



MARCH 2026

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

**Happy
Anniversary
WPQG!!!**

**Let's
Celebrate
38
Years;
Celebrate
those who
have come
before us to
make us
what we are
today!!!**

**March 19
Membership
Meeting**

**See you
there!**

Dearest Gentle Reader,

For those of you that follow Lady Whistledown in Bridgerton, you follow my greetings, for all else:

Dearest Members,

Thank you ALL for making it a successful 2026 "America's Garden of Quilts" Show!

Successful: achieving desired aims, producing a favorable outcome, or gaining popularity, profit and distinction.

I believe we have fulfilled the definition and more! Everyone I spoke with during and after the show was blown away by the quilts display, the layout—many commented on the space to really see the display, vendors, and the friendly atmosphere! WELL DONE YOU!!!

We do not have the figures for the balance of what was income and expenses but as soon as Mary Borders collects all receipts and gives us the figures we will make it public. Hint: if you are holding on to any receipts to be paid or income not turned in – please get it to Mary or one of the officers so it can be tallied as soon as possible.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRS—PLEASE TURN IN YOUR END OF SHOW REPORTS THROUGH EMAIL TO REVJULIEG@GMAIL.COM, cc your co-chair, and put a copy in your current folder. Please get these to me by March 19th. Return your completed folder at the follow up meeting. Our follow up meeting will be April 9th at 9:00 a.m. in the NPR Rec Center, Palm Room.

March is the beginning of a new year for your newly elected officers. True, the executive board is renewing their current positions but a new year without an upcoming quilt show is a different mindset. We are researching a new direction for our Education department—a beginner quilting class, more classes on techniques, and products we can finish in the class rather than having one more item to add to our UFO's (unfinished objects). Check out the upcoming calendar of events and Pam King's articles. Challenge yourself in doing something fun AND gaining a new skill/technique. Sign up now!

Those of you that participated in the quilt show, as committee chair or volunteer, I hope you take the time to relax and renew your physical, mental and spiritual self. As you look at the year ahead check out the different committees listed in this newsletter and select one or two that you would like to explore. I am looking for those of you that would be willing to attend meetings and get involved with a particular aspect of the guild. If you like to entertain, Hospitality can use a hand in either the monthly meetings or the two special events held in March (HELP) and December. Our Habitat for Humanity has not had a chair and we would like someone able to organize the small quilts we present to new homeowners, usually a few times a year. Our POS department would like to have a few members volunteer to collect money at our regular membership meetings for different events. Our library is looking for someone to be present at their desk to take payments for any sales or donations. There is always an opportunity to be active in any of the guild committees. Ideas for us? Attend our Board meeting (first Thursday of the month) and make a presentation. It takes everyone to participate to run this guild, no job is too small or insignificant. Contact me, or one of the committee chairs. Thank you.

Again, thank you each for a job well done.

Julie

**WELL
DONE
YOU!!!**

2026 - 2027 WPQG Executive Board



PRESIDENT
Julie Gohring



VICE PRESIDENT
Karen Oertel



SECRETARY
Arlene DiGregorio



TREASURER
Mary Borders

Committee Chairs

Community Outreach:

Lori Romanosky, Ann Marshall
Children's Charity Quilts –
Coop and Hen House
Food Bank – Sandra Teclaw, Kim Smith
Habitat/Special Project – OPEN
Opportunity Quilt 2028 – Janie Franco
Quilts of Valor (QOV) – Barbara Manning,
Mary Parkin
Scholarship – Penny Black

Education: Pam King

Block of the Month – Vickie Dow
Fat Chance/Art Challenge – Trish Wallick
Programs – Julie Gohring, Pam King
Small Groups – Rhonda Koning

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Newspaper – Merna Allen
Photographer – Janie Franco
Website – Mary Borders, Nancy Meinhardt

Special Events: OPEN

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

Ways & Means: Penny Black

Gift Card/Basket – Penny Black
Share the Wealth (50/50) – Penny Black
Yard Sale – Penny Black

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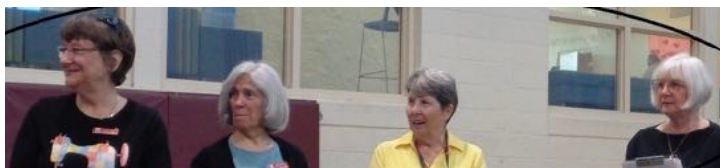
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MEMBERSHIP

Ninety four people signed in for our “after the quilt show, boy am I tired” membership meeting. Those of us who were awake and not counting money (I've been missing calls from Mary Borders, who usually calls to tell me I've been counting wrong) watched as our old slate of officers signed on for another year. And that means it's time to remind you that soon it will be your turn to be an officer of the Guild. Without officers there is no Guild. Out of 275 members there must be somebody who always wanted to be the president of a money making corporation. Think about it.

