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March 2025

President's Corner

Happy March! In like a lion, out like a lamb? Seems that very old saying doesn't really fit our Florida weather. I think for our guild retreaters, March will be "In like a lamb and out like a hopping frog and buzzing bee!" We have some retreat info to share. There is a private Facebook page titled Springtime Blessings. I sent out email invites. If you haven't found the page yet, let us know. I have updated the 'what to bring' list and will have it added to the newsletter email and FB page. The sewing room will open at 9:00 am on Monday and close at 3:00 on Thursday after a provided lunch and closing. The fun game of right, left, center will return so bring three fat quarters to play. We will have at least one pop-up shop starting Tuesday as well as a scissor sharpener and Featherweight repair services. All are welcome to drop in and take advantage of these services, even if you aren't a retreat.

I hope everyone enjoyed our February meeting as much as I did. We have another well-known speaker coming in April. Take a moment to look up Bryn Mawr Quilts. This is one you won't want to miss!

Happy Quilting!

Susan Fickey

"Quilting is like love... do it with abandon"

March 3

Our March meeting is just around the corner and we'll have the Community Service fabric sale, which is always a fun event, so get ready to shop! I know we said to bring a bag to hold your goodies, however if you forget, I'll be bringing bags left over from my old quilt shop days.

April's meeting brings us Michael Nardi from Bryn Mawr Quilts in Chicago, and the next day he's teaching a workshop on his [Connecting Ribbons pattern](#)! Follow Bryn Mawr Quilts on Facebook so you can see what he's all about. There are about 5 spots left to sign up for this workshop and he'd like your fabric cut prior to the workshop, so we can get right to sewing when he starts. You can find [cutting instructions](#) on our website, as well as the class [registration form](#). If someone wants to oversee getting lunch orders (menus, pick up food, etc.) for the

workshop, you'll get to attend the workshop for FREE! See me at the meeting to let me know. Otherwise, just bring your lunch. We'll need help after April's guild meeting to set up for his workshop the next day, so volunteers are appreciated.

Just a reminder that the guild will be teaching a series of [Beginning Quilting classes](#) at the LWR branch of Manatee County Library starting April 11th. This is a FREE class, so tell your friends and come volunteer to help! Registration opens March 14th at 9:30am. There is only room for 10 students, so it will fill up quickly.

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Community Service

In February, our community service meeting had 8 ladies in attendance. Tasks were divided into enlarging quilt backs, matching backs to quilt tops and sandwiching backing, batting and tops. Some Ladies ironed fabric. 15 quilts were made ready for quilting. We appreciate those ladies who participated.

We were able to donate 31 dog beds and 50 cat mats to the Manatee Humane Society in February. They were appreciated.

We will be having a fabric sale at our March meeting. There will be no sales until after the business part of the meeting has concluded. Various sizes of fabric pieces will be available for sale and if no price is found they will be sold for \$2 a yard

We will not be having a community service meeting in March.

Quilts to be quilted and bound and dog beds to fill will be available at the community service table at the back of the March meeting. Please remember to cut pieces for dog beds into 6-inch pieces or smaller.

Questions????

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Monday, March 3 – Community Service fabric sale

Monday, April 7 – Michael Nardi from Bryn Mawr Quilts lecture and Trunk Show

Tuesday, April 8th – Connecting Ribbons Workshop with Michael Nardi, 9:30 – 2:00pm Oneco Hope Global Methodist Church at 2112 53rd Ave E, Bradenton

Friday, April 11th – Beginning Quilting Class Session 1 from 9:30am – 12:30pm LWR branch Manatee Public Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211

Friday, April 25th – Beginning Quilting Class Session 2 from 9:30am – 12:30pm LWR branch Manatee Public Library, 16410 Rangeland Pkwy, Bradenton, FL 34211

Monday, May 5th – 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.



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Like most people my sewing journey started when I was 7 years old. my grandmother put a needle in my hand and began to teach me everything she knew about sewing by hand. I learned how to sew by hand using my coloring books. She would tear out a page and make me sew in the lines practicing stitch length.

Throughout the years I have worn many different hats, trying to find my place in this wondrous world. 13 years ago, I was lost. I was starting over for the first time in my life, having lost everything (talk about a complete failure of my life). I was lying in bed crying and trying to figure out what I wanted to do during what at the time felt like the darkest moment in my life. I was surfing YouTube when I discovered Jenny Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Company! It was her ultimate quilt binding video. You know that moment in your life where God just puts someone in your path to make things click for you? Well, she was my moment! The crying instantly stops and 2 hours later, video after video, I had a plan.

The next day I went to Joann Fabrics on Elston Ave in Chicago IL. to sign up for a learn to sew class. At this point I had never used a sewing machine in my life! I went one to take more classes and quilting became my whole world! I was so successful that my mentor Marilyn Baker who was the Education Director hired me as her Assistant Education Director only 8 months into my training. She taught me everything I know when it comes to using a sewing machine. Thanks to Jenny Doan and Marilyn Baker, two of the strongest women I know brought me out of my darkness. I owe my journey to them!

13 years later I'm a pattern writer, I have been published and continuing to be published for my quilt pattern, and I'm a successful quilt instructor. Who knew that an Italian boy from the South-side of Chicago would end up where I am? I thank God every day for shining his light on me through this amazing craft. Someone asked me once why quilting and I said, "Because through quilting I found myself again."

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
Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 – 3:30. Free sew, maximum of 15 people. Contact: Sue Baker

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Where: Christian Retreat Center, 1200 Glory Way Blvd, Bradenton

What to bring:

- v Three fat quarters for “Right, Left, Middle” game
- v Sewing machine, cord and pedal
- v Small cutting mat and your favorite rulers (large mats will be available)
- v Notions: needles, thread, bobbins, seam ripper, scissors, pins/cushion, starch, rotary cutter, extra blades, rulers, marking pens, Ziplock bags, tape to label, etc.
- v Extension cord or power strip (we have a large group with lots of things to plug in!)
- v Sewing projects (I like to have mine cut and ready to go in project bags so I can sew right away!)
- v Small iron/pad if desired (large iron stations will be available)
- v Seat cushion (many bring their own chair since the provided chairs don’t roll)
- v Lighting
- v Snacks to share.
- v Personal drinks in a small cooler (Coffee, ice and water provided)
- v Personal cup with lid to protect our precious fabric! (And the carpet)
- v Money to spend with vendors. (Specifics to follow)
- v Scissors/knives that need sharpened and or Featherweight for servicing if desired
- v Sweater or light jacket
- v Medications
- v Phone charger
- v Great attitude, ready to have fun with friends!

Our Buzzing leaders have been busy planning activities for you so we hope you will have fun and plan to participate with everyone. Feel free to dress in comfy things to match our theme.