

WEST PASCO QUILTERS GUILD, INC.
Membership Meeting-Ellen Ault Color Theory
April 16, 2026
New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center

MISSION STATEMENT: The West Pasco Quilters' Guild, Inc. provides charity within our community and quality education to the public about quilts and quilting

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President, Julie Gohring, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members and guests were welcomed. April birthdays were celebrated with the singing of Happy Birthday.

Presentations were made to recipients from proceeds received from the WPQG Quilt Show in February. The recipients were:

- Steps of Recovery – a \$1500 check was awarded. The representative was Esther Valiente.
- New Port Richey Recreation Center – a \$3500 check was awarded. Julie Gohring expressed the guild's appreciation for the ongoing assistance the recreation center has provided to guild activities. The representatives were Kevin Tripp and Chandler Shelton.
- Healthy Start Coalition – a \$5000 check was awarded. This organization assists over 500 clients with mothers and their babies. Check was presented to Marsha White.

Lighthouse for the Blind (LHFTB) representative, Becky Bennett, wished to give a personal thank you for the donation of the quilt they auctioned off for \$4500 at their recent ball. Proceeds go towards their operating fund and are much appreciated.

Pam King announced that a representative from Joann Fabric's gifted the guild with sewing baskets as donations for raffles and supporting the guild's philanthropic endeavors.

WPQG New business: According to Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedures, there are changes to the executive board:

Mary Borders, the treasurer and Arlene DeGregorio, the secretary resigned from their positions on the board. The following members were appointed to those positions by Julie Gohring, the President. They are:

- Susan Jawor and Maureen Fernandez will be co-secretaries.
- Pam King will be the treasurer.

In preparation for the next WPQG Quilt show in 2028, highlighting the 40th anniversary Celebration of the WPQG, suggestions for the theme of the show were as follows:

- Ruby- 40th year gem. Gems of our Lives
- Music - laced through quilting
- Picture Perfect – snapshots of history of quilting

The dates of the show that have been recommended are 2/18/2028 through 2/20/2028 with 2/13/2028 being the start date for quilt week.

Opportunity quilt: For the 2028 quilt show's Opportunity Quilt, Janie Franco and Nancy Meinhardt are working on a pattern and gathering supplies and welcomes assistance with this project.

Education: Pam King showed a sample of the puff pastry handwork, "Juki square" that she recently learned during this past week's recent class. She presented information about workshops being offered to members through this year. They were:

- "Wagon Train, Log Cabin Round Up", offered on Friday, May 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Contractor's Institute for a fee of \$20. 1-1/2-inch strips of black and white fabrics are required. Contact Rhonda Koning for more information.
- "Dancing on the Borders" offered on Friday, May 22nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm presented by Julie Luoma at the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center for a fee of \$60. Quilting items are required for this workshop.
- "Blackout" quilt offered on Wednesday, September 23rd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm presented by Janie Franco to be held at the Country Place MHP for a fee of \$20. A yard of black fabric is required.
- "Flamingos" offered on November 19th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm and November 20th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm presented by Margaret LaBianco at the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center for a fee of \$60. The pattern is \$22 and the kit is \$65 which includes the fabric, binding, stabilizer, and pattern.

Additional information about these classes are identified on the WPQG website.

If you have any suggestions for a class or course, please submit these class suggestions to the Board. If you have an idea for a class, please let Pam know as a teacher would need to be found in order to offer the workshop.

Presentation on Color Theory: Ellen Ault, from MK Quilts, gave a presentation on color theory. Prior to her presentation, Melissa provided some information about changes in her

quilt shop and services they offer to quilters. MK Quilts sponsored the small quilts at the WPQG Quilt show this year.

Following the presentation, MK presented the following members with prizes from the drawing:

- Marilyn Dodds- charm packet
- Diana Kelly – batting
- Dolores Bridges – quilt kit

Show and Tell: Members who attended Janie Franco's class on quilted jackets displayed their completed jackets! Other members displayed their quilts too!

Drawings were completed: No such thing as coincidence!

- The 50/50 raffle of \$103 went to Mary Parkin
- Mary Parkins also won the \$100 gift certificate from MK Quilts.
- The Charity quilt went to Catherine Hernandez, who is the member who made the quilt.
- The Art Challenge winners were announced after the meeting was adjourned. Apologies to Trish Wallick. Winners were Marsha White and Beverly Webster.

Ninety-one (91) members were signed-in at the membership meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Jawor & Maureen Fernandez