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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!



WPQG

2026

Quilt Show

February

13, 14, 15!!

Quilt Show

Set-up

Feb 8 - 12

Members

Only

Reception

Feb 12

Gym floor, NPR

Rec Center

See you there!

President's Message

My Dear Quilters,

I can feel the excitement in the air building for our 19th Quilt Show, "America's Garden of Quilts". What organized chaos we are living in! Each one of us has a goal and many hands are involved into making the big picture happen February 13, 14 & 15. We still have places to fill for anyone volunteering during that week, and in the days after for clean up and organizing. Please contact one of the Show chairs if you are looking for how you can be of assistance. Thank you for all the hard work! Let's get this done!!!

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2026 is off to a great start with our guild, and I hope, in your life. This month every small group is revolving around the Quilt Show, and it is as it should be. Behind the scenes we have those that are looking ahead to what is coming this month and after the show. Please consult the calendar in this issue.

I know our Membership meeting and yard sale is the week after the show which should allow whatever was not sold at the show to be for sale during that meeting. As you take down the boutique and other venues, you may want to sort/price them for the yard sale. Be sure to reserve your tables.

For over two years we are preparing for this event. From selecting a theme, making show ribbons, confirming judges, planning signage, mapping flooring, getting vendors and sponsors, making scrap bags, making baskets, organizing kids events, preparing your own entries, to setting it all (and more) into action the week of the event YOU have been involved with a great show! God bless it all!

Happy Quilting!

Julie

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Special Events: OPEN

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Quilters' Escape 2027 –
Susan Pisano, Lysette Rivera

Ways & Means: Penny Black

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

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MEMBERSHIP

Finally! It's Quilt Show Month! If your quilt(s) isn't ready for intake day, Feb 9th, what are you doing sitting around reading this? Get back to work! If you haven't signed up to help with the show yet, it's not too late. Penny Coleman still needs people to make and bring food in a timely fashion for the worker bees (People who will be working all week to set up). We still need Hostesses. That's a fun job. You get a white glove so you can turn a corner to the back and look at the label and the quilting. And I still need people to sit at the membership table. We give out door prizes and directions. Not hard, and you can sit down. If you'd like to apply for this job, my email is patdonohoo2411@gmail.com. I need help Friday and Saturday afternoons. Thanks.

110 signed in for January meeting and a good time was had by all.

Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire



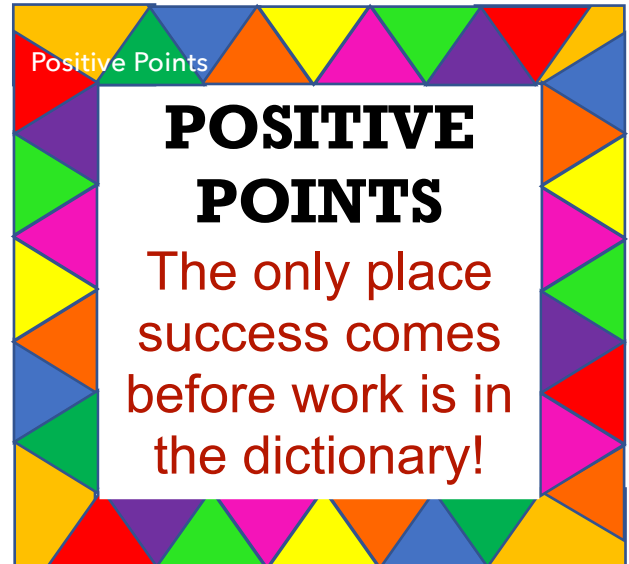
SAVE THE DATES

Quilts of Valor Special Work Sessions

Monday, April 6, 2026 & Monday, July 6, 2026

Make plans now to join us, 9am – 3pm.

Details will be in the March Newsletter.



By The Way...

SCHOLARSHIP

It is time to remind your eligible student to enter an application for our scholarship award. Applications **MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY**.

Eligibility: Any member of WPQG (in good standing) and/or family members (spouse, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren) are eligible.

Click [here](#) to go to the application form on the Guild website.

If you have questions, please call me 727-372-6456 or e-mail Pennyb1618@gmail.com.

Penny Black
Scholarship Chair

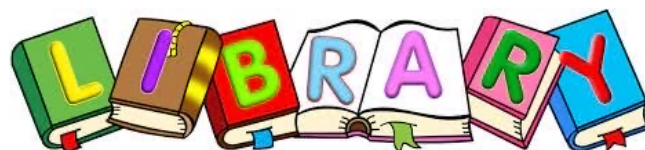
Admissions Volunteers Needed!