In other news, we are going to print a new directory in early May. If your dues aren't paid by the April Guild meeting you won't be in the book. Also, if you joined in the last three years you need your picture taken. Be sure to get that done at the March meeting. The printer waits for no one. And there's going to be a tea party. Look fabulous darling!

Pat Donohoo,
Membership Chairperson Extraordinaire



Signed on for another year!!



Join
A
Small
Group !!

Go to **page 21** for details.

POSITIVE POINTS

JOY:
Delight in
finishing your
quilt!

By The Way...

SCHOLARSHIP

It is time to remind your eligible student to enter an application for our scholarship award. Applications **MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY**. Applications are due **APRIL 1**.

Eligibility: Any member of WPQG (in good standing) and/or family members (spouse, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren) are eligible.

Click [here](#) to go to the application form on the Guild website.

If you have questions. please call me 727-372-6456 or e-mail Pennyb1618@gmail.com.

Penny Black
Scholarship Chair

MARY BORDERS IS LOOKING FOR A CO-CHAIR

I am in need of someone who is computer savvy that I can train as my CO CHAIR/ASSISTANT for the Point-of-Sale tablet system. The program is fairly straight forward. I will teach you everything I know about the system.

There are times when I will be traveling and not be at the meetings to make last minute adjustments or entries of classes and fees.

If you are interested, please call me at 727-514-1281 or e mail me at mjqquiltingborders@yahoo.com

By The Way... (cont')

WANTED: EARLY READER BOOKS

As a follow up to my article in the Guild's February 2026 newsletter asking for donations of new or gently used early reader books, I would like to thank Pat Donohoo, Mary Parkin and Kathy Robertson for their donations of early reader books.

If you would like to donate, I'm looking for early reader books, those books with a few sentences on each page (no chapter books). I take the books and create a braille overlay that I paste on each page. I will leave a small box by the Membership Table for your donations.

If you would like to see the interview I did with Rick Elmhurst of Bay News 9 for his Everyday Heroes segment and learn more about the braille books, just click on this link <https://baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2025/08/04/mary-klain-and-nancy-mainhardt>.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Thank you!

Nancy Meinhardt

Photo for 2026 Directory

Work is beginning on publishing a new directory. It is our goal to have a photo of every member.

Janie Franco will be taking photos at the March membership meeting. If you don't have a photo in the current directory or are new and haven't had the opportunity to have a photo taken, the time is now. We will bug you until we get one so you might as well get it over with. If you will not be available at the March meeting, you may send a photo of yourself to my email — kar5123misc@gmail.com.

Kathy Robertson
Directory



New Port Richey FarmNet's 13th Annual Loquat Festival, in association with the West Pasco Art Guild, will be held on April 11, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at Sims Park near Peace Hall.

We are seeking artwork which represents the Loquat or any Florida Produce. We are available to provide additional details and answer any questions. If you are interested in submitting artwork and require an entry form, please request from gillian.graffy@yahoo.com. The entry deadline is April 1, 2026,



Name	Birthday
Hathway, Deborah	3/1
Kirchner, Peggy	3/5
Darling, Kim	3/6
Kolczak, Sue	3/6
Palma, Barbara	3/6
Remington Jones, Sheila	3/10
Weber, Sharon	3/13
Lightle, Jeanie	3/14
Brooks, Dannee	3/15
Handlin, Margaret	3/15
Markstrom, Linda	3/17
Dunigan, Susan	3/19
Trotta, Virginia	3/19
Hawkins, Ryuko	3/22
Jawor, Susan	3/23
Tucker, Martha	3/23
Cazel, Mary	3/27
Wilcox, Sharyn E.	3/28
Giacinto, Catherine (Cathy)	3/29
Stallone, Judith A.	3/29
Whikehart, Jocelyn	3/30
Calvert, Lorna	3/31

What a great quilt show we had!

The Library sales rack sold many books. Now we have space to put out what we discard from the Library.

The March meeting is the anniversary party, the Library will not be open.

Be sure to return checked out items at the April meeting. There are a number of checked out items that are overdue. Everyone check your sewing space & book shelves.

Valerie Stanton
Librarian

HOSPITALITY

Big thanks to Diane Wilcox and Jennifer Baker for the goodies at the February meeting.

Jerrye Winters
727-378-3825

EDUCATION

Are you ready to start on your 2028 Show Quilts? We are ready to help you learn the basics and new techniques. I'm always open to hearing your requests.

Janie's Quilted Sweatshirt Jacket class is almost full. She is willing to add another class. Let me know if you are interested

The Art Guild is allowing us to use their workroom for a **Beginner Quilting Course**. We have sewing machines we have purchased at the Art Guild. See the flyer in this newsletter.

Next up is the **Puffed Pastry** class which is being taught by Carol Scott from Quilters' Crossing Guild. It gives your quilt a 3d look.

