

WPQG

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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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Dear Quilters,

And as quick as that – summer is coming to an end. I hope each of you have had an opportunity to be with family and friends in a relaxing atmosphere and can say you are ready for fall.

Let's send a special thank you to Rhonda & Bob Koning for hosting our summer picnic and for their open-door policy! The Hen House and Coop are places of warmth and friendship as we do what we love – QUILTING! Thanks to Rhonda and Bob for their generous spirit!

I want to personally thank all the small group leaders and committee chairs for their part in keeping WPQG going strong. The monthly, weekly, and daily organization and leadership for these committees and groups is truly unseen by most of the membership. I appreciate your hard work and attention to the details that keep us moving forward.

TO COME: August board meeting will be in the Oak room at the Rec Center. We took July off so have many things to discuss. Our 2024-2025 year has closed so we move on to 2025-2026 with our Feb 2026 Quilt Show being a topic of excitement and new possibilities. Be sure to check out the list of committees and see how you can be of service to our guild, either by volunteering during the prep or actual hours at the show. Also, if you have questions about which category your quilt entry should be in, bring it to

President's Message

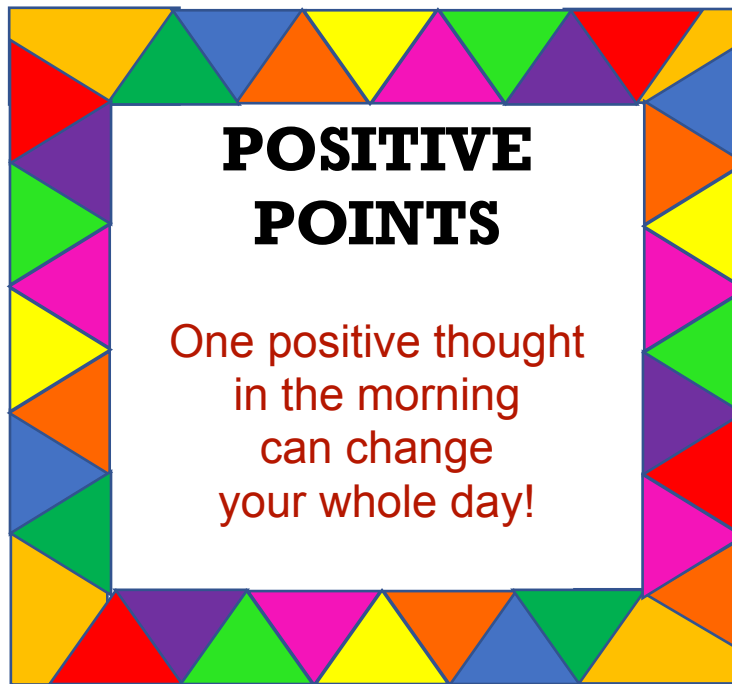
our September membership meeting for assistance. Our new Fall Mystery quilt information will be presented this month and can be found on FaceBook and the guild Members Only website – WPQG 2025 FALL FRENZY. Check it out!

Christmas is right around the corner. A time WPQG gives a large number of quilts to children and other organizations. Quilts, pillowcases and stockings have been the main part of the donations we give out. Check with Charity Sew for what projects need assistance now. These items need to be finished and ready to disburse as early as mid-October. THANKS

I am always amazed when I see the items our guild produces each month. Not just what we donate to others but the Show & Tell part of our meetings. Pat yourself on the back for a job well done. I know many have stretched your skill level by trying domestic machine quilting, learning new techniques in hand stitching, embroidery, material art, and other ways to enhance your quilts. BRAVO to you! You are FLAMAZING!

Happy Quilting y'all,

Julie



Membership

And now for the latest news. My grandson, now 5 years old, has broken a bone in his foot. He's in a cast up to his knee for at least 5 weeks. I am on my way to upstate NY to see if I can be of some aid to my poor daughter. Also, there's the two year old granddaughter to contend with. The day after I announce my plans, daughter (the Mom) sends a photo of my granddaughter to her younger sister (my other upstate daughter). The child is in a car seat smeared with something red, and the Mom queries "Think Grandma is ready for this?" Sister replies, "Def not." and sends the whole exchange to me. I reply, "Is it worse than rotting pork chop

up the nose?". Sister replies, "I believe it's melted Spiderman popsicle, so no... Pfttt! They think they can scare me with melted popsicle? Some day, when you're older than I am, I'll tell you about the pork chop. You need to be eating to get the full effect.

