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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

Dear Quilters,

It's 69 degrees on my lanai as I write the May newsletter - welcome to summertime! The atmosphere is beautiful; flowers blooming, it's peaceful, with birds singing and fish jumping. Welcome to Florida at its best!



Most of us, and our friends, have grandkids moving from one phase to another as they grow from toddler to school age, to preteens, to graduates, to young adults. We are excited to see them as the adults of tomorrow. We bless each of them on this important journey. WPQG will be assisting six of these young people with scholarships from our Nita and Cal Fox Scholarship Fund. We wish them well and much success. Bravo kids!

Let's have some fun this month! Rhonda is facilitating the Wagon Train Log Cabin Roundup at Contractors Institute on May 8th – always a fun day!!! Julie Luoma is doing a Dancing on the Borders workshop May 22nd, which will be a great creative adventure in borders. Sign up for both of these with Pam King. And don't forget to check out the small groups – there is always something happening in WPQG!!!

Safe travels to those going back up north and those taking vacations! You will be missed!

Happy Quilting!

Julie

**Wagon
Train
Log
Cabin
Round up
Class**

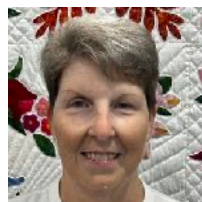
**Friday,
May 8
At
Contractors
Institute.**

**Join us
for a day
of
quilting
fun and
fellowship!**

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Special Events: OPEN

Holiday/Anniversary – Julie Gohring
Hospitality – Jerrye Winters
Quilters' Escape 2027 –
Susan Pisano, Susan Jawor

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 ◆

Our April meeting was attended by 97 signed in members. We also acquired 3 new members. Mary Taylor, Beth Mullahy and Norma Santiago. Hello and welcome! Please check out our small groups. There's always room for three more or more.

And now, what you've all been waiting for, my "take home" from a program on color theory. Brown, is really a very odd shade of orange! Who knew? Blue and orange are opposite each other on the color wheel, making them complementary colors. This explains why almost any shade of blue looks good with almost any shade of brown. It also explains why my friend Marilyn wasted an hour and a half of her life watching me trying to pick a batik for setting triangles for blue sashing. I tried every shade of blue and green they had before settling on a brown with orange and yellow leaves. I could have saved so much time! Next month, May, interesting borders with Julie Luoma!

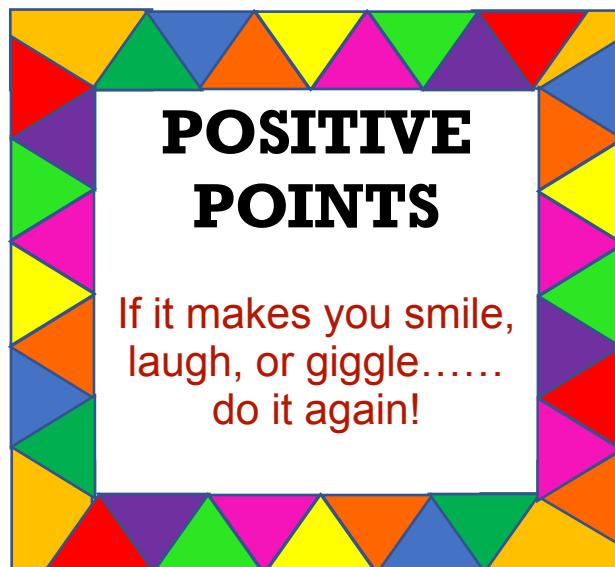
Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire



Join
A
Small
Group !!

Go to [page 15](#) for details.

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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 9 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



Name	Birthday
Giddings, Beverly	5/1
Mallory, Eryn	5/1
Swogger, Mary Ann S.	5/2
Plourde, Elaine G.	5/3
Templeton, Anne	5/4
Waldfoegel, Jackie	5/4
Matyus, Marilyn	5/5
Miller, Victoria	5/7
Doyle, Nicholas	5/8
Messer, Ginger	5/9
Spence, Wendy	5/11
Betts, Genie	5/14
Klingensmith, Judy	5/18
McGoff, Linda	5/18
Taylor, Brenda	5/20
Haraway, Dana	5/23
Dettmer, Celia	5/24
Quinn, Rhona	5/25
Stella, Leslie	5/27
Meinhardt, Karen	5/28
Mahon, Lindsey Anne	5/29

May meeting will be your last chance until August to purchase books & magazines and check out books from the Library. We will be closing for the summer as our meetings will be at the Contractors Institute.