In May **Julie Luoma from Off the Wall Quilts** in Deland will be our speaker and teacher. Her presentation is called Dancing on the Borders. In the workshop on Friday she states "The student brings a center to start with then we build borders with very little measuring and lots of creativity. The idea is to get the quilter thinking outside the box. Quilters come in fairly nervous but leave having done things they never expected."

Pam King, Education Chair

Schedule

Mar 19, 2026 Guild Anniversary Party

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

March 24, 31, April 7,14, 2026 – Beginner Quilting Course, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., \$50, West Pasco Art Guild, 6206 Jefferson St. (see details in flyer below)

April 10, 2026 – Puffed Pastry quilt class, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., \$20, Rec Center →

Apr 16, 2026 Color Theory — Ellen Ault

May 21, 2026 Julie Luoma from Off the Wall Quilt, Dancing on the Borders lecture, with workshop on Friday, May 22. This completely fun and action packed class will reveal an artistic flair in anyone as we "play" together to build borders.

Jun 18, 2026 Demo-Mania

Jul 16, 2026 Annual Guild Picnic

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 Fun Day Surprise — details later

Nov 19, 2026 Margaret Lobianco with workshop Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. Tropicalicious Dresden Flamingo
margaretsewfunquilts.com.

\$60 for the class; additionally, you can choose your own fabric and purchase a pattern for \$22 or purchase a kit with all you need for \$65 paid to Margaret.

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.



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BEGINNER QUILTING COURSE

March 24, 31, April 7, 14

1:30-4:30 each Tuesday

\$50 for 4 classes/NO experience necessary

West Pasco Art Guild

Make the TREASURE BOX QUILT

We will be making a quilt 39" x 44" using 5" precuts. The simple block you will learn in this project is the Half-square triangle (HST). Great for a baby quilt or small throw.

LESSONS:

Quilting Basics

How to follow a pattern

Machine basics

Accurately cut material

Sew a consistent $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam

Make blocks and sew into rows

Add borders

Make and attach binding

And much more!!!

Material list will be sent out upon paid registration.





◆ Upcoming Events ◆

March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 The Hen House	3 Sew-Much-Fun Kids Korner Tue Evening Nimblers	4 Charity Sew at the Coop Sweatshirt Jacket class	5 WPQG Board Meeting	6 Safety Harbor Stitchers	7
9 The Hen House Monday Mavens	10 Sew-Much-Fun The Gathering Kids Korner Tue Evening Nimblers	11 Charity Sew at the Coop	12	13	14
16 The Hen House	17 Sew-Much-Fun Kids Korner Tue Evening Nimblers	18 Charity Sew at the Coop	19 WPQG Membership Mtg End-of-Show Reports Due	20	21 Saturday Soup 'N Sew
23 The Hen House Monday Mavens	24 Sew-Much-Fun, The Gathering, Kids Korner, Tue Evening Nimblers, Beginning Quilting Class	25 Charity Sew at the Coop Sweatshirt Jacket class	26	27	28
30	31 Beginning Quilting Class Dear Jane Club	1	2	3	4

Sweatshirt Jacket Class — Mar 4, Country Place

WPQG Board meeting — Mar 5, 10:00, Rec Center, Palm Room

WPQG Membership Meeting — Mar 19, 9:00-12:00, Rec Center

Retreat registration opens

Anniversary Celebration

End-of-Show Reports due — Mar 19, Email REVJULIEG@GMAIL.COM,

cc your co-chair

Beginning Quilting Class — Mar 24, West Pasco Art Guild

Sweatshirt Jacket Class — Mar 25, Country Place

Beginning Quilting Class — Mar 31, West Pasco Art Guild

Small Groups — see page 21 for details

March Anniversary Tea

Our guild will be 38 years old this March! Let's make this event a celebration to all those that have come before us to make us what we are today. Check out our list of past presidents, show chairs and members in our directory. Our committee chairs are listed each month on our agendas. If you have a story you would like to share email me before March 10th and we can make arrangements for one of us to recognize her/him. It takes every member to make up West Pasco Quilters' Guild. Let's honor each member with a positive attitude and a "Bravo" for a job well done!

The tea will be a table set up like our Holiday Party so tables will be at a premium. We will play a game or two and have a short program. Please ask those that will be at your table to bring a serving of something 'tea worthy' for your table. Cookies, little cakes, small sandwiches, mini kabobs, that sort of item. If you can have someone from your table to coordinate who brings what it will work out better. A normal TEA has a scone type item, mini sandwiches, a mini meat treat and top it off with a dessert. The guild will provide a single dessert for everyone present, teas and coffee. Cups and plates will be available or you can set your own tables. White tablecloths will also be available. If you make more goodies than you need at your table, we will have a few guest tables that you can share with. **Please contact me by text or email by March 10th and let me know how many tables you will need and how many will be at your table. Julie Gohring 770-680-8222 or revjulieg@gmail.com.**

NOTE: If anyone comes before 8:30 that morning the tables may not be set up yet. I get there at 8:00 to prep the room per table requests. Please give me that 30 minutes to pull what I need together. I will be available to answer questions after 8:30. Thank you!

