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May 2026

President's Corner

Dear Quilty Friends,

Our guild has been blessed by others again! We received another huge donation of fabric which will be for sale at our May meeting starting at 5:30. Almost all will be priced at \$2 per yard. We also received a \$500 donation from the Women of the Moose. Many of you have already made donations for the July auction. All of this will help make sure we can bring in more amazing speakers.

Our board and interested members held an informal meeting on Monday, April 20th to discuss what our guild will do going forward and, what might need to be tweaked so that we continue to have the best guild possible. We will report on the results.

IMPORTANT DATES: No meeting in July. Our September meeting will be moved to August 31 due to Labor Day. Our December holiday party will need a different location and time, more info to come.

Happy Quilting!

Susan Fickey

“Is a nine-patch part of a twelve-step program?”



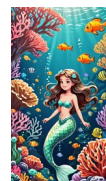
Hi Super Quilters,

May and it is time for our Super Show and Tell. Bring your latest creations to show. It's been a few months since we did a show and tell, so bring as many items as you want to show, or just come see what others have made and be inspired!

We **NEED** your help! Our annual auction is Saturday, July 11 and we will be hosting **TWO** open sit and sews to finish your own item or start a new one for this Auction. We will have plenty of room for anyone that wants to come help. Community Service will have fabric/items ready for those who just want to come sew!

As our northern friends leave for the summer – we wish you safe travels and stay inspired! We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Stay Quilty!

Deb Phillips



Note from the Editor:

Robin has requested that everyone complete a Christmas in July form (found in this new letter) 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 34 dog beds and 9 cat mats to the Humane Society of Manatee County this month. It's great to be able to repurpose our scraps again.

Seven ladies attended our April Community Service Workshop. Despite our small number, we were very productive! 33 dog bed covers were sewn and 9 were completed enabling a second delivery to humane society this month. Some members worked on sewing items for the auction and others worked on creating kits for use at next month's auction Sit & Sew on May 5th.

Our next community service meeting will be held Wednesday, May 13 at Fairlane Acres Clubhouse, 819 49th Ave Terrace West in Bradenton. We will once again be layering charity quilts.

Quilts for quilting and binding as well as dog beds and cat mats to be made will be at the community service table in the back of room at our meeting in May. Let's all participate in making the charity quilts in some way. We know everyone is busy with auction projects but, please take a charity quilt home with you this month. You can keep it as a back-up project for the summer months.

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

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Cottage Groups

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.



Theresa	Langston	5/2
Shari	Kimbro	5/5
Kim	Hodge	5/6
Carolee	Cuba	5/7
Jerry	Stube	5/10
Laura	Lawson	5/16
Lori	Zinsmeister	5/19
Judy	Bennett	5/26
Terry	Carlson	5/31

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

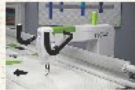
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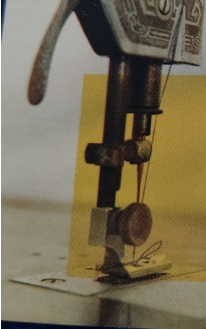


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Mon, Jun 1 7pm	Round Robin
Tues, June 2 9:30am - 4:30pm	Sit & Sew - Let's make items for our Quilt Auction Lakewood Ranch Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211
Mon, July 6	No Meeting
Sat, July 11	Auction



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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!

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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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