Please be sure to return any checked out items. There are still a number of overdue books out there.

The April membership meeting presentation on color theory by Ellen Ault was very informative. If you would like even more information on color theory, the library has 15 books available in the purple section.

Also, if you're interested in participating in the August Art Challenge, the library has several books with Christmas patterns in the patterns white section.

Remember, you will be able to keep the books you check out in May until August. You will have all summer to create something beautiful.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian

EDUCATION

Pam King, Education Chair

Schedule

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, 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 Fun Day Surprise — details later

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

\$60 for the class; additionally, you can choose your own fabric and purchase a pattern for \$22 or purchase a kit with all you need for \$65 paid to Margaret.

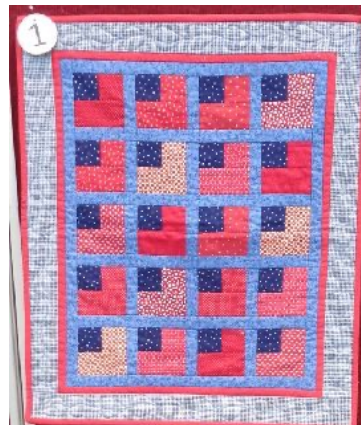


Dec 17, 2026 Guild Annual Holiday Party — Deck Your Table

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



April Art Challenge Winners



First Place
Marsha White



Second Place
Kathy
Robertson

The August Art Challenge is green fabric with a Christmas theme.

Trish Wallick
Art Challenge Chair



◆ Upcoming Events ◆

May

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

27	28	29	30	1	2
The Hen House 4	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 5	Charity Sew at the Coop 6	WPQG Board Mtg 7	Wagon Train Log Cabin Round up Class 8	9
The Hen House Monday Ravens 11	Sew-Much-Fun, The Gathering, Kids Korner, 12	Charity Sew at the Coop 13	14	15	Saturday Soup 'N Sew 16
The Hen House 18	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 19	Charity Sew at the Coop 20	WPQG Membership Mtg 21	Julie Luoma Workshop 22	23
Memorial Day 25	Sew-Much-Fun, The Gathering, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers, Dear Jane Club 26	Charity Sew at the Coop 27	28	29	30

WPQG Board meeting — May 7, 10:00 a.m., Rec Center, Palm Room

Wagon Train Log Cabin Round up Class — May 8, Contractors Institute, Hudson

WPQG Membership Meeting — May 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Rec Center

Julie Luoma Workshop — May 22, Rec Center, Palm Room



Quilts of Valor

SAVE THE DATES

Quilts of Valor Special Work Sessions

Monday, July 20, 2026

Make plans now to join us, 9am – 3pm.

Details will be in the June Newsletter.

A Quilt of Valor presentation was held at the home of guild member Lyn Wilson. The presentation was for guild member Barbara Cook. She was unable to attend one of the ceremonies during the quilt show. Barbara was recognized for her service to the nation in the Air Force. Her sister, Patricia Hermansen, was her sponsor. Mildred Petersen performed the presentation.



QOV Work Day April 6

Quilters in attendance:

Lori Baumgartner, Robbie Cash, Michele Crary, Vickie Dow, Sean Gilley, Pat Hazellief, Patricia Hermansen, Ginger Messer, Joann Miller, Mildred Petersen, Rozanne Ritter, Kathy Robertson, Debby Urgo, and Marge Warren.

The work by this team resulted in the following:

- 6 quilt tops cut
- 11 Dresden plate blocks complete
- 29 crazy quilt blocks complete
- 8 March BOM blocks complete
- 2 Quilt as you go (QAYG) string blocks
pieced and quilted

This team obviously came to work, and work they did!

Vickie Dow





Community Outreach



Check presentation from proceeds from the 2026 Quilt Show



Steps to Recovery

Healthy Start Coalition
(Opportunity Quilt charity)



New Port Richey Recreation
and Aquatic Center
Children's Programs

Charity Sew

CHARITY SEW Suggested Quilt Requirements

These are suggested sizes for the children quilts we produce for our regular charity giving. Take into consideration the quilt pattern, gender specific and age range when you plan your quilt. No flowers for boys and keep items appropriate for kids (no abusive verbiage or logos). Think bright and happy.