Quilt Show Wrap Up Meeting



2026 show is in the books or the wind or wherever old quilt shows go but we still have our pictures and memories. Thank you all for your time and help. It is outstanding what a group of women can do together.

We don't have concrete numbers yet for attendance or money but as soon as we do we will let you know. The wrap up meeting for the 2026 show will be April 9.

On that day, the chairs of each committee need to bring with them a detailed report of their committee. In the report there needs to be what you did, how you did it, what was good, what was bad, what could/should be changed. Anything you deem pertinent to your committee. These reports are passed on to the next show chairs so they will know the process.

We will also be setting the date for the 2028 show. And will be looking for volunteers to be co-chairs of the show. Any new ideas for the next show? Bring them too.

Rhonda Koning
Susanne Branon
Pam King



WPQG QUILTERS' ESCAPE RETREAT

WHEN: February 4-7, 2027

WHERE: Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center (LYBCC)
39034 County Rd 452, Leesburg, FL 34788 Website: www.LYBCC.com

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center is Northeast of Leesburg, FL on the banks of beautiful Lake Yale. The journey from New Port Richey is about 2 hours. Onsite lodging in hotel-style rooms is a few-minutes' walk from the dining hall, fellowship hall (TV, 24-hr. coffee/tea, gift shop with snacks), the Raintree Educational Building our amazing sewing home for the weekend with a home for a pop-up quilt shop with fabric, patterns & notions.

RETREAT POLICY: No smoking or alcohol use anywhere on LYBCC grounds.

WHO'S INVITED: Any current (paid) WPQG member.

HOW MUCH: Cost is \$327 per person (payable in 4 installments)

Includes 3-nights lodging (double occupancy), 9 meals, sewing space, pop-up quilt shop, classes, gifts, & more. The 2027 Retreat is limited to 59 participants who must stay in Lake Yale hotel lodging. Sorry, no RV or day-trip attendees can be accommodated.

WHEN & HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration begins at the March 19, 2026 Membership Meeting. **REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE GUILD MEETING.** Guild meeting 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the New Port Richey Rec Center.

Bring your completed registration form and payment:

March 19, 2026: Full payment \$327 or the first installment \$90 - Cash, check, money orders, or credit cards accepted.

Future payments to be paid as follows:

May 21, 2026: \$79 check or money order **IN PERSON OR BY MAIL**

Sept 17, 2026: \$79 check or money order **IN PERSON OR BY MAIL**

Nov 19, 2026: \$79 check, cash, money order, or credit card **IN PERSON***

*Mail payments to: Susan Jawor 13363 Sea Bridge Dr. Hudson, FL. 34669

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING BELOW.....

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER FOR THE 2027 QUILTERS' ESCAPE RETREAT

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION opens at 9:00am on **March 19, 2026** at the New Port Richey Rec Center.

NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE. You must bring your completed form with you.

Print out the registration form from the Newsletter, Website, or Facebook. If you do not have access to a printer, have a friend or roommate do it for you.

1. **Fill out the registration form completely**, including your contact information, how you will pay your registration (in full or installments), roommate (if known), and any dietary or mobility restrictions.
2. **Bring your payment**: cash, check, money order, or credit card (If using a credit card – it **MUST BE IN PERSON**). You can pay the full amount **(\$327)** or the first installment **(\$90)**. Registrations without payments will not be accepted.
3. Roommates can register both members provided they have completed registration forms and payments for both. Keep in mind that credit payments are **ONLY IN PERSON**. **NOTE: each member can only register 1 other member!!!!**
4. Be courteous... **DO NOT CUT IN LINE** in front of others. If you arrive after your roommate, she is free to fall back in the line to join you.
5. In the event all **59** retreat spaces are filled, a Waiting List will be started. Registrations will be collected for Waiting List members **WITHOUT PAYMENTS**. Payment is due when members come off the Waiting List.

MAIL IN REGISTRATIONS: Registrations will be taken by mail, however in-person registrations take precedence by date received.

1. Mail-in registrations must be **postmarked no earlier than March 20, 2026**.
2. Mail-in registrations **must include**: completed registration form and payment (in full **\$327** or first installment **\$90**). Payments can be made **by check, money order, or credit card**. Sorry, **NO CASH OR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS** can be accepted through the mail.
3. Mail completed registration form **with payment** (full **\$327** or second installment **\$90**) to:
Susan Jawor 13363 Sea Bridge Dr. Hudson, FL 34469
4. Mail-in registrations are added to the roster upon receipt. If the event fills, mail-in registrations automatically go on the Waiting List in the order received and payments are returned or destroyed. Acknowledgement email will ask if member wants payment returned or destroyed.

