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West Pasco Quilters' Guild, Inc.

Mission Statement: The West Pasco Quilters' Guild, Inc. provides charity within our community and quality education to the public about quilts and quilt making.

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Spotlight News! President's Message

August Art Challenge is coming up at the August Membership Meeting!!!

You still have time to come up with an entry. The theme is Christmas and must contain green fabric.

Click [here](#) for art challenge details.

Dear Quilters,

It has been six months since our America's Garden of Quilts show. I was just glancing through the program to identify some of the wonderful donors and supporters we had. Rechecking the vendors to see who I enjoyed the most and thinking about a possible road trip to those close by. August brings the end of summer for the kids that will go back to school. For most of us retired crafters it brings the idea of how soon the holiday season is and how much time we have to make those presents for our friends and loved ones. Thus, the reason to browse the program for a local quilt shop for ideas. And who doesn't like a trip to the local shop? It warms my heart to see so many businesses, and individuals, that took out ads to support us. We owe them our patronage and support in return.

I'd like to give a shout out to those latest businesses that continue to give us support. Al Lawson, of **Hudson Sew N Vac**, has been our go-to guy for machine repairs and maintenance for years. We appreciate him handling those needs for the guild and getting everything working for us. A new shop, **Fabric Maiden**, right here in New Port Richey, offers us a 15% discount on our purchases if we show our name badge from the guild. **MK Quilts** continues to quilt some of the larger charity quilts for us as a donation to the guild. **Contractors Institute** offers us space weekly for several of our small groups, as well as meeting space over the summer when the Rec Center is not available. **Scrap and Sew** is the exclusive sponsor for our 2026 Directory. We are so grateful for these, and many more, of our local establishments for their continual support. Just a reminder, please show your gratitude when you stop in and visit all of our supporters. I know the list of our supporters is much longer than those that I've mentioned but these came to mind and I wanted to express our gratitude.

Check out all the articles in this month's newsletter and see what interests you! Committees are forming for the 2028 quilt show. Check out the 2028 list of committees to see where you fit ([2028 WPQG Quilt Show Committees](#)). It's never too early to set your course. Any of the show leaders, Susanna Branon, Pat Donohoo, and Janie Franco would be happy to help you.

August marks the end of summer so go out with a bang! Enjoy those lazy, crazy days with friends and family. It's hot out there so more reason to be inside quilting!

Happy quilting!

Julie

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Holiday/Anniversary – Julie Gohring
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Quilters' Escape 2027 –
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Ways & Means: Penny Black

Gift Card/Basket – Penny Black
Share the Wealth (50/50) – Penny Black
Yard Sale – Penny Black

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MEMBERSHIP



Well, it rained. From 8 AM to 8:30 AM it poured buckets, 20 gallon buckets. I could not think of a single graceful way to get out of going to the guild picnic, so I went. I and the other 48 of you that showed up were congratulated on how committed we were (by Julie, I think).

I kept looking for those people in the white coats that come and take you away when you're committed. They didn't show up in that much rain either.

It did stop raining after 9, and while the air outside remained very damp and hot, it was nice inside and the food was delicious. Also, there was pie.



As I mentioned, 49 of us signed in (our smallest meeting on record). A new member, Charlie Stuart, joined via US Mail and Daniel of Fabric Maiden stopped by to visit.

A quiet, though rather damp, meeting.

Pat Donohoo,

Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire

POSITIVE POINTS

Celebrate
YOU
today!

By The Way...

SAVE THE DATE: Our next yard sale will be NOVEMBER 19, 2026. Tables \$10. Contact Penny Black for details.

2027 Quilters' Escape Retreat

Hello members:

It's time to register for our 2027 WPQG retreat scheduled for February 4th thru 7th, 2027!

We have 4 spots left!!!

Why should I attend a Retreat?

Attend the retreat because it will provide you with dedicated time and space to step away from daily routines, offering mental clarity, deep rest, and rejuvenation. Additionally, the days are fun and filled with socializing with old and new friends as well as learning new techniques!

This event is held at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center which is a full-service retreat and ministry center in the heart of Central Florida.

The cost is \$327.00 for members, which can be split into 4 payments, and it includes lodging and your meals beginning with Thursday dinner and ending on Sunday's lunch!!

Please read the files on the Guild website for complete information pertaining to this event.

Please contact either one of the co-coordinators if you have questions:

Susan Pisano 631-553-1849

Susan Jawor 630-240-5005



Join
A
Small
Group !!