Following are openings where we need help at admissions during the quilt show:

Fri., 1:00 - 5:00 — Sell Opportunity Quilt tickets
Sat., 1:00 - 5:00 — Sell Opportunity Quilt tickets
Sun., 9:45 - 1:00 — Sell Opportunity Quilt tickets
and Help with Wristband

If you can help give me a call or text (727) 505-5492 or email me (kar5123misc@gmail.com)

Thanks, Kathy Robertson



Name	Birthday
Miller, JoAnn (Killion-Pedigo)	2/2
Oltmann, Jane	2/2
Teclaw, Sandra	2/6
Como, Vita	2/9
Griffith, Joyce	2/9
Romanosky, Lori	2/9
Gilley, Sean	2/10
Mader, Sharon L.	2/11
Lustigman-Rooth, Marian	2/13
Winters, Jerrye	2/14
Donahue, Verna	2/15
Williams, Leann	2/15
Fausak, Cheryl	2/17
Casper, Barbara	2/18
Keane, Marge	2/19
Robbins, Colette	2/23
Fernandez, Maureen G. A.	2/24
Little, Kathy	2/24
Wert, Julie	2/26
Conway, Judy	2/27
Risoldi, Kathleen	2/27
Utecht, Patricia	2/28

By the time of our February meeting, the show will be over. Hopefully a lot of our sales items will have been sold at the show.

We will be continuing to clean and reorganize the Library shelves.

Library will be open at the February meeting. However, March is our anniversary party and we will not be open. So any items checked out in February are not due back until April.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian



Join
A
Small
Group !!

Go to [page 19](#) for details.

EDUCATION

Schedule

Feb 19, 2026 Yard Sale, Elections

March 4 and March 25, 2026 – Janie Franco's
Sweatshirt Jacket class, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$35,
Country Place, 2 days

Mar 19, 2026 Guild Anniversary Party

Apr 16, 2026 Color Theory — Ellen Ault

May 21, 2026 Julie Luoma from Off the Wall Quilt,
Dancing on the Borders lecture, with workshop on
Friday, May 22. This completely fun and action
packed class will reveal an artistic flair in anyone as
we "play" together to build borders.

Jun 18, 2026 Demo-Mania

Jul 16, 2026 Annual Guild Picnic

Aug 20, 2026 Crime Prevention Task Force

Sep 17, 2026 Robin VanScoy, The Journey of the
Half-Square Triangles

Oct 15, 2026 Fun Day Surprise — details later

Nov 19, 2026 Margaret Lobianco with workshop
Thursday afternoon and all
day Friday. Tropicalicious
Dresden Flamingo
margaretsewfunquilts.com



Dec 17, 2026 Guild Annual Holiday Party

Jan 21, 2027 Bonnie Langenfeld
<https://www.landscapesinfabric.com/>
with a Stitch Sampler workshop on Friday.



TIPS, TRICKS, AND QUILTER'S HACKS

This new monthly addition to our newsletter is for all of us and you are encouraged to submit ideas you'd like to share, helpful tips.

Here is our first one:

Pressing Seams: When pressing, first press the units flat to meddle the fibers of the thread into the fabric.

Then press a second time as instructed in your pattern: Press seams to the dark side, or press seams open, whatever the designer suggests. You'll end up with flatter seams with this 2 step process.

To submit your tip to share with all of us, email it to: WPQGtips@gmail.com



◆ Upcoming Events ◆

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 The Hen House	3 Sew-Much-Fun Kids Korner Tue Evening Nimblers	4 Charity Sew at the Coop	5 WPQG Quilt Show And Board	6 Safety Harbor Stitchers	7
8 Quilt Show Set-up	9 Quilt Show Set-up Quilt turn-in	10 Quilt Show Set-up	11 Quilt Show Set-up	12 Quilt Show Set-up Members Only Reception	13 Quilt Show	14 Quilt Show
15 Quilt Show	16 The Hen House	17 Sew-Much-Fun Kids Korner Tue Evening Nimblers	18 Charity Sew at the Coop	19 WPQG Membership Meeting	20	21 Saturday Soup 'N Sew
22	23 The Hen House Monday Mavens	24 Sew-Much-Fun The Gathering Kids Korner Tue Evening Nimblers	25 Charity Sew at the Coop	26	27	28

WPQG Quilt Show Meeting — Feb. 5, 9:00 Rec Center, Palm Room

WPQG Board meeting — Feb. 5, 10:30 Rec Center, Palm Room

NOTE: Lori Romanosky will be selling member lanyards and tickets for show at these meetings. \$10 per/cash or check only.