5. **Registrations acknowledged:** All mail-in registrations will be acknowledged by email, indicating whether they were accepted, Wait-Listed, or if something prevented the registration from being processed (postmarked too early, information incomplete, payment missing, etc).
6. **Standard USPS postal delivery only.** Do **NOT** send registrations via UPS, FedEx, or other shippers.
7. **Payments:**
 - a. Checks and money orders will be deposited into the Guild bank account upon receipt.
 - b. Credit card payments: **IN PERSON CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ONLY.**
8. **Waiting List procedures:** If cancellations occur, one of the Retreat Co-Chairs will contact the first name on the waiting list, explaining how much money has already been paid and additional payments that are due. The Wait Listed member can accept the registration or pass (one time). In that event, the next member on the list is called. Passing a second time removes the member from the Waiting List.

Once confirmed by the Retreat Co-Chairs, the Wait-Listed member will be given the name and contact information of the cancelling member. Together they arrange for the reimbursement to the cancelling member the amount of money paid to the Guild to date. This transaction must be completed in a timely manner or transfer is forfeited.

When completed, **BOTH** members must contact one of the Retreat Chairs to confirm (**Susan Pisano 631-553-1849, Susan Jawor 630-240-5005**), and Retreat records are then revised to record the transfer.

All registration changes must go through the Retreat Co-Chairs. If there is no Waiting List, the cancelling member can recruit another WPQG member to fill her spot, but the Retreat Co-Chairs must be involved in that transfer, so records are updated.

If the transfer involves partial payments, the assuming member is responsible for all future payments.

Click [here](#) for Retreat Registration Form posted on the Guild Members Only website.
Click [here](#) for Retreat Cancellation Form posted on the Guild Members Only website.
Click [here](#) for Retreat Pop up Store info posted on the Guild Members Only website.



QUILTS OF VALOR WORK DAY

Monday, April 6, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall of Holiday Community
Fellowship Church,

5144 Sunray Dr. Holiday, FL 34691

WE WORK IN A LARGE WELL LIT ROOM WITH
SPACE FOR EVERYONE.

Materials will be provided: Blocks to work on,
complete precut tops; and more.

WE HAVE CUTTING TABLES, IRONING
STATIONS, JUST BRING YOUR MACHINE AND
NOTIONS.

Bring red, white and/or blue thread.

Lunch will be served, homemade soup and
crackers.

Bring your bowl and spoon, and a snack or
dessert to share if you wish.

A great door prize will be awarded at the end
of the day. Valued at \$35. Everyone will get
one ticket just for coming, will be able to earn
more chances throughout the day.

**Please RSVP to Vicki Dow so we plan enough
soup for everyone.**

Email: VickiLinnQuilts@gmail.com

Text or call: 727-808-1775

QOV Committee News

Until about a year ago, our QOV program was pretty much Barbara Manning's one woman leadership show. She could do the BOM, take all of the nomination forms and do all of the phone interviews, etc., sandwich all of the quilts for bindings, and more. Do you know that this year we awarded NINETY quilts? It's no longer a one woman job, and she used to do all of that BEFORE she retired!!! She's still 100% the leader, just has recruited help and delegated some roles.

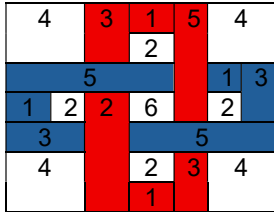
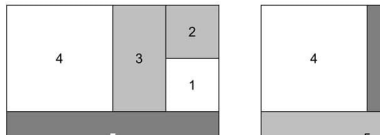
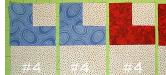
Mary Parkin has become her right arm. She puts most of the blocks together to get tops made, Barbara mostly sandwiches them, many ladies long arm them and bind them. It truly does take a village.

I have an assigned role now, as well. Barbara handed off the BOM to me. I will plan the blocks, write the patterns, make precut kits, and be the one submitting the pattern to you, hopefully, each month now. I have a pattern tester (JoAnn Miller) who is going to make a block from the pattern to make sure I didn't miss a step or make a measurement error. I'm trying to get two months ahead so we're always ready for you. So if you have any questions about BOM, I'll be your contact.

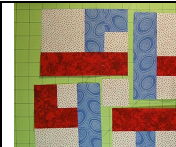
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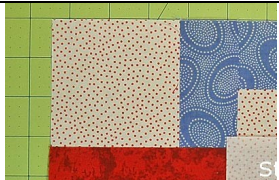
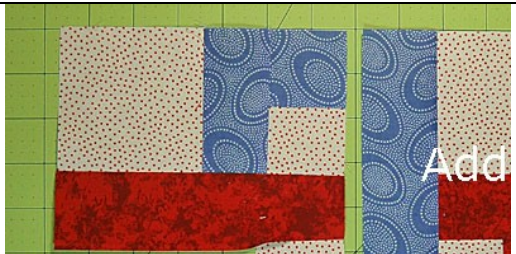
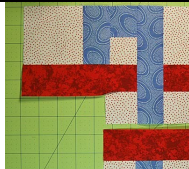
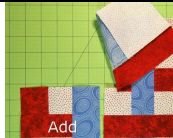
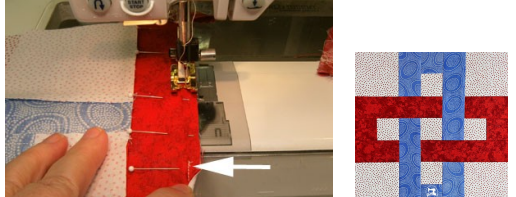
Text or call: 727-808-1775