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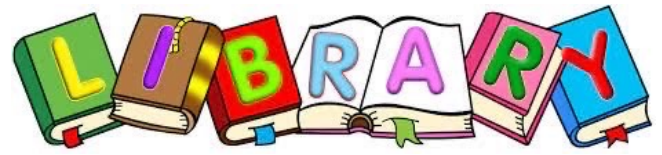
Click [here](#) for Retreat Registration Form.

Click [here](#) for Retreat Cancellation Form.

Click [here](#) for Retreat Pop up Store info.



Name	Birthday
Walls, Nancy	8/2
Buonomo, Carol	8/4
Cook, Barbara A.	8/4
Fillmore, Rebecca	8/4
Rivera, Lysette	8/5
Black, Penny	8/8
Parkin, Mary M.	8/8
Carson, Nancy	8/10
Causey, Karen	8/10
Davis, Janice	8/10
Gohring, Julie	8/10
McIntyre, Louise	8/10
Hitt, Leo (Junior)	8/12
Wigglesworth, Sharon	8/13
Hernandez, Catherine	8/14
Good, Cynthia "Cindy"	8/16
Manning, Jace (Junior)	8/16
Manning, Vincent (Junior)	8/16
Hill, Norma M.	8/18
Stanaitis, Helen	8/18
Bennett, Janice	8/19
Capraro, JoAnn	8/19
Lyon, Dianne	8/19
Phillips, Christine M.	8/20
Martello, Roberta	8/21
Vernola, Laura	8/23
Sinclair, Joyce	8/25
Donohoo, Pat	8/28



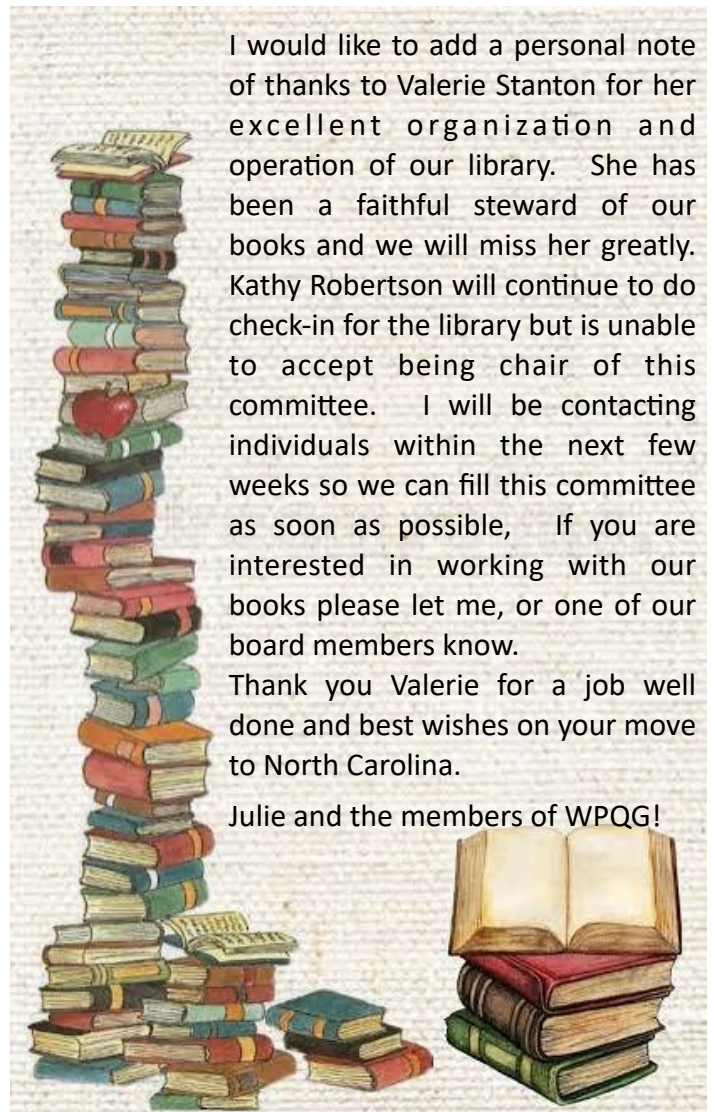
Hope you all had a great summer making lots of quilts.

Our August meeting is back at the Rec Center. Please return all checked out items.

I will be moving to North Carolina at the end of July to be closer to family. I know this is sudden; I thought I had more time, however, my house sold in 4 days.

