



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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GUILD MEETING

Guild Meeting

- Program: Sewing Tools and What to do with them by Freida Toback
- Fat Quarter: Bold Colors (solids/prints)
- Show 'n Tell
- 50/50 Raffle

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Everyone,

I'm back from Alaska and finally in the right time zone! Sorry I missed the June meeting. I heard that Johanna was fun and very informative as always!

I look forward to seeing all of you on July 11th. There will be lots going on! Our speaker, Frieda Toback, will be talking about different sewing tools and their use. I am sure you will enjoy her insights and humor! Be sure to bring along **your** favorite sewing tool! We plan to have a nametag drawing, so remember to wear yours! Also, Linda Freyer will be taking each member's picture for our digital membership list.

Looking ahead to 2018, the Treasurer's position on the Board is open! If you like to work with numbers and are detail oriented, please speak to Marie Christine Leavitt and get an idea of the job description. We would love to have some new members join us on the Board!!

If you have not done so, remember to sign up for the QGbtS Retreat at the Duncan Center November 7-10. Registrations are being accepted! Please plan to join us for 4 days of sewing and a lot of fun!!

See you on July 11th!

Suzanne



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

QGbtS is in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- **QOV Backing Director—see page 9 for details**
- Longarm Quilters
- Webmaster

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WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S COMING?

By JOHANNA FELBERBAUM of STITCHCRAFT





**IT'S A MYSTERY!
WEAR YOUR NAME TAG**

A mystery prize will be awarded to a lucky winner!

**FORGOT YOUR FAT QUARTER?
WE HAVE A SOLUTION ...**

Our Guild is trying something new: Many of our members would like to participate in the fat quarter drawing but forget their fat quarters. Now, thanks to Stitchcraft, we will have fat quarters for sale at the door for the same price as at the store (\$3.25 + tax).



PUT A NAME WITH THE FACE

The Guild is growing; we now have 123 members. Can you identify everyone by name or put a name with a face?

We have the solution ..

During the July Guild meeting, Linda Freyer will begin taking photographs of our members to be included in our on-line membership list.

Remember, our membership list is sent to only our members.



DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SEWING TOOL?

Frieda Toback will be presenting different sewing tools and their uses at the July Guild meeting. Join in and

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SEWING TOOL

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- Fat Quarter: Bold Colors (solids/prints)
- Show `n Tell
- 50/50 Raffle

July 18, 2017

- QOV Workshop

July 26, 2017

- Comfort & Fidget Quilt Workshop

August 8, 2017

Guild Meeting

- Program: Big Quilting Bee
- Fat Quarter: Sewing
- Show `n Tell
- 50/50 Raffle

August 17-19, 2017

- Stitcher's Paradise, Grand Hyatt, Tampa, FL (reservations required)

August 15, 2017

- QOV Workshop

September 12, 2017

Guild Meeting

- Program: Charlotte Knoll's Quilts Trunk Show & Presentation
- Fat Quarter: Blue (Any pattern)

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

Mosaic Technique Workshop by Charlotte Knoll

Date: September 13, 2017

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10 AM—4 PM

Fee: \$40.00



Mesh Tote/Beach Bag by Linda Adamcik

Date: October 11, 2017

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10 AM—4 PM

Fee: \$30.00 (Additional \$5.00 for Mesh)



Embroidery Workshop by Jennifer Lee, Red Thread Studio

Date: November 15, 2017

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10 AM—4 PM

Fee: \$40.00 (Bird House Kit—Additional \$12.00)



EVENT CALENDAR:

September 13, 2017

- Mosaic Technique by Charlotte Knoll

September 19, 2017

- QOV Workshop

October 10, 2017

Guild Meeting

- Program: Long Arm Discussion Panel by Linda Adamcik & Dottie Levine
- Fat Quarter: Travel/Florida

October 11, 2017

- Mesh Tote/Beach Bag Workshop by Linda Adamcik

October 17, 2017

- QOV Workshop

November 14, 2017

Guild Meeting

- Program: Embroidery Trunk Show by Jennifer Lee, Red Threads Studio
- QGbtS Elections
- Fat Quarter: 1930's-1940's

November 15, 2017

- Embroidery Workshop by Jennifer Lee, Red Threads Studio

November 21, 2017

- QOV Workshop

QGbtS FUNDRAISING QUILT

GET YOUR TICKETS!!