Members Only Reception — Feb. 12, 6:00 p.m., Gym Floor, Rec Center

WPQG Quilt Show — Feb 12-15, with clean up starting at 4p.m. Sunday.

Remember to pick up your show quilts, consignment items, Bed Turning Quilts, etc. Volunteer to help wherever you can!

WPQG Membership Meeting and Yard Sale — Feb. 19, 9:00-12:00, Rec

Center. For table reservations call Penny Black 727-372-6456. \$10 per table space. If you have a table to bring-let us know, it would be appreciated.

Small Groups — see page 19 for details

LANYARDS-IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that each show year a new lanyard is made to go with the theme of that year. **Lanyards from previous years will NOT be accepted.** You pay \$10 as a member and receive a colored ticket with a lanyard. You are to write your name on that ticket and place it on that lanyard. This allows entrance to the Members Reception on Thursday evening and every day of the show.

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We will be electing our 2026-27 Board at this meeting. Our current slate of officers will be running for a second term. If you, or anyone you know, would like to run in one of our four board offices, please contact Penny Black, nominating chair, before the next meeting.

March Anniversary Tea

Our guild will be 38 years old this March! Let's make this event a celebration to all those that have come before us to make us what we are today. Check out our list of past presidents, show chairs and members in our directory. Our committee chairs are listed each month on our agendas. If you have a story you would like to share email me before March 10th and we can make arrangements for one of us to recognize her/

him. It takes every member to make up West Pasco Quilters' Guild. Let's honor each member with a positive attitude and a "Bravo" for a job well done!

The tea will be a table set up like our Holiday Party so tables will be at a premium. We will play a game or two and have a short program. Please ask those that will be at your table to bring a serving of something 'tea worthy' for your table. Cookies, little cakes, small sandwiches, mini kabobs, that sort of item. If you can have someone from your table to coordinate who brings what it will work out better. A normal TEA has a scone type item, mini sandwiches, a mini meat treat and top it off with a dessert. The guild will provide a single dessert for everyone present, teas and coffee. Cups and plates will be available or you can set your own tables. White tablecloths will also be available. If you make more goodies than you need at your table, we will have a few guest tables that you can share with. **Please contact me by text or email by March 10th and let me know how many tables you will need and how many will be at your table. Julie Gohring 770-680-8222 or revjulieg@gmail.com.**

NOTE: If anyone comes before 8:30 that morning the tables may not be set up yet. I get there at 8:00 to prep the room per table requests. Please give me that 30 minutes to pull what I need together. I will be available to answer questions after 8:30. Thank you!



WPQG 2026 Quilt Show

“America’s Garden of Quilts”

2026 QUILT SHOW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: When do I bring in my quilt for the show?

A: Monday, February 9th, 2026 is D Day, (delivery day) 9:00 am-12:00 pm. All show quilts, Guild challenge quilts, Youth challenge quilts, Bed turning quilts, and Boutique consignments are to be brought in that day. Also quilts for sale need to be turned in this day.

Q: What about my quilts I want to sell?

A: This is the first year we are trying this. Quilts that are hanging on the show floor can be sold if you wish. We need to know though so we can designate that on the info attached to the quilt. Other quilts not hanging will be in the demo and lecture room. All for sale quilts will need go through the Boutique consignment process. Michele Crary is the person to contact for this information.

Q: I cannot bring my quilts in on Monday, February 9th. What do I do?

A: You need to make arrangements for someone else to bring them in. There are no exceptions to this time.

Q: What is the Small Quilt Shoppe?

A: This is a Buy It Now shoppe for small art quilts. Perimeter of these quilts need to be 100 inches or less total. All money raised will go to the youth program at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center. The quilts can be given to Pam King at any time.

Q: Does my quilt need a sleeve?

A: Yes, a four inch sleeve is required. The sleeve must be stitched down on both the top and the bottom of the sleeve. The quilt is hung on a rod, not pinned, so a sleeve is the only way to hang the quilt.

Q: How do I label my quilt?

A: All quilts must have a quilt label attached to the lower left hand corner of the back of the quilt with the name of the quilt owner, quilt name, etc.

What else do you have a question about? Contact Rhonda Koning, Susanna Brannon or Pam King.



IT'S OFFICIALLY SHOWTIME FOLKS! - Our QUILT SHOW is upon us! PLEASE take time — STEP UP and VOLUNTEER for assistance with our show! This is our time to SHINE within our community and show off our work, our membership and our presence in the community! If you have NOT volunteered for one of our committees that need assistance for set up and management during the show PLEASE call Rhonda Koning, Pam King or Susanna Brannon, our quilt show chair persons. We are attaching a copy of our quilt show week timeline AND the committee list. PLEASE check with a committee chair - phone numbers are in our guild directory.

