

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

November/December 2017

November meeting: Monday, November 13, 2017

(Note: This is the second Monday of the month.)

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

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

Program: "Round Robins" Lecture and trunk show presented by Karen Stockwell.

Share your skills, your ideas, creativity and part of yourselves with other quilting friends. A Round Robin is an exciting way to challenge yourself to reach beyond the way you've always done things to find your creative muse. It's a wonderful learning experience, stretching the way you work and exploring new techniques and design paths. Karen's website is www.Karenstockwell.com.

This lecture and trunk show will explain the process:

- What is a Round Robin?
- How can you set up a group?
- How do you eliminate Creative Stage Fright?
- What are some Absolute Rules?
- What are some "Let's decide together" rules?
- What are some NO-NOs? (but I've seen them done--and more than once.)

This is a chance to spread your creative wings and soar!

For most of her life Karen has been making art in various forms--weaving, pottery, jewelry, and sew

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ing. Because she loves color and texture, she decided to focus on textile art and after being introduced to quilting almost 30 years ago, it has become a passion. She collects fabrics in all of her travels and also dyes her own silks and cottons. Karen's work has been in major national and international shows as well as being in corporate and private collections, books, magazines and a calendar.

For almost 18 years she has been a member of an international group of quilters involved in Round Robins. They're from many U.S. states and about eight countries. The quilts are passed around by mail, and they see the works in progress and finished quilts by email. Over the course of time they have arranged to meet at Paducah and Houston and have visited each other and been in frequent communication by email.

Karen has also been teaching art, quilting and beading on cruise ships for the past 15 years, most notably as artist in residence on the Crystal Serenity for their World Cruise. Over the course of four months she was responsible for designing and facilitating a World Cruise quilt, an undertaking participated in by people of varying experience and age levels, many of whom did not speak fluent, if any, English. She made a Mariner's Compass featuring the ship's logo, but all of the squares were made by guests.

December meeting: Monday, December 18, 2017
Time: Arrive 6 pm social; **dinner begins at 6:30 pm.**
Program: Annual Holiday Season potluck supper.
Ham will be provided by the guild, bring a side dish or dessert to share. Judy Viviano, Heather Shaw and

Cynthia Rose, our snowbird members from Colonial Colony South, will have a surprise activity for you.
The entries in the **2017 Batik Challenge** will be on display (see below).
The officers who will serve on the 2018 Executive Board will be installed.

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**A message from our President, Linda Derryberry**

Happy November! Can you believe it is already here? Our calendar year is winding down as our guild year is ramping up. This month we will have a great trunk show and lecture at the meeting that may inspire us to try something new, plus our annual elections! We are so happy to present a full slate to you this year. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to take a position on the board. Next month we will have the chance to all get together and have some fun as we celebrate the holidays. Then... onward to

infinity and beyond! Wait...that was Buzz Lightyear...so onward to 2018! Bonnie Hunter, AQS show, Retreat, great programs, great friends; 2018 will be another wonderful year. In November we make it a point to be thankful for the things we have in life: health, happiness, friends, and in our guild, we are so thankful for the opportunity to share time with friends who like the same things we do and for the opportunity to continue to learn about this art we love. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

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Membership Dues

Article XI, Section 2 of the RFQG by-laws states that "Dues shall be payable to the Treasurer at the

November meeting and become delinquent at the January meeting." Dues remain \$25.

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**Nominating Committee presents the 2018 slate of officers**

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers to serve on the 2018 Executive Board of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild. Elections will take place at the November 2017 meeting. Our thanks to Jean Roth for heading the committee this year.

