynesville, NC 28786
quiltersquarters@bellsouth.net
www.quiltersquartersnc.com

Sandy Fogarty
Shop Owner

(828) 926-0803



Meg's Quilt Cottage

1222 Josephine Court
Sebring FL 33875

Call or text
Meg Smith 919-603-4680
Barbara Bloodworth
706-593-3120

megsmithmail@yahoo.com
Web: megquiltcottage.com

Pat's Sacks of Titusville
Feedsacks, History & Trunk Show
Cecilia M. Reid
321-795-5120
patssacks@gmail.com
FB: Pats Sacks of Titusville
Featuring original feedsacks and quilts
from the 1900's to 1960's
Etsy: PatssacksofTitusville

Please call to make sure the store is open



THE QUILTED DRAGONFLY, LLC
QUILT RETREATS, CUSTOM QUILTS,
NOTIONS, AND FABRIC
Cheryl Green
2243 Pinewood Blvd
Sebring, FL 33870
thequilteddragonflyllc.com
thequilteddragonflyllc@gmail.com
863-214-0793



BRADEN RIVER QUILTING
=LONGARM SERVICES=
We are ready to assist you with your quilting project.

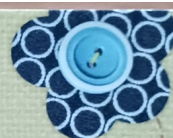
- Quick Turnaround
- Gammill Statler on 12 ft frame
- Lap to King Size Quilts
- E2E & Semi Custom

www.brquilting.com

Meg - meh@brquilting.com
(941) 448-8230
Bill - wbs@brquilting.com
(941) 405-9526

Studio hours by appointment

Linda Bronkema - Owner
Amazing Quilt Fabric
Open Friday & Saturday 11 am to 4 pm
or by appointment for you & your group



Bits & Pieces
1303 13th Ave W Bradenton, FL 34205
941 932-5869 talk or text
email: LindaBronk@Outlook.com

Tips and Tricks

Use tissue paper as your template to draw your motif on, then place it on your quilt and sew your design on the quilt. Then tear the tissue paper away from your quilt top.

Fons and Porter

A Quilting Palette, LLC
A Creative Design Center



Karen King- Owner
732 S US Hwy 441 (Plaza 1)
Lady Lake, FL 32159
(352) 751-0405
AQuiltingPalette@gmail.com
www.aquiltingpalette.com

Fabrics/Notions/Longarm Quilting &
Longarm Rental/Classes & More

Hours
Mon 12:00-4:00
Tue-Sat 9:00-4:00
Sun Closed



A SEWER'S DESTINATION

THE FLASH DIFFERENCE

Our goal is simple....to exceed your expectations for the quality of products we carry, the level of service we provide, and classes for all levels and interests.

Our new Customer Appreciation Programs are designed with you in mind and provide benefits to you as you shop at FLASH Sew & Quilt.

FABRICS AT FLASH

You will LOVE our extensive Fabric collections as much as we do - Moda, Tula Pink, Tilda, Kaffe Fassett, Hoffman & Timeless Treasures - just to name a few!



CLASSES AT FLASH

When You come to Class, you'll enjoy a fully equipped, spacious and safe classroom all while having fun, learning and creating!

SERVICES AT FLASH

We are proud of our team of Trained and Certified Baby Lock & Bernina Technicians and our Longarmers with over 20 years experience.