The library will be looking for a librarian and assistants.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian



I would like to add a personal note of thanks to Valerie Stanton for her excellent organization and operation of our library. She has been a faithful steward of our books and we will miss her greatly. Kathy Robertson will continue to do check-in for the library but is unable to accept being chair of this committee. I will be contacting individuals within the next few weeks so we can fill this committee as soon as possible. If you are interested in working with our books please let me, or one of our board members know.

Thank you Valerie for a job well done and best wishes on your move to North Carolina.

Julie and the members of WPQG!

EDUCATION

Pam King, Education Chair

Schedule

What other classes would you like to have? Let us know. Sean Gilley and I will be at the education table to sign you up for a class and take your suggestions.

Aug 20, 2026 Crime Prevention Task Force
Crime Prevention Task Force is a community service organization developed by former law enforcement officers. Their mission is to achieve more awareness by the public of the criminal threat facing everyone in today's society and show effective measures to counter that threat.

The speaker will offer current information on all aspects of the crime problem, and recommended tested procedures to enhance personal safety.

Topics discussed are:

- * Identity Theft * Fraud and Scams
- * Purse Snatching * Guns and Alternative Weapons
- * Hurricane Safety * Carjacking and Much More

Sep 17, 2026 Robin VanScoy, Everything you want to know about Half-Square Triangles.
Fabric Maiden will possibly be here with a pop-up shop

Sep 23, 2026 Black Out Quilt, Janie Franco, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$20, Country Place

Oct 15, 2026 Quarter Auction – What is this you ask? Please read the article in the newsletter on [page 7](#).

Nov 19, 2026 Margaret Lobianco will be back with us as our meeting speaker. She will then have a workshop Thursday afternoon and all day Friday and we will create the Tropicallicious Dresden Flamingo. margaretsewfunquilts.com is

her website. Cost is \$60. If you want a kit with all the fabrics you need and the pattern, Margaret will have them for \$65 which you pay directly to her at the workshop. You can also purchase the pattern for \$22 on her website. She does need to know how many kits to make up so let me know when you sign up for the class if you want one.



Dec 17, 2026 Guild Annual Holiday Party — Deck Your Table

Jan 21, 2027 Bonnie Langenfeld
<https://www.landscapesinfabric.com/>

with a Stitch Sampler workshop on Friday. Students learn the basics of machine set-up and stitching, choosing fabrics, and using adhesives, threads, and stabilizers. We will work according to samples



provided by the instructor to make realistic rocks, trees, grasses, flowers, water and more and assemble them into a handy reference booklet. Note, we will not make a picture, but will make the stitched elements that can be put in it. All levels.

February 18, 2027 – Busy Bobbins Quilt Shop in Chiefland will provide our speaker. A workshop will be held in the afternoon on using Inktense pencils to paint your fabric.

March 18, 2027 – 39th Anniversary Party



Upcoming Events

August

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The Hen House 3	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 4	Charity Sew at the Coop 5	WPQG Board Mtg 6	7	8
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WPQG Board Meeting — August 6, 10:00 a.m., The Coop (Rhonda Koning's home - 9341 Osceola Dr. NPR, 34654)

WPQG Membership Meeting — August 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., NPR Rec Center

Small Groups — see page 16 for details

Quarter Auction

The Quarter Auction will be in October at our general meeting. We have never done this before so you may expect a few hiccups. The other quarter auctions we have attended have been so much fun. Some of the table groups will distinguish themselves by wearing something similar like tiaras or mouse ears. Of course, that is not necessary to participate, just something fun to do. You may want to bring some snacks for your table.

What do you need? A numbered auction paddle which you will buy at the door for \$1, lots of quarters and that's it. We are not sure if you will be able to buy more than one paddle. We have ordered 200 so that is a possibility.

How it works. The paddles are numbered. The auction item is shown. If you want to bid on that item, you put a quarter into the jar on the table. The auctioneer pulls a number, announces it and if it is your number, you have won the item for a quarter. If a number is called and the person with that number did not put a quarter in the jar, another number is called until there is a winner.

Do you have a donation? Please give it to Julie Gohring or Pam King. We already have a number of items. Thank you.

Let us know if you have any questions.

ANNUAL FALL DAY CAMP 2026

It's that time of year!

Our ANNUAL Quilting DAY CAMP 2026 is JUST around the corner - YES, a great day camp experience RIGHT here in town!