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| President:                                 | Linda Derryberry |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President/Programs:   | Jo Quaglia       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Membership: | Pat Aschman      |
| Treasurer                                  | Judy Glover      |
| Secretary:                                 | Kim Christenson  |

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AQS Quilt Week update from Linda Derryberry, volunteer coordinator

Yes, sign-up has started for the 2018 AQS Quilt Week, which will be held from February 28 to March 3, 2018. We will continue to sign up at our meetings, but feel free to call me, Linda Derryberry (386-290-4488) or email me (lderryberry@msn.com) to sign up once you know what your schedule is. (Please contact me after November 12 as I will be out of town for a few days.) The early bird gets the prime spots! Visits to other guilds will begin in mid-November, and then spots will start to fill up more rapidly. As we continue to assist AQS at the show, we get better and better at planning and just doing what we do -

helping. I believe I am having more fun each year as the work part of it becomes easier from repetition. I hope you all will support the guild by volunteering at least once (but we love it when you volunteer for more than one slot). If you don't already have an apron, please let Dee Duckworth (dee.duckworth@yahoo.com) know so she can buy more and order the logos for the bibs. We have become well known among the staff and vendors as being very cheery and helpful during the show. I guess our smiles (because we are enjoying it) really pay off.

Guild Retreat update from Jean Roth, coordinator

Luther Springs Retreat and Conference Center in Hawthorn, Florida, has been reserved for our guild retreat over the weekend of March 23, 24 and 25. Double room fees are \$170.00 per person, the single room fee is \$200. Meals will be provided Friday evening through Monday lunch. A check for \$75 may be submitted at the upcoming meeting or sent to Judy Glover, our Treasurer, to secure your reservation and a sewing spot in the main room. The remaining amount will be payable in February. The main sewing area can handle 22 people; there is a smaller second room that we can use if we have more than 22. The first 22 who reserve a spot will have their choice of sewing room.

The retreat committee has grown to include Nora Hartzler, Kim Christenson and Monique Foley. There will be a planning meeting at my home at 3:45 pm on Monday, November 13, prior to the dinner before the meeting. If anyone else would be interested in working with us please give me a call (386-316-9546) and I'll give you directions to my house which is very close to Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church.

We had a wonderful time together last year and made a lot of progress on projects so we hope you will be able to join us. We will open up spots to non-members after we determine the number of members planning to attend the retreat. For information contact Jean Roth at jeanroth9@gmail.com.



Our latest project – Block of the Month

RFQG has started a Block of the Month (also known as BOM) and Terri Lynch (Terrilynych88@gmail.com) is in charge. It's not too late to sew your November BOM block! See the attached block directions and instructions for the project. And remember, white or

off-white solid or tone on tone for the background. Each block you make is a chance to win! You could go home with the seeds for a whole quilt! At the December meeting we'll have two drawings--the Tiny Tannenbaums and the regular December BOM.



Hospitality: Our thanks to Megan Townsend (healthy snack) and Judy Viviano (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the November meeting.

November birthdays: Terri Lynch, 11/5; Dee Duckworth, 11/15; Sherry Boullion, 11/19; Diane Hageman, 11/19; Susan Trocki, 11/22; Claire Sadowiczak, 11/24; Nora Hartzler, 11/30.



Please welcome these new members.

Susan Downer: Susan is that rare bird—a native-born Floridian. A quilter for twenty years, she also enjoys gardening, reading and cooking. Susan was introduced to our guild by her friend, Pat Aschman.

ago, she also enjoys different crafts. Edna learned about our guild from her neighbor.

Edna Harner: Edna came to this area from Georgia. Introduced her to quilting by her mother thirty years

Karen Myrick: Karen is from Pennsylvania. She began quilting many years ago, but never managed to finish anything, a problem she plans on remedying soon. Karen was introduced to our guild by her neighbor, Sally McCarroll.



Fidget Quilts

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



Please note: There will not be a newsletter in December, your editor is taking a break.



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 3. 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, November 9 and December 14 (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.



2017 RFQG Challenge – "Batiks"

Our 2017 Challenge project was 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 were no other size

requirements. We could add other fabrics, but the original "swap" fabrics had to be used. As always, there will be a Viewer's Choice Award at our December meeting with prizes.



PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Many, many thanks to Karen Licht for machine embroidering our name tags.

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"



The RFQG Newsletter is edited by Pat Aschman at pataschman@att.net

Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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