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*January 2025*

## *President's Corner*

Hello Quilty Friends,  
Welcome 2025! A new year always brings promise and hope. For me, I have promised myself that I will get my list of tasks at home completed, which of course, begins with cleaning my sewing room so that I can finish the many UFO's I have. I know, no one will hold their breath on that one!

As our guild begins a new year, we have several friends joining the board for the first time. With them, they bring some fresh ideas and wonderful enthusiasm. I look forward to working with them. Judy has us working on an updated budget and Kim has plans for a class for beginning quilters to be held at the new library.

Our quilt show total is close to \$6,000! At this time, I don't have the exact total until the consignment percentages have been paid to owners of the items sold. I consider this a great success, especially given the changes of date and venue. Thank you to all those who came together to make this happen. There will be surveys available at the January meeting for you to give your opinion of the show. These will be organized and presented to the next show chair as they plan our show for 2026. We still need someone to volunteer for this position. Most of our current committee chairs are willing to return, we just need leader(s) to begin.

Happy Quilting!  
Susan Fickey

*"You know that feeling when you complete all your UFO's and your sewing room is completely tidy? Yeah, me neither!"*

## *January 6 Meeting*

*Our first meeting of the new year will feature a quilt-show report, board installation, and a speaker from Tidewell Hospice, Laura Drake. Bring your completed community-service projects and show and tell, and take a look at the free table. We'll also have a prize drawing (maybe two!), so be sure to wear your name tag! If you haven't yet paid your dues, bring your form and check. And you are invited to attend the community-service workshop on Wednesday following the guild meeting. And keep in mind that members are invited to attend board meetings on the next Monday evening after the guild meeting at Perkins Restaurant on 14th St. in Bradenton. We have dinner at 6pm and the board meeting begins at 7pm. You are invited to dine with us as well. Please notify Susan Fickey if you plan to come.*

## Community Service

Carolee Cuba has decided to step down from community service currently due to health issues. She has done such a great job. Thank you, Carolee, for all your hard work for the guild.

Debbie Magner has agreed to step into work on the community service board and, also Deb Teeling, who is a seasonal member will work on the community when she is available. The Board thanks you ladies for stepping in to help keep this project going.

Community Service is very important to our guild not only because we are able to give so much to our community, but it allows us to maintain the 501c3 tax standing.

Our next community service workshop will be held Wednesday January 8, 2025, at 10am-2pm. We will meet at Fairlane Acres clubhouse. 819 49th Ave Terrace West We will be working on Placing batting and backing to quilt tops.

In November 22 dog beds and 24 cat mats were donated to the Manatee County Animal Shelter. Beginning in January, we will resume donations to the Manatee County Humane society.

Quilt tops to be quilted and dog bed covers will be available at the community service table before and after the meeting on January 6. Written instructions for suitable "stuffing" will be available at the meeting.

Questions?

Contact:

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Monday, January 6—Speaker from Tidewell Hospice, quilt-show report, installation of officers—plus prize drawings, so wear your nametag!

Monday, January 13—Board meeting at Perkins Restaurant, 6023 14th St. W., Bradenton; 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting. Notify Susan Fickey if you plan to attend.

Monday, February 3—Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen, lots of new things!

Tuesday, February 4—M-J, half-day class, site and project TBA

Monday, March 3—Karis from The Modern Sewist—subject TBA

Tuesday, March 4—Karis class, subject TBA

Monday, April 7—Community Service fabric sale

Monday, May 5—Round Robin skills demos (cancelled in October 2024)

### *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.

If you have not paid your 2025 dues, they are now past due. The form and membership dues of \$35 were due by December 31st. You will find the membership form on our website. If there is any update the guild needs to make to the membership list, please circle it so that will see it and the Membership Committee can make the required changes.

Thank you

### Tips and Tricks

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# 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. 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.-2p.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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 10am – 3pm. The Clubhouse address is 810 49<sup>th</sup> Ave Terrace, Bradenton.  
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Location TBA**



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