Speaking of eating, 53 members signed in for our picnic and two new people joined. Making my estimate of 55 attendees spot on. Boy, am I good! Our new members are Diana Kelly and Mary Mohr. Hello and welcome! I hope you can find time to visit a small group.

Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire

By The Way...



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

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

Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

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

Sharpening Event !

October 16, 2025

Bring your garden tools, knives and scissors to your Pasco quilters meeting, S&R Sharpening will arrive at 8 a.m. We will be sharpening your items on site and will do our best to have them done by the end of your meeting. We accept cash, check or card. Any questions feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you,

S&R Sharpening

727-510-7640 voice or text

srsharpening@gmail.com

S&R SHARPENING PRICE LIST

SCISSORS

10-12" \$11

7-9" \$6.60

Small \$5.50

Pinkers \$7.70

Convex beauty shears \$25

GARDEN TOOLS

Loppers \$6.60

Pruners \$6.60

Grass clippers \$6.60

Manual hedge trimmer \$11

Lawn mower blade \$10

Axe & hatchet \$6.60

Machete \$11

Shovels \$6.60

CUTLERY

\$1.10 per inch blade length
includes pocket knives

**** NO HAND SAWS, CHAIN SAW BLADES,
CLIPPER BLADES OR NAIL CLIPPERS****

Call us with any questions!!

WPQG 2026 Quilt Show

TOPICS TO PONDER

1. Are you putting a quilt in the 2026 Show? If yes, would you be interested in selling it off the floor? The board is in discussion of how this would work to flow smoothly and be a benefit to the seller and the guild. Your quilt would remain on the floor for the entire show. More information and details to come. If you have ideas to share, please contact one of the quilt show chairs: Susanna Branon, Pam King or Rhonda Koning.
2. Do you have large quilts that you would like to sell at the show through the consignment process? We are considering a Large Quilt Boutique that would be in a separate room from the main boutique just for this offering. Many of our members have quilts made for previous shows that they would like to sell. Not sure how much to charge? We will be publishing a suggested price sheet (you can pull one up on line) should this idea move forward.
3. Basket Walk. Do you know of an establishment that will give a basket for our show? Think about your hair dresser, nail salon, and other establishments that can help. If you are putting one together with a special theme let us know!

Anything else on your mind, I'm a phone call away!

Quilt Registration

Registration is open for quilts in the 2026 Quilt Show. Shirley Zerbe or Mary Parkin will be available at Membership meetings to take your forms. Click [here](#) for Registration Guidelines and Form. If you have questions, contact Shirley — 727-858-3876 or Mary — 727-389-6549.

**Please view the list of
2026 WPQG Quilt Show Committees**
as of 7/11/2025

Your help is still needed!!! Click [here](#)

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

WestPascoQuilters.org



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
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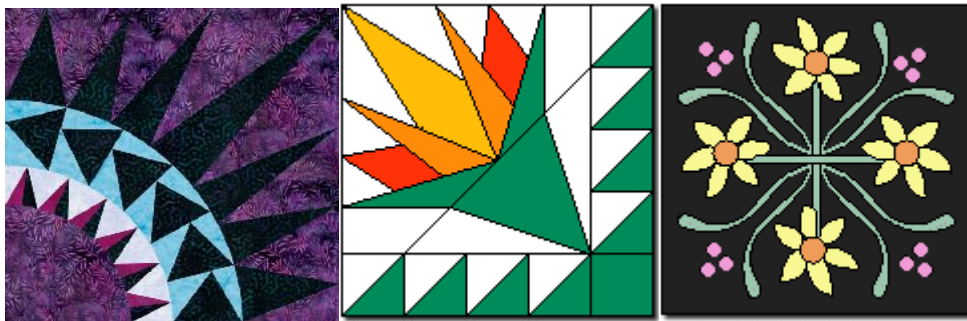
Block Party Silent Auction

