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JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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WPQG 2026 Quilt Show



“America’s Garden of Quilts”

2026 Opportunity Quilt, “Libbie’s Garden”, 87” x 87”

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President's Message

Happy Independence Day!

2025 is flying by with everyone getting ready for the 2026 Quilt Show. It's fun to share new techniques and patterns and to see peeks of what people are doing. I love the way our members stretch to learn new things. So many of you are very generous with your talents and skills to share your knowledge with others. That's what life is all about, helping one another to the next level. A special thank you to all the Demo-mania presenters!

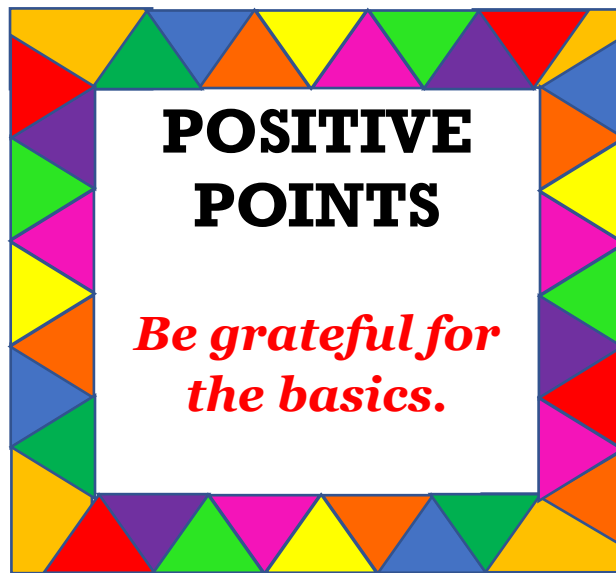
July is the true summer month of lazy days, holiday parties (WPQG has a picnic on July 17), vacation trips, and fun times with family and friends. Take a few moments to relax in the beauty of Florida. For those that have lived here a long time, some of the magic may go overlooked. I am

in awe at all the beautiful plants, blossoms, wild life and SUNSHINE that surrounds me each day. Relax and renew your spirit as nature envelopes you! (Not liking those no-see-ums).

As quilters, we tend to get caught up in our projects. I am so guilty! My sewing studio is coming along splendidly. I smile as I uncover items I thought I'd never see again. Many of the guild ladies helped pack up after Hurricane Helene so I was unaware of what actually made it and what didn't. As I unpack and organize, I didn't think I'd cry over a simple pin cushion, or a pack of needles that belonged to my mom. Thanks gals, you're the best!

Enjoy these lazy days! See you at the BBQ!

Julie



Membership

The Mystery has been solved!! What mystery you ask? The “why don't I like making items for the boutique” mystery. They're cute, they don't require a lot of fabric or much sewing or even much time. An hour or two per. People buy them. What's the problem here. Well, let me tell you the story.

I went to demo-mania. I watched all of the items being made. (Except the notebook covers, I've made those before. I can do that.) I decided to go on Sunday, join the group of makers and make a couple of items. I figured a box and a sewing machine mat. So I went and decided to try the box first. Four (4) hours later I had barely finished the box. I must have done every single step in the process 3 times. It turns out that if you don't do step “3” exactly right, step “4” is impossible. (I don't know how many steps the box has, but it's a BOX, you have to do everything four times. Correctly.) So, as I was finishing the box and wondering if I had enough self-esteem left to drive home, I overheard someone in the back

of the room say, “You know, these people aren't crafters, they're quilters. You show them how to do something, they nod and then they go home and call you and say, “What was step 3 again?””.

And there it was. The aha! moment. I am not a crafter. The crafty part of my brain just does not work well. I am doomed to spend four or five hours on every one or two hour project. The things we do for love. My self-esteem has returned, I shall persevere. God help the Boutique.

Now, for the June meeting news. Sixty seven of us signed in, we had one guest and we acquired three new members. Their names are Dana Haraway, Carmen Curtis, and Beverly Roesink. Hello and welcome. For even more quilting fun, please visit one or more of our small groups.

Don't forget! Picnic in July. I'm expecting 55 of you!

Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire

By The Way...