PLAN NOW to join us Monday thru Friday **NOVEMBER 16 - 20, 2026** for a week of quilting, skill building and fellowship! Our plan this year is ALL ABOUT US! Let's focus on being the best quilter that we can be — think "matching seams", "perfect points", "1/4 inch seams", "square blocks", "free motion feathers", "tight bindings", "hand AND machine applique", "perfect paper piecing", and perhaps some basic machine quilting without puckers and mishaps (and anything else you would like to hone your skills on).... AND / OR simply work on your own projects.

We will have a few kids quilts for anyone who would like to help finish up for Santa, and perhaps a small quilt auction or a patriotic project? BUT, our main focus will be on US!

Sign up is available at the August meeting - \$35 for the week - includes snacks, coffee, a light lunch each day AND the best fellowship a quilter could find anywhere! Set up will be Sunday evening, November 15, 4-7pm. The fun starts Monday morning, 8am til 5pm daily (we do take the morning of Thursday the 19th to attend the guild meeting). Location - Home of Rhonda and Bob Koning, 9341 Osceola Drive, New Port Richey (Golden Acres). Questions? Call Rhonda 727-808-3667 Colleen Beckett 352-346-4230 or Carol Buonomo 352-263-8899.



WPQG 2028 Quilt Show

"Quilted Gems"

Quilt Show News

Hey you guys!!

First of all, the dates: February 18 - 20, 2028. This means your quilt should be ready to hang before noon on Valentines Day 2028.

Next, the theme of our show. 2028 is the 40th anniversary of our guild. Ruby is the jewel associated with 40th anniversaries. (Or one of the jewels anyway, I'm not really sure about these things.) So we're going to call our 2028 show "Quilted Gems". Now, of course, your quilt need not have anything to do with the theme. It's just a suggestion in case you need a prompt. And the theme for the Guild Challenge will probably be some variation on that title.

Speaking of your Quilt, where is your quilt? Did you know that in our last show, out of 270 odd (aren't we all?) members, only 78 of us chose to hang a quilt in the show. That's not even half. I'm told that many of you are shy, worried that your quilt may not be good enough for our show. Well let me tell you, Sunshine, if you have ever in your life, made a quilt and given it to somebody else and they thanked you for it, you have made a quilt worthy of a show. It's time to hop to it. You have 15 months before you need to register it and over a year and a half to get it done. And, for heaven's sake, remember you don't need to follow the theme, you don't need to have it judged, you don't need to make it big, you just need to finish it.

Pat Donohoo, one of many Quilt Show Chairs

Special Request

Denim Pockets!

Once again I'm collecting denim jean pockets for a quilt show project. If you have any, I would appreciate your bringing them for the August through November member meetings.

Thanks for your help!

Anne Templeton
727-838-3620

PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE

What is a presidential challenge you ask? Our president, Julie Gohring, has issued a challenge to the guild for our next quilt show. She has requested that we make Bobbin Scrolls. A Bobbin Scroll is a series of twelve blocks sewn vertically and then hung from a bobbin spool. Each block is 6 inches finished, then attached one below the other creating a "scroll" that is 6 x 72.

This is an opportunity for you to let your creativity run wild. You can choose any theme for your blocks, any sewing method, and any design. Panels may be used as long as the finished blocks are 6 x 6 inches. You can embroider, hand quilt, paper piece, use traditional piecing or any method that appeals to you.

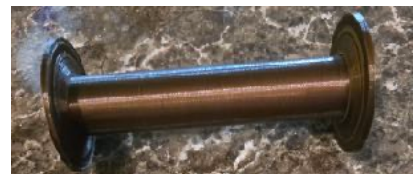
The guild will provide the bobbin spools to hang your scroll in the show. If you wish to purchase the bobbin spool from the guild at the end of the show so that you can hang your scroll at home, the bobbin spool will be for sale.

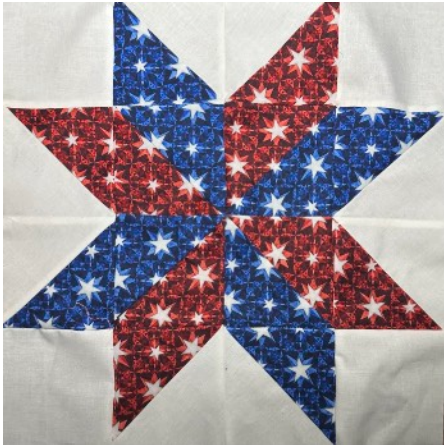
This can be a really fun challenge so start thinking about what will be on your scroll. Keep watching the news letter for more information and ideas.

