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JUNE 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 June!!!

Nine months until our 2026 Quilt Show! It's like giving birth. Now is the time to nurture each project, plan for each event with attention to detail, invite participants, and get all the facts in place. EACH and EVERYONE of US has a perfect job in the operation and delivery of this event. TAKE your part with pride and determination that this will be the best show ever! The future of our guild, our reputation in our community, and every organization we support depends on YOUR participation. Every stitch matters. See the articles in this newsletter as to what places are available and contact information. THANK YOU.

June is filled with fun times! Our June 5th Board Meeting will be at the Rec Center. Our General Membership Meeting on June 19th will be at Contractors Institute. During summer months our meetings are a bit less formal. No library, No art challenge. We DO

have 50/50 and our Basket drawings. June is Demo-mania (see article for more details). Come, participate and enjoy each other!

My first four months as president has seemed a bit discombobulated. We are back in our home. Thanks to my Board for keeping me on task. VP, Karen Oertel, has stepped in to gather the Opportunity Quilt and other stray items with open hands. Our secretary, Arlene DiGregorio, has supplied great minutes for me to REFRESH my memory when my mind wanders. And our treasurer, Mary Borders, has been a strong voice of reason in identifying where we are financially and on so many other levels. The committee chairs and representatives do their work so well and with such a good spirit that our board meetings run smoothly and have been finishing early! I am so thankful. We are truly blessed!

Let's all have a terrific summer!

Julie



Membership

Last month I made the pilgrimage to Paducah and completely forgot to write my report. I found the trip almost overwhelming, I think because of the effort it took to get there. The show itself was very, very much like the show in Daytona, but the vendors, they go on forever. There must have been 6 times as many vendors there as in Daytona.

The other highlights of the trip include Hancocks, the Quilt Museum and the Ohio River. Hancocks displays fabric by manufacturer which can make finding something in particular difficult. You have to look everywhere for, say, green leaves. The Quilt Museum is definitely a must see. Even husbands liked it. And the Ohio River? Well, I'm from California where any stream over five feet wide is a "river" and a creek is a

string of puddles with hardly any water in it at all. The Ohio scares me to death. I didn't look at it. I did notice all the flood control walls scattered about the area. They looked scary too.

Also from last month, I want to thank all of you who helped with the tea party tables for our non small group members. Especially Irene Anderson, Sherry Hull, Mildred Petersen, and Nancy Walls who hosted tables for same. I think that went very well.

In the last two months we've acquired two new members, Dawn Hunt and Sonya Landers. Hello and welcome!

One hundred four people signed in for our April meeting, but only seventy five showed up in May.

Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire

By The Way...

JUNE Membership Meeting

JUNE DEMO-MANIA is this month! Happy Summertime 2025! This month's membership meeting on June 19 will be hosted at our Contractors Institute Learning Center, 8238 Joliet Street, Hudson. Arrive early! Coffee will be on at 8:30 a.m.

Our demo-mania program this year is devoted to items that can be created for the quilt show boutique. We will be sharing instructions on creating the following items: Quilted Composition Book Covers, Writing Pen Holders (cases), Quilted Plate Size Bowl Holders, Quilted Under Machine Covers, Fabric Baskets and Small Notebook Covers. Each station will be set up to demonstrate the process - you may move around the room and view each station. We will be hosting a workshop session to MAKE these items on Sunday, June 22, starting at 10 a.m. til 3 p.m. at the Learning Center. PLEASE plan to join us!

Questions? contact Colleen Beckett 352-346-4230. We look forward to seeing everyone!

WHAT CAN I DO?

READ this newsletter and see where you are within our organization. Be proud of your participation and involvement. YOU make it work. So many have asked me, "What can I do to help?" My answer is, "What can you do?" Learn a block, quilt pattern or technique and teach a class. What is your talent? Are you a good proof reader? Offer Kathy or Rhonda your help with the newsletter or the quilt show booklet. Do you work better on your own? Pick up pre-

made bundles from Charity Sew, QOV, or Baby Boutique and make needed items at home. I know the Hen House would love help with boutique items.