JULY Membership Meeting

Our JULY membership meeting - July 17 - will be hosted at Contractors Institute Learning Center - it's our ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC! Contractors Institute will provide hamburgers and hotdogs - please bring a dish to share! WE are also hosting a half square triangle exchange.... simple instructions - cut 5 inch squares of white on white AND any color BATIK you may have on hand... create half square triangles - carefully trim to 4 1/2 inches and bring as many as you would like to exchange. We will have a table set up to "swap your wares". An instruction sheet for making the half square triangle blocks is at the end of the newsletter if you need it.... Questions? Call Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667



SAVE THE DATE! Our annual 2025 FALL DAY CAMP is only a few SHORT months away.... Mark your calendar Monday, November 17th thru Friday, November

21st! This annual event is hosted at the home of Rhonda & Bob Koning in Golden Acres - 9341 Osceola Dr, New Port Richey. Day Camp fee will be \$35 for the week and includes a light lunch daily... Daily activities run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (NOON to 5 p.m. on Thursday - it's our membership meeting day). ... Our plan this year is to work on all things quilt show! More details will follow - in the meantime **SAVE THE DATE!** Questions? Call / Txt Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667 or Pam King 727-207-9371

Membership Blocks

ATTENTION: New Members, and those that have NOT turned in a membership block, please do so by October 2025 membership meeting. We currently have one massive membership quilt and one that we are adding to each year. These two quilts are on display at our Quilt Show, and other times during the year, when possible. Our goal is to have EVERY member add a block. The details for making the block is found on our private page in the form section. Please make the finished block at 10" square including the black binding. Drop them off at the Hen House or to me directly at any board or membership meeting. Thanks. Julie Gohring 770-680-8222 or revjulieg@gmail.com.

Click [here](#) for instructions provided on the guild website.

I NEED HELP

I'm collecting mason jar lids and round, plastic throw away lids from such products as sour cream, cottage cheese, etc. I need them as part of signage for the 2026 show. Please bring them to the August, September and October meetings

Thanks,
Anne Templeton
727-838-3620

News from the Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that \$1,000 scholarships have been awarded to the following students. The award is to be used toward their academic studies for the year 2025-2026:

Jonathan Gressett attends Central College in Pella, Washington and is the grandson of Trish Wallick;

Abigail Herbage attends Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and is the granddaughter of Penny Black;

Riley Koch attending University of Western Florida in Pensacola, Florida and is the granddaughter of Vicki Dow;

Connor Miller attending University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa and is the grandson of Kathie Beaty;

Katelyn Conley attending Pasco-Hernando State College in New Port Richey, Florida and is the granddaughter of Beverly Webster;

Christopher Erb attending the University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida and is the grandson of Susan Pisano.

Penny Black, Chair

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

“Get your Opportunity Quilt tickets at our Membership General Meetings”!
See Karen Oertel for more information.

WPQG 2026 Quilt Show

Our 2026 Quilt Show Festival is JUST around the corner....

WE need HELP with the following quilt show committees - PLEASE participate!

We have other local organizations supporting us during our show - smaller "offsite" quilt related displays, and we could really benefit from a guild member acting as a liaison with these venues:

The **West Pasco Art Guild** is working with us to host an Art Quilt - Fiber Art exhibit during our show and we need one or two guild members to help with the details of coordinating the event.... contact Rhonda Koning.

The **West Pasco Historical Society** is planning an antique display during our show time - they are very self sufficient but it would be most polite if someone could be dedicated to keeping the process running smoothly... contact Rhonda Koning.

The **First United Methodist Church of NPR** hosts a breathtaking sanctuary display of quilts - this display runs Friday and Saturday and member, Donna Hammel, always helps coordinate this and an extra hand would be beneficial... contact Rhonda Koning.

Our **Opportunity Quilt** will be hung in the lobby as our guests enter the show - we need someone to help coordinate ticket sales during the show for this quilt... contact Susanna Branon.

We need help with selling ads in the show program - media kits are ready and it would be MOST helpful if one person could coordinate this task... contact Rhonda Koning.

Our next quilt show meeting will be Thursday July 10 at 9 a.m. at the Coop Group meeting space - aka the basement of Rhonda Koning's house, 9341 Osceola Drive, NPR.

Quilt Show questions? Call one of the show chairs:

Susanna Branon 561-389-0142

Pam King 727-207-9371

Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667

West Pasco Quilters' Guild Inc.

19th Biennial Quilt Show

"America's Garden of Quilts"

Sew Many Quilts 2026

Admission
Donation:
One day \$10
Multi-day \$15

February 13-14-15, 2026

Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm - Sunday 10am-4pm



2026 Opportunity Quilt "Libbie's Garden" 87"x87"
is entirely hand appliquéd and hand quilted.
Recipient: "HEALTHYSTARTCOALITIONPASCO.ORG"



The pattern is called Kansas Album Quilt, used with permission from Overbrook Quilt Connection, Overbrook, Kansas

Over 300 quilts on display - VENDORS - Demos
Lectures - Food - Basket walk - Boutique - "ANTIQUE" quilt display by West Pasco
Historical Society - Quilts of Valor - Bed Turning

New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center
6630 Van Buren Street, New Port Richey, FL 34653

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Quilted Twins

Thanks to our Sponsor QuiltedTwins.com, 13829 US-98 BYP, Dade City, FL 33525

AMERICA'S GARDEN of QUILTS T-SHIRT sale for 2026 show!

