

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

September 2017

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September meeting: Monday, September 18, 2017

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

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

Program: "Placemats" presented by Betsy O'Neill.

Betsy O'Neill, from Lake County, will be joining us to teach a class on making place mats. These are wonderful gifts to make for Christmas and they are quick and easy to make. These can be made for either holidays or every day. She will be bringing the place mat forms, which will be \$2.50 each. You will need:

- Sewing machine in good working order
- Thread to match your backing
- Ruler (at least the length of the place mat)
- Rotary Cutter
- Scissors, pins and other general sewing supplies

Fabric requirements for one placemat:

Place mat foam

- 1 fat quarter for the backing
- 2 different fat quarters for the bottom part of the placemat
- A 2" strip of fabric to separate the top and bottom
- A strip about 6" x 18-20" for the top (this can be a border print)
- Binding to go around the outside edge.

Fabric requirements for four place mats:

- Place mat foam
- ½ yard of two different colors for stripes (these can be fat quarters)

-¼ yard for stripe running length of place mat (a fat quarter will do)

-½ yard of the top part of the place mat

-1 ½ yard for backing and binding (if these are different – use 1 yard for the backing and ½ yard for the binding)

Note: Betsy will also be bringing the foam pieces already cut for making wreaths at the October meeting. The foam is \$3.50 and she will go over what you need to do before the October meeting so that you will be able to finish your wreath in class.

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 return in October to lead us in creating a folded wreath pattern. You may want to make one with either a fall or a Christmas theme or maybe one for a patriotic season or another holiday.

For the wreath you will need:

- Three 1/2 yard fabrics. Sub cut two of these into twelve 7" squares.
- The third fabric will be your center and should be cut into twelve 5 1/2 " squares.
- You will need twelve 6" squares of batting and 1 yard of Pellex ultra firm sew-in stabilizer (see note)
- Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies (scissors, pins etc.)

Photos of these projects will be sent separately.

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 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 be-

yond 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!



A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Welcome to fall! Well, fall in Florida that is. That means a return to quilting! And that also means hurricanes, I guess. Everyone be safe and careful! Your board met last month and we got so much accomplished in one evening! Prime business at this time of year is getting a Nominating Committee together. A board member is willing to chair, but she would like one or two people to assist her in finding people for the offices we have open and to help her contact these people. If you would like to help her, please let me know (lderryberry@msn.com). We don't have a lot of positions open for next year, so it won't be a terribly difficult job.

Racing Fingers is also diving deeper into the online community and joining My Grove, an online site that we can tailor to our needs as a guild, and you can tailor to your needs as far as information on quilting and other crafts is concerned. We will be talking more about this at the meeting, but we hope you find this an asset to our guild life. You will be getting an email from Megan Townsend asking you to join. Please do, and look it over so we can answer any questions you might have.

We have rearranged the committees a bit, nothing drastic, and are looking for people to chair what we are calling sub-committees (one small part of publici-

ty, community outreach, member outreach, special events, or fundraising, to name a few). If you are called and asked if you would help, please give mindful consideration to it. Without our members ALL doing their part to keep the guild running, we won't be able to continue to grow and enjoy our meetings and events.

The board also came up with some fun ideas for us, as a guild, to enjoy throughout the year. We will be introducing the first idea at the September meeting, and hope you will join in. Please, if you have any ideas for fun things to do as a guild, or at meetings, etc., send them to me (until we know who will be Program Chair for next year). We want to have something fun for everyone in the guild.

And lastly, we some great plans for this guild-year already in place. Some great hands-on classes at meetings to start off (do I hear Christmas present time?) then Bonnie Hunter in January, AQS again in February, and a retreat in March. Who knows what other fun things we will devise? I can't wait.

Safe travels to all our snowbirds as you come back down to beautiful Florida. LOL. Be safe all you locals as we go through the peak of storm season. I'm looking forward to being all together again and having fun!



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

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)

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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. Arrangements can be made at a higher cost for a single room. Jean Roth will have that information at the September meeting. 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.

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.

Please note these dates

Wednesday, February, 28 to Saturday, March 3, 2018: American Quilters' Society Quilt Show at the

Ocean Center, Daytona Beach (setup begins Monday, February 26).

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 Sunshine Committee at cintin@sbcglobal.net so she can send a card.

2017 RFQG Challenge – "Batiks"

Our 2017 Challenge project is 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 are no other size requirements. You may add other fabrics, but the original "swap" fabrics

must be used. As always, we will have a Viewer's Choice Award at our December meeting with prizes. For information contact Dee Duckworth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com

Please welcome this new member.

Julie Brinzo: Julie was born in Iowa but is more recently from Texas. Introduced to quilting by her grandmother she has been making quilts for about

ten years. She prefers traditional and applique, and also enjoys making hand bags. She also likes soap making. Julie found our guild through our website.

Fidget Quilts

If anyone is inclined to make a Fidget Quilt and needs embellishments, please contact Dee Duck-

worth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com. She has a variety of notions and supplies..

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**Hospitality:** Our thanks to Cynthia Rose (healthy snack) and Judy Glover (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the September meeting. Refreshments in October will be provided by Susan Polizzi (healthy snack) and Pat Aschman (sweet indulgence).

**September birthdays:** Jennifer Krahe, 9/2; Jan Doyle, 9/16; Judy Glover, 9/16; Susan Polizzi, 9/16; Karen Licht, 9/17

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

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**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 14, October 12 and November 9. 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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Want to know more about quilting events in Florida?

Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen, known for her talks on Stashbuster quilts, also edits the Florida Quilt Network which covers everything you need to know about quilting in Florida. See for yourselves at

www.FloridaQuiltnetwork.com. If you would like to receive this online newsletter regularly contact Mary-Jeanine at mji@cfl.rr.com.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Jacksonville:** "Quiltfest Jacksonville" will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 21, 22 and 23, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center,

1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Information: [www.quiltfestjax.com](http://www.quiltfestjax.com)

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

Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

Don't forget to go to our website www.racingfingersquiltguild.com.

Also like us on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) at Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

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