Are you a ONE TIMER? Make or bring cookies or treats for the Hospitality table at our monthly meeting.

YOU know what you can do and how much you want to be involved. This newsletter is filled with opportunities. Just walk up to any committee table and say, "How can I help?" They will give you several suggestions. Just be present. Our Guild will flourish!

JULY Membership Meeting

Our JULY membership meeting - July 17 - will also 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

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

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

-PREPAY orders-

We will take orders JUNE, 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 before the June meeting, 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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geniequilts@gmail.com



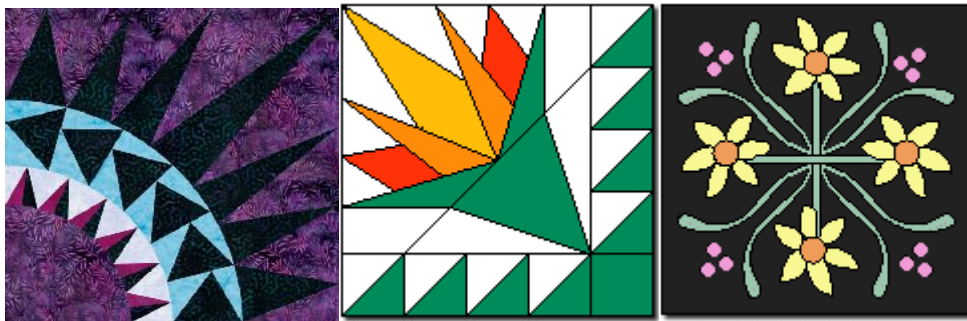
Block Party Silent Auction

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
Cash, Robbie A.	6/1
Bardi, Annalisa	6/2
Berry, Sue	6/2
Carroll, Jacqueline	6/2
Coyle, Gina	6/3
Flanagan, Nancy	6/6
Weitendorf, Rita	6/6
Stanton, Valerie	6/7
Hanchey, Mary	6/8
Bucaro, Audrey	6/9
Everhart, Sandra	6/11
Chandler, Nan	6/13
Milbert, Cailyn (Junior)	6/14
Turner, Betsy	6/14
Verity, Theresa (Terri)	6/18
Atkeson, Sandra	6/20
Beckett, Colleen	6/23
Dusenberry, Tammy	6/23
Wilcox, Diane	6/30

Education

Jun 19, 2025 Demo-Mania – The Hen House chicks have lots of ideas to demonstrate for us to make for the Show Boutique.

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

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

Libbie's Garden Goes to Paducah

Rhonda Koning entered our 2026 Opportunity Quilt – Libbie's Garden – in the 2025 AQS Paducah Quilt Show in the Group Category. The quilt was accepted into the Show and was selected as one of thirteen quilts to be a semi-finalist in the Group Category. Unfortunately, Libbie's Garden wasn't selected for a ribbon but what an honor for the Guild to have a quilt in the Show and an honor for all of those who participated in the creation of Libbie's

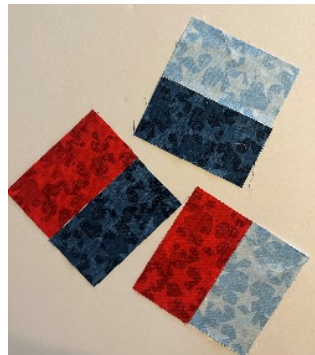
Garden. Guild Members who worked on this quilt: Merna Allen, Sue Berry, Mary Borders, Mary Cazel, Janie Franco, Beverly Giddings, Kate Grossett, Norma Hill, Pam King, Peggy Kirchner, Rhonda Koning, Karen Meinhardt, Nancy Meinhardt, Avis Merritt, Victoria Miller, Diane Turscak, Robby Wargny, and Marsha White. This picture was taken by Laura Vernola who attended the Show.

