

# Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

October 2017

## October meeting: Monday, October 16, 2017

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

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

Betsy O'Neill will lead us in creating a folded wreath. You may want to make one with either a fall or a Christmas theme or maybe one for a patriotic season or another holiday.

Photos of this project have been be sent separately. Instructions and the foam pieces for the preparation for this project were distributed at the September meeting. Bring to the October class:

- Sewing machine that can do a zig-zag stitch.
- Thread that matches the backing.
- A bobbin filled with thread that matches the backing.
- Binder clips (if you have them).
- Pins, Scissors.
- Marking pencil or chalk pencil.

If you did not attend the September meeting and would like to do the preparation for this project please contact Pat Aschman at [pataschman@att.net](mailto:pataschman@att.net). Dee Duckworth has the foam pieces which cost \$3.50. Contact Dee at [dee.duckworth@yahoo.com](mailto:dee.duckworth@yahoo.com).

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

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held positions in the guild as President, Vice President, and has served as Quilt Show Chair four times.

## 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](http://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 sewing. 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.

As well as making the Round Robin and other quilts, Karen does lectures and classes nationally and internationally, designs patterns and is currently working on a book on Round Robins.



**Your place mats might win a prize**

Did you begin making place mats at the September meeting? Have you completed them? If so bring them to Show and Tell at the October meeting. Your

name will be entered in a drawing and you might win a prize.



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

Fall is officially here, and the temps are getting lower (just a little bit). And the holiday season is upon us! Well, the getting ready for holiday season at least. I love those cute place mats we made last month, and think my grandbabies may be getting some soon. Since we are in the "let's make it" mood this fall, I really want to try my hand at the folded wreath. Have seen so many beautiful ones, and just want to do it, finally. OK that's several gifts off my list. Yay!!

and learn. We are very fortunate that we have so many people who are willing to do these "jobs" year after year, but we always need new blood and new ideas. As we look for members to fill the few positions open for our next year, please give careful consideration to requests for help. Heck, if you would like to help with anything in the guild, please let me know. I promise you a happy dance!

As we get ready to wind down on 2017, please remember that we can't have this great guild without those who help organize the meetings and get the news out and organize our yummy treats and everything else that is done behind the scenes so we can meet each month and enjoy each other's company

So, snowbirds....we are so glad you are flocking back down to warmer weather and hope you will all return to us soon. And, those who live here year round, we are so happy to have your company as we meet all year. We will have a fun end to this year in the next few months, ending with our Holiday Dinner in December. And then onward to 2018!



**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS**

**Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"**



## Bonnie Hunter workshop and trunk show coming in January

Register now for our full day (9:30 am-4:30 pm) Bonnie Hunter quilt class, to be held Monday, January 29, 2018, at St. James Episcopal Church, Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach. Cost for guild members is \$45. Registration opens to non-guild members on October 15. For more information about Bonnie Hunter go to [www.quiltville.com](http://www.quiltville.com)

A registration form will be sent separately.

We'll be learning Bonnie's Quilt "Talkin' Turkey" from her book String Fling. All participants must have the book. No photo copies are allowed.

We're also taking RSVP's for her 6:30 pm trunk show (also at St. James) Send check with completed registration form to Terri Lynch ([terrilynch88@gmail.com](mailto:terrilynch88@gmail.com))

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## AQS Quilt Week coming in February

AQS Quilt Week is going to be here before we know it. The dates for the show this year are February 28 to March 3, 2018. We will need people to help with set-up on Monday, February 26 in the afternoon and Tuesday, February 27 in the morning. We will also need people to help with take down in the evening of Saturday, March 3. We will start sign-ups for

some areas at the October meeting. Yes, we are starting earlier this year. Since we won't know the exact times for the lectures, that sign-up will start after I receive them. Please consider helping us out by signing up for several time slots - we all have fun working at this show and it allows us to have some great teachers and speakers visit our meetings.

## Guild Retreat planned for March

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. We understand the food is very good. 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.

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](mailto:jeanroth9@gmail.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](mailto:cintin@sbcglobal.net) so she can send a card.

## Fidget Quilts

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

## Upcoming Events

For information about quilt related events in Florida go to [www.FloridaQuiltnetwork.com](http://www.FloridaQuiltnetwork.com)

## Please welcome these new members.

**Cam Blass:** Cam is from New Jersey. A quilter, on and off, for about 20 years, she also enjoys biking and reading. Cam learned about our guild from RFQG members, Jean Roth and Allison Annon.

**Kathi Carlson:** A former RFQG member, Kathi has rejoined us after taking a break. Her interest in quilting also started about 20 years ago when grandbabies came on the scene. She learned about our guild from our website.

**Sue Chance:** A former Indiana resident, Sue was introduced to quilting by her family and has been quilting for about five years. She also enjoys biking and reading. Sue learned about our guild from her friend, Cam Blass.

**Debie Gale:** Debie comes from Ohio. She started quilting when she retired nine years ago. She also enjoys cooking and family fun. Debie learned about

our guild when she met RFQG member, Terri Lynch, at the AQS Quilt Show last March.

**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Susan Polizzi (healthy snack) and Pat Aschman (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the October meeting. Refreshments in November will be provided by Megan Townsend (healthy snack) and Judy Viviano (sweet indulgence).

**October birthdays:** Joni Reinhart, 10/03; Heather Shaw, 10/06; Sonia Folsom, 10/10; Sandi Makowski, 10/10; Kendra Wiggins, 10/10; Elaine Lucas, 10/16; Debbie Skidmore, 10/31.

### 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, October 12 and 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](mailto:pelicanpatrol@mindspring.com).

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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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