

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

September 2016

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September meeting: Monday, September 19, 2016

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 204 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

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

Program: "Trunk Show" presented by Michele Sanandajian, Urban Palm Studios, LLC.

Michele Sanandajian is a Fine Artist by trade, a graduate of Parsons School of Design, New York City, NY, and of The Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, graduating with many honors, including "best graduate portfolio" and magnum cum laude. She is devoted to creating her works of art in her unique style of mixed media, combining illustration, paint, fibers, stitched threads and many unique mediums. Her sewing machine and Innova longarm have become her most valued art tools.

She moved her home based studio to a commercial space in Stuart, Florida, and opened Urban Palm Studios, LLC so she could better accommodate her growing business and clients. She teaches private and group workshops, teaches longarm lessons, creates custom work for customers all over the world, and shows at art galleries and quilt shows throughout the country. Michele's newest love is creating her own line of hand dyed fabric and spinning her unique art yarns.

October meeting: Monday, October 17, 2016

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian

Church, 204 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

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

Program: "Color Your Quilt" presented by Victoria Rondeau.

Bring out your Inner Artist. Learn how to add color and texture to your quilts with Shiva oil paint-sticks. Victoria Rondeau will create original quilted designs on her longarm machine and provide each participant with an individual quilted piece. The demonstration will include techniques on how to use paint-sticks to "fill in" the background and highlight the design. Participants will be required to sign-up in September and agree to pay \$10 for the 14" x 14" mini-quilt sample which will include a thread-based design, batting and backing. The guild will purchase Shiva Paint-sticks for members to share during the program. Pinterest, Craftsy and You Tube all have samples of this technique for your inspiration. Here's an opportunity to try something new and leave with an original piece of Art.

Victoria Rondeau is a professional longarm quilter, a longarm quilting teacher, and a representative for Legacy batting, sold by Pellon. She is a member of Racing Fingers Quilt Guild, and also a member of the Studio Art Quilt Group. She became interested in quilting about nine years ago while serving as an officer in the US Air Force.



A message from our President, Sally McCarroll

I hope everyone has had a fun-filled summer. I am so glad we are about to begin our new fall season. First on deck is Michele Sanandajian from Urban Palm Studios. I went online to look at her Facebook page and I think we will enjoy her work and lecture. We have the entire fall program booked up to and including the Christmas party. I think we have something for everyone.

At this time of year, we are also on the lookout for the guild officers for next year. Marianne Pitts has volunteered to chair the committee looking for those who are willing to serve. A big thanks to Marianne.

Susan Sauro is heading up the Library project window. As in the past, we will have quilts hanging in the (indoor) window at the Ormond Library. Susan has been looking for items to place in the window so bring something to the September meeting properly identified as yours in case she still needs quilted items to display.

Terri Lynch is on the home stretch in completing

the Opportunity Quilt for next year's AQS show. Speaking of AQS, the volunteer chairs for next year's show are: Volunteer Recruiting: Linda Derryberry and Sally McCarroll; Package Check: Jean Roth and Pat Aschman; Fidgety Quilts: Dee Duckworth, Kim Christenson and Susan Sauro; Raffle : Marianne Pitts and Shirley Hill. With these ladies on board, I'm sure we will have another successful year.

If you're like me, you are filling in your calendars for the remainder of the year. The Board has elected to move our December meeting to December 13. Our regular meeting date is just too close to Christmas.