-PREPAY orders-

We will take orders AUGUST
and SEPTEMBER.

The September membership meeting will be
the final order date.

-COST-

\$20.00 each for short sleeve light blue or
long sleeve royal blue

-PAYMENT-

cash, check, credit card

-ALL shirts will be V- neck-

- DECISIONS - DECISIONS -

(Please read carefully - there have been
CHANGES since May meeting
announcement due to our supplier. ALSO,
"WPQG 2026" will be larger on our shirts
than in sample).

SLEEVE OPTIONS



CAP SLEEVE shirts will be light blue and
have the color of shirt and printing in the
photo above.

SIZE

If you are ordering the SHORT SLEEVE light
blue shirt, base your size on what you
would buy if you went to Walmart and
bought a unisex T-shirt.

(They are cotton. Shirt shown is a medium
and the opening at the bottom is 40".)



LONG SLEEVE shirts will be royal blue and
have the color of shirt and printing in the
photo above.

(We will be getting long sleeve, NOT 3/4
length as previously stated)

SIZE

If you order the LONG SLEEVE shirt, base
your size on what you would buy in
WOMEN'S sizing. You may want to go up
one size if you like a little bit more room.
(i.e., if you wear a medium in unisex, you
might want a large in this style).

We hope you will consider participating in emphasizing the theme for our show!
It makes our members easily identifiable to our guests!

If anyone has questions please call me.
Anne Templeton 727.838.3620

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 than 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
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geniequilts@gmail.com



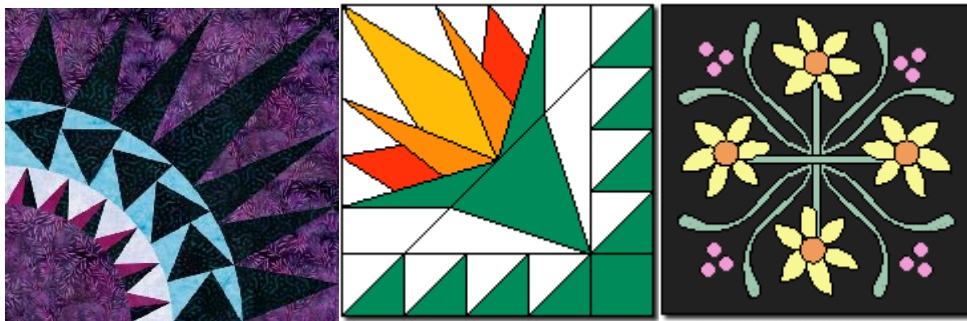
Block Party Silent Auction

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.

happy
birthday



Name	Birthday
Rich, Mary E.	7/1
Webster, Beverly	7/2
Koning, Rhonda	7/3
Blanchard, Sophie (Junior)	7/7
McCary, Patty	7/8
Williams, Suzanne	7/8
Bounds, Diane	7/9
Lurz, Marge	7/9
Marr, Diane	7/11
Flynn, Phyllis	7/14
Herrmann, Pat	7/14
Hitt, Matilda (Junior)	7/15
Lupis, Jeanette	7/15
Grossett, Kathleen	7/16
Herrick, Donna	7/16

Name	Birthday
Siebold, Donna	7/18
Duesler-Kelly, Lady Andrea J.	7/20
Murrell, Shelley	7/21
Dodds, Marilyn	7/23
Walsh, Nikki	7/23
Bolyard, Kathy	7/24
Blanchard, Olivia (Junior)	7/25
Cass, Dianne Ishler	7/25
Evans, Evelyn Grace (Junior)	7/25
Manning, Barbara	7/25
Meinhardt, Nancy	7/25
Emslie, Theone	7/27
Nelson, Connie	7/27
Hamby, Patricia P.	7/28

Education

Jul 17, 2025 Guild Annual Picnic

Aug 21, 2025 West Pasco Historical Society: History of New Port Richey

Sep 18, 2025 Quilt Show Categories with trunk show
Fabric and Sew Much More Pop-up shop

Oct 16, 2025 Quilt Registration Day

Nov 20, 2025 Ann Troutman, certified Quiltworx instructor,
Trunk Show

November 21, 2025 – Workshop, Ann Troutman,
Star Baby quilt,
10am-4pm, \$60, NPR Rec Center

(The Starbaby pattern includes foundation papers to make a small lonestar. It is an introductory pattern that can be completed in just a few hours and be used to learn basic paper piecing techniques.)