2026 Quilt Show Time Line

2-8-2026 — 2-16-2026

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	DAY	Date	Time	Activity	Chair	Location
2	Sunday	2/8/2026	9:30am	Pick up boutique set from storage	Rhonda Koning and	storage unit
3				PU racks/etc from storage unit	Marilyn Matyus steps recovery	
4				Deliver ALL storage unit supplies to Ctr		
5			Noonish	deliver boutique set up from storage		
6	Monday	2/9/26	9am-noon	Delivery Day:		
7				Show Quilts INTAKE	Shirley Zerbe	Gym
8				Small Quilt Shoppe INTAKE	Pam King	Gym
9				Guild Challenge Quilts INTAKE	Genie Betts	Gym
10				Bed Turning Quilts INTAKE	Sue Kolczak	Gym
11				Basket Walk INTAKE	Susan Jawor	Gym
12				Youth Challenge quilts INTAKE	Cheryl Fausak	Gym
13				Boutique Consignment INTAKE	Michelle Creary	Palm room
14				Hall Display Class Samples INTAKE	? Pam King	Gym
15				Confirm Art Guild Set Up	Rhonda Koning/Carol Eisen	WPAG-NPR
16				Tables delivered?	Pam King	
17				Hang Opportunity Quilt	Rhonda Koning/Julie G	Lobby
18			8am all day	Boutique Setup	Carol Buonomo	Palm room
19				Boutique Security and POS Set up?	Mary Borders / Jeff Gorhing	Palm room
20			NOON	Lunch served	Penny Coleman/ Nina T	Breakroom
21			5pm	Tape gym floor	Rhonda Koning	Gym
22				Hang membership quilts	Rhonda Koning/Julie G	Gym Floor
23			noon-3pm	Place signs around town	Betsy Turner	
24	Tuesday	2/10/26	9am-5pm	Judging	Laura Vernola	Judging room
25			9am	Boutique Set Up	Carol Buonomo	Palm room
26			11am	Programs delivered	Rhonda Koning	Lobby
27			9am	Rack & drape set up	Pat Hazellief/Janie	Gym
28			NOON	Lunch served	Penny Coleman/Trish W.	Breakroom
29	Wednesday	2/11/26	8am-5pm	Judging	Laura Vernola	Judging room
30			9am-5pm	Hanging	Janie Franco	Gym
31				Boutique Set Up	Carol Buonomo	Palm room
32			9am-3pm	Small Quilt Shoppe Set Up	Pam King	Gym
33				GuildChallenge Quilt Set Up	Genie Betts	Gym
34				Set up Historical Society Display	Rhonda Koning/Bette Cond	WPHS-NPR
35				Set up special exhibit	Pam King	Hall
36				Youth Challenge Set Up	Cheryl Fausak	Gym
37				Kids' Activities Set Up	Elaine Plourde	Gym
38				Concession Set up? Chicken Chick	Pam King	Concession
39				Patriotic Corner Set Up	Barbara Manning	Gym
40			NOON	Lunch served	Penny Coleman/Trish W.	Breakroom
41	Thursday	2/12/26	9am-?	Finish hanging	Janie Franco	Gym
42			9am-?	Winners list compiled and printed	Nancy Meinhardt?	
43				Indoor Signage / Displays	Ann Templeton / Rhonda	Gym-elsewhere
44				Set Up Community Outreach display	Lysette Rivera	Gym
45				Set Up Membership Table & Guest Book	Pat Donohue/Rhonda	Gym
46				Set Up Door Prize (at membership)	Judy Klingensmith	Gym
47				Set up demo/trunk show classroom	Pam King	Mirror Room
48				Set up demo station on show floor	Pat Hazellief	Gym
49				Cards and Hand placement	Nancy Meinhardt	Gym
50				Admissions Set Up & program stuffing	Kathy Robertson	Lobby
51				Hostess Station Set up	Sharon Robinson	Breakroom?
52				Set Up Treasurer Quarters	Julie Gohring	Vault room
53				Philanthropic Quilt Display Set Up	Rose Ann Verheyen	Gym
54				Set Up Sound System	Julie Gohring	Gym
55			10am-5pm	Vendor Set Up	Rhonda Koning	Gym
56			NOON	Lunch served ? Please	Penny Coleman/Trish W.	Breakroom
57			1pm	Set up Methodist Church Display	Donna Hammell	FUMC-NPR
58			2pm	Ribbon Hanging	Laura Vernola	Gym
59			2pm	Basket Walk Set Up	Susan Jawor	Gym
60			6pm-8pm	Opening Reception – Members Only	Julie Gohring	Rec Ctr
61			7pm	QOV Presentation	Barbara Manning	Gym
62			7:30-8pm	Member shopping with vendors	Rhonda Koning	Gym
63	Friday	2/13/26	9am-5pm	Quilt Show	Brannon/King/Koning	
64			6am-10am	Possible TV personality?	Pam King	
65			8am	Guild Member Boutique pre-sale	Carol Buonomo	Palm Room
66	Saturday	2/14/26	9am-5pm	Quilt Show	Brannon/King/Koning	
67	Sunday	2/15/26	10am-4pm	Quilt Show	Brannon/King/Koning	
68			4pm	Quilt Show ENDS		
69			4pm-?	Take down quilts, racks, etc	Pat Hazellief	
70			5pm-6pm	Pick up quilts & consignments	Shirley Zerbe/Michelle Creary	
71			5pm-7pm	Load up racks and things for storage	Rhonda/Marilyn Matyus	
72	Monday	2/19/2026	9:30am	Rack, drapes, etc returned to storage	Koning/Marilyn Matyus	
73				Tables pick up	Pam King	

