

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

May 2016

May meeting: Monday, May 16, 2016

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 204 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

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

Program: "Wild and Goosey Paper Piecing Clinic" led by Terri Lynch.

Terri says: "Hi Racing Fingers! I hope you'll join us at the May meeting for a paper piecing clinic. We'll be working on our Opportunity Quilt Blocks. I want EVERYONE to be a part of the *Wild and Goosey* fun. And it really is easy. I promise! And if you're an old hand at paper-piecing, I hope you'll come enjoy some sewing time with friends. Here's a great excuse to add a new tool to your tool box. If you don't own an add-a-quarter ruler, it really makes the process easier and cleaner.

What to bring:

- Sewing machine with light/white thread
- Rotary cutter and small mat if you have one
- Small Square ruler - 6" or so
- Add-a-quarter ruler (if you have one)
- Multicolor and white scraps to share. (This is the fun part, we get to share scraps and sew with new fabric!)
- Can-do attitude

What size scraps you might ask??? There are indeed some small pieces in this quilt. We can use even a 2" square!

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Odd shapes? You bet. Left over triangles? Best scraps yet!

Don't have scraps? Bring a jelly roll that you are willing to cut up and share!

A note about the *Wild and Goosey* block. This block was designed by Bonnie Hunter. (If you've never seen her blog, check it out. She usually posts twice a day (www.quiltville.blogspot.com)). Bonnie gave us permission to use her block for an opportunity quilt, and even better, she told me that if I take photos of our blocks, our sewing sessions, and the progress of our quilt, she'll dedicate a blog post to us and our finished masterpiece.

Bonnie has over 25,000 followers. I have a feeling that if we get a blog post on Quiltville we'll be receiving orders for out of state tickets just to support our cause. So come join the fun and let's make our *Wild and Goosey Quilt* Florida-tastic!

June meeting: Monday, June 20, 2016

July meeting: Monday July 19, 2016

August meeting: Monday, August 15, 2016

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 204 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

Time: 6:30 pm

In keeping with our usual practice, there will be no formal meetings in June, July and August. Instead you are invited to gather together for great conversation and a chance to work on portable project. Bring a snack and a drink if you wish.

September meeting: Monday, September 19, 2016

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 204 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

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

Program: Trunk show presented by Michele Sanandajian from Urban Palm Studios, LLC.



A message from our President, Sally McCarroll

It is almost time for our summer hiatus. At May’s meeting, we will be working on our *Wild and Goosey* Blocks for our opportunity quilt for next year’s AQS show. I have been working on mine and I’m not sure the blocks are making much of a dent in my stash! Last year, we had the quilt top completed by August. Let’s see if we can match that date.

The summer months usually find us working together on all types of projects. Some folks bring machines to work on projects; some ladies bring hand work to complete; and some members just come to meetings to enjoy the company. (Some even bring knitting and crocheting!!)

We have started working on our programs for the

Fall. I think we have something planned for every-one. In any case, let us know if there is someone or something you would like to see at one of our meetings. Also in the fall, we will gear up for the AQS show. We are looking for volunteers to work with the various task chairs including overall Volunteer Recruiter, Package Check, Opportunity Quilts and others. We would love to see some members step up to volunteer.

We are still looking for storage space. Please let me know if you have any ideas. The space has to be in a climate controlled area since much of what needs storage includes fabric, batting, and a lot of paper-work.



Hospitality: Our thanks to Deanna Deleeuw (healthy snack) and Carol Jones (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the May meeting. Refreshments in **September** will be provided by Pat Ellis (healthy snack) and Judy Glover (sweet indulgence)

May/June/July/August birthdays: Carol Jones, 5/6; Kelly Yackel, 5/21; Zee Rogers, 5/23; Linda Braeckel, 5/29; Shirley Hill, 5/29; Edie Ervey, 6/1; Judy Viviano, 6/4; Victoria Rondeau, 6/9; Joanna Breton, 6/11; Marian Huey, 7/2; Jean Roth, 7/4; Karen Acheson, 7/13; Glenna Polito, 7/30; Sophie Baston, 8/10; Megan Townsend, 8/13; Linda Derryberry, 8/16; Pat Aschman, 8/18; Susan Sauro, 8/19.



Announcing the RFQG 2016 Quilt Challenge – “Hexies”

Our 2016 challenge project is to make a quilt using hexagons (aka hexies). The quilt must measure **36 inches in at least one direction**, but there are no other size requirements. Use as many hexagons as you wish, in any way that you wish...pieced, fused,

applique. Surprise us! As always, we will have a Viewer's Choice Award at our December meeting with prizes.

Please contact dee.duckworth@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Please welcome this new member

Cathy St. George: Cathy is from California and it was at a quilt shop there that she discovered quilts and quilting over twenty years ago. Her other interests

include stitching, crochet and tennis. She learned about our guild from Megan at Byrd’s Nest Quilt Shop.



Fidget Quilt Project

A *Fidget, Fiddle, or Busy Quilt* is a small lap quilt, mat or blanket that provides sensory and tactile stimulation for the restless or “fidgety” hands of someone with Alzheimer’s or related dementias.

Fidget Quilts provide sensory or tactile stimulation through the use of fabric choices, colors, value of colors next to one another, textures and the use of accents or simple accessories such as pockets, laces, zippers, Velcro, trims, appliques, buttons, secured beads, ribbons, braids, etc. Techniques such as prairie points, chenille and pleats also add variety. We add a loop in order to secure the Fidget Quilt to the

arm of a chair or hospital bed: an approximately 36-inches long shoelace or a cord of fabric folded like binding. Ends must be SECURELY sewn to withstand pulling.

Please pay attention to securely attaching embellishments; dental floss or quilting thread is recommended for hand work attaching buttons and beads.

Thank you for helping us with our Community Service Project. For information, contact Dee Duckworth (dee.duckworth@yahoo.com), for fabric, trims and batting, contact Jean Roth (jeanroth9@gmail.com)

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### **Mother Hen Group**

Thanks to some very faithful members who gather at the library on the second Thursday of the month, our mentoring group is continuing. The next meetings of the Mother Hen Group will be at 9:30 am, Thursday, May 12 and June 9, at the Ormond Beach Library. This group is for anyone interested in sharing

skills or picking up tips on techniques. Susan Sauro is in charge of this project. For information please contact her at [pelicanpatrol@mindspring.com](mailto:pelicanpatrol@mindspring.com) Please try to participate in this group. It's a nice opportunity to stitch together and meet potential members.

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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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### **Upcoming Events**

**Jacksonville:** “Quiltfest Jacksonville” will be held from 9 am to 5 pm, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 15, 16, and 17, at the Prime F. Osborn III convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Information: <http://www.quiltfestjax.com>.

**Baker:** A Quilt and Needlework Show, sponsored by the North Okaloosa Historical Association, will be held on Saturday, June 18, at the Baker Block Museum, Baker, Florida. Information: Ann Spann, (850) 537-5714 or [bakermuseum@aol.com](mailto:bakermuseum@aol.com).

**Melbourne:** Patricia Pepe from Creston, CA ([www.xblocks.com](http://www.xblocks.com)) will present a lecture/trunk show and classes in Melbourne, Florida, on July 27 and 28. Karla Alexander of "Stack the Deck" fame will present a lecture/trunk show and classes in Melbourne, Florida, on September 28 and 29. Classes and lecture are open to the public with fees. Information: [www.seasidepiecemakers.com](http://www.seasidepiecemakers.com).

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

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