Block of Month

WEST PASCO QUILTERS' GUILD	CHAIN LINK	BLOCK OF THE MONTH MARCH 2026	Skill Level: Easy-Beginner
Finished Size of block is 18-1/2"x18-1/2" FABRIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE BLOCK Use patriotic themed pieces Red Print: One piece 2-1/2" x WOF Solid White: One piece 2-1/2" x WOF and One Piece 4-1/2" x WOF Blue Print: One piece 2-1/2" x WOF Solid Red: Two pcs 2-1/2" x WOF CHAIN LINK BLOCK PIECES 	FABRIC CUTTING: A Red: Cut one pc 2-1/2" x WOF. Subcut: 2 pcs 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"; 2 pcs 2-1/2" x 4-1/2", 2 pcs 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" B Blue: Cut one pc 2-1/2" x WOF. Subcut: 2 pcs 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"; 2 pcs 2-1/2" x 4-1/2", 2 pcs 2-1/2" x 8-1/2" C White Cut one pc 2-1/2" x WOF, Subcut: 5 pcs 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" Cut one pc 4-1/2" x WOF, Subcut: 4 PCS 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" CHAIN LINK UNITS 	 The Chain Link quilt block is deceptively simple. No bias edges. Just squares and rectangles. To complete the block, you'll use a technique called 'partial seam' or 'puzzle piecing'—which means nothing more than the first seam partially sewn at the beginning and finally completed with the last one. All seam allowances are 1/4" For reference: Fat Quarter = 18" X 21" Fat Eighth = 9" x 21" HST: Half Square Triangle WOF = Width of Fabric RST = Right Sides Together BAC = Background Fabric SA = Seam Allowance	
Block Assembly			
All the SA in this block are pressed AWAY from the chain link fabrics (A, B) and towards the background. Press after the addition of each patch. With right sides together (RST) stitch #1 to #2. Two sets use A fabric and two use B. Press SA toward the #2 patch.			
With RST, add the #3 patch. Press in the direction of the arrows. (The white block is in the upper right corner.)			
With RST, add #4. SA are pressed toward #4. (The white block is still in the upper right corner.)			
And finally add #5 with RST. The #5 is the color of the other link. Use this photo as a reference. SA are pressed toward #5. Take a hot minute and check the accuracy of your stitching. Rgw units should measure 6" x 8".			
Make any adjustments before moving on.			

Assemble your Chain Link quilt block

Arrange the pieced Chain Link units around the center #6 square. As you move clockwise around the block, alternate the #5 A and B fabrics to form the chain link. For the remaining steps, all the seams are pressed toward the #5 rectangle and away from the center, #6 square. Press after adding each pieced unit.	
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Flip the #6 center square, RST with the Chain Link unit in the upper left corner. Stitch the seam between the #5 (long rectangle patch) and #6 center a little more than halfway as shown below. Stop about where the vertical line is in the photo. Backstitch at the end of the seam.	
Finger press the SA toward the #5 rectangle. With RST, add the second stitched unit. Only about half of the seam connecting the first unit to #6 is stitched.	
This is a complete seam. I use pins to keep the edges neatly together. (Glue basting would work here, too.) <i>Pinning helps keep the cut edges lined up nicely.</i>	
Add the third pieced group of patches, stitching the length of the patches.	
With RST, add the fourth pieced group. Again, this is a complete seam.	
This last seam is a partial one—remember we stitched a bit of it at the beginning of assembling the block. I stitched from the #5 side because it is easier to see the previous stitching. The pins are used to keep the edges straight AND to hold the SAs on the other side in place so that they don't flip during stitching. Press your block and trim it to 14-1/2" x 14-1/2".	
Add the borders to the block. First add the 2-1/2" x 14-1/2" borders to the sides and press the seam allowance to the border. Then add the 2-1/2" x 18-1/2" borders to the top and bottom, pressing those seam allowances to the borders as well. Give your block a good spray with spray starch and press.	

Please feel free to make additional blocks using your own choice of Patriotic Fabrics. These will be grouped into sets of nine blocks and made into a patchwork QOV quilt top.



Community Outreach



In February Beverly Watson took \$155.25 in cash and \$45 in food donations to Trinity Presbyterian Church. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!

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

Charity Sew

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 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Come join the fun. We always have something to do for willing hands!

