

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

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April meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

Time: 6:30 pm social; 6:45 pm program

Program: "Pinwheel Twister" table runner presented by Jan Keading.

If you have never used the Twister ruler this will be an opportunity to find out what a great tool it can be. Jan Keading from Byrd's Nest Quilt Shop will demonstrate how to use a Twister ruler to easily make pinwheel blocks. No points to match! No triangles!! No templates!!! Jan will be bringing the Midi-Twister tool to use on 6½ inch patches. She will get us started on making a simple table runner.

If you would like to join in the fun, you will need to prepare a patchwork consisting of:

- 3 rows x 5 rows of 6½ inch patches (**6 inches finished**) with a 6½ inch border on all four sides. Each patch should have strong contrast to its neighbor, and the border fabric (often a solid) should also be high contrast to the outside squares. You will need:
- Midi-Twister 6 inch ruler if you own one. Jan will share hers and bring some for sale (\$14.95).
- Basic sewing supplies (Pins, rotary cutter, mat, scissors, needles, thread)
- Sewing machine.

If don't want to bring a sewing machine, you can hand baste or pin the patches in place and finish them at home.

Jan Keading has worked at Byrd's Nest Quilt Shop for a many years, both as a teacher and as a long arm machine quilter. She has expertise in all phases of needlework from beginners to advanced, but her favorite is working with UFO projects and teaching beginners. A sewer since grade school, Jan was introduced to quilting by a friend in Texas; she then went on to discover that quilting was a way of coping with the many moves she has made.

May meeting: Monday, May 15, 2017

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

Time: 6:30 pm social; 6:45 pm program

Program: "Kelly's Tips and Tricks" presented by Kelly Woodworth.

Kelly's program is mainly about getting good deals on quilting tools; if you have a tool you stole from your husband's work bench, bring it and share the tip. Kelly Woodworth, a member of Lake County Quilters Guild, lives in Lake County, Florida, on a farm with eight cows, a bull, four dogs and her adult son. She's been quilting for 34 years, beginning the week she learned she was going to have a baby. She has a long-arm quilting business and is busy 24/7. Kelly also sews the samples for Sew-Mini Things Quilt Shop in Mt. Dora. Quilting is her favorite part of the process, either on the long-arm or on her old 1530 Bernini.

A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Well, we sure have been getting some April Showers! Good for the flowers and fire danger levels. Good for sewing days too. Don't you just love to stay inside and sew when it is nasty outside? I do. Last month's meeting was great! We had a wonderful program on sewing with wool--thank you Judy and Marianne--I hope to see some completed projects at Show and Tell this month. I also met many guests and new members and got to visit with everyone. So sad to say goodbye to some snowbirds, but we know they'll be back before too long. And now we are look-

ing forward to enjoying the rest of the year. Marianne has been busy setting up programs for the spring and fall that sound like we will be learning a lot of different things and having some fun at the same time. We will also start working on next year's opportunity quilt soon. Can't wait to see which one is chosen and how it turns out. So, while the winter season is winding down, we are getting busy here at Racing Fingers. Ladies, start your needles! See you soon at the meeting!

~~~~~ 2017 RFQG Challenge – “Batiks”

Our 2017 Challenge project is to use all of the batik fabric received during our "swap" to make a quilted item that measures at least 36 inches in at least one direction. There are no other size requirements. You may add other fabrics, but the original “swap” fabrics must be used. As always, we will have a Viewer’s Choice Award at our December meeting with prizes.

If you were not able to attend the January swap and want to participate in the Challenge, bring one yard of batik fabric to the April meeting

Please contact Dee Duckworth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

~~~~~ Fidget Quilts

As a result of the AQS show we have a good inventory of Fidget Quilts. If anyone is inclined to make a Fidget Quilt and needs embellishments, please let

me know. I have a variety of notions and supplies. Dee Duckworth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com.

~~~~~ Two websites of interest.

As was announced at the March meeting, **Bonnie Hunter**, quilt teacher and author, will be presenting a workshop and lecture for us on January 29, 2018. Bonnie is very much in demand and we are fortunate that she is coming to teach us. You can find out more about Bonnie and her quilts at her website www.Quiltville.com.

Have you ever wondered what kind of water is suitable for your iron? **Emily Jansson**, “Nancy’s Notions” guest blogger has some suggestions for you.

1. Don’t use tap water
2. Don’t use distilled water
3. Don’t use deionized water
4. Don’t use spring water

What should you use? Emily recommends filtered tap water (if you don’t have a Brita, you might want to buy one). If you want to know the reasons for Emily’s “don’ts” go to <http://www.nancyzieman.com/blog/quilting-2/four-myths-regarding-iron-water/>

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

Upcoming Events

Gainesville: The Tree City Quilters' Guild will hold their quilt show on Saturday, May 6, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday May 7, 2017, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Best Western Gateway Grand, 4200 NW 97<sup>th</sup>

Blvd., West of I-75, Exit 390, Gainesville, Florida [treecityquiltersguild.blogspot.com](http://treecityquiltersguild.blogspot.com).

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