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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

**It's
Summer!!!**

**Be sure to
check date
and
location
changes for
activities
during the
summer
months.**

**Stay
Cool**



Happy Summer WPQG Members!

Month six and we are moving quickly through 2026! I hope your summertime is off to a great start with family and friends.

I envy those of you that are able to see a project from start to finish! I have stacks of "to be" items – to be sandwiched, to be quilted, to be finished! I hope to tackle them over the next six months! It's just difficult to STOP letting new ones get started!

Julie Luoma did a fun class on a new twist to making borders for your quilts. For those of us that like to follow a pattern it was a new concept to just go with the flow! A great learning experience for a future border concept! Check out her books at [Off The Wall Quilt](#). Their rulers are awesome!

June brings us to Contractors Institute Learning Center for our meetings, thanks to Bob and Rhonda Koning! Check out the summer calendar for dates and times for the meetings and locations. We will NOT have a July Board meeting since so many of you will be busy that week of July 4th! Happy 250th birthday USA!

June's Demo-mania promises to be exciting so don't miss it!

Check out all the articles in this month's newsletter to get up to date on what is happening in the guild.

Have a wonderful summer, safe travels and enjoy your family and friends!

May your bobbins forever be full!

Julie



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Susan Pisano, Susan Jawor

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◆ MEMBERSHIP ◆

Well, that was refreshing, After years and years of talks and demonstrations on how to make everything fit together or the right size (What do you mean, scant 1/4" seam?), it was great to have somebody finally tell us what to do if it Doesn't FIT! Who knew? Crooked things CAN be saved at the border.

I'm sorry that so few of you got to hear Julie Luoma's talk. Only 69 members signed in for the May meeting. However, we did have two guests and two NEW members! The new members are Sue Walker and Dorothy Matsey. Welcome!! Remember to check out our small groups.

Don't forget, next month at Contractors for Demo-Mania. It's always fun to check out different projects and techniques. You know, stuff you don't do.

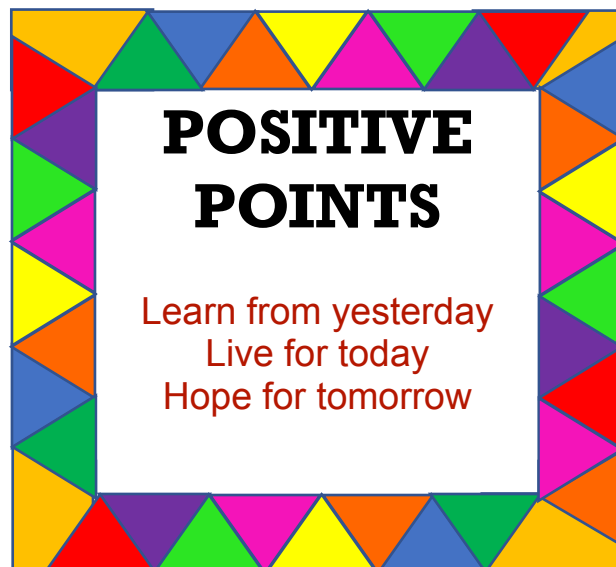
Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire



Join
A
Small
Group !!

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By The Way...

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 7 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

By The Way... (cont')

SMALL GROUPS

WE HAVE A NEED...

Our Small Group "Kids Korner" is in need of a co-coordinator. Currently our Cheryl Fausak coordinates this OH SO IMPORTANT small group on Tuesday evenings at the West Pasco Art Guild in downtown New Port Richey. This is an active group working with area kids in teaching sewing and quilting techniques and projects. You need not have over the top skills, but a desire to work with kids who are excited to learn our craft is most necessary! PLEASE PLEASE consider assisting with this small group. This group meets from 5:30pm to 7:30pm every Tuesday evening. A co-coordinator would perhaps lead the group every other week? PLEASE contact Cheryl Fausak 917-757-8334 or Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667 with any questions. Many hands make light work and we must strengthen and encourage our youth!

Thank you!

Ways & Means

NO 50/50 OR GIFT CARD IN JUNE AND JULY. SEE YOU ALL IN AUGUST

Please try to bring small bills as we cannot always make change of larger bills.

THANKS Penny and DJ

HOSPITALITY

I want to thank the following members for bringing in much appreciated goodies: Irene Anderson and Betsy Turner.

Jerrye Winters
727-378-3825

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The following students have each been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2026-27 school year:

Olivia Cazel —

grandchild of member Mary Cazel

Chelsea Clark —

grandchild of member Dianne Lyon

Katelyn Conley —

grandchild of member Beverly Webster

Abigail Herbage —

grandchild of member Penny Black

Christopher Erb —

grandchild of member Susan Pisano

Matthew Lomando —

grandchild of member Susan Pisano

Checks will be mailed to their college of choice. The money is to be used toward their academic expenses for the 2026-27 school year.

2028 Quilt Show Kick-off

Mark your calendar for June 11, 9 am, at The Coop (Rhonda Koning's house) for the first 2028 Quilt Show meeting.

What will we do?