The bobbin spool is pictured below. Check Sew n' Tell for a sample of a scroll.

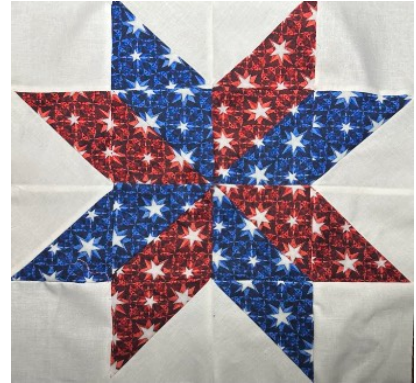
If you have any questions contact Dianne Lyon.

HAPPY SEWING!!!!



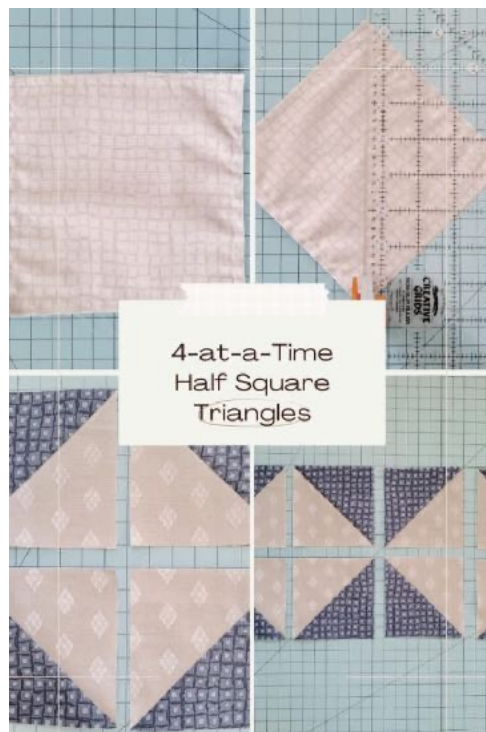
WEST PASCO QUILTERS' GUILD		STAR SERIES BLOCK 2 PINWHEEL STAR		BLOCK OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2026		Skill Level: Easy-Beginner	
Finished Size of block is 16-1/2"x16-1/2" FABRIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE BLOCK 3 WHITE SQUARES 7¼" X 7¼" 2 RED SQUARES 7¼" X 7¼" 2 BLUE SQUARES 7¼" X 7¼" 4 WHITE SQUARES 4½" x 4½" (Patriotic prints are recommended for the Red and Blue fabrics)			For reference: Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" x 21" HST: Half Square Triangle WOF = Width of Fabric RST = Right Sides Together BAC = Background Fabric SA = Seam Allowance				
SQUARES REQUIRED FOR ONE BLOCK 4 RED & WHITE HSTs 4½" x 4½" 4 BLUE & WHITE HSTs 4½" x 4½" 4 RED & BLUE HSTs 4½" x 4½" 4 WHITE SQUARES 4½" x 4½"							
Block Assembly			Begin by making your HSTs. Refer to the directions on page 2 for instructions on making 4 HSTs at a time.				
Sew the 4 rows together as shown.			Row 1				Press seams to the left
			Row 2				Press seams to the right
			Row 3				Press seams to the left
			Row 4				Press seams to the right

Sew the rows together as shown here to complete the block



HOW TO MAKE 4 HSTs AT A TIME.

1. Place (2) fabrics RST. Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam going around all four edges of the fabric.
2. Draw diagonal lines from corner to corner. Cut on the drawn lines. You will now have (4) HST.
3. Trim to the size specified in the pattern and press open.



Please feel free to make additional blocks using your own choice of Patriotic Fabrics. These will be grouped into sets of nine blocks and made into a patchwork QOV quilt top.

Community Outreach

Charity Sew

Charity Sew is rolling along great! The numbers are doing well. We have over 300 quilts going into the fall. We have a couple of charities asking for quilts for August so we may drop below that but we know you will all rally and have our numbers back up by November.

We want to express gratitude to everyone that works on any aspect of these quilts! It truly takes a village and we are grateful.

A reminder to match your size to your quilt theme. If it is for a toddler or preschooler keep the size around 45"x55". Mid sizes for elementary 55"x65" and the largest should be about 60"x80" for teens and young adults. We recently had an alphabet quilt that was over 80" long. I know kids are getting bigger but that was out of the park big! These are only estimates, but you get the idea. The size chart can be found on our private website.

Any questions about larger quilts for donation — we use them for other charities — contact Lori Romanosky or Ann Marshall. Thank you!