2026 WPQG Quilt Show Committees

10/4/2025

Chair	Committees	Chair(s) for Committee
Pam	Boutique--Supervisor of Co-Chairs	Carol Buonomo
Pam	Boutique--Consignment Co-Chair	Michelle Creary
Pam	Boutique--Scrap Bags Co-Chairs	Lori Romanosky, Ann Marshall
Pam	Boutique--Set Up/Take Down Co-Chairs	Hen House Ladies
Pam	Boutique--Workshops Co-Chairs	Hen House Ladies
Pam	Demos & Lectures	Pam King
Pam	Demos & Lectures--Bed Turning	Sue Kolczak, Pat Hazelief
Pam	Demos & Lectures--Hand Quilting/Handwork	Pat Hazellief
Pam	Facebook--Public	Pam King
Pam	Judging	Laura Vernola
Pam	Layout	Nancy, Janie, Anne
Pam	Members' Opening Reception	President
Pam	Membership Table	Pat Donohue
Pam	Patriotic Honor - QOV	Barbara Manning
Pam	Point of Sale (POS) and Cashiers	Mary Borders, Robbie Cash, Jocelyn Whitehart
Pam	Registration	Shirley Zerbe, Mary Parkin
Pam	Ribbons	Janie Franco
Pam	Show Secretary	Pat Utecht
Pam	Show Treasurer / Insurance / Security	Julie Gohring, Mary Borders
Pam	Special Activity--Trolley	Pam King
Pam	Special Exhibits--Hall Display	Meri Mahlstedt
Pam	Special Exhibits--Small Groups Display	Rhonda Koning
Pam	Spreadsheet	Nancy Meinhardt
Pam	Vendors	Rhonda Koning, Pam King
Pam	Website	Mary Borders, Nancy Meinhardt
Rhonda	Guild Challenge	Genie Betts
Rhonda	Momentos/Pins	Genie Betts
Rhonda	Program Design/Doc.--Advertising	WE NEED YOUR HELP
Rhonda	Program Design/Doc.--Catalog	Lorna Calvert
Rhonda	Program Design/Doc.--Photographs	Wendy Spence, Rhonda Koning
Rhonda	Signage Indoor / Community Outreach Display	Anne Templeton
Rhonda	Signage Outdoor	Betsy Turner
Susanna	Admissions	Kathy Robertson, Sharon Wigglesworth, Pat Utecht
Susanna	Children's Activities	Elaine Plourde
Susanna	Door Prizes	Judy Klingensmith
Susanna	Food Concession	Pam King
Susanna	Guild--Basket Walk Creation	Susanna Branon, Susan Jawor
Susanna	Guild--Basket Walk Ticket Sales	Mary Hanchey, Sandra Teclaw, Sue Wilton
Susanna	Guild--Block Party Auction	Kathy Sonosky
Susanna	Guild--Philanthropic Quilt	Rose Ann Verheyen
Susanna	Guild--Small Quilt Shop	Pam King
Susanna	Hospitality	Penny Coleman, Nina Trapp
Susanna	Hostesses/Ushers/Housekeeping	Sharon Robinson
Susanna	Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales	Karen Oertel
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down	Janie Franco
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Drapes	Pat Hazelief
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Hanging Quilts	Janie Franco
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Membership Quilt (2 to be hung)	Julie Gohring
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Opportunity Quilt Placement at Show	Rhonda Koning
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Racks	Janie Franco
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Storage & Return	Janie Franco
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Table Allocation	Pam King
Susanna	Set Up/Take Down--Tape Floor	Rhonda Koning, Barbara Manning
Susanna	Youth Challenge	Cheryl Fausak
P/R/S	Public Relations--Ambassadors	Diane Bounds, Cathy Schwarzkopf
P/R/S	Public Relations--Church Displays	WE NEED YOUR HELP
P/R/S	Public Relations--Historical Society	Rhonda Koning
P/R/S	Public Relations--Other Venue Participation	WE NEED YOUR HELP
P/R/S	Public Relations--Show Publicity	WE NEED YOUR HELP
P/R/S	Public Relations--Show Sponsors	Barbara Manning
P/R/S	Public Relations--West Pasco Art Guild	WE NEED YOUR HELP