We will start selling tickets for our new fundraising quilt. The drawing for the quilt will be held during the August meeting.



EVENT CALENDAR:

December 12, 2017

Guild Meeting

- Program: "What was I thinking " Sale
- Committee/Member Recognitions
- Fat Quarter: Party (New Years, Birthdays, etc.)

December 19, 2017

- QOV Workshop

January 9, 2018

- Fat Quarter: Party (New Years, Birthdays, etc.)

"The Frank McGee Memorial QOV Workshop"

Upcoming QOV Workshops:

July 18, 2017 from 9:30 AM—3:00 PM at Grace Community church in the Music Room

Thanks to the generous participation of our members, we are producing a remarkable amount of quilts for our veterans. We would like to thank everyone who is doing her share, whether you are sewing at home or at the workshop, whether you are sewing stars, sewing strips, assembling tops, making pillow cases, binding, longarm quilting, etc..... Every little bit helps.

Bring your sewing machine with basic accessories, thread, and lunch.

Precut kits/fabrics will be provided.

For those unable to attend the workshops, prepared kits are available to pick up at the workshops and guild meetings.

LONGARMERS: We are in desperate need of longarmers for our QOV program. If you own a quilting machine, we will provide the batting for our tops. A simple all-over quilt design is sufficient.

A huge **THANK YOU** for your participation.

For additional information, contact Diane Provost [561-409-3114](tel:561-409-3114), paquinprovost@gmail.com



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ANNUAL

MEMBERSHIP DUES

QGbtS annual membership dues for 2017 will be **\$35.00**.

'MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES'

Paid members of the QGbtS are eligible to:

- participate in Guild programs
- participate in workshops
- receive monthly newsletter
- place ads in the classifieds.
- **Guests are welcome to attend all of our meetings with a donation of \$5.00 per month, twice a year.**
- Dues are non-refundable.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please submit changes, additions or deletions for the membership directory.

Send changes to Ellen Heckler via email: Ellen.Heckler@gmail.com

ATTENTION...

ALL MEMBERS

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE GUILD MEETING!

QOV IS NOW HIRING!!!

Our QOV program is growing rapidly and we have divided the work in many positions.

Meet our QOV team:

Diane Provost – QOV Team Leader:

Completed quilt tops from the longarmer are returned to me; I take care of them from there. As the leader of the of QOV team, I am also responsible for buying all fabrics, collecting all the sewn stars, cutting and preparing the kits for the tops, and leading the workshops.

Suzanne McGee - Star Manager:

Suzanne cuts and prepares all the star kits that members pick up from the guild meetings to sew at home.

Mitzi Halliday - Top Manager:

Mitzi brings the completed tops home to cut all the hanging threads and to press them nicely; she gets the tops ready for longarm quilting.

Kathy Louderback and Grace O'Donnell - Awards Managers:

Kathy and Grace organize most of quilt Awards presentations between the venues and the nominees.

Backing Director – open:

The description of this position:

measure the quilt top - length and width
add 8" to each, length and width measurements
select a fabric that harmonize well with the quilt top
cut and sew the backing
fill in the form on the QOVF site to request a longarmer
contact the longarmer to make the necessary arrangements
for the quilt top; this is usually done by email
prepare the mailing box
handwrite a note to the longarmer and include it in the box
go to the post office

Thank you to our QOV team and the members that participate in our program.

Looking forward to adding a "Backing" Director to our team. Please email or call me for more details if you are interested.

Diane
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IS SOMEONE WEARING A FLIP FLOP PIN?

If someone at the Guild meeting is wearing a quilted flip flop pin, introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome. New members will wear these cute pins to identify themselves to other members.