We collected \$103.00 dollars worth of food and \$103.00 dollars in cash to be donated to Dana's Angels this month. Thank you to all who contributed.

August contributions will go to St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Trinity, requested by Guild member Merna Allen.

As always, awesome job everyone.

Sandra Teclaw and Kim Smith

Hospice Doves



The guild is making white felt doves for Gulfside Hospice. The doves are given to the family of the person who passed away under Hospice care. Betsy Turner and I have made kits and will be distributing them to the members at the monthly guild meetings. The Hospice Dove instructions are also on the guild web page. This is an ongoing project and they have asked if we could provide 20-25 doves per month. If you take a kit and you do not feel comfortable sewing on the eyes, bring the completed dove back and we have a member who has volunteered to attach the eyes. You can return the kits to either of us at the guild meetings. Thank you.

Avis Merritt

Betsy Turner

Sew 'n Tell

(Photos by Janie Franco)



Bobbin Scroll
Sample









WEST PASCO QUILTERS' GUILD SMALL GROUPS ARE GREAT....

Have a quilting question or quagmire? In addition to our regular monthly meetings, JOIN a small group — Stop in for a visit — Join in anytime!
EVERYONE is WELCOME! If you are new please check with the coordinator to confirm meeting details.

MONDAY MAVENS

We meet the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 9:30 am to noon at Holiday Community Fellowship Church, 5144 Sunray Drive, Holiday. Bring anything you are working on; handwork or bring your machine.

Contact: Mildred Petersen 813-465-3341

MONDAY - SEWING SISTERS... aka, Hen House

We meet every Monday from 9 am to 2 pm at 8301 Joliet Street (three story building), Hudson. Enter through the back of the building. All skill levels are welcome. We are basically a charity sew group. Most of our work is quilts for children and items for the Quilt Show boutique.

Contact: Elaine Plourde 727-815-3427 or Susanna Branon sbranon189@gmail.com

TUESDAY - SEW-MUCH-FUN

We meet EVERY Tuesday from 9 am to noon at Veteran's Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Road in Hudson. Bring what you are working on or join us to share ideas, magazines & books. We always have a project that we can use help with. We often enjoy lunch nearby and plan day trips to out of town quilt shops. We also participate in group projects.

Contact: Pat Donohoo patdonhoo241@gmail.com

TUESDAY - THE GATHERING

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 10 am to 1 pm at Centennial Park Library, 5740 Moog Road, Holiday. This group focuses only on HAND WORK, no sewing machines. Bring anything you are working on or have questions about. Don't forget lunch.

Contact: Merna Allen mernaallen@gmail.com or Nancy Meinhardt nancymeinhardt@msn.com

TUESDAY EVENING NIMBLERS

We meet EVERY Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 pm at Contractors Institute Learning Center, 8238 Joliet Street (15000 block of US Hwy 19), Hudson. Our group focus is all things quilting and we welcome, teach, AND encourage everyone. Bring whatever you are working on!

Contact: Rhonda Koning 727-869-9604

OUR NEWEST GROUP.....TUESDAY EVE KIDS KORNER

We meet EVERY Tuesday evening 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the West Pasco ART GUILD, 6206 Jefferson Street, New Port Richey. Enter through classroom doors. Children ages 7 - 18 welcome! Beginner & Kids projects. Machines available for use.

Contact: Cheryl Fausak 917-757-8334

TUESDAY EVENING - DEAR JANE CLUB

We meet the LAST Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at Contractors Institute Learning Center, 8238 Joliet Street (15000 block of US Hwy 19), Hudson. Hand, paper piecing and machine techniques used. You will need the "Dear Jane" book by Brenda Papadakis.

Contact: Colleen Beckett 352-346-4230

CHARITY SEW WEDNESDAY...aka, The Coop Group

We meet EVERY Wednesday from 9 am to 2 pm in New Port Richey - Golden Acres area...call for address. Come help make someone happy with a quilt or needed item. We have a great time sharing and caring. Bring your machine and supplies and lunch.

Contact: Lori Romanosky 727-810-0978 or Ann Marshall 727-848-1872

SATURDAY SOUP 'N SEW

We meet the 3rd Saturday at 10 am at 15414 Little Road, Hudson. Our focus is to support our other small groups and we have a dedicated project each month. Bring your machine and a soup cup!

Contact: Audrey Bucaro 727-992-3672

Interested in starting a small group? Contact Rhonda Koning - Small Group Coordinator - 727-869-9604

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