

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

November/December 2018

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*Our sympathy to Terri Lynch on the death of her father*  
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November meeting: Monday, November 12, 2018

Note: Because of Thanksgiving the meeting will be held on the SECOND Monday.

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "Machine Maintenance and Repair" presented by Thierry Delannoy.

Thierry Delannoy has been repairing machines for over 22 years. He works at his home and at quilt shops. If you have one of the larger embroidery machines or a long arm he will come to your house. Thierry's video presentation will be on cleaning and maintaining our domestic and long arm sewing machines.

This is the month the "Magazine Page Challenge" will be revealed. Hopefully everyone who signed up to participate is well underway, near done, or even better, all done. It's been great to hear all the positive comments from you. Most members have enjoyed being able to use their creative juices to make anything they wish that inspired them from the page they tore from a magazine. We've heard some people have made more than one project. You will be voting and prizes awarded based on these three categories:

- 1. Best depiction of item on your page

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- 2. Most creative
- 3. Best use of color

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR MAGAZINE

PAGE WITH YOU! Bring your project **CONCEALED** in a bag so no one can tell what item you brought. Your item or items will be assigned a number, and we will display them for voting. When voting is completed we will announce the winners and then everyone will do "The Magazine Page Challenge Show and Tell". If you have any questions contact Nora Hartzler-Vigliotti at Hartzler.nora@gmail.com or 574-286-8712

December meeting: Monday, December 17, 2018

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

Time: Arrive 6:00 pm; **dinner begins at 6:30 pm**

Program: Annual Holiday Season potluck supper.

Meat will be provided by the guild, please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. It would be a huge help if you would bring a serving utensil for your dish.

Patti Mirabile and Susan Polizzi have planned several fun games for this meeting. There will be a "Quilting Notion Game": everyone is requested to bring a quilting notion, priced at greater than \$5.00, but less than \$10.00. **It must be wrapped.** At the end everyone will leave with a gift. Another game we will be playing is called "The Ugly Fabric Game". Please

look through your stash of fabrics and bring an ugly fat quarter or larger piece of fabric, washed and pressed, that you no longer want and would like to get rid of. We won't judge...we'll be playing a fun game with these pieces of fabric. We're going to have a great night and hope you all can make it!

January meeting: Monday, January 21 2019

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "Quilt Show Considerations" presented by Carla Triemer.

This presentation will focus on quilt shows from the perspective of a person entering a quilt into a show and from the judge's viewpoint, and also considerations for an organization that is putting on a show. Topics to be discussed include:

- Which show to enter? (IQA, AQS, MQX, QuiltCon, local guild shows, county fair, etc.)
- If putting on a show, how do we:
 - Select a judge?
 - Establish categories?
 - Determine what kind of Judge's Comments Form to use?
 - What do judges look for? (criteria and deciding factors)
 - What to expect of the judge's comments, and how to interpret them.

Carla will bring some of the quilts that she has entered in shows to use as examples when discussing what judges look for, what comments she received, and how she honestly felt about those comments.

Carla Triemer is an accomplished fiber artist whose quilts have won awards in regional, national and international shows and graced the walls of a university and two major international corporations. Her love of sewing began when she was a small child, admiring the quilts made by her grandmother. Carla began to sew at the age of eleven, and by high school she was being paid to sew everything from bikinis to coats and formal wear.

In 2001, Carla began to explore every aspect of quilting, including: Patchwork; Applique; Paper Piecing; Art Quilts; Whole-cloth; Hand Quilting; Machine Quilting and Long-arm Quilting. Since then she has designed patterns and taught Basic Quilting, Block of the Month, Machine Applique, Sudoku Quilts, Thread-painting, Tote Bag Construction and Beginning Long-arming classes to students and other instructors in the US and Ethiopia.

Carla is a member of the International Quilters Association, American Quilt Society, Northern Illinois Long Arm Guild, and Pelican Piecemakers Quilt Guild. She is the President of Quilts Beyond Borders, a charity which provides quilts to orphans and needy children in under-served areas of the world.

In 2015 she was admitted as a candidate for certification to the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges. She has judged local shows and county fairs, and assisted certified judges at local, national, and international shows. Carla believes that "One of the greatest joys is to share skills with others and watch them develop a love of quilting and pride in accomplishment."



A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Happy November! Yes! Thanksgiving is around the corner and we are meeting a week earlier - on November 12 - so our meeting doesn't interfere with your holiday preparations. We have a great and busy meeting coming up this month. Maintaining your sewing and quilting machine can ensure a long, happy relationship. Machines full of lint or not oiled will set you in a bad mood for sure. Learning how to clean and maintain our machines on a regular basis can ensure our visits to the repairman are farther

apart and we have smooth sewing when we need it. Officers will also be elected for 2019. And we will have the big reveal and contest for our challenge - such fun!

Don't forget to bring all the goodies you have worked on for the holidays for show and tell. I think that is the favorite part for most of us. I will be away for the week, but Jo Quaglia will be stepping in to run the evening. Have fun and I hope to see lots of photos on Facebook and Groupworks.

