

# Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

January 2018

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### January meeting: Monday, January 15, 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 1, Long Arm Machine Quilting"

January's program will be on Long Arm Quilting, covering both manual and computerized long arm machines, and ensuring your pieced top is ready to give to your long arm quilter.

Dee Duckworth will speak on getting your quilt ready for your long arm quilter. She will cover how to ensure your pieced quilt top is accurately squared/assembled; to include how to measure the assembled blocks to accurately add the borders.

Linda Derryberry will speak on manual long arms and Karen Licht will speak on the computerized long arm. Topics to be discussed are the capabilities of each type of machine; issues encountered when quilting "our" quilts, and how we can ensure these issues don't occur (ex: puckering, waviness, not square, etc.); choosing designs; calculating the correct amount of backing fabric needed to include the

extra they need to connect the quilt to their frames; what to consider when hiring a long arm quilter, questions to ask such as how is the cost calculated, what is considered an extra, do they provide batting and what type do they use, time frame for completion, edge to edge vs custom, etc.

Guild President, Linda Derryberry, and former president, Dee Duckworth, are long-time members of RFQG. Karen Licht joined us more recently. All three are experienced quilters; Linda and Karen are professional long arm quilters.

### February meeting: Monday, 19, 2018

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

**Program:** "Wonderful Life of Quilting: Part 2, Domestic Machine Quilting"

February's program will be taught by Jean Roth. Jean will speak on "What you need to know before you begin" quilting on your domestic machine. In March, Jean will continue with a demo and hands on exercises.

Jean Roth is also a former president and long-time member of RFQG. She is well known for her domestic machine quilting.

## Membership Dues

Article XI, Section 2 of the RFQG by-laws states that "Dues shall be payable to the Treasurer at the

November meeting and become delinquent at the January meeting." Dues remain \$25.

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## A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Well, Happy 2018! If we keep saying that hopefully we will stop writing 2017, right? I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are now ready to jump into the New Year feet first. The weather certainly lends itself to quilting, doesn't it? Nothing better than having a wrap (or a lap) of fabric to feel a bit more toasty. Talk this time of year is usually about resolutions we make. Have you made some quilting resolutions? Finish your UFOs? That's on my list right after make a list of all my UFOs. Find your UFOs? First on my list, so I can list them. Learn a new skill? Try a skill you are afraid of or one you thought you would never want to do? How will you know you don't like it unless you try it. Start those projects you have piling up on the shelf? Guilty again. Decrease the size of your stash? Hmmm, is this a self-help thing for me? Learn to actually quilt those tops or that you absolutely want someone else to do that part? We will be able to help you there.

One thing that has proven itself to me many times over the years of my moves: when your workspace is neat and orderly (or at least somewhat) you feel more inspired to create, and it is easier to get started when you can find all you need. So, give your sewing space the once over and see if you feel inspired to

create, or are possibly daunted by the thought of finding all your supplies. I want to start a self-help group in our guild, and I will be the first to say it: "My name is Linda and I am addicted to fabric and sewing supplies." There it's out. Those of you who are also addicted, you understand. I hope we are able to finally take baby steps, to clean up and organize and become producers of wonderful fabric quilts and gifts! Those of you who are neat and organized? Help! We need hints, ideas, inspiration. A pat on the back when we finally find something we lost. I know we can all have "show and tell" items each month if we all work toward that goal.

OK, enough New Year's resolution mantras. Our guild is growing, and we are trying new things and hopefully you will all help us by suggesting things you want to learn, people you would love to see present a lecture or truck show, things we can do to help our community. Show off your accomplishments at "show and tell" and inspire others to do so also. We are so lucky that AQS asked us to be their host guild, which made a lot of this possible, and I hope we continue to enjoy helping them in the future.

Happy sewing in 2018!

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## Guild Retreat update from Jean Roth, coordinator

There is one opening left for the guild retreat at Luther Springs Retreat and Conference Center in Hawthorn, Florida, over the weekend of March 23, 24 and 25. Double room fees are \$170.00 per person, the single room fee is \$200. Meals will be provided Friday evening through Monday lunch. A check for \$75 may be submitted at the upcoming meeting or

sent to Judy Glover, our Treasurer, to secure your reservation. The remaining amount will be payable in February.

We had a wonderful time together last year and made a lot of progress on projects so we hope you will be able to join us. For information contact Jean Roth at [jeanroth9@gmail.com](mailto:jeanroth9@gmail.com) or 386-316-9546

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**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Karen Licht (healthy snack) and Monique Foley (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the January meeting. February's refreshments will be provided by Darlene Bingenheimer (healthy snack) and Susan Polizzi (sweet indulgence)

**December/January birthdays:** Julie Brinzo, 12/11; Deanna DeLeeuw, 12/11; Nancy Thompson, 12/12; Debbie Merelo, 12/22 Cynthia rose, 1/2; Debie Gale, 1/6, Darlene Bingenheimer, 1/28.

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## Please welcome these new members.

