

# Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

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### April meeting: Monday, April 16, 2018

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

**Program:** "Wonderful Life of Quilting, Part 4: Quilting with Rulers/Templates" presented by Marge Passalacqua. For this month's program we will continue with quilting on your domestic machine, this time using the rulers/templates available on the market today.

We are pleased to have Marge Passalacqua present this program. Marge has been quilting for over 10 years, sewing most of her life, and loves machine embroidery as well. Marge has made over 100 quilts with many being donated to charity. She is the current treasurer of Quilters by the Sea and you may know her from the Byrd's Nest Quilt Shop where she worked in the past. She also has had a quilt featured on Janome's Worldwide Home Page. Marge will bring two of her machines with her as well as some of her quilts. She will speak on and demonstrate how to quilt your own pieced quilt using acrylic ruler templates and will give us the opportunity to sit down at her machine and see how much fun and easy it can be, without having to invest a lot of money.

### May meeting: Monday, May 21, 2018

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

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

**Program:** "Wonderful Life of Quilting, Part 5: Let's Finish that Quilt!" presented by Linda Derryberry. Now that you have your quilt quilted, it's time to get it ready and finish it off. We will learn how to square up a quilt, put on a binding by hand and machine, and a few variations to make your binding pop! There will also be tips on attaching a hanging sleeve, other ways to hang quilts, and how to label your quilts. Viola! Your quilt is done!

Linda Derryberry is in her fourth year as President of RFQG having served in 2013, 2014 and 2017. For the past three years she has been the liaison between our guild and the American Quilters Society and has been in charge of organizing the volunteers for the past three AQS Quilt Weeks. Linda grew up in the Hamptons in New York. She has been sewing since she was ten years old, and, as a teenager, made most of her own clothes. College took her to the mid-west and, eventually, Chicago, where she lived (and taught quilt classes) until her move to Florida in 2005. Quilting entered her life in the early 80's when, as the mother of a young child, she wanted to find something to do while at home. She began with pieced quilts, but developed an ongoing preference for appliqué when she was looking for a portable way to construct a quilt top. Linda has finally fulfilled her dream of owning a long arm quilting machine and has become a professional long arm quilter.

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**A message from our President, Linda Derryberry**

Happy April and Happy Spring! (Muttering about the temperatures around here.) Anyway, something about this time of year makes me want to get things done, so I am trying to sit and sew between working on quilts for people. Busy, busy time, as I am sure it is for all of you too. But be sure to squeeze in time to sew.

Hey, how about doing some of the paper piecing for the opportunity quilt for next year's show? Contact or see Karen Licht to get your block kits. Small doses, half an hour here and there and you can really help us towards completing this beautiful quilt. I hope you are all trying out quilting on your domestic machines. Jean Roth did a great job of giving encouragement and hints. And even more ideas this month,

as we learn how to quilt with rulers. And then in May, how to finish off those quilts, including how to square them up and then machine bind them, with several ways to add some interest to your binding. So then you all have no excuses!! Time to get those quilts done! Happy Quilting!!

And one final thought: Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take over parts of the AQS Quilt Week job. Those of us who have worked on it for three years love what we do, but it is time to have others help out (ulterior motive - we want a bit more free time to take classes and shop). It is so nice that so many of our newer members are willing to take on new jobs and help out. Makes our guild just buzz along happily.



**Please welcome these new members.**

**Melanie Anderson:** Originally from Missouri, Melanie is a snowbird who also resides in Illinois. A retired art educator, she was introduced to quilting by her grandmother and has been quilting for fifteen years. Melanie learned about our guild from friends.

**Yetta Loyd:** Yetta is from Pennsylvania. A friend started her interest in quilting about ten years ago. Yetta was introduced to our guild by member, Monique Foley.



**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Pam Moriarty (healthy snack) and Okalea Circelli (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the April meeting. May's refreshments will be provided by Carole Lytle (healthy snack) and Marita Kelly (sweet indulgence).

**April birthdays:** Marilyn Knowles, 4/24/; Sally McCarroll, 4/28; Marita Kelly, 4/30.



**Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home needs Fidget Quilts**

A message from Dee Duckworth, Fidget Quilts Coordinator

I spoke with the Activity Director at Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home, Daytona Beach, and they would LOVE to have Fidget Mats to use in the Activity Room. They currently have **one!!!!**

the next meeting. I also have some "manly" fabric...fishing, outdoors theme, etc. to share with you.

They prefer placemat size of maximum 13" x18" with no loops/straps. Keys would be very welcome as a fidgety item. I received some felt batting at the AQS quilt show from HOBBS and I will bring some to

Won't you help with this project? I think two rows of 5" or 6" finished blocks would work just fine. You can use different textured fabrics: chenille (two-minute demo at the next meeting), prairie points, pre-quilted squares, etc. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'm at [dee.duckworth@yahoo.com](mailto:dee.duckworth@yahoo.com).



**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS**

**Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"**

## Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, May 2, from 1 pm to 5 pm, at the Aberdeen Club House, 50 Allwood Green Boulevard, Ormond Beach, Florida. Many members need a time to just sew together, to work on their own projects or to work on charity projects for the guild. So bring your machine, an extension cord and your project. There will be an

ironing board and tables. Let's get some work done and enjoy visiting. Aberdeen is a gated community - tell them you are there for the new sewing group. They will probably ask for your name. For information contact Sandi Makowski at [sandimakowski@mac.com](mailto:sandimakowski@mac.com).

## Mother Hen Group

Our mentoring Mother Hen group continues to be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Ormond Beach Library. Here is an opportunity to get some help if your skills are rusty or if you are new to quilting. You can pass along some tips or techniques to other quilters and perhaps pick up something new yourself. In addition to our members, we welcome quilters from the community or non-quilters who would like to get started. We meet at the library at 9:30 a.m. for about two to two and a half hours in **Room 4**. Even if you don't need help, come join us for a sit 'n' sew at that time. Put aside your "must

do" list and spend a couple of hours of social quilting—you'll be able to make some progress on a project while enjoying friendly conversation. There is plenty of room around the tables. We'd love to see you!

Our upcoming gatherings will be on Thursday, April 12, and May 10 (unless advised otherwise). Please join us—either for the occasional session or every month. It's a nice opportunity to stitch together and meet potential members. For more information, contact Susan Sauro at [pelicanpatrol@mindspring.com](mailto:pelicanpatrol@mindspring.com).

## The Chair of our Sunshine Committee needs your help

If you hear of a RFQG member who has been hospitalized, is very ill, or who has lost a family member please contact Cynthia Rose, the Chair of our Sun-

shine Committee at [cintin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cintin@sbcglobal.net) so she can send a card.

## Upcoming Events

**Palatka:** The Quilts by the River Quilt show will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, 2018 at 301 St. John's Avenue, Palatka. Anyone interested in entering a quilt can get an application by contacting [Miss D's Quilt Shop in Palatka](#). The deadline is April 16.

Shirts" at the Fabrications Shop in DeLand, on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Address is 145 W. Wisconsin Avenue, DeLand. Cost is \$10 (\$8 if reserved a week in advance). Seating is limited so call soon. Information 386-624-7340 or [www.fabrications.rocks.com](http://www.fabrications.rocks.com)

**DeLand:** Mary-Jeanine Iburguen will present a one-hour lecture and trunk show on "Upcycling Cotton

For information about quilt events in Florida go to [www.floridaquiltnetwork.com](http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com).

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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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