SOME OF OUR BRANDS



TWO LOCATIONS

13240 Tamiami Trail N. #205
Naples, FL 34110
239.304.8387

935 N. Beneva Rd. #201,
Sarasota, FL 34232
941.960.1189

2025 - 2026 Upcoming Programs and Workshops

Wed, Oct 1st 9:00am – 12:00pm	Take down fall/harvest quilt display LWR Branch Manatee Public Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211
Mon, Oct 6th	Stabilizer presentation by TOPS representative
Wed, Oct 8th	WORKSHOP Mondo Bag! Location TBD SOLD OUT, join the waiting list
Mon, Nov 3rd	Ben Zimmerman from Flash, Sew & Quilt on sewing machine maintenance Guild member Yard & Craft sale
Nov 8th Time & Place TBD	WORKSHOP Mary Lewis's Round Robin Demo Disappearing Hourglass 10 spots left
Sun, Nov 30th	UFO Challenge projects due NLT 10pm
Mon, Dec 1st or 8th	Holiday Party, details TBD
Sat, Dec 6th	WORKSHOP Laura Lawson Bucket Bag! This will be at Laura's house 4 spots left
Mon, Jan 6th	Michael Nardi Presentation
Tue, Jan 7th Time TBD	WORKSHOP Michael Nardi Venue TBD
Mon, Feb 2nd	Elissa Ziccardi Presentation
Tue, Feb 3rd Time TBD	WORKSHOP Elissa Ziccardi Venue TBD
Mon, Mar 2nd	Julia McLeod presentation
Tue, Mar 3rd Time TBD	WORKSHOP Julia McLeod Venue TBD
Mon, Apr 6	Susan Brown presentation
Tue, Apr 7th Time TBD	WORKSHOP Susan Brown Venue TBD

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.

We have found a convenient way for you to pay your invoices by credit card! We're changing the process a bit to make it work efficiently.

When you arrive at the meeting your first stop will be at the back table to . . .

1. Check in with Sue Baker for attendance. If you have no other business to take care of, please take a seat.
2. If you're signing up for workshops, stop at the next station to sign up.
3. Stop at the Treasurer's station to pay for workshops or the retreat. ***You can now pay by cash, check or credit card!***

In October I'll be sending out invoices for balances due for the retreat with a due date of November 3 for the next installment. The invoice will indicate the full amount due, but you can pay in instalments. You'll also notice on future invoices that there will be a click to **"View and pay"** option to pay by credit card. If you choose to pay in installments, just change the amount you are paying on your device before you submit payment.

Happy quilting!
Judy Bennett, Treasurer

Introducing Elissa Ziccardi!

Trunk Show & Lecture

Quilted Garments: Coats, Jackets, & Shoes

Trunk Show & Lecture: February 2nd @ 7:00 pm ~ Workshop: February 3rd



My creative aesthetic is designed to inspire - combining my love of quilting and background in garment making I aim to create projects that are made-to-stand-out. My favorite methods of sewing include foundation paper piecing, machine applique, and English paper piecing – detailed fussy cutting and precision work is where I put the love in my details. My creative style is bold, bright, & beautiful with a dash of over-the-top! I am passionate about pushing the boundaries of mixing endless color and loads of pattern in my creations.

From the first time that I sat down at a sewing machine in the spring of 2011, the attraction was electric, and I knew that creating is what I wanted to pour my heart into any moment I could spare. My sewing started simply - I just wanted to make a skirt for my oldest daughter. That quickly turned into a children's custom boutique specializing in one-of-a-kind apparel. For over a decade I had the pleasure of creating clothing & specialty garments for families all over the globe.

As my own children grew up and my desire to sew and stitch evolved, I fell into a love affair with quilting - challenging myself to think outside of the box while honoring my colorful, unique spirit. My current body of work specializes in quilted garments, bags in every size and for every occasion, and intricately pieced quilts.

I aim to encourage the unique spirit in each of us to create with authenticity and passion. Inspiring others to get inspired (one stitch at a time!) is my goal when teaching a class or workshop, as well as presenting & lecturing both locally and nationally. I am a [FreeSpirit Fabrics Circle of Makers](#) Brand Ambassador, an [Aurifil](#) Artisan, and my favorite fabric designer is the creative genius, [Tula Pink](#).

When I am not in my studio creating I can be found loudly cheering on my busy teens, or reading a book accompanied by our family pups, Max and Rudy.
Stay Inspired and Happy Stitching!

~ Elissa

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 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 Stitches 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 Stitches 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



Margaret	Able	10/1
Deanna	Spencer	10/4
Jolene	Metcalf	10/5
Janice	Dentler	10/7
Jane	Ellis	10/14
Linda	Bronkema	10/24
Shirley	Allen	10/25
Linda	West	10/25
Carol Ann	Deitzer	10/26
Jennifer	DeVivo	10/27



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.
catlady0319@gmail.com

We encourage support of those who support our guild with their advertisement in our newsletter and web pages!

Please avoid using scented products on meeting nights to help our members with allergies breathe a little better.

