

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

May 2017

May meeting: Monday, May 15, 2017

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

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

Program: "Kelly's Tips and Tricks" presented by Kelly Woodworth.

Kelly's program is mainly about getting good deals on quilting tools; if you have a tool you stole from your husband's work bench, bring it and share the tip. Kelly Woodworth, a member of Lake County Quilters Guild, lives in Lake County, Florida, on a farm with eight cows, a bull, four dogs and her adult son. She's been quilting for 34 years, beginning the week she learned she was going to have a baby. She has a long-arm quilting business and is busy 24/7. Quilting is her favorite part of the process, either on the long-arm or on her old 1530 Bernini.

June meeting: Monday, June 19, 2017

July meeting: Monday, July 17, 2017

August meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017

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

Time: 6:30 pm

It is our usual practice not to have formal meetings in June, July and August, but this could be subject to change at a later date. You are invited instead to gather together for great conversation and a chance

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to work on a portable project. Bring a snack and a drink if you wish.

September meeting: Monday, September 18, 2017

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

Program: "Folded Wreath" presented by Betsy O'Neill

Betsy O'Neill from Lake County will lead us in creating a folded wreath pattern (see separate photo). You may want to make one with either a fall or a Christmas theme or maybe one for a patriotic season or another holiday. Betsy has been quilting for over 20 years. She has taught classes at Sew-Mini Things in Mount Dora and also does samples for the store. A winner of several awards at the Lake County Quilters Guild, Betsy has held positions in the guild as President, Vice President, and has served as Quilt Show Chair four times.

For the wreath you will need:

- Three 1/2 yard fabrics. Sub cut two (2) of these into twelve (12) 7" squares.
- The third fabric will be your center and should be cut into twelve (12) 5 1/2 " squares.
- You will need twelve (12) 6" squares of batting and 1 yard of Pellex ultra firm sew-in stabilizer.
- Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies (scissors, pins etc.)

Please note: There will be no newsletters in June, July or August. Your editor is taking a break.

Please note these dates

Monday, January 29, 2018: Bonnie Hunter will teach a class from 9:30 to 4:40 and present a Trunk Show in the evening. For more information about Bonnie Hunter go to www.quiltville.com

Friday, February 2 to Monday, February 5, 2018: Quilt Retreat at Epworth-By-the-Sea, St. Simons,

Georgia. **Note: This event is still in the planning stages and dates and place are tentative.**

Wednesday, February, 28 to Saturday, March 3, 2018: American Quilters' Society Quilt Show at the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach (setup begins Monday, February 26).



A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Happy Spring everyone! Well, those of us in Florida are hoping some of you are having spring. While we have had some beautiful days, we are also having some hot ones far too early. And if you go out on some beautiful days, you are smelling yucky smoke. Trying to take advantage of those days for yard work is cutting into my sewing and quilting time right now, but soon it will be in the 90's here (and humid) and we will want to stay in at our machines or be at the beach.

This is sure an exciting time for our guild. Thanks to our website and AQS, we have so many things going on! Marianne Pitts has found several great speakers to finish our program year in May and to start off our year in the fall. What fun we will have and things we will learn! We definitely have Bonnie Hunter coming on January 29, 2018 for a one day workshop and an evening trunk show. Not only will we be able to enjoy these events ourselves, but we can reach out to other guilds and share. Big thank you to Terri Lynch for being the contact who helped us secure this very hard-to-get speaker and for chairing the event.

Jean Roth is trying to set up another retreat, possibly for the weekend of February 2-5, if you think you can handle it right after Bonnie. Seems to me that it would be a great time to finish the project you started in her workshop, if you do both. Impress the heck out of us at show and tell! And the quilt show opens on February 28, so we will be setting up starting the 26. I feel a week of R & R coming in March, for sure!

We also hope to start working on our opportunity quilt in May. We have shifted gears a bit, and the board hopes you like it! We will have all the information for you at the meeting. Time is rolling faster than we realized and it's time to put the pedal to the metal! Plan on sewing during the summer meetings and doing some sewing at home. We will need all motors racing to get this done by early fall and get it ready to quilt.

To all our snowbirds, we miss you guys! Enjoy your spring and summer and we will see you soon! And to all our locals, see you at the meeting!



2017 RFQG Challenge – "Batiks"

We want to give all our members an opportunity to participate in the challenge and we know that many of you were not present for the January batik swap. If you are interested in participating, Dee Duckworth would be happy to conduct another exchange at the May meeting, but she needs to know how many people would like to take part. Please contact Dee Duckworth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com if you would like to be included.

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.



Fidget Quilts

Dee Duckworth, Chair of our Fidget Quilts Project has received the following note from Tom and Elaine McCulley, who had requested a Fidget Quilt for a relative:

“Dee,

It was very good talking to you last night. You are involved in a wonderful project and we can't tell you

how much we respect your organization and how much we appreciate what you are doing. God bless all of you.”

If anyone is inclined to make a Fidget Quilt and needs embellishments, please let Dee know. She has a variety of notions and supplies. Dee Duckworth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com.

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**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Darlene Bingenheimer (healthy snack) and Susan Polizzi (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the May meeting. Refreshments in September will be provided by Cynthia Rose (healthy snack) and Judy Glover (sweet indulgence).

**June, July & August birthdays:** Edie Ervey, 6/1; Judy Viviano, 6/4; Marian Huey, 7/2; Jean Roth, 7/4; Sally Ann Narhi, 7/15; Sophie Bastan, 8/10, Megan Townsend, 8/13; Linda Derryberry, 8/16; Patricia Aschman, 8/18; Susan Sauro, 8/19

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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, May 11, June 8, July 13 and August 10. 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.

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**Please welcome these new members.**

**Jan Doyle:** Jan comes from Michigan, via Missouri. A quilter for twenty-five years, she also enjoys card-making, reading and walking. Jan found our guild through the AQS Quilt Show.

**Marilyn Knowles:** Marilyn and Jan are sisters, so she is also from Michigan. Introduced to quilting by her sister many years ago, Marilyn also enjoys card-making and gardening.

**Joni Reinhart:** Joni is from West Virginia, via Tennessee. She began quilting about ten years ago after she developed an interest in antique doll quilts. She also likes punch needle work. Joni also found us through the AQS Quilt Show.

**Susan Trocki:** Another transplant from Michigan, Susan began quilting about eight years ago when she made a quilt for a great-grandson. She also likes to travel. Susan was introduced to our guild by her friend Penny Fillion.

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"



Upcoming Events

Jacksonville: "Quiltfest Jacksonville" will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 21, 22 and 23, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Information: www.quiltfestjax.com

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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