

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

September 2018

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September meeting: Monday, September 17, 2018

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "What I Have Learned: My journey from the first stitch to Tumbling Blocks and Card Tricks," a lecture and trunk show, presented by Suzann Semonovick.

Suzann will talk to us about her quilting journey. It hasn't always been smooth sailing, so she will tell you that it is okay to point and laugh. The trunk show will walk you through her triumphs and setbacks. She hopes it will inspire you to never stop learning.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Suzann Semonovick was a telephone repairman. She was the first woman to have that job and they didn't have a different title back then. After 20 years she retired and moved to Florida with her husband. Suzann's neighbor invited to her to join a quilt class and she accepted. Suzann taught for many years for Flagler Adult Education. She began designing her own patterns in 1993 and started her own business, Grannie Suzannie. The rest, as they say, is history.

October meeting: Monday, October 15, 2018

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "Modern Quilting" a lecture and trunk show presented by Linda Hungerford.

In an 80-plus slide presentation, Linda will share the history of the modern quilting movement: its beginnings; how the movement evolved and continues to evolve; and the attributes and elements of a modern quilt. The presentation will conclude with a trunk show of her modern quilts.

Linda Hungerford has been a sewist since childhood, and a quilter since 1976. In 1998 she began domestic machine quilting, and in 2005 began teaching. Her first beginner classes were taught to make mission quilts at her church in Iowa, and expanded to churches throughout the Des Moines area. She taught that five-week series of lessons 34 times. As a result of those classes, she wrote *First Time Quilt-making* (Landauer Publishing, 2006).

Since moving to The Villages in 2012, she has taught beginner quilting, beyond-beginner technique classes such as foundation paper-piecing, English paper-piecing, a unique technique for binding, and domestic machine quilting. Since 2000, Linda has written quilting-related articles for numerous quilting magazines, and her quilt patterns have been published in magazines including *Modern Patchwork*. One of her quilts is included in the book *Modern Quilts: Designs of the New Century* (2017, C&T Publishing).

Linda is the founder of the Central Florida Modern Quilt Guild that began in 2012 (CentralFloridaMQG.blogspot.com), and is currently

the chapter's program chair, and media coordinator. Find her blogging regularly at

FlourishingPalms.blogspot.com, and follow her as Flourishing Palms on Instagram and Pinterest.

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*Please note: Our programs are fully booked well into 2019, so make sure the monthly meetings are well marked on your calendars.*

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A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Happy Fall, everyone! At least the calendar says fall. Weather didn't get the memo. But we quilters are ready for the fall, and ready to get back into our "quilting swing". We have a great program this month which I believe we can all relate to. And our board has met to be sure the rest of the year is

planned out and ready and to begin planning for next year. So onward! Hope to see many happy faces on the 17th! Snowbirds, we haven't forgotten you! Hurry back! We have saved some summer for you, if you don't dawdle.

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**Plans for Spring Retreat underway.**

Arrangements have again been made with Luther Springs Conference Center in Hawthorne, Florida, for the guild retreat in March 2019. We will start sewing upon arrival on Friday, March 29 and continue until we depart on Monday, April 1. The cost will be \$190

for a double room and \$200 for a single. If you are interested in attending you may reserve a spot by giving a deposit of \$100 to our Treasurer, Judy Glover. For more information contact Jean Roth at [jeanroth9@gmail.com](mailto:jeanroth9@gmail.com)

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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.

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**Challenge reveal in November**

Don't forget our Challenge: the reveal festivities will be at the November meeting, where you will vote for your favorite projects.

Prizes will be awarded for three different categories:

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

We're looking forward to seeing how those pages from magazines have inspired you

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Hospitality: Our thanks to Kim Christenson (healthy snack) and Judy Glover (sweet indulgence) for providing refreshments for the September meeting. October's refreshments will be provided by Susan Sauro (healthy snack) and Nancy Thompson (sweet indulgence).

September birthdays: 9/2, Jennifer Krahe; 9/16, Judy Glover; 9/16, Susan Polizzi; 9/17, Karen Licht; 9/29 Becky Rohmeyer.

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**Please welcome this new member**

**Vera Huckaba:** Vera comes to us from Arkansas via Missouri. A long time quilter who also enjoys crocheting, she learned the craft from her mother and

grandmother. Vera was introduced to our guild by her daughter, RFQG member, Nancy Thompson.

And please welcome back **Connie Russ.**

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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.

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**Monthly Sit 'n' Sew**

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 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](mailto:sandimakowski@mac.com).

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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

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, September 13 and October 11 (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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### 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.

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### Here's a hint

Ask OLFA how to clean your mats!

This is the link: <https://olfa.com/craft/blog/ask-olfa-how-to-clean-your-mats/>

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### Upcoming Events

**Jacksonville:** This year's Quiltfest Quilt Show will be held from Thursday, September 20 to Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 9 am to 5 pm, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida. Deadline for registering quilts is August 10, 2018, with take-in on September 8, 2018. Information [www.quiltfestjax.com/](http://www.quiltfestjax.com/)

[<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/Stephen-Foster>]

**Brandon:** The Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Brandon's Quilt Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13, 2018.

**Tampa:** Kaffe Fassett is coming to Tampa to present two workshops and an evening lecture, all celebrating color, Friday to Sunday, October 26 to 28, 2018. [<http://happyapplequilts.com/haq-kaffe-fassett>]

**White Springs:** The 30th Annual Stephen Foster Quilt Show and Sale will be held Friday through Sunday, October 19 to 21, 2018, at the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs, FL.

**Anthony:** The Anthony Quilt N Go Club is having a quilt show and yard sale on Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the McIntosh Community Center, Anthony, Florida.

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

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