Nancy Meinhardt



Opportunity Quilt Ticket Sales

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

West Pasco Quilters' Guild	2025 Florida Shop Hop	Block of the Month May 2025	Skill Level Easy
Courtesy of: <u>Cut Up & Sew</u> 160 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite D116, Palm Coast, FL 32164 (386) 441-1106 Cutupandsew.com FB: Cut Up and Sew			
<u>Finished size of block:</u> Approximately 18½" X 18½" <u>Fabric Requirements:</u> White or Light Blue = 3½" X WOF Blue = 3½" X WOF Red = 3½" X WOF	<u>All seam allowances = scant ¼"</u> <u>For reference:</u> Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" X 21" Eighth of a Yard = 4½" X 40" WOF = Width of Fabric		
<u>Cutting Requirements:</u> White or Light Blue Blue (solid or predominantly blue) Red (solid or predominantly red)	• (6) - 3½" X 6½" rectangles • (6) - 3½" X 6½" rectangles • (6) - 3½" X 6½" rectangles 		
<u>Making 6 ½" Units (9)</u> ✦ Sew together a red and a light blue/white rectangle along the long sides creating a 6 ½" square ✦ Repeat to make two additional squares, pressing to the red fabric ✦ Repeat process with red and dark blue rectangles to make three squares, pressing to the dark blue fabric ✦ Repeat process with light blue/white and dark blue rectangles to make three squares, pressing to the dark blue fabric ✦ Trim Units to 6½" X 6½" squares			
<u>Completing the Final Block</u> ✦ Sew all of the 6½" X 6½" units together as a 9-Patch using your preferred method ✦ Trim the block to 18½" X 18½" square			
For questions, comments or suggestions, contact Barbara Manning (727) 560-3272 (cell) Barbara.Manning2024@Outlook.com			



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

Charity group needs all **YOUR** help. We need 500/600 quilts by the end of the year for all our organizations such as daycares, schools, solve, habitat, etc., etc.

Also, we have quilts that need to be long armed, 3-yard children's fabric kits to be made into a quilt, and binding to be done. Please visit our charity table and give us a helping hand. Any/all children's quilts will be greatly appreciated. **Think Bright and Happy kids Quilts.**

Please come join us at the Hen House on Monday and The Coop on Wednesdays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. The Coop girls bring their lunch. Come join the fun.

Also, we are accepting any/all **SCRAPS** (only clean cotton fabric). Especially children's cotton fabric. We will take 6" x 6" or larger. Also, we will take any clean cotton yardage or unwanted cotton fabric. Please turn in at the Charity table at the Guild meeting to Lori Romanosky, Ann Marshall, Mary Parkin and Shirley Zerbe.

Thank you so much for your helping hand. It is a tremendous help.

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

Food Bank

May's food bank was delivered to St Vincent DePaul Society in Hudson, FL, at the request of Kathy Beatty. It consisted of a check for \$137.25 and \$175 in edible food.

Thanks again for a 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

Fat Quarter / Art Challenge

Month	Fat Quarters	Art Challenge
June	None	No 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

May Art Challenge Participants!!



Entry by Valerie Stanton

(Photos by
Janie Franco)



Entry by Beverly Webster

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

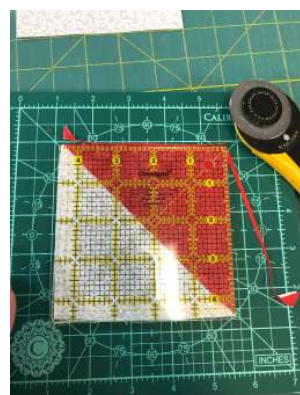


STEP 3

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

May Speaker

Marcie Layton —
“From Handprints to Yoyos,
one Quilter’s Story”



(Photos by Janie Franco)

Sew 'n Tell
(Photos by Janie Franco)

