

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

March 2017

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 appliquing with wool fabric? If not this program will offer you a chance to learn what it's 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.

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

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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. Her teaching career began when she started teaching the blind to sew about 25 years ago.

A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Wow! We made it through another year of Quilt Week. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and time. If you weren't such a great group and we couldn't count on everyone to help, we never would be able to accomplish what we do. We are planning some fun things as the fruits of our labor. Hint, hint...Big announcement at the meeting.

But time to put that away for a while (I am breathing a huge sigh of relief for that!) and get on with Guild Life! We hope you are ready to do some wool applique this month. Some of us have never tried it. Some tried it long, long ago when we lived up north. Some work with wool all the time. I hope this month we all learn how much fun it can be. We will be learning more new techniques, tools, etc. in the coming months. If you have any ideas for programs, please let Marianne Pitts know (name of speaker/teacher, contact info, what they show/teach).It would be nice to have months and months of ideas waiting to dive into. So keep tuned for more information as we have it.

Our visibility as the host guild for Quilt Week brings many visitors to our meetings. We are so glad to see you and hope you have fun! But...you know what's coming, don't you? Our guild, like many, does have a

by-law concerning guests. Section 5 states that guests may attend two meetings without joining or paying dues. After that, if you enjoy the kind of meeting we have, the content we include, and the people around you, please consider joining us. We're actually a pretty friendly group and love to welcome new (to us) quilters into our fold.

And speaking of membership, we have all been rather busy preparing for Quilt Week, so some members have forgotten to take care of a small item of business. We still have a few members who have not paid dues. If you are in doubt as to whether you paid your dues for 2017, you can contact Judy Glover, our treasurer, at the meeting or by email at Judy.Glover@earthlink.net. We are waiting until after this meeting to finalize our membership directory, to allow everyone to catch up. Our by-laws state that membership shall be considered lapsed (in other words you are no longer a member) if dues remain unpaid by February 1. So please, remember to bring your \$25 dues if you haven't already.

Wow, I sort of felt like an old-fashioned teacher with a ruler in her hand there. Yuck. Back to fun stuff! See you on March 20: short social time at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 6:45.

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

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**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Marita Kelly (healthy snack) and Carole Lyttle (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the March meeting. Refreshments in April will be provided by Susan Sauro (healthy snack) and Karen Licht (sweet indulgence). Thank you to everyone who signed up for the rest of the year.

**March birthdays:** Janis Wylie, 3/10; Carole Lyttle, 3/28; Davida Vandervoort, 3/29; Frances Hynes, 3/31.

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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, April 13 and May 11. 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).



### Please welcome this new member

**Sonia Folsom:** Welcome back Sonia, a former member who has rejoined us after living out-of-state for a while. Sonia became inter-

ested in quilting during the Bicentennial in 1976 and has been quilting ever since.



### Upcoming Events

**Palatka:** “Quilts By the River” Quilt Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, 2017, from 10 am to 5 pm, at 301 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka [[stjmongoose@gmail.com](mailto:stjmongoose@gmail.com)].

For more information about anything connected to quilting in Florida go to: [www.FloridaQuiltnetwork.com](http://www.FloridaQuiltnetwork.com)



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