Dec 18, 2025 Christmas Party

March 4 and March 25, 2026 – Janie Franco's Sweatshirt

Jacket class,
10 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$35, Country Place, 2 days

Facebook

Did you join our Facebook group? It is a very active group. Need help with a quilt? Just post a question. Want to show what you have finished? Just post a picture. Have you found a quilt tip you want to share? Just post the tip. You get it, join the group.

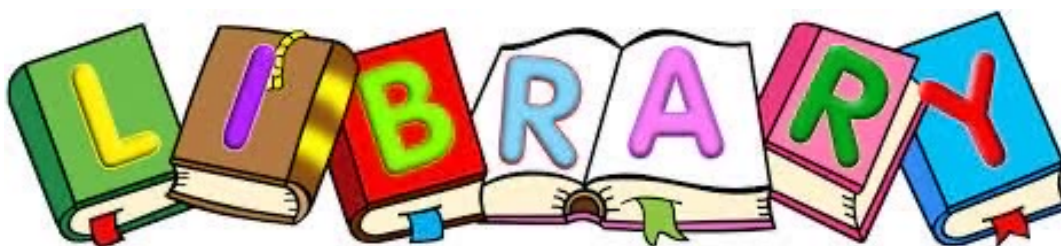
Members only West Pasco Quilters Guild(private group): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/westpascoquiltguild>

As our 2026 America's Garden of Quilts Show gets closer, we will be posting more on our public Facebook page. Please invite your friends and family to join us.

Public page: <https://www.facebook.com/WestPascoQuiltersGuild>

Pam King

FB Admin



Reminder the Library is closed for the summer. We will be meeting at Contractors.
Please hold all donations until August meeting.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian

Charity Sew

Stop by and visit our charity table to see what we are up to. There are kits for quilts ready for pick up — ready to be pieced, or sandwiched and quilted, or needing binding. Any children's quilts appreciated. Keep in mind our need for quilts for older girls & boys up to 18 years old. Pick up and return any month at our Charity Sew table.

SCRAPS!!! Cotton and flannel only. You all have them. We take 6" x 6" or larger. We also take any cotton and flannel yardage or unwanted cotton fabric. Please turn in at the Charity table at the Guild meeting.

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 pm. NOTICE: The Coop hours on Wednesdays during August and September will be 9:00-1:00pm. Doors will close promptly at 1:00pm. Come join the fun. We always have something to do for willing hands!

I would like to thank ALL of our members that help make Charity Sew a success. It is so much appreciated! All your hard work making such beautiful quilts is our Guild's way of touching the lives of children, and many adults, in a very real way. Without you, it could not be done. 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



Food Bank

In June, Kathie Beaty took \$147 and a cart full of groceries from our food bank collection to Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Again, thanks for all your support.

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

Fat Quarter / Art Challenge

Month	Fat Quarters	Art Challenge
July	None	No art challenge
August	Orange, Black	Fall scene: trees, leaves blowing/ falling, cozy home
September	Warm colors, orange	Cats, witches on broomsticks, picket fences
October	Green and Red	Thanksgiving scene: table food, turkey, table setting
November	Red	Christmas scene: Santa Clause, snow, toys, Christmas tree
December	None	No art challenge
Jan. 2026	Green	Valentine cards, presents, chocolates, on a date

SIMPLE Half-Square Triangles..... Perfect to swap and share!!



STEP 1

CAREFULLY Cut 5 inch squares (as many as you need and want to share) - white on white and BATIK fabrics (any color)

STEP 2

Set right sides together and draw a diagonal line

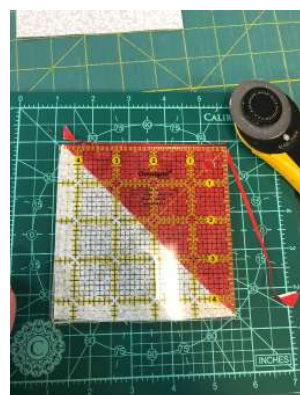


STEP 3

CAREFULLY seam on each side of the line a SCANT quarter inch - make sure the seam is LESS than a quarter inch (like 3/16 inch for our precision thinkers). Next, cut the block in half following the line you have drawn....

STEP 4

IMPORTANT - Press the blocks open with an iron - pressing toward the dark side



STEP 5

CAREFULLY Square up the block to **4 1/2 inches** (if the block is not the correct size, DO NOT bring for our swap & share - all blocks will be measured for precision)

The PLAN is for those participating to exchange blocks THAT are PERFECTLY ready to set together....
Rhonda Koning May-2025

Sew 'n Tell

(Photos by Janie Franco)



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(Photos by Janie Franco)



Demo-mania
(Photos by Janie Franco)

