

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

May 2018

May meeting: Monday, May 21, 2018

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "Wonderful Life of Quilting, Part 5: Let's Finish that Quilt!" presented by Linda Derryberry.

Now that you have your quilt quilted, it's time to get it ready and finish it off. We will learn how to square up a quilt, put on a binding by hand and machine, and a few variations to make your binding pop! There will also be tips on attaching a hanging sleeve, other ways to hang quilts, and how to label your quilts. Viola! Your quilt is done!

Linda Derryberry is in her fourth year as President of RFQG having served in 2013, 2014 and 2017. For the past three years she has been the liaison between our guild and the American Quilters Society and has been in charge of organizing the volunteers for the past three AQS Quilt Weeks. Linda grew up in the Hamptons in New York. She has been sewing since she was ten years old, and, as a teenager, made most of her own clothes. College took her to the mid-west and, eventually, Chicago, where she lived (and taught quilt classes) until her move to Florida in 2005. Quilting entered her life in the early 80's when, as the mother of a young child, she wanted to find something to do while at home. She began with pieced quilts, but developed an ongoing preference for appliqué when she was looking for a portable

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way to construct a quilt top. Linda has finally fulfilled her dream of owning a long arm quilting machine and has become a professional long arm quilter.

June meeting: Monday, June 18, 2018

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Note: Please bring your own refreshments.

Program: "In a Dash" Quilting, a lecture and trunk show, presented by Shloe Kerness of Dash Quilting.

Shloe Kerness, from Merritt Island, Florida, owner of Dash Quilting and creator of the "In a Dash" template set, is a lifetime teacher and currently teaches at UCF College of Education where she is known as Professor or Dr. Shloe Kerness. Shloe, an avid quilter, started her own company a few years ago. With teaching in her blood, she loves to share her story, quilts, and techniques with other quilters. Shloe will be sharing her Dash Quilting story and philosophy with us. Her lecture is different and has been well received by all. She loves inspiring people and teaching them how to use her templates to make wonderful "In a Dash" quick quilts. Shloe will also present a trunk show consisting of many of her inspiring quilts. Her templates and patterns will be for sale; so you might think about bringing your checkbook along. After attending her program, our hope is that you will have been given a "Dash" of inspiration and motivation to make quilts "In a Dash".

July meeting: Monday, July 16, 2018

August meeting: Monday, August 20, 2018

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

Time: 6:30 pm

We will be meeting to work on the guild's Opportunity Quilt with Karen Licht guiding us, so please bring your sewing machines.

September meeting: Monday, September 17, 2018

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "What I Have Learned: My journey from the first stitch to Tumbling Blocks and Card Tricks," a lecture and trunk show, presented by Suzann Semonovick

Suzann will talk to us about her quilting journey. It hasn't always been smooth sailing, so she will tell you that it is okay to point and laugh. The trunk show will walk you through her triumphs and setbacks. She hopes it will inspire you to never stop learning.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Suzann Semonovick was a telephone repairman. She was the first woman to have that job and they didn't have a different title back then. After 20 years she retired and moved to Florida with her husband. Suzann's neighbor invited to her to join a quilt class and she accepted. Suzann taught for many years for Flagler Adult Education. She began designing her own patterns in 1993 and started her own business, Grannie Suzannie. The rest, as they say, is history.



Please note: Our programs are fully booked well into 2019, so make sure the monthly meetings are well marked on your calendars.



A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Happy May! Can you believe it's May already? Time is flying! In the past, our guild has taken a hiatus after May, just social sewing over the summer, but our growth in members and the number of non-snow birds means we will have a program in June and work on something in July and August before starting up again in September. Our Opportunity Quilt is coming along - a big thank you to everyone for sewing away on it. All we need to finish is the curved pieces (so let Karen know when you need more to work on) and then the fun part begins: putting it all together. We will continue to work on it at the Sit 'n' Sew and over the summer at meetings. We hope to have it all done by end of summer as we did last year. Great huge

thanks to Karen. Are you also working on your own projects? Wedding presents? Baby presents? Anniversary presents? Graduation presents? Something for yourself? It's hard to sit inside and sew when the weather has been pretty nice lately, but the summer will be here before we know it and then the AC will be the draw back to the sewing machines. Try some new technique you've been wanting to try, or a new pattern...just have some fun with your sewing this summer. Don't forget we will still have our block of the month program going, and I think Jo and Nora have a summer surprise for us, so we can have fun and have lots to show off in the fall. Happy quilting!



Hospitality: Our thanks to Carole Lytle (healthy snack) and Marita Kelly (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the May meeting. **September's** refreshments will be provided by Kim Christenson (healthy snack) and Judy Glover (sweet indulgence).

May, June, July and August birthdays: Shirley Hill, 5/29; Edie Ervey, 6/1, Judy Viviano, 6/4; Monique Foley, 6/5; Marian Huey, 7/2; Jean Roth, 7/4; Sally Ann Narhi, 7/15; Karen Myrick, 7/16; Coral Shattuck, 7/31; Sue Chance, 8/4; Leslie Preuss, 8/6; Nimmi Kroos, 8/8; Christine Zeidler, 8/8; Megan Townsend, 8/13; Linda Derryberry, 8/16; Pat Aschman, 8/18; Susan Sauro, 8/19.

Introducing a new Challenge

This month, we will roll out a new Challenge: the reveal festivities will be at the November meeting, where you will vote for your favorite projects.

Prizes will be awarded for three different categories:

1. Best depiction
2. Most creative
3. Best use of color.

When you arrive at this month's meeting you will find several magazines on the tables. Page through

them and see what triggers your creative juices to inspire you to quilt/sew something for the challenge. The possibilities of what to make are endless: a runner, quilt, placemats, tote bag, purse, pillow, wreath, birdhouse, just to mention a few. Once you find your page, tear it out of the magazine and bring it to Nora Hartzler and sign up to participate in the challenge.

You have six months to work on your challenge project, so throw any excuses to the side and show off the fun creative side of you!

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

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

Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, June 6, from 1 pm to 5 pm, at the Aberdeen Club House, 50 Allwood Green Boulevard, Ormond Beach, Florida. Meetings will continue to be held on Wednesday, August 1 and September 5 (no meeting on July 4). 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, an extension cord and your project. There will be an ironing board and tables. 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. There is plenty of room around the tables. We'd love to see you!

Our upcoming gatherings will be on Thursday, May 10, June 14, July 12, and August 9 (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.

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.

Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home needs Fidget Quilts

A message from Dee Duckworth, Fidget Quilts Coordinator

Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home, Daytona Beach, would LOVE to have Fidget Mats to use in the Activity Room.

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: Let me know if you are interested 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.

Upcoming Events

Jacksonville: This year's Quiltfest Quilt Show will be held from Thursday, September 20 to Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 9 am to 5 pm, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Deadline for registering quilts is

August 10, 2018, with take-in on September 8, 2018.

Information www.quiltfestjax.com/

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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