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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

Welcome

Happy 250th Birthday USA! Wow, what a trip our country has been through. We can pick any subject and see the advancement from just a thought to something that surpasses all expectations. Electricity, with wires and fuses to "wireless". TV sets so big and heavy they took up a wall to seeing shows in the palm of your hand. Travel by horse and wagon to supersonic jets and rockets to space. *And so much more!* The United States did not invent all of these advancements but we played a major part in so much of what we take for granted today. Progress.

Our own craft of quilting has undergone changes from its original creations by using worn out clothing and discarded bits of cloth to make useful covers by hand, to creating glorious pieces of art with equally awe-inspiring machines programmed to do the quilting. Our guild is made up of those holding fast to the hand quilting and those that try each new technique that is offered. Every creation stills holds fast to the basic reality of putting pieces together, adding a back and batting, holding it together with quilting, and adding a binding to finish it off. I think all of us fit between the extreme of totally hand making everything to totally machine making everything. The joy of creating and being yourself is very much encouraged here! We lift each up as we learn and experiment with different processes and techniques. A sincere thank you to those that have taken the time to share their skills and wisdom with us.

That leads me into a hardy **thank you** to the Demo-Mania presenters at our June meeting. Sue Kolczak, Judy Klingensmith and Rhonda Koning did a terrific job (with the new set up at Contractors Institute) in sharing their knowledge of several aspects of quilting. If you were there, you saw for yourself, if not—your loss. It was a great display of the wisdom we have within the guild and the openness to share learned skills! Well done ladies! (We are hoping to have a couple of tables set up for hands-on viewing in July.)

The July Membership meeting will be our annual picnic at Contractors Institute. Please bring a dish with enough to share for 10-12. You are responsible to remove any leftovers and cleaning up your dishes. We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Let's party!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Happy July 4th!

God bless the USA!

Julie



**It's time
for the
July Picnic!!!**

**Bring a dish
to share —
sweet or
savory.**

**Hamburgers,
hot dogs,
and
beverages
will be
provided**



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Special Events: OPEN

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

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Gift Card/Basket – Penny Black
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◆ MEMBERSHIP ◆

Fifty-one of the usual suspects signed in for our Demo-Mania meeting. We were also joined by 3 new members. They are Cindy Good, Belinda Milligan, and Marla Woolsey. Hello and Welcome! Don't forget to check out our small groups for even more fun.

In other news, Rhonda has taken the Mania out of Demo-Mania. Contractors Institute (at her behest, no doubt) has acquired a wide screen monitor and camera setup that enables the whole room to see what, here-to-fore, only the front row could see. It was just like watching YouTube! The meeting itself was much quieter and you could still ask questions in real time. You're going to love it.

Our July meeting is a picnic. There will be hot dogs and/or hamburgers. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. (Also a small container to snarf an extra dessert for later.) For those of you that haven't done this before, electrical outlets are in short supply so crock pots are not advised.

Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire



Join
A
Small
Group !!

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

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POSITIVE POINTS

"Don't ever be ashamed of
loving the strange things that
make your weird little heart
happy." Elizabeth Gilbert

By The Way...

The guild has a tablet for sale from the quilt show for \$45. Contact Leann Williams, leannw3@me.com, if interested.

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 5 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!

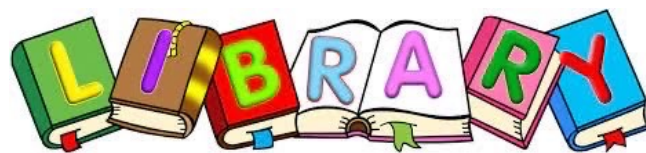
This event is held at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center which is a full-service retreat and ministry center in the heart of Central Florida.

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
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
Hitt, Matilda (Junior)	7/15
Lupis, Jeanette	7/15
Buckman, Sharon	7/16
Grossett, Kathleen	7/16
Siebold, Donna	7/18
Luick, Cheryl	7/19
Murrell, Shelley	7/21
Dodds, Marilyn	7/23
Bolyard, Kathy	7/24
Blanchard, Olivia (Junior)	7/25
Cass, Dianne Ishler	7/25
Evans, Evelyn Grace (Junior)	7/25
Kelly, Diana	7/25
Manning, Barbara	7/25
Meinhardt, Nancy	7/25
Hamby, Patricia P.	7/28

Did you enjoy the Demo-Mania at the last meeting?

Our Guild library has many books on foundation piecing also known as paper piecing. They can be found in the Orange section of the shelves.

There is a book on Borders including mitered borders & foundation borders.