It's only 13 days, (that's right 13 days!), until the 2026 Quilt Show.
Mark your calendars now and block off the week of February 9, 2026!
Your volunteer time will be crucial to the success of the Quilt Show.

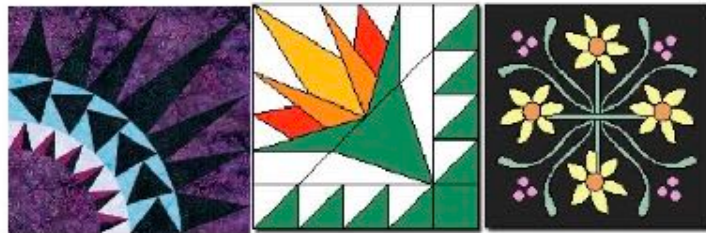
Block Party Silent Auction

With the success of the Block Party at our last quilt show, we are doing this fundraiser again at the 2026 "America's Garden of Quilts" show.

WPQG would appreciate your help!

Get with your small group, a friend or two and come up with a theme and/or a color scheme and make a set of blocks. It's that easy.

Show attendees will be bidding on packages of completed quilt blocks that they can put together by adding blank blocks, sashing, borders, etc.



Keep these guidelines in mind:

- Sets should have a standard amount of blocks to make a balanced quilt, wall hanging, or table runner (i.e., 4 - 12 blocks depending on the size and purpose).
- Blocks should be uniform in size and include seam allowances (8.5" not 8" blocks)
- Showcase your special skill – embroidery, paper piecing, applique, etc.

Have fun with it!

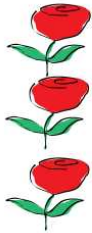
If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sonosky at 727-992-7419.

WPQG Challenge

America's Garden of Quilts



February 13 - ~~14~~ - 15 2026
Richey Rec & Aquatic Ctr
6630 Van Buren St
New Port Richey, FL
9-5 Friday & Saturday
Sunday 10-4



Your challenge entry must be a "true quilt" NO LARGER then 20" x 20".

You must use enough of the challenge fabric so we see what it is.

You will purchase your fat quarter for \$5.

This \$5 will be returned to you when you turn in your entry.



If you do not turn in your entry your
\$5 will be donated to our charity quilt program



Special ribbons and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Viewer's choice ballots are provided at the challenge table

Remember to keep your entry a secret and don't forget your quilt label.



For more information please contact
Genie Betts
727-233-2346
Geniequilts@gmail.com





Community Outreach



Dana's Angels was the recipient of January's food bank. You ladies collected \$162 in food and \$280.75 in cash for this group. They will be so appreciative. GREAT JOB!!

Saundra Teclaw and Kim Smith
Food Bank Co-chairs

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

Charity Sew

Join us anytime at the Hen House (8301 Joliet St., Hudson) on Monday and The Coop (9341 Osceola Dr., NPR) on Wednesdays from 9:00 am until 2:00 p.m. Come join the fun. We always have something to do for willing hands!

At the General meeting stop by and visit our charity table to see what we are up to. There are kits for quilts ready to be pieced, or sandwiched and quilted, or need binding ready for pick up. PLEASE keep in mind we need BRIGHT AND HAPPY children's quilts and proper size. Not too big. Also, we need quilts for older girls & boys up to 18 years old. Pick up and return any month at our Charity Sew table.

SCRAPS!!! We take any unwanted cotton and/or flannel fabric only. Just drop off at the Charity table.

Please continue to make all those quilts! Thank you so much for your generous spirit of giving. It is a tremendous help.