NEW MEMBERS:

Linda Bethune
Janet Copen
Alice Grafstein

FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH DRAWING WINNER:

Cathy Baldwin

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER:

Karyn Dengler



IT'S A BEE!!!

Lincolnwood Bee: Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at Lincolnwood Club-house.

Any questions, please call Sarah at 561-620-2856.



COMFORT QUILTS

New Comfort Quilts and kits will be available at the July Guild meeting. Please stop by the Comfort Quilt table!

Comfort quilt size specifications are:

- ◆ a minimum of **38 - 42" wide**, and a minimum of **48 - 54" in length**.
- ◆ Any fabrics for women, men, and children are acceptable.



The next Comfort Quilts workshop is scheduled for **July 26, 2017**. Kits to take home will be available at the Guild meeting. There is something to do for everyone!

Please contact Cathy Baldwin at cathyb1911@comcast.net for information or with any questions.

FIDGET QUILTS

- There are lots of Fidgets ready for delivery. Great job ladies!
- The next Fidget workshop is scheduled for **July 26, 2017**.
- Bags with supplies are available for anyone who would like to participate in making a Fidget quilt.

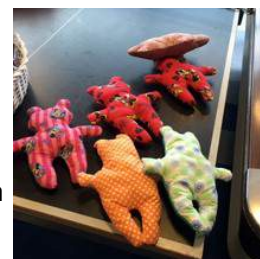


Any questions, please contact Linda Eddy: [561-376-3996](tel:561-376-3996) or email: eddylinda1007@yahoo.com

COMFORT BEAR KITS

Comfort Bear kits complete with paper pattern, fabric, and ready-to-sew-on bear faces are ready to pick up at our next meeting. This is a quick and easy project that will make a child smile.

Bears are being given to Ryan's Face for Smiles. If you have additional suggestions of places to donate bears, please contact Johanna at Stitchcraftboca@gmail.com.



CARING HEARTS

Sadly, Shirley Mosher passed away last week; she had been sick since January. Shirley was very active with QOV and will be missed by all.



FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH: SALSA GARDEN STRIPE BATIK—NEON BRIGHT

Beautiful bright batik with broad 4" wide bands of bright neon colors: magenta, yellow, papaya, orange, lime green, azure blue and grape; decorated with leaves approximately 1/2. 'Salsa' by Anthology Fabrics.



2017 QGbtS CHALLENGE: "WHO AM I?"

We've had mug rugs, we've had tea towels, we've had mini quilts and log cabin challenges. Our 2017 challenge theme will be inspired by **YOUR INITIALS**.

Use your initials to depict the colors, the style, and the subject of your quilt.

Example: My initials are "SFC"

S could be used for the color---scarlet

F could be used for the subject---flower

C could be used for the style---crazy quilt

I would then have a crazy quilt with scarlet flowers.

or

"SFC" could stand for San Francisco, California. I could create a quilt depicting San Francisco. (Quilted example below)

CHALLENGE GUIDELINES:

The entry must:

- be any size up to and including 50" X 65"; the approximate size of a **Lap Top** quilt. Nothing larger.
- include at a minimum of two letters of your initials to inspire and complete your quilt as described above.
- use any quilting technique: pieced, appliqued, paper pieced, etc. Machine or hand quilted.
- have a 4" hanging sleeve on the back.
- have a label on the back right hand corner with your name, name of the person who did the quilting, the name of the quilt, and Quilt Guild by the Sea.
- be made and completed between December 1, 2016 and October 10, 2017. **No Exceptions or Extensions.**



QGbtS LIBRARY



We have wonderful books!

Take the opportunity to look through or borrow a book, a DVD, or a magazine that interests you.

All books must be checked out and returned at the next Guild Meeting. Late fees will be charged when applicable.

New books and magazines are always accepted.

Guild Librarians:

Joan Cohn & Dellie Krebs

Library Hours: 9:30—10:00 AM during every Guild meeting.

FRIEND US!

