

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

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March meeting: Monday, March 19, 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 3: Let's Practice Free Motion Quilting!" presented by Jean Roth. This is an opportunity to learn and practice quilting under the guidance of our very own expert quilter, Jean Roth.

What to Bring:

- Cleaned and oiled machine
- Sewing machine table, if you have one
- Quilting foot
- Top stitch or quilting needle sizes 80/12 and/or 90/14
- Quilting gloves or finger tips cut from snug Playtex gloves
- Pillow to help raise arms to 90 degree angle,
- No. 50 or 40 thread
- Blue removable marker or other marking tools you use
- 3 inch by 5 inch stiff clear plastic piece. (Can be cut from disposable food containers.)
- Small point permanent marker if you have one



PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

With almost 60 guild members this has become even more important

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

- Other quilting tools and sewing supplies you use
- 3 sandwiched 18-inch square practice pieces secured with pins or spray baste spray. Draw lines on one to divide it into three-inch columns and draw lines on another to divide it into four 9-inch squares.

Note: The March issue of *American Quilter Magazine* has some very helpful beginner information in an article written by RaNae Merrill. Also Angela Walters is currently doing a weekly series on a free motion challenge which is very informative.

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

April meeting: Monday, April 16, 2018

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

Program: "Wonderful Life of Quilting, Part 4: Domestic Machine Quilting Using Templates" presented by Marge Passalacqua from Byrd's Nest Quilt Shop.

Local quilter, Marge Passalacqua, will speak to us on using the great templates available today as well as a trunk show of her quilts made using this technique. Marge will also give us the opportunity to sit at her machine and get hands on experience.

A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Well, we made it! The AQS show is over and AQS and the vendors are happy with the week. Our guild did well with the raffle quilt and package check, and a whole lot of Fidget Quilts were made and some were even given away there. Some of the positive comments I heard: "At other shows the charity booth is set up and no one is in it." "Your guild is here working and getting so many made and getting the word out. It's great!" "I know how much work is done by the host guild. The Des Moines show ended because the guild decided they didn't want to do it and it is so disappointing for those of us in the region" (from a vendor). "It is such a help that you have so many men here to help with the high stuff. Take down goes so quickly because of that. We are ahead of schedule getting the trucks packed and ready to go."

We can be proud of ourselves and of those who helped us at the show. So now we have a year to get ready for the next one, and then there's the retreat

to really relax and do what we want for ourselves. But we can't rest on our laurels completely. Karen Licht is already buying fabric for the next quilt and I think you are all going to like it. I will let her tell you about it, but be ready to help sew this spring and summer.

Our first sit 'n' sew has happened. We had eleven or twelve ladies sewing on projects; Sandi Makowski gave us an easy pattern we can work on for charity quilts for kids on future days. I hope this will grow into a chance for all of us to take time for ourselves, do charity work, or catch up on a project we need to finish, and to get together, without the constraints of a meeting, and just visit. As we grow in size, that can be an important time.

We will continue learning how to quilt our tops so we can finish some projects and have HUGE show and tell times. Remember to bring your supplies to try machine quilting this month. See you soon!



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!!!!**

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

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

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.



Family Renew needs diapers

In past years we have brought paper products to our December meeting that were then delivered to the Family Renew Center. Currently the organization

is in need of size 4, 5 and 6 diapers. If you would like to contribute to this need, Jean Roth will deliver the items brought to the meeting to Family Renew.



Hospitality: Our thanks to Judy Viviano (healthy snack) and Nora Hartzler (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the March meeting. April's refreshments will be provided by Pam Moriarty (healthy snack) and Okalea Circelli (sweet indulgence)

March birthdays: Lynne Fraas, 3/9; Jo Quaglia, 3/19; Carole Lytle, 3/28.



Monthly Sit 'n' Sew continues

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 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 and extension cord, your project, yourself. 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.



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.



Guild Retreat update from Jean Roth, coordinator

Retreat time is fast approaching and the Retreat Committee has some great activities planned.

All retreat fee balances should have been sent to Judy Glover by now. Directions to the Luther Springs

Conference Center will be provided at the March meeting. For information contact Jean Roth at jeanroth9@gmail.com or 386-316-9546



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 so she can send a card.



Upcoming Events

For information about quilt events in Florida go to www.floridaquiltnetwork.com.



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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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