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
Walls, Nancy	8/2
Buonomo, Carol	8/4
Cook, Barbara A.	8/4
Fillmore, Rebecca	8/4
Rivera, Lysette	8/5
Black, Penny	8/8
Parkin, Mary M.	8/8
Sonosky, Kathy	8/8
Causey, Karen	8/10
Davis, Janice	8/10
Gohring, Julie	8/10
McIntyre, Louise A.	8/10
Hitt, Leo (Junior)	8/12
Wigglesworth, Sharon	8/13
Hernandez, Catherine	8/14

Name	Birthday
Boswell, Susan	8/16
Manning, Jace (Junior)	8/16
Manning, Vincent (Junior)	8/16
Hill, Norma M.	8/18
Stanaitis, Helen	8/18
Bennett, Janice	8/19
Capraro, JoAnn	8/19
Lyon, Dianne	8/19
Phillips, Christine M.	8/20
Martello, Roberta	8/21
Vernola, Laura	8/23
Sinclair, Joyce	8/25
Donohoo, Pat	8/28
Price, Bethany	8/29
Llamas, Sandie	8/31

Education

We will meet back at the Rec Center for our August meeting. Most of our meetings leading up to the 2026 Quilt Show will be about the Quilt Show. Do you have questions about the show? Jot them down and we will answer them for you.

We are always looking for our members to teach a class. What could you teach? Don't

be shy. We learn from each other. Do you have a national teacher you would like us to contact? Anyone you have read about or have seen their videos? Tell me and I will contact them.

Pam King
Education Chair

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
S&R Sharpening

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

November 21, 2025 – Workshop, Ann Troutman,
Star Baby quilt,
10am-4pm, \$60 plus pattern, 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

Jan 15, 2026 Members trunk show

Feb 12, 2026 General meeting will meet the 2nd Thursday

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



Back at the Rec Center for the August meeting. Library will be open.

Please return Library books you took out for the summer and any others you still might have out.

We will be accepting your book and magazine donations at the 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 to be pieced, or sandwiched and quilted, or needing binding ready for pick up. Any children's quilts are 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 unwanted yardage. 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 Wednesday. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: DURING THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER THRU OCTOBER 8th, THE COOP HOURS WILL BE FROM 9:00 UNTIL 1:00.

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

Fat Quarter / Art Challenge

Month	Fat Quarters	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

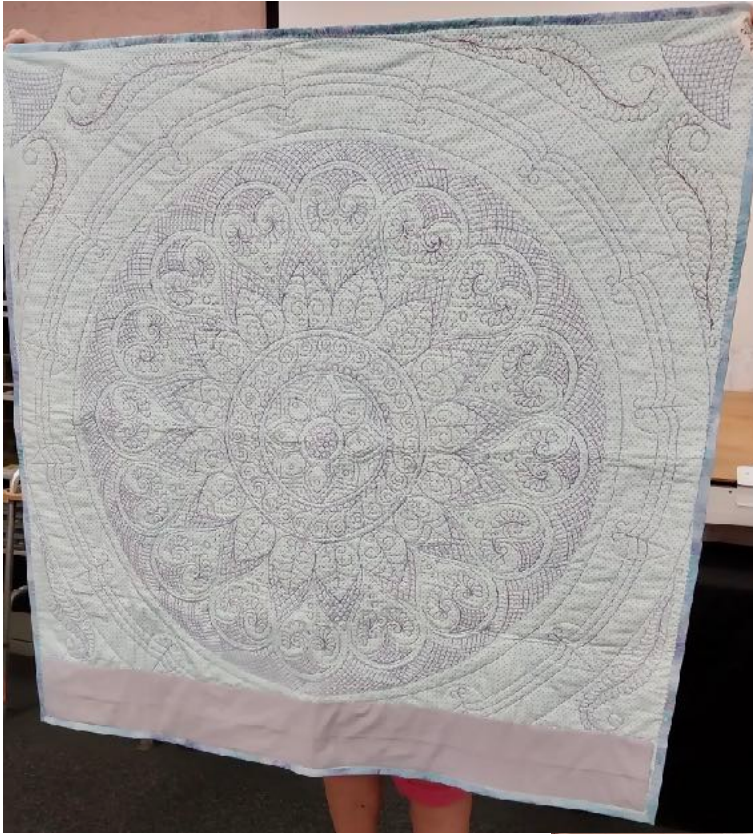
HOSPICE DOVES



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

Avis Merritt
Betsy Turner

Sew 'n Tell
(Photos by Janie Franco)



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