At the General meeting 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 need binding ready for pick up. PLEASE keep in mind we need **BRIGHT AND HAPPY children's quilts and PROPER SIZE.** Remember not too big. Please see size example below. You can pick up quilt packets to work on and/or return completed quilts at the monthly meeting Charity table or stop by the Coop on Wednesday.

SCRAPS!!! We take any clean unwanted cotton fabric only. Just drop off at the Charity table.

Please 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

Example of sizes:

Average size daycare, early elementary school
54 X 54, 54 X 56

Upper elementary/lower high school
54 X 58, 54 X 60, 54 X 62

Upper high school
54 X 64, 54 X 66, 54 X 68



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.

Since I am the newsletter editor I am going to kick this off with a thank you to everyone that helped at Admissions at the Quilt Show. My co-chairs, Sharon Wigglesworth and Pat Utecht were there throughout the planning process as we figured out what was expected of us. A job well done. Pat had to step away for health reasons, but Sharon was always there to help

with preparation and for all three days of the show. A shout out to Lori Romanosky and Ann Marshall who showed up to help stuff the Viewers' Choice ballot in the program books. Anytime there is work to be done these two show up looking to help. Many thanks to the 20+ ladies and gentleman who volunteered to take on the Admission table tasks. We had a wonderful time greeting those attending the show. We got to see their excitement to see what was in store, also to see the many times they made trips to the car to unload their purchases, and best of all to receive their comments about what a fabulous show it was as they were departing. We also got to meet each other and look forward to seeing a familiar face at our guild meetings. Kudos to Mary Borders and Karen Oertel who kept the cash and credit card process manageable.

Thanks to you all!!

Kathy Robertson

TIPS, TRICKS, AND QUILTER'S HACKS

Pin Storage:

If you're not a fan of sharpening your pins one-by-one with a pin sharpener, don't worry, there's an advanced quilting hack for that! Find any pincushion pattern you love, but instead of filling the cushion with stuffing, fill it with steel wool. Every time you stick your pins away in your handmade pin cushion, the steel wool will sharpen them up for you.

To submit your tip to share with all of us, email it to WPQGtips@gmail.com.

Please put NEWSLETTER TIP in the subject line.

Thank you!

WE ARE SO MUCH MORE THAN LITTLE OLD LADIES

During one of our QOV presentations I heard one of the young men jokingly refer to us as “bunch of old ladies.” Unable to let that go, with a smile I responded that he should watch himself since he was outnumbered. After he was honored by the guild and presented with his quilt, I saw him with tears in his eyes and I hugged him with a whispered – “Not bad for a bunch of old ladies, huh?”

This exchange got me to thinking how so many young people judge us for what we look like and do not see us for who we really are. Yes, we are older women and we have an assortment of experiences that allow us to wear that OLD LADY title proudly. It is an accomplishment!

We decided to compile a list of our professions within our guild and have confirmed we are an outstanding group of accomplished and talented people! We are mothers, fathers, grandparents and great grandparents. We are comprised of many of the expected professions: realtor, teacher, nurse and accountant. Our guild also includes an Appellate court judge, lawyer, New York City police officer and a mortician. We count among us all branches of the military. You could be working on a quilt top with the Certified Braille instructor or chatting about applique with the first female computer tech for Xerox.

Take a few minutes and get to know a fellow guild member. You will find out she is so much more than a little old lady.

Shelley Murrell

We are WPQG (2/17/2026)

Accountant	Computer Operator (Bank)	Loan officer	Purchasing Agent
Accounts Payable Clerk	Computer Programmer	Math Tutor	Quality Review
Administrator (Hospital)	Computer Tech (First female tech for Xerox)	Mathematician	Quilt Teacher
Appellate court judge	Concert Musician	Media Coordinator	Realtors
Artist	Contractor (General)	Medical Assistant	Recreational Therapist
Associate Professor	Contractor (Roofing)	Medical Technologist	Retail
Author	Cosmetology Instructor	Microscopy	Sales and Marketing
Banker	Counsellors	Military (All branches)	Seamstress
Bartender	Custodian	Missionary	Seamstress (Show costumes)
Behavior Analyst	Dental Hygienist	Mortgage Underwriter	Server
Bookkeeper (Full charge)	DJ	Mortician	Species Greenhouse
Branch Administrator (Edward Jones)	Dog Breeder	Musician (Concert)	Manager
Branch Manager (asphalt) Highway Division	Engineer	Navy Reserves Computer Tech	Speech/Language Pathologist
Building Inspector	Entrepreneur	Nurses (Many)	Sub-Structure Teacher
Bus Driver	Farmer	Office Manager	Tax Preparation
Cake Decorator	Firefighter Administration	Offset Printer operator	Teacher
Certified Braille Transcriptionist	Foster Parent	Pastoral Care/Ordained Minister	Teacher (art)
Chef	Hairdresser	Pharmacy Technician	Teacher (Home Ec)
Clinical Researcher	Homemaker	Photo Restoration Specialist	Teacher (Substitute)
CMV Operator	Hotel Manager	Photographer	Theatre
CNA	House Cleaner	Police Officer, New York City	Tree Service Company
College Instructor	Human Resources	Postal Worker	University office worker
College Professor	IRS Supervisor	President Plumbing Company	University Registrar
College Professor (Nursing)	Landlord	Printer	Vice president of Technology (Ins. Co.)
Communications	Landscaper	Probation officer	
	Lawyer		