Lori Romanosky:
Co-Chair Charity Sew and Scrap Chair
Ann Marshall
Co-Chair Charity Sew

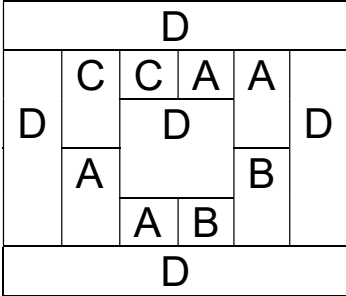
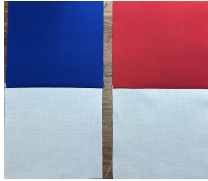
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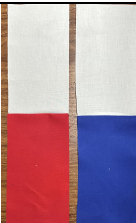
Average size daycare, early elementary school
54 X 54, 54 X 56

Upper elementary/lower high school
54 X 58, 54 X 60, 54 X 62

Upper high school
54 X 64, 54 X 66, 54 X 68

Block of Month

WEST PASCO QUILTERS' GUILD	ECHOES	BLOCK OF THE MONTH February 2026	SKILL LEVEL: EASY-BEGINNER
Block Size: 21" x 21" FABRICS A = White 1/8 yd B = Red 1/8 yd C = Blue 1/8 yd D = Patriotic Print 1 FQ		All seam allowances are 1/4" For reference: Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" x 21" HST = Half Square Triangle WOF = Width of Fabric ST = Right Sides Together	 This block is the Quilts Of Valor Foundation NATIONAL BLOCK FOR 2026
FABRIC CUTTING:			
A = White Cut one piece, 4-1/2" x WOF. From this cut two pieces 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" and two pieces 4-1/2" x 8-1/2". B = Red Cut one piece, 4-1/2" x 15. From this cut one piece 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" and one piece 4-1/2" x 8-1/2". C = Blue Cut one piece, 4-1/2" x 15. From this cut one piece 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" and one piece 4-1/2" x 8-1/2". D = Patriotic Print Cut two pieces 3-1/2" x WOF. From this cut two border pieces 3-1/2" x 16-1/2" and 2 border pieces 3-1/2" x 21-1/2". Also cut one block 8-1/2" x 8-1/2".			
BLOCK ASSEMBLY:			
Sew one Blue (C) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" to one White (A) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"; Press seams to the blue. Sew one Red (B) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" to one White (A) 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"; Press seams to the red.			
Sew one Red and White pair to the top of (D) 8 1/2"x 8 1/2" Patriotic Print with the red block to the left. Sew one White and Blue pair to the bottom of (D) 8 1/2"x 8 1/2" Patriotic Print with the blue block to the right. Press seams to the center.			

Sew one Red (B) 8½" x 4½" to one White (A) 8½" x 4½"; Press seams to the red. Sew one Blue (C) 8½" x 4½" to one White (A) 8½" x 4½"; Press seams to the blue.	
S Sew one Red and White set to the print set, red next to red. Sew one Blue and White set to the print set, blue next to blue.	
Sew one 16-1/2" border (D) to the left side of the block and one to the right side. Press seams to the border. Sew one 21-1/2" border to the top of the block and one to the bottom. Press seams to the border.	
Give the entire block a nice press with a bit of starch. Trim to 21.5" x 21.5".	



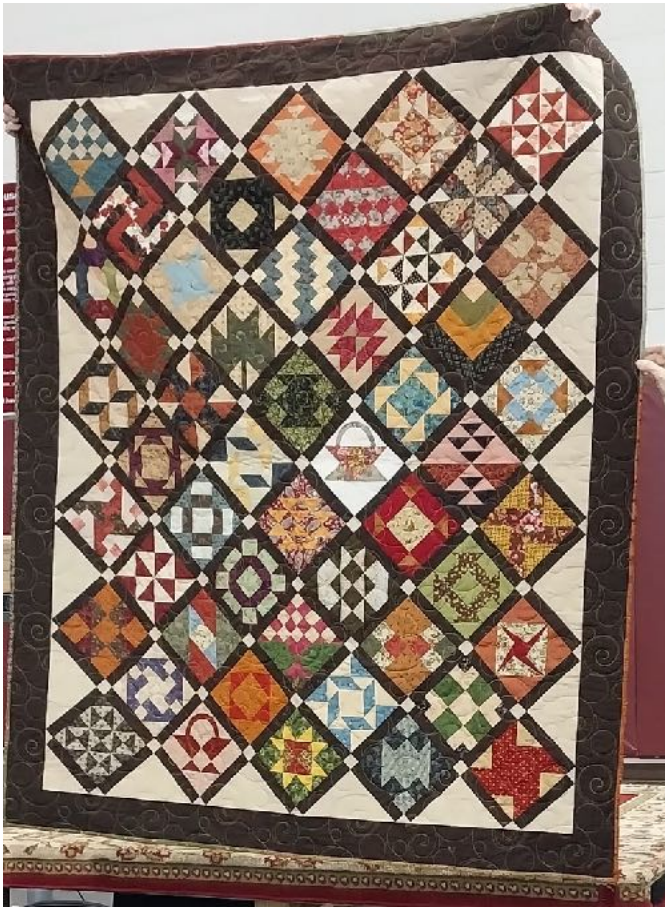
*Thank you for making blocks from the pattern
for the WPQG Quilt of Valor Program.*