We also have various books on foundation piecing from beginner to more intense designs.

The library will reopen at the August meeting when we are back at the Rec Center.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian

EDUCATION

Pam King, Education Chair

Schedule

A binding class has been added. Rhonda Koning will be teaching everything you need to know about stitching a beautiful and correct binding that the show judges will love. It is July 24 at The Coop, Rhonda's house.

What other classes would you like to have? Let us know. Sean Gilley and I will be at the education table to sign you up for a class and take your suggestions.

Jul 16, 2026 Annual Guild Picnic — Your “job” is to bring a dish to share, sweet or savory. Meat will be provided.

Jul 24, 2026 Binding class, Rhonda Koning at Rhonda's house (The Coop)

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 Quarter Auction — What is this you ask? Each member receives an auction paddle (you can purchase more if you wish, \$1 each). An item is put up for auction. If you wish to bid, you put a quarter in the “basket” at your table. The number is drawn. If it's yours, you win the item for a quarter. If you have anything you can donate to the auction, please do so. Items could be a yard of fabric, a stack of fat quarters, notions, baked goods, coupons to local businesses, etc. The money will be donated to one of our charities.

Nov 19, 2026 Margaret Lobianco will be back with us as our meeting speaker. She will then have a workshop Thursday afternoon and all day Friday and we will create the Tropicalicious

Dresden Flamingo.

margaretsewfunquilts.com is her website. Cost is \$60. If you want a kit with all the fabrics you need and the pattern, Margaret will have them for \$65 which you pay directly to her at the workshop. You can also purchase the pattern for \$22 on her website.

She does need to know how many kits to make up so let me know when you sign up for the class if you want one.

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.

Students learn the

basics of machine

s e t - u p a n d

stitching, choosing

fabrics, and using

adhesives, threads,

and stabilizers. We will work according to

samples provided by the instructor to

make realistic rocks, trees, grasses, flowers,

water and more and assemble them into a

handy reference booklet. Note, we will not

make a picture, but will make the stitched

elements that can be put in it. All levels.

February 18, 2027 — Busy Bobbins Quilt Shop in Chiefland will provide our speaker. A workshop will be held in the afternoon on using Inktense pencils to paint your fabric.

March 18, 2027 — 39th Anniversary Party





Upcoming Events

July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 Charity Sew at the Coop	2	3	4
The Hen House 6	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 7	Charity Sew at the Coop 8	9	10	11
The Hen House 13 Monday Mavens	Sew-Much-Fun, The Gathering, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 14	Charity Sew at the Coop 15	WPQG Membership Mtg (Annual Picnic) 16	17	18
The Hen House 20	Sew-Much-Fun, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 21	Charity Sew at the Coop 22	23	Binding Class at the Coop 24	Saturday Soup 'N Sew 25
The Hen House 27 Monday Mavens Patriotic Workday	Sew-Much-Fun, The Gathering, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers 28	Charity Sew at the Coop 29	30	31	1

WPQG Board Meeting — NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY

WPQG Membership Meeting — July 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Annual Picnic,
Contractors Institute, 8238 Joliet St, Hudson, FL 34667

Binding Class — July 24, Rhonda Koning's house (The Coop)

Small Groups — see page 15 for details



July PICNIC reminder
Happy 250th Birthday to our United States of America!

Join us for an extra special celebration this July membership meeting! Wear your best red white and blue attire and bring your favorite picnic side dish... hamburgers and all American hotdogs will be served! Let the Coca Cola and sweet tea flow!

We will also be offering special demonstrations of paper piecing, flying geese, bindings and other special techniques.... Our quilting craft is an integral part of our American history and what a great way to celebrate our heritage by sharing our skills!

Bring your favorite patriotic quilted treasure for our show and tell. Let's make this a celebration to remember! Happy Birthday America!

Any questions? Call Rhonda Koning 727-808-3667





Patriotic Happenings

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: We will not be publishing a BOM or making up new kits for the July meeting. We'll have a small table set up, so stop by and see if there are any extra kits from previous months you can help with. We'll have a few other projects available to hand out, and any completed work can be turned in. You can also pick up former block patterns to use in the Blockmaster Challenge.

PATRIOTIC BLOCKS WORK DAY: Our next Patriotic Block work day is on Monday, July 27 from 9:30 am until 3 pm. We meet at Holiday Community Church, 5144 Sunray Dr, Holiday, FL 34690.

Soup will be provided for lunch. Bring any side or snack to share, as well as your own bowl or cup and spoon. Coffee and water will also be available.