Last but not least, I am so excited about the retreat. From February 3 – 6, 2017, we have reserved space at Epworth by the Sea for a retreat. Many of us have already paid our deposit and I am looking forward to getting together and stitching. After we have filled all 25 spots, we will start a wait list in case someone has to withdraw.

~~~~~ Quilted items needed for display at the Ormond Beach Library

We have an opportunity to showcase our quilts or quilted items for the month of October at the Ormond Beach Library. There is a greater demand by the community to use the display windows so starting next year a lottery will determine which group gets a window for display. We have had October as our designated month but our understanding is that in future, the month will be random if we choose to enter in the lottery. Take advantage of our month this year, and find an item or two you'd be willing to lend to our display! Please bring your quilts or small items (bags, table runners, pillows, etc.) to either the

Mother Hen Group/Sit & Sew at the library on Thursday, September 8 or to the Monday, September 19 meeting at the church. Be sure to identify your item/s so we'll be able to return it to you in November. The library is a safe place for our gems but please, do not lend us anything of significant value—either sentimental or monetary.

Thanks to Sophie Bastan and Jean Roth who have offered to help set up the October display at the Ormond Beach Library. If you have any questions, contact Susan Sauro at pelicanpatrol@mindspring.com

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**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Pat Ellis (healthy snack) and Judy Glover (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the September meeting. Refreshments in October will be provided by Karen Licht (healthy snack) and Karen Acheson (sweet indulgence).

**September birthdays:** Jennifer Krahe, 9/2; Judy Corbett, 9/13; Judy Glover, 9/16; Karen Licht, 9/17.

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Opportunity Quilt progress report

As Sally said, we're in the home stretch on our Opportunity Quilt. Thank you to everyone who completed their blocks and mailed them to Terri Lynch. We now need just three special light (3 light + 1 dark)

and eighteen dark, so if anyone has blocks, please bring them to the September meeting...and then we can start assembling. Yay!

Deadline for Sewing Retreat deposits is this month

Plans are moving along for the Racing Fingers Sewing Retreat that has been discussed at meetings. A deposit has been sent to reserve accommodations for 25 participants at Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island, Georgia, from Friday, February 3 through Monday, February 6, 2017. Rates (per person) are as follows: Single \$440.88, Double \$297.63, Triple \$244.23. Quad \$232.80, for three nights and nine meals beginning with the Friday evening meal and ending with Monday lunch.

To hold your spot please send \$40.00 to Judy Glover By September 19, the date of our September meeting. The \$40.00 will be deducted from the full reservation fee you will send directly to the resort in 2017 with a form that will be provided by Epworth. So save the date and send your \$40.00 to Judy ASAP so we can get an early count on how many members will be making plans to attend.

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, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8. 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.

Don't forget the RFQG 2016 Quilt Challenge – "Hexies"

Our 2016 challenge project is to make a quilt using hexagons (aka hexies). The quilt must measure **36 inches in at least one direction**, but there are no other size requirements. Use as many hexagons as you wish, in any way that you wish...pieced, fused,

applique. Surprise us! As always, we will have a Viewer's Choice Award at our December meeting with prizes.

Please contact dee.duckworth@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

Fidget Quilt Project

Thank you to everyone who continues to make Fidget Quilts; the nurses at Florida Hospital tell me their patients are so pleased that someone in the community is thinking of them. We received recognition for our efforts with a \$100 donation from Tracy Duckworth at the May meeting; Tracy had received a \$200 gift card as Florida Hospital Employee of the Quarter and she donated half of her award to the guild. Also, Kimberly Holland Tetrev, the Executive Editor at *American Quilter* magazine wrote a nice ar-

ticle for the July, 2016 issue: "Racing Fingers Quilt Guild provides touch therapy to Alzheimer's patients". Kimberly had stopped by our Fidget Quilt table during AQS Quilt Week to sew with us and learn more about our project.

If you need batting, fabric, or notions please let me know, dee.duckworth@yahoo.com.

PS if you have any old keys, bring them to the meeting; the patients love to have something that makes a little noise.

An important message from Jean Roth, Volunteer Hours Coordinator

Dear ladies: Many of you may not be aware that, now that we have attained non-profit status, we may be required by the IRS to report volunteer hours as part of the paper work which we will have to file at the end of this year. In order to arrive at a comprehensive number I thought I would try a new approach. If each of you would identify the average level of your volunteer efforts per week in the following way, I could arrive at a number for the guild:

- Level 1: 1 hour per week
- Level 2: 3 hours per week
- Level 3: 5 hours per week
- Level 4: 8 hours per week
- Level 5: 10 hours per week

Remember to consider time spent stitching blocks for our opportunity quilt, around the world blocks, fidget quilts, hospice quilts and any other stitching that benefits others. For the time being this is for information purposes only. I will be requesting this information from each member in November. If you have any questions please contact me at Jeanroth9@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

McIntosh: The Anthony Quilt 'N' Go Club will hold a quilt show on Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, 2016, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the McIntosh Civic Center, 5835 Ave G, McIntosh, Florida, (located between Gainesville and Ocala on Hwy 441). Contact: Vicki Roberts 352-351-2220/email victoria222070@yahoo.com.

White Springs: The 28th Annual Stephen Foster State Park Quilt Show and Sale, will be held on Fri-

day, through Sunday, October 14-16, 2016, from 9 am to 5 pm, at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive, White Springs, Florida. Contacts: Website: www.FloridaStateParks.org/StephenFoster.

For more information about anything connected to quilting in Florida go to: www.FloridaQuiltnetwork.com

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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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