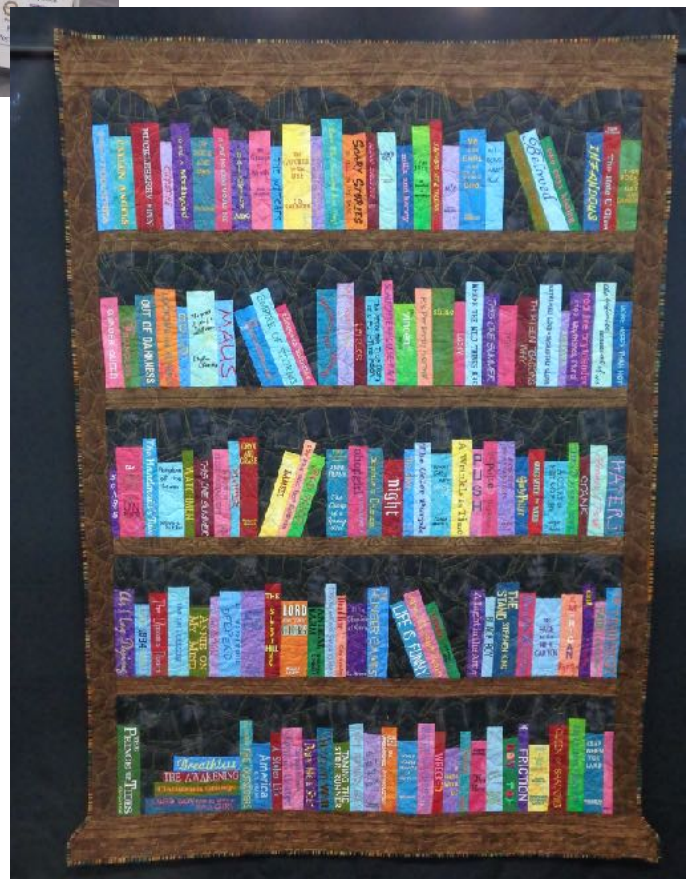
Quilt Show Winners

(Photos by Janie Franco)



Best of Show
Best Hand Quilting
"Friendship Blossoms"
by
Sue Berry

Viewers' Choice
"Banned Books"
by
Diane Turscak

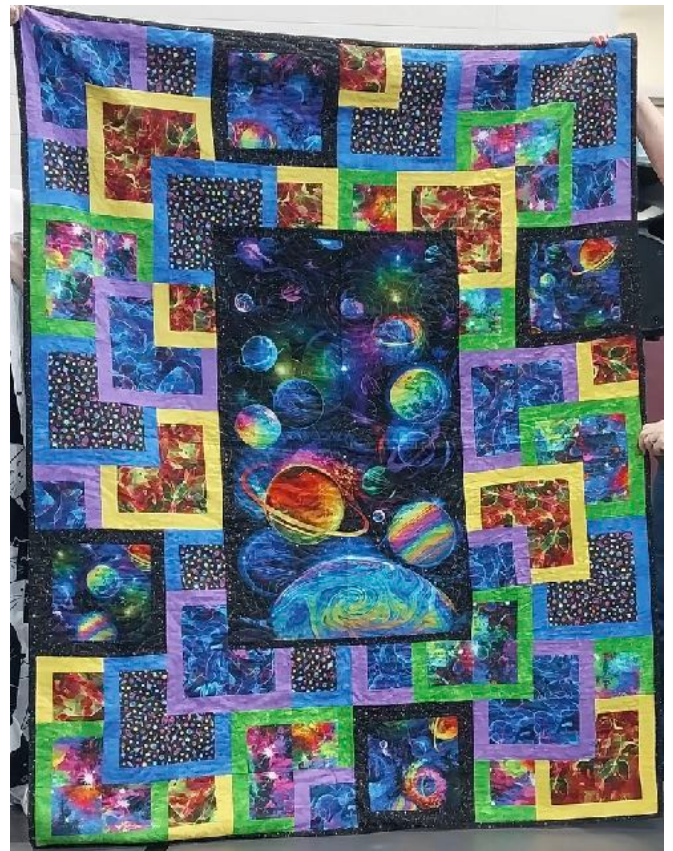




Sew 'n Tell



(Photos by Janie Franco)



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 727-858-6618 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 patdonohoo2411@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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