QGbtS now has its very own **FACEBOOK**.

Send in your pictures, comments, etc. to Joanne Miller at:

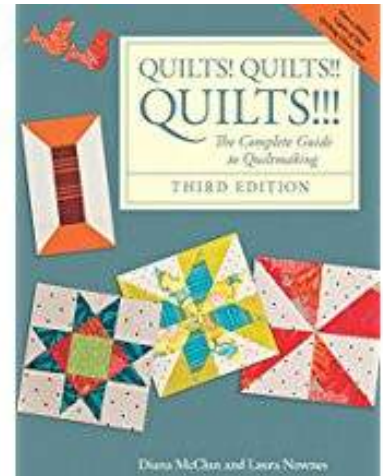
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BOOK REVIEW:

The Complete Guide to Quiltmaking
Diana McClun & Laura Nownes

I don't think this book was written for a novice quilter; it includes techniques and vocabulary for a person who is familiar with the art. The book emphasizes value, contains clear and precise diagrams, and includes rotary cutting guides and templates. The authors cover aspects of quilting from start to finish including 34 quilt patterns, many old favorites.



Submitted by Joan Cohn

A NOTE FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

Joan Cohn:

I have compiled a list of Star Quilt books and Art Quilt books I will keep in my QGbtS library at my house. I will bring them to any member if requested

Star Quilts

- Amazingly Simple Star Quilts
- Best of Fons & Porter - Star Quilts
- Eight Pointed Stars
- Looking To The Stars
- Lone Star Quilts And Beyond
- Orions Star Quilt
- Radiant Star Quilts
- Star Quilting For The Home

Art Quilts

- Crazy Quilting In a Weekend
- Fractured Landscape Quilts
- Ghost Layers & Color Washes
- Journey To Inspired Art Quilting
- Stained Glass Quilting Techniques
- Thread Magic
- Watercolor Landscape Quilts



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Sleigh bells ring! Are you listening?
In Duncan Center snow is glistening!
A beautiful sight, we'll be happy these nights,
Quilting in our Winter Wonderland!



November 7-10, 2017

Duncan Center, Delray Beach

* Cost of retreat: \$230 due in full with registration
(Registration begins at June Guild meeting)

* Cost for rooms: \$80 per night - single
\$40 per night - double

Additional information: * Melinda Schwartz *

Mail check! registration to: Melinda Schwartz
melindaschwartz83@gmail.com
* 5675C Spindle Palm Court
Delray Beach, FL 33484



**QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA
WINTER WONDERLAND RETREAT
DUNCAN CENTER
November 7 – 10, 2017**

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact & Phone No. _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

There are rooms available at \$80 per night.

Double room (#nights _____) Roommate _____

Single room (#nights _____)

RETREAT COST: \$230 and includes Lunch & Dinner Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Lunch on Friday.

A check must accompany this form and is nonrefundable. Please bring both to a regular guild meeting or mail to Melinda Schwartz, 5675C Spindle Palm Ct, Delray Beach, Fl. 33484.

WAIVER FOR QGBTS RETREAT

I, _____ voluntarily acknowledge & confirm that I fully understand that there is no liability insurance going to, during, or returning home from this Retreat. I agree not to make claims for any damages to personal property, theft, or personal injury against anyone or any entity connected with this Retreat under any circumstances.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



THE BEAUTY OF HANDWORK

Courtesy of the Quilting Board

Some quilters have an aversion to handwork. They will avoid doing handwork at all costs. And while this newsletters main focus is machine quilting I'd like to talk a little about the convenience and portability of handwork.

Many hours are spent traveling as a passenger on public transportation or in the family car, plane or train. This would be a great time to plan a hand project to work on and utilize that time that might otherwise be wasted...

Many interesting and unique projects could be completed in these small increments of time. Choose a project that is special and would be easier to do by hand rather than by machine. Also choose a project that you don't have a deadline for finishing.

The key is preparing project ahead of time. Have all fabric and equipment you will need for your project. Place everything in a small zip bag to keep items from being lost.