Firm up the date for the show, choose the name/theme of the show, get committee chairs in place, discuss any new things for the show and what can be improved on or even eliminated from the next show. Please plan to attend to give your input to this important guild event. More hands means less work for all.



The Library is closed during June and July membership meetings.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian

Name	Birthday
Bardi, Annalisa	6/2
Berry, Sue	6/2
Coyle, Gina	6/3
Flanagan, Nancy	6/6
Weitendorf, Rita	6/6
Stanton, Valerie	6/7
Hanchey, Mary	6/8
Galeano, Louise	6/12
Chandler, Nan	6/13
Milbert, Cailyn	6/14
Turner, Betsy	6/14
Verity, Theresa (Terri)	6/18
Atkeson, Sandra	6/20
Beckett, Colleen	6/23
Dusenberry, Tammy	6/23
March, Terri	6/30
Wilcox, Diane	6/30



Our 2027 WPQG RETREAT begins on Feb. 4, 2027. This would normally be the date of our February BOARD meeting. We are changing the date to the week before. Please mark your calendars for JANUARY 28, 2027 for our FEBRUARY 2027 BOARD MEETING. Thank you all.

EDUCATION

Pam King, Education Chair

Schedule

Jun 18, 2026 Demo-Mania — Rhonda has everything ready for this annual event. She is changing things up this year. Instead of stations around the room, the instructors will be presenting each demo separately. We will have a pop-up quilt shop, Hemlock Stitchery Studio.

Jul 16, 2026 Annual Guild Picnic — Your “job” is to bring a dish to share, sweet or savory. Meat will be provided.

Aug 20, 2026 Crime Prevention Task Force

Sep 17, 2026 Robin VanScoy, Everything you want to know about Half-Square Triangles

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? Each member receives an auction paddle (you can purchase more if you wish, \$1 each). An item is put up for auction. If you wish to bid, you put a quarter in the “basket” at your table. The number is drawn. If it's yours, you win the item for a quarter. If you have anything you can donate to the auction, please do so. Items could be a yard of fabric, a stack of fat quarters, notions, baked goods, coupons to local businesses, etc. The money will be donated to one of our charities.

Nov 19, 2026 Margaret Lobianco will be back with us as our meeting speaker. She will then have 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.



Upcoming Events

June

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

The Hen House 1	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 2	Charity Sew at the Coop 3	WPQG Board Mtg 4	5	6
The Hen House 8	Sew-Much-Fun, The Gathering, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 9	Charity Sew at the Coop 10	2028 Quilt Show Kick Off 11	12	13
The Hen House 15	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 16	Charity Sew at the Coop 17	WPQG Membership Mtg 18	19	Saturday Soup 'N Sew 20
The Hen House 22 Monday Mavens	Sew-Much-Fun, The Gathering, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 23	Charity Sew at the Coop 24	25	26	27
29	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers, Dear Jane Club 30	1	2	3	4

WPQG Board Meeting — June 4, 10:00 a.m., The Coop — Rhonda Koning's home/9341 Osceola Dr. NPR, FL 34654

2028 Quilt Show Kick Off Meeting — June 11, 9:00 a.m., The Coop — Rhonda Koning's home/9341 Osceola Dr. NPR, FL 34654

WPQG Membership Meeting — June 18, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Demo-Mania, Contractors Institute, 8238 Joliet St, Hudson, FL 34667

DEMO-MANIA IS UPON US!

The JUNE membership meeting is our annual DEMO-MANIA presentation.

Due to popular demand, in an effort to lessen the "audio volume, general chaos, and foot traffic" in the learning center classroom area during our demonstrations, this year we are changing up our presentation method and demonstrating our offerings ONE at a time...

This year will be more organized for sure! It's going to be a great presentation, including many techniques and ideas for borders, bindings and finishing our quilts! Bring a notepad!

We will also have a POP UP shop this month! Sister guild member, Judy Klingensmith, and her new startup, Hemlock Stitchery At-Home Fabric Party Shoppe, will be set up with fabric and notions - plan to arrive EARLY to support this new venture!

We look forward to seeing everyone at Contractors Institute Learning Center 8238 Joliet Street, Hudson FL 34667 - DOORS OPEN at 8:30am! Questions? Call Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667



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Quilts of Valor

SAVE THE DATE

Quilts of Valor Special Work Session

Monday, July 27, 2026

Make plans now to join us, 9am – 3pm.

The Monday Mavens small group will host
our workday and lunch.

We will work from 9 am to 3 pm at the
Holiday Community Fellowship Church,
5144 Sunray Dr,
Holiday, FL 34690.

For more information contact Mildred
Petersen at 814-475-3341 (talk or text).



Note the date change!!