**Lynne Fraas:** Originally from New York State, Lynne spent some time in Georgia before moving to Florida. Introduced to quilting by her mother and grandmother, she has been making quilts for 45 years. She also enjoys kayaking and beach walks. Lynne learned about our guild when she presented a program on T-shirt Quilts in May 2014.

**Nimmi Kroos:** Nimmi is from India. She became interested in quilting two years ago when she met a

group of quilters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She also enjoys sewing and painting. Nimmi was introduced to our guild by our guild Secretary, Kim Christenson.

**Christine Zeidler:** Christine comes to us from Massachusetts. She likes sewing, especially cross stitch. She became interested in quilting when she joined the Aberdeen Sassy Stitches two years ago; that group introduced her to quilting and our guild.

### Fidget Quilts

If anyone is inclined to make a Fidget Quilt and needs embellishments, please contact Dee Duckworth at [dee.duckworth@yahoo.com](mailto:dee.duckworth@yahoo.com). She has a variety of notions and supplies..

### 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, February 8 and March 8 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.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS**  
*With over 50 guild members this has become even more important*

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

The RFQG Newsletter is edited by Pat Aschman at [pataschman@att.net](mailto:pataschman@att.net)

Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

Don't forget to go to our website [www.racingfingersquiltguild.com](http://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com).

Also like us on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) at Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

## Upcoming Events

**Orlando:** Mancuso Show management presents World Quilt Show Florida, from 10 am to 5 pm, on Thursday, January 18 through Saturday, January 20, 2018, in Hall WE2, at the West Concourse of the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando. Information [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com).

**Lakeland:** Ladies of the Lakes Quilters of Lakeland, Inc, present their quilt show from 10 am to 4 pm, on Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland. Information [www.ladiesofthelakes.org](http://www.ladiesofthelakes.org).

**Port St Lucie:** The Port St. Lucie Crazy Quilters present their quilt show "Quilting in Paradise" on Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2, 2018 at the Port Saint Lucie Civic Center. Information [www.pslcrazyquilters.com](http://www.pslcrazyquilters.com).

**Palmetto:** A quilt show will be held in Palmetto, Florida, on Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3, 2018. Information [carollipp@gmail.com](mailto:carollipp@gmail.com).

**Sarasota:** Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Airing of the Quilts," a free outdoor quilt show and sale, will be held from 10 am to 3 pm, on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at Beachfront, 1800 Harbor Drive, Venice, Florida. Information [www.sarasotamodernquiltguild.com](http://www.sarasotamodernquiltguild.com).

**Dade City:** The Farm Festival and Quilt Show will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, February 4, from 10 am to 5 pm, at the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd. Dade City, Florida. Information [www.PioneerFloridaMuseum.org](http://www.PioneerFloridaMuseum.org).

**Punta Gorda:** The Disconnected Piecers Quilt Guild of Port Charlotte, will hold their 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Quilt Festival, "Gathering of Quilts" from 9 am to 4 pm, on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17, 2018, at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, Florida. Information <http://www.dpgginc.com/quilt-show.html>.

**Defuniak Springs:** The Chautauqua Quilters Guild Quilt Show, "Quilting: a Work of HeART" will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17, 2018, at the Defuniak Springs Community Center, 361 N 10th

Street, Defuniak Springs, Florida. Information [Lesah51@yahoo.com](mailto:Lesah51@yahoo.com).

**Panama City:** The St. Andrew Bay Quilters Guild Annual Quilt Show, "Quilts From the Heart", will be held from 9 am to 4 pm, on Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17, 2018, at the Holley Academic Center, Florida State University, Panama City, Florida. Information [www.sabgg.org](http://www.sabgg.org).

**Mt Dora:** The Lake County Quilters Guild will hold their "2018 FANTastic Quilt Show, on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24, 2018 at the Lake Receptions, 4425 Highway 19A, Mount Dora, Florida. Information [www.lakequiltguild.com](http://www.lakequiltguild.com).

**Melbourne:** The Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Club Quilt Show "Timeless Treasures" will be held from 9 am to 5 pm, on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24, 2018, at the Wickham Park Community Center. Information [seasidepiecemakers.com/quilt-show-2018](http://seasidepiecemakers.com/quilt-show-2018).

**Naples:** Naples Quilters Guild, Inc. presents "Stitches in Time 2018" from 9 am to 5 pm on Friday, February 23 and from 9 am to 4 pm, on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at New Hope Ministries, 7675 Davis Blvd, Naples, Florida. Information [www.NaplesQuiltersGuild.com](http://www.NaplesQuiltersGuild.com).

**New Port Richey:** The West Pasco Quilters Guild will present their biennial quilt show "Color My World" from 9 am to 5 pm, on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, February 25, 2018, at the New Port Richey Recreation and Aquatic Center, 6630 Van Buren Street, New Port Richey, Florida. Information [www.WestPascoQuilters.org](http://www.WestPascoQuilters.org).

**Niceville:** The Flying Needles Quilt Guild's quilt show will be from 9 am to 5 pm, on Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24, 2018. Information [www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org](http://www.flyingneedlesquiltguild.org).

**Daytona Beach:** The American Quilters' Society Quilt Show will be held from Wednesday, February 28 through Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach. Information <http://www.americanquilter.com>.

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