

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

February 2017

February meeting: Monday, February 20, 2017

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

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

Program Tag Sale and Preparing for the AQS Quilt Show

If you plan on assisting at the AQS Quilt Show, it is important that you attend this meeting as we will be receiving last minute information and instructions. RFQG members who are assisting at the AQS Show, are encouraged to wear an apron for identification purposes. If you don't have an apron please pick one up at this meeting. If you cannot be present, please ask a friend to collect one for you. If you have an apron from last year, please bring it to this meeting. Machine-embroidered logos will be provided at the meeting for you to attach to your apron and/or sew over last year's logos. If you would like to start sewing at the meeting, please bring white thread, needle, etc.

We will also have a "tag sale." Do you have any quilt related items you would like to try to sell? If so, bring them with your name and price attached. Traditionally, the guild receives 10% from each sale, so



Are your dues overdue?

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2017 please do so at the February meeting so we can finalize our guild directory. If you are not sure whether you in arrears please check with our Treasurer.

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price accordingly and bring some cash for change. If you think you might find that "special" item, bring cash and/or check book. **Note:** The Treasurer will not be handling any of these transactions. This is just a fun activity so you are on your honor.

March meeting: Monday, March 20, 2017

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

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

Program: "Working with Wool" presented by Marianne Pitts and Judy Viviano.

Have you ever tried appliquéing with wool fabric? If not this program will offer you a chance to learn what's it like to work with wool instead of cotton and experience the difference in texture. Kits containing a ten-inch wool square, a pattern, needles and thread will be provided. You just have to bring sharp scissors.

Racing Fingers Quilt Guild members Judy Viviano and Marianne Pitts have had many years of quilting experience. Marianne is currently serving as 1st Vice-President for Programs. Judy's hexagon quilt received 2nd prize in the 2016 Hexagon Challenge.

A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

February is here and that means AQS Quilt Week is almost upon us. Yes, this is a lot of work for our little guild, but we had so much fun last year and spread the word about Fidget Quilts. This event is our guild's major fundraiser, and allows us to consider activities we have never been able to have before such as sponsoring a retreat. This year's retreat was an exciting event and I understand the ladies who were able to go had a great time. I hope there will be lots of "show and tells" of what was accomplished that weekend!

At the February meeting we will be having a tag sale - sort of a yard sale for all of us. Maybe you will find some things to help freshen up your sewing room as you make room for more! We will also be signing up for volunteer shifts at the AQS Show and working on our aprons. For those of you who re-

ceived aprons last year and the Pigma pen logo has faded (or you spilled food on it), we have embroidered logos you can use to put over the old ones. If you don't have an apron, we have one for you so you can start attaching the logo or take one home to work on it. Have fun decorating your apron; we really stood out last year at the show and were noticed.

Please note: We will have a newspaper man at the meeting along with someone from the AQS public relations firm. They will want information about the Fidget Quilts and about the "upcycled quilts" I sent the email about. I still need photos of any "upcycled quilts." Please bring the quilts to the meeting. The one chosen and the Fidgets will also be on CW18 the morning the show opens, so please help me out with photos. See you at the meeting!

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**2017 RFQG Challenge – "Batiks"**

If you were unable to participate in the batik "swap" at the January meeting and don't want to miss out on the fun and prizes for our 2017 Challenge, then bring one yard of batik fabric to the

February meeting and Terri Lynch will lead you in a "swap." You can do the batik exchange even if you choose not to participate in the challenge.

Rules for the Challenge will be issued later.

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A message from Jean Roth, sewing retreat coordinator

We've just arrived home from our first ever sewing get away at Epworth By-the-Sea on St. Simons Island, Georgia, with smiles, memories, inspiration and some stunning projects well on their way to completion. Many had such a nice time that they would like to be included in a retreat next year. I am waiting to hear about availability at the resort for 2018. We had

a nice group of 23 at the event and I'm hoping more of our members will be able to join us next year.

I wish to thank the following companies for their donations and support which helped make our weekend fun and successful: Northcott Silk Canada, Oliso Inc., Northcott/USA, Shabby Fabrics, The Sewing Garrett, The Colonial Needle Co., Sew Steady, Precenia Threads, and Dream Company.

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**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Pat Reedy (healthy snack) and Linda Derryberry (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the February meeting. We don't know who is providing refreshments in March because the refreshments list disappeared at the January meeting. If you happened to have taken the list home by mistake, please bring it to the February meeting.