WEST PASCO QUILTERS' GUILD	☆Star Series☆ Block 1 Sawtooth Star HST version	BLOCK OF THE MONTH June 2026	SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER
Block Size: 16.5" X 16.5" UNFINISHED FABRICS and how to cut them to size Focal Print – Cut one square 8-1/2" X 8-1/2" Red - Cut one Square 11" x 11" White – Cut 4 Squares, 4-1/2" X 4-1/2" Cut One Square, 11" X 11" <u>There are 13 pieces per BLOCK</u> A. <u>8 pieces red and white HSTs</u> B. <u>4 pieces solid white</u> C. <u>1 piece print</u>		All seam allowances are 1/4" For reference: Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" x 21" HST = Half Square Triangle HRT = Half Rectangle Triangle WOF = Width of Fabric RST = Right Sides Together	
<u>BLOCK ASSEMBLY</u> 1. Begin by making eight HST.		See instructions on next page.	
2. Combine 2 HST (A) blocks together at a time as shown here. Press seams to the dark side. Trim each block to 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" Repeat 3 times for a total of 4. These are the star points.			
3. Add a square (B) to both ends of <u>only 2</u> of the star point rectangles you just created. Press those seams to the dark side.			
4. Add the two remaining HST combos to either side of the large square (C), Press the seams to the dark side.		  Add the first one, press it open Add the second one to the opposite side. Press it open.	

5. Combine all three parts together as shown in the photo.
6. Press the seams to the center of the block



8 at a time Half Square Triangles

The 8-at-a-time method allows quilters to make 8 half square triangles simultaneously from two fabric squares, saving time and ensuring consistent results.

FABRICS NEEDED:

- One square of RED fabric and one square of WHITE, 11" x 11" each.

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

- Lay your fabrics on the table, right sides together, with the white block on top. Line up all 4 edges. (In the drawing Fig 1, you see the 2nd fabric. Just be sure your edges are lined up so you don't see the red fabric underneath.)
- Draw two diagonal lines, corner to corner, on the white block; then draw a vertical line and a horizontal line across the center of the white block. (Fig 1)
- Sew a line of stitching $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from each side of the two diagonal lines. (Fig 2)
- First cut across the drawn diagonal lines, then cut the drawn vertical and horizontal lines.
- Open each block and press the seams to the red side (Do not slide the iron, just press the seam.)
- Trim each block to $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

FIG. 1

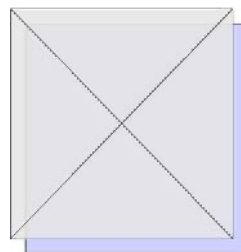
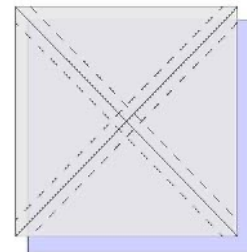


FIG. 2



Tips for Accuracy

- Add extra fabric when cutting to allow for trimming and precise sizing. (We did that making our blocks 11" x 11", not $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ ".)

The less you move the block during cutting, the more accurate it will be.

- Use a square ruler to ensure straight edges. A $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square ruler works best because you don't have to move it to cut all of the way around it.
- Use a rotating mat to eliminate lifting and turning the block to trim it.
- Press (DON'T IRON) seams carefully to maintain flat HSTs.
- The method may produce some bias edges, which can stretch slightly. Trimming and careful pressing (not ironing back and forth) will minimize distortion.

Community Outreach

Charity Sew

We are doing great with the intake of children's quilts for 2026! Please keep up the good work and keep them coming. We know all of you are doing vacations, have grandkids for summer time fun and are just living life!

We now have a list of standard sizes on our website for the most popular sizes for each age range. We will take any size you give but keep in mind who you are planning your quilt for: KIDS. We so appreciate your faithfulness in supplying what we need for all age levels. Pillowcases are appreciated!

Thanks for all you do to support WPQG Charity Outreach!

Lori Romanosky & Ann Marshall



May contributions for the food bank went to Dana's Angels requested by Julie, our guild president. We collected \$148 in cash and \$160 in food donations. They're sure to be very thankful.

Keep up the good work!

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



This space is available for guild members to extend an expression of thanks to another guild member for whatever reason you like. So many times we are so thankful to others for a simple kindness, a job well done, or unexpected help, but we don't take the time to let the other person know just how much it meant to us.

This is an easy way to extend that thanks. Just send an email to the newsletter editor (kar5123misc@gmail.com) with Subject line "Thanks". Your thanks will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Kudos to our Charity Outreach Committee! Lori Romanosky and Ann Marshall are the co-chairs of this committee but we know it takes a village to meet the needs of Pasco County! Mary Parkin has stepped up when the gals have been on vacation to keep things running, and is the go-to person whenever you need to match materials. Mildred Petersen is handling all the baby boutique items. Barbara Manning, and her crew, is supporting the Patriotic section. Elaine Plourde and the Hen

House group supply beautiful quilts on a regular basis. Colleen Beckett has personally taught several of our newer members to quilt their creations! I could go through our directory and pull out just about every person for donating their time and energy to support our outreach endeavors. Each of the small groups send items, take tops and sets home to create, quilt and finish — whatever is needed to make our quota. YOU are the heartbeat of our guild and we are thankful to have you as a part of WPQG.

Thank you. Julie Gohring



Sew 'n Tell



(Photos by Janie Franco)







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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