Congratulations to Yetta Loyd who was awarded third place in the Duel Intermediate Quilt Category at the Jacksonville Quiltfest.

Nominating Committee presents 2019 slate of officers

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers to serve on the 2019 Executive Board of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild. Elections will take place at the November 2018 meeting.

President: Linda Derryberry
1st VP Programs: Jo Quaglia and Nora Hartzler
2nd VP Membership: Pat Aschman
Treasurer: Judy Glover
Secretary: Leslie Preuss

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.

Project Warm Sit and Sew

There are four new quick and easy quilt patterns posted on Groupworks for our Project Warm charity project. They are all 40" x 40". We have over ten kits all ready to be sewn thanks to Jean Roth, Leslie Preuss, Susan Sauro, and Monique Foley who help cut them out. Most of them have the 3 B's included: backing, batting, and bindings. They will be available

for pickup at the monthly meeting and at our Sit and Sew at Aberdeen. Please try and join the Sit and Sew afternoon, you can work on anything you like and its loads of fun with another great opportunity to spend time with your sister quilters. If you have any questions just ask Sandi Makowski or Nora Hartzler-Vigliotti.

Please welcome these new members

Kim Ramos: A native Floridian, Kim has been quilting for about six years. She also enjoys birding. Kim was introduced to our guild by her friend, Terri Lynch.

her Bucket List for years. Alisa was introduced to our guild by her friend, Carole Lytle.

Alisa Rogers: Alisa comes to us from Kentucky. A newcomer to the craft, learning to quilt has been on

Cindy Somers: Cindy comes from Indiana via Michigan. She has been quilting for about two years and also enjoys crocheting and reading. Cindy was introduced to our guild by her friend, Nancy Thompson.

Hospitality: Our thanks to Marian Huey and Sally Narhi (healthy snack) and Dee Duckworth (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the November meeting.

November/December birthdays: Terri Lynch, 11/5; Dee Duckworth, 11/15; Diane Hageman, 11/19; Claire Sadowiczak, 11/24; Nora Hartzler-Vigliotti; Julie Brinzo, 12/11; Deanna DeLeeuw, 12/11; Nancy Thompson, 12/12; Karen Leonard, 12/19; Debbie Merelo, 12/22; Yetta Loyd, 12/15.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 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, 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, November 8 and December 13 (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.



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. These quilts are easily made with a variety of scrap fabrics simply sewn together; we like a nine-patch pattern using five or six-inch finished squares and quilted in the ditch. They can also be made as lap-sized blankets using fleece or other fabric not needing to be quilted down with tactile elements attached on top.

Fidget Quilts provide this 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. 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.

Florida Hospital likes 15-18" fidget quilts with a loop. The Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home prefers placemat size of maximum 13" x18" with no loops or straps. Keys would be very welcome as a fidgety item; the patients love to have something that makes a little noise.

For information or if you need batting, fabric, or notions please contact Dee Duckworth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com or Jean Roth jeanroth9@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us with our Community Service Project.



Donations to Family Renew welcomed

In honor of the Holiday Season, it has become a guild tradition to remember the less fortunate with donations of paper products or disposable diapers which will be given to Family Renew Temporary

Quarters in Holly Hill. Financial donations are also appreciated. Please bring your contributions to the **December** meeting. Once again, these donations will be delivered to the facility.

Honor Quilt Program needs our help

The Honor Quilt Program serves to remind veterans who have run into a bit of trouble that people appreciate the sacrifices they made to serve our country, and to recognize their efforts to achieve a better life

"The mission of the Quilt of Honor Program is to present patriotic quilts to those who have served in the Armed Forces in recognition and honor of their service and sacrifice to this great nation.

The network and enthusiasm of quilters is only surpassed by their love and appreciation for those

who are serving or have served our country. Veterans' stories and letters of gratitude for the quilts fuel their energy and passion to create more of these beautiful quilts. The network of quilting groups continues to expand, impacting the lives of America's guardians of freedom."

Judge David Beck, Volusia County Veterans Court Graduation Program.

If you would like to help make quilts for this program please contact Linda Derryberry at lderryberry@msn.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.

Upcoming Events

The Villages: "The Showcase of Quilts 2019" will be held from 9 am to 5 pm on Friday, January 25, 2019, and from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at two venues, Rohan Rec Center, 850 Kristen Way and Seabreeze Rec Center, 2384 Buena Vista Blvd, in The Villages. Information QGOTV.Org.

Palm Harbor: Quilter's Crossing of Palm Harbor presents their 15th Biennial Quilt Show "Quilting Under the Palms 2019" from 9 am to 4 pm, on Friday and Saturday, January 25 and 26, 2019, at the Coun-

tryside Recreation Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater, Florida. Information: Cathy Johnson or Tammy Peters at <mailto:QCQuiltShow@gmail.com>.

Sebring: Highlands County Quilt Guild presents their 25th Anniversary Show on Friday and Saturday, January 25 and 26, 2019, at the Highlands News-Sun Center, 781 Magnolia Avenue, Sebring, Florida. Information: Nylene Henry (256-244-2088).

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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