**February birthdays:** Pat Reedy, 2/17; Okalea Circelli, 2/25; Allison Annon, 2/26.

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Kudos to Jean Roth

A big thank you to Jean Roth for the fabulous job of setting up our weekend quilting retreat on Saint Simon's Island, Georgia. Jean did a great job arranging with the folks at Epworth-By-the-Sea for our stay there. Along with coordinating our needs for the retreat she additionally managed to set up some extras including a meet-up for lunch at Coastal Kitchen, a visit to Stepping Stones Quilt Shop before we checked into Epworth, and making an embroidered

name badge for each of us. She had some surprises throughout the weekend, including a "goodie bag" for each of us, door prizes, and some dance time to a Richard Simmons video to work out our kinks from long sessions at our machines. You did a super job Jean; we appreciate all that you did to plan and set up a great quilting retreat. (Submitted by Susan Sauro, participant.)

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### RFQG 2017 Budget

The following budget was approved at the January meeting:

| <b>Expenses:</b>      |                   | <b>Income:</b>                        |                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Hospitality           | \$ 100.00         | AQS Show                              | \$5,000.00      |
| Insurance             | 400.00            | (Raffle, package check, AQS donation) |                 |
| Church donation       | 250.00            | Membership                            | <u>1,100.00</u> |
| Bank fees             | 100.00            |                                       |                 |
| Retreat               | 150.00            |                                       |                 |
| Website               | 100.00            |                                       |                 |
| Storage               | 300.00            |                                       |                 |
| AQS Show expenses     | 350.00            |                                       |                 |
| Raffle quilt expenses | 350.00            |                                       |                 |
| Programs              | <u>2,000.00</u>   |                                       |                 |
| <b>Total expenses</b> | <b>\$4,100.00</b> | <b>Total Income</b>                   | <b>\$6,100</b>  |

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

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### Mother Hen Group/Sit and Sew

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 and 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, March 9 and April 13. 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).

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Please welcome these new members

Nora Hartzler: Originally from Illinois, Nora learned to quilt 45 years ago when she needed a quilt for a bed. She also enjoys bead-weaving. Nora learned about our guild at the 2016 AQS Quilt Week.

Penelope (Penny) Fillion: Penny is from Massachusetts. A quilter for twelve years, she also enjoys playing cards. Penny found our guild on the internet.



Upcoming Events

Sarasota: The Friendship Knot Quilters will hold its 16th biennial quilt show "Quilts in Paradise," on Friday, March 3, from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 9 am to 4 pm, at Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, Florida

[http://www.friendshipknotquiltersguild.com/quilt_show.html].

Ft. Lauderdale: The Broward Quilt Expo will be held from Thursday, March 9 through Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the War Memorial Auditorium, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida [www.browardquiltexpo.com].

New Smyrna Beach: The Pelican Piecemakers Quilt Guild presents their "Friendship in Bloom" Quilt Tea on Saturday, March 11, 2017, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Christ Community Church, 1210 Mission Drive, New Smyrna Beach, Florida [lizart999@aol.com].

Trenton: The Suwannee Valley Outdoor Quilt Festival will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, in the city of Trenton [www.suwanneeshops.com].

Estero: National Quilting Day will be celebrated with a Quilt and Antique Engine Show, on Saturday March 18, from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, March 19, from 9 am to 3 pm, 2017, at the Koreshan State Historic Site, a Florida State Park in Estero, Florida

[<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park-history/Koreshan>].

Tampa: Quilter's Workshop of Tampa Bay presents their "Flights of Fancy" Quilt Show, on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25, 2017, at The Salvation Army Worship Center, 1100 W. Sligh Avenue, Tampa, Florida [www.quiltersworkshoptampa.org].

Geneva: The Geneva Quilt Festival will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Rural Heritage Center in Geneva, Florida [Countrycottagesewing.com].

New Smyrna Beach: The "Focus on Fiber" Retreat will be held from March 28 through April 8, 2017, at the Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, Florida [focusonfiberfloridastyle.com]

The Villages: The Quilt Guild of the Villages announces that on Tuesday, March 28, Alex Anderson will present three lectures at New Covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages, Florida. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the Villages Box Office on February 9.

For more information about anything connected to quilting in Florida go to: www.FloridaQuiltnetwork.com



The RFQG Newsletter is edited by Pat Aschman at pataschman@att.net

Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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