All cotton materials, 80/20 cotton batting (no polyester). Please be sure quilts are clean, remove pet hair and no smoking odors.

SUGGESTED SIZES OF QUILTS

Toddler Daycare, kindergarten 1st grade: 44 X 44, 44 X 46, 46 X 48, 50 X 50

Elementary School: 50 X 50, 52 X 52, 54 X 54, 54 X 56

Upper elementary/middle school: 54 X 56, 54 X 58, 54 X 60, 54 X 62

Upper high School: 54 X 62, 54 x 64, 54 X 66, 54 X 68, 56 X 66, 56 X 68

Charity Outreach has a table at the monthly membership meeting (3rd Thursdays) that provides kits for: quilt tops, sets with finished tops including batting and backing for quilting, and quilts needing binding. You can pick up a kit to take home to complete and return at another meeting. These quilts will be put into the category by size and theme to be donated as the need becomes available.

If you have extra fabric from your quilt, please include it in your donation. We make pillowcases to match the quilts and will use it for that. If you would like to make the pillowcase to coordinate, the pattern can be found on youtube. (Easy burrito pillowcase or something similar.)

Quilts that are not in the above size range, or child appropriate, will be used at other outreach opportunities such as Hospice, homeless facilities and other non-profit organizations.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.
LORI ROMANOSKY; Co-Chair Charity Sew & Scrap
Chair cell phone 727-810-0978
ANN MARSHALL; Co-Chair Charity Sew
home phone 727-514-3420

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Betsy Turner accepted the \$105 in food and her church, Community Congregational church of New Port Richey, will receive \$197 from the Quilt Guild. GOOD JOB LADIES!!

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



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.

Thank you...The people that do behind the scene things usually do not want a public thank you but I have seen this gal do everything from step-by-step instructions for a quilted jacket to snapping pictures for our directories. Janie Franco has a good and generous spirit to get the job done and do it with a smile. Thank you, Janie, for the numerous classes you facilitated and freely shared your knowledge. Thank you for being faithful to your word to get the ribbons for each quilt show winner

ready and beautiful! Thank you for your creative ideas for another Opportunity Quilt, organizing and working with a great crew to produce another awe-inspiring creation! You do that and so much more. I just wanted you to know you are appreciated!

Julie Gohring

*Thank you "mentions" — the spouses that assisted before, during, and after the 2026 Quilt Show – sometimes we remember the names because they are right there all the time, mostly we see the results. Those spouses that help with the signage, the heavy lifting, the security cameras, moving in and moving out/put-up & take-down, hauling here and there, ticket selling, and so much more we don't know about. **Kudos to the spouses that give their time to WPQG. We love you!!!!***

Julie Gohring



Sew 'n Tell



(Photos by Janie Franco)







From the kitchen of...Celia Dettmer

Many of us quilters make great magic in the kitchen. Celia brings her delights to several of the small groups. Here is one that was such a hit the recipe was requested over and over. I thought everyone would like to give it a try.

Lemon Cookies

1 box lemon cake mix

1 egg

1 regular size Cool Whip — defrosted

½ cup confectioners' sugar (no need to sift)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Line 3 cookie pans with parchment paper or nonstick foil. (Or make several batches/timing for cooling is important.)

Mix the first three ingredients together using a hand mixer until blended.

IMPORTANT: Put the bowl in the fridge for at least 30 minutes. (Otherwise batter will be too sticky to handle.) Remove bowl, spray your hands and a tablespoon scooper with Pam. Drop 1 tablespoon of batter into small bowl of confectioners' sugar. Roll the batter around in the sugar until it resembles a ball. Place on the cookie sheet spread apart so only 8 balls bake at a time.

Bake for 12-15 minutes. Cookies will not brown. Leave on parchment paper until they are cool. The bottoms may still be sticky so wait until they slide off the paper before moving them.

Cookies stay fresh up to 3 days in an air tight container.

I have also tried this recipe with chocolate and red velvet cake mixes with good results.

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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