Sew 'n Tell

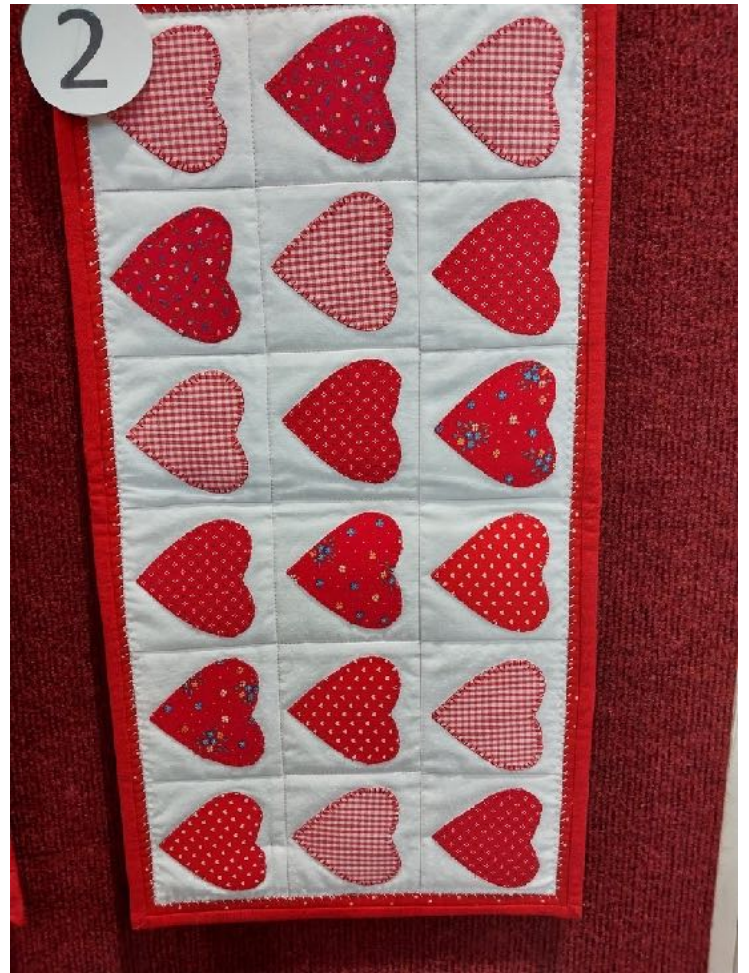


(Photos by Janie Franco)





Some of the Janie Franco sweatshirt jackets created at the previous class. Interested? Check out the upcoming class listed in the Education article on page 5.



January Art Challenge entries

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 9:30am to noon at Holiday Community Fellowship Church, 5144 Sunray Drive, Holiday, FL 34690. Bring anything you are working on. Contact: Cheryl Fausak 917-757-8334 Mildred Peterson 813-465-3341

MONDAY - SEWING SISTERS... aka, Hen House

We meet every Monday from 9am to 2pm at 8301 Joliet Street (three story building), Hudson. Enter through the back of the building. All skill levels 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 727-858-6618 or Susanna Branon sbranon189@gmail.com

TUESDAY - SEW-MUCH-FUN...

We meet EVERY Tuesday from 9am 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 - patdonohoo2411@gmail.com

TUESDAY - THE GATHERING...

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm at Centennial Park Library, 5740 Moog Road, Holiday from 10am to 1pm. 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 9pm 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 6pm at Contractors Institute Learning Center, 8238 Joliet Street (at the 15000 block 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 9am to 2pm 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

FRIDAY - SAFETY HARBOR STITCHERS...

We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 11am - 2pm at Rigsby Recreation Center, 605 2nd Street North, Safety Harbor. We focus on wool applique or hand work. All skill levels welcome. Contact: Diane Tursek 727-638-1080

SATURDAY SOUP 'N SEW...

We meet the 3RD Saturday at 10am at 15414 Little Road, Hudson. Our focus is to support our other small groups and we have a dedicated project each month. Bring your machines and a soup cup! Contact: Audrey Bucaro 727-992-3672

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

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