Our focus that day is going to be on making blocks that will be assembled into **Quilt of Valor** tops. Materials will be provided, just bring your machine, notions and patriotic threads. We have power cords, ironing stations and cutting stations. **We need all of the volunteers we can get** so please mark your calendar and plan to join. As an added bonus, any blocks you turn in will be recorded and counted toward the upcoming Blockmaster Challenge.

FIRST ANNUAL BLOCKMASTER CHALLENGE: **Who will turn in the most Patriotic blocks at the August meeting, win a great prize we know you'll love that's valued at \$30, and proudly claim the title of 2026 BLOCKMASTER?**

Use any former Block of the Month pattern or a variety of them. Use your scraps or fabric from your stash and make as many blocks as you comfortably can. (Please avoid using florals, pinks, summer themed items like flip flops and sunglasses, and any fabric that is specific to one military branch.)

This will also be a great time to finish the block kits you've taken and haven't returned yet, even from last year.

Where to find former BOM Patterns: Former Newsletters are available on the Members Only page. Look through the newsletter for the BOM, most have one. Print just the BOM pages you want.

A small supply of former block patterns will be available at the July Picnic.

Optionally, make your favorite block, like a log cabin, Pinwheel, Churn Dash, etc. Please be sure it measures 16½" or 20½".

Join us at the Patriotic Block workshop and the blocks you make will be added to the total you turn in in August.

Community Outreach

Charity Sew

The heartbeat of our guild is our charity donations of quilts. The Members Only webpage provides recommended sizes for most of our donations.

July takes us mid-year and our annual goal for charity quilts is about 500. These are requested from the Pasco County School system for mostly elementary age kids, Hospice, Lighthouse for the Blind, Habitat for Humanity, City of Refuge, Quilts of Valor, and MANY other 501c3 organizations. Some of us love the process from start to completion and throw in a pillowcase to match. Others do only tops and our charity sew workers match them up with backs and batting for another member to take home to quilt. Back it goes to Charity Sew for another worker to do the binding and still another to make a pillowcase. I know many of you know the process while newer members get a bit confused when the Charity Sew table rep tells us they have “sets” to pick up and take home to finish. 3-yard kits are put together so you can be as creative as you’d like in trying a new pattern on your own. I pick up tops and kits to bring home to complete and I’d like to make a few suggestions:

1. Take every thing out of the pack you have taken home. Review the size and the finished work. Sometimes this

top, or fabric, has been folded, unfolded, refolded, and done over again. If it has ravelled or areas that have come undone, just sew it back up. It does not mean the original creator did a bad job, it could have simply come apart because of overhandling and no one noticed.

2. Get creative. If you pick up a 3-yard kit, try out a new pattern. This is an ideal time to see if you like doing a log cabin block or flying geese. Just remember, most of these quilts go to kids so keep the colors fun! If you have problems or questions, ASK, there is always someone willing to help you!
3. ENJOY THE PROCESS!!! These quilts are for charity but remember, they are representing West Pasco Quilt Guild so do your very best.

We want to thank each one of you for your donations to the guild. We quilt because we love it. The quilts donated will go to kids and families that are in need. Picture your quilt wrapped around a smiling face. YOU make a difference. Thank you and keep quilting!!!

Julie Gohring



At the June membership meeting \$79 was collected and \$60 of food products were donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Dana's Angels will be the recipient of July Food Bank.

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.

The 2026 WPQG Directory is now available for members, with copies distributed at the June meeting and further availability at upcoming meetings. Thanks to sponsorship from Scrap & Sew and the efforts of volunteers, the directory features updated member information and photography. Pick up your copy at the membership table and support the sponsor listed on the back cover. Many thanks to all who helped make this issue possible. Pat Donohoo and Nancy Meinhardt keep track of the Guild membership throughout the year. Nancy provides the membership list to Kathy

Robertson who transfers the information into the directory format. Janie Franco, the Guild Photographer, takes photos of new members and members who want a new look. Once the directory has been updated, Nancy reviews the directory for editing mistakes. When the directory is ready for publication, Pam King works with the printer, providing instructions on color of the directory cover, and which pages are to be color versus black and white. This year Pam was able to obtain a sponsor for the newsletter. Scrap & Sew covered the cost of directory printing which, of course, saved the Guild money. Be sure to show your support to them whenever possible.

THANK YOU:

Pat Donohoo

Janie Franco

Pam King

Nancy Meinhardt

Kathy Robertson

Scrap & Sew



Sew 'n Tell



(Photos by Janie Franco)





Janie Franco's creation
from Off The Wall workshop!





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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