2024 Board of Directors

Susan Fickey, President
Kim Hodge, Vice President
Judy Bennett, Treasurer
Lora Lechmanick, Secretary
Sue Baker, Membership
June Cannon, Communications Newsletter
Judy Evans, Communications Website
Katherine Vance, Communications Facebook
Janice Dentler, Community Service, mamabear229@gmail.com
Debbie Magner, Community Service, mam9969@outlook.com.
Deb Teeling (seasonal member) Community Service, debteeling@yahoo.com
Email contact: manateepatchworkers@gmail.com

 Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Brandon
presents their
QUILT SHOW 2025

TREASURE TROVE OF QUILTS

Friday, October 10th &
Saturday, October 11th
9am - 4pm

The Regent
6437 Watson Rd
Riverview FL 33578



QUILT SHOW features:

- Judged Quilts on display
- Boutique with gift items
- Gift Basket Drawings
- Books & magazines
- Silent Auctions
- Vendors
- Food Truck



ADMISSION
\$10/DAY

**BUSES
WELCOME!**

info@brandonpiecemakers.org
brandonpiecemakers.org



 **QUILTERS GUILD
LAKE COUNTY**

FANTASTIC 41st Annual QUILT SHOW

November 15-16, 2024
Friday 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 4 pm

Venetian Center
1 Dozier Court
Leesburg, FL 34748

JUDGED ENTRIES - VENDOR SHOPS - BOUTIQUE -
DEMONSTRATIONS - BASKET RAFFLE - QUILT SALES
AND MORE!

Admission \$10

Check out our website for more show information
lakequiltguild.com

Make Friends. Make Quilts. Make a Difference.

For Sale Brother CP2000X Computerized Sewing Machine
\$175.00
Contact June Cannon: 941-405-5365



Main Features

- **100 UNIQUE BUILT-IN STITCHES:** The Brother CP100X sewing and quilting machine includes 100 built-in stitches including utility, decorative and heirloom stitch functions, and 8 auto-size buttonholes
- **IMPROVED NEEDLE THREADER:** The 1-step automatic needle threader is easier than ever to use, the needle threader reliably pushes the thread through the needle
- **INCLUDED ACCESSORIES:** The CP100X includes a wide table, 10 sewing feet
- **DURABLE METAL FRAME CONSTRUCTION:** Durable metal frame, quality construction allows your machine to tackle any project ranging from thick denim to heavy quilts
- **FIXED NEEDLE BAR:** The needle is fixed in place while you work, allowing for cleaner stitching and even lines
- **LARGE NEEDLE-TO-ARM WORKSPACE:** A larger workspace with increased width in needle-to-arm space allows users to work on larger projects including quilts

Hard cover included.



**Registration for the 2026 Western Retreat
March 23 – 26, 2026
Christian Retreat Center
1200 Glory Way Blvd., Bradenton**

Name: _____

Accommodations:

_____ **Single \$535**

_____ **Double \$470** **Name of roommate** _____

_____ **Daytripper \$310**

October 6, 2025, Deposit \$50.00 (non-refundable)

Payment Schedule:

	Single	Double	Daytripper
November 3, 2025	\$121.25	105.00	\$65.00
December 1, 2025	\$121.25	105.00	\$65.00
January 5, 2026	\$121.25	105.00	\$65.00
February 2, 2026	\$121.25	105.00	\$65.00

Cancellation policy: If you must cancel, please try to find someone to take your place. If you cannot find a replacement, your refund will be considered based on the following schedule:

Cancellation before January 1, 2026 – your payments less the \$50 deposit will be refunded.

Cancellation after January 1, and before March 1, 2026 – half of your payments less the \$50 deposit will be refunded.

Cancellation after March 1, no refunds will be made unless cancellation is due to a medical emergency, then refund will be half of your payments less the \$50 deposit.

I have read and acknowledge the cancellation policy.

Signature _____

Date _____



BALLOT

If you can't attend the November meeting but would like to vote, please fill out the ballot and mail to Manatee Patchworkers, PO Box 356, Bradenton, FL 34206, by November 4th. Or you can scan and email to Manateepatchworkers@gmail.com. Remember, you must have permission in order to nominate someone for an office.

President, Susan Fickey _____

Write-in for President _____

Treasurer, Judy Bennett _____

Write-in for Treasurer _____

Member Services, Sue Baker _____

Write-in for Member Services _____

Signed _____