Items that you would want would be your pre-cut fabric pieces, a small pair of scissors, two or three needles, a half a dozen pins, marking pencil, and thread. Also include any other necessary tools for your specific project. Place everything in a small or medium zip bag and you are ready to go.

If your fabric patches are cut ahead of time and prepared in the way needed for your specific project you will have everything you need to make use of some of the minutes and hours that may otherwise be wasted.

Hand Piecing: Hand piecing can be a fulfilling and rewarding way to make some of those blocks that might be very difficult to machine piece. It could be that the pieces are very small or tricky angles or curves. So if you do choose to hand piece, choose a more difficult pattern rather than simply piecing a basic nine-patch block.

English Paper Piecing: English paper piecing is a very small project that is easily carried in a zip close bag. It is similar to hand piecing only a foundation paper or [cardstock](#) templates are used to facilitate piecing. Pieces are prepared by turning under the seam allowance and basting. Then they are whip stitched together.

Foundation piecing: Yes, you can foundation piece by hand -- using muslin as your foundation material. Muslin foundation piecing is the same as paper foundation piecing only it is accomplished by hand and the muslin is not torn away when you are finished. It makes a very nice quilt block.

Appliqué: Appliqué can be done by turning under the seam allowances in the traditional way using either needle turn or a freezer paper method you like. If you need a lot of different colors of thread try winding bobbins with each color. They take up less space than the full spool. Another way to appliqué is by using a light weight fusible material and cutting patches with no seam allowance. Then hand stitch the edge with a buttonhole stitch using embroidery floss.

In any of the hand projects discussed here, be sure to plan ahead to have everything you need all in one zip bag. That way you can accomplish a lot of work during time that you are usually away from your sewing machine.



THE BEAUTY OF HANDWORK (Continued)

Pre-Washing Pre-Cut Fabric Pieces

A few newsletters ago we discussed the new ways fabric shops and on-line stores are marketing fabric. Many of fabric kits contain small pieces such as five inch charm squares, jelly roll strips, fat quarters or other smaller pieces of fabric.

If you tried to put any of these small pre-cut pieces in the washing machine you would have a tangled mess of strips and squares. Even using mesh bags tend to make the fabric bunch and lump in the corner of the bag and become tangled and overly wrinkled.

Of course when you purchase new from the fabric store it has not been pre-washed to shrink or check for bleeding of dyes. Recently at a full service quilt shop the owner told me pre-washing was not necessary and hardly anyone did it any more. Personally, I prefer to wash everything so I know there will be no shrinkage later or the migrating of excess dyes after the quilt is finished.

Yet washing these pre-cut pieces would be very difficult as fraying and tangling are issues that need to be discussed.

Charm Squares: Wash small pieces such as charm squares or block of the month pieces very carefully. Place the charm squares and small pieces in a small basin with soap of your choice and soak for several minutes. Rinse well and place on a large thick towel to dry. When almost dry, press with a dry [iron](#).

Jelly Rolls or other strips: Pin the selvage edge of the strips to a plastic hanger using plastic clothes pins or large rust proof safety pins. Simply immerse the fabric in a basin of warm water with soap of your choice and soak for several minutes. Rinse well and lift the hanger out of the basin and hang to drip dry. When almost dry, press with a dry [iron](#).

Fat Quarters: Fold fat quarters in half at the selvage edge. Clip the fat quarters to a hanger with plastic clothes pins or use a skirt or pants hanger. Simply clip the fabric to the hangers and again immerse it in warm water with soap of your choice and soak for several minutes. Rinse and lift the hanger out of the basin and hang to drip dry. When almost dry, press with a dry [iron](#).

Any other small pieces such as long quarters can be pre-washed the same as the fat quarters. And remember if your fabric pieces get completely dry before you have time to [iron](#) them, simply spray with clean water using a clean plant mister bottle and then press with a dry [iron](#).

Obviously if the pre-cut pieces are washed and drip dried they are usually easier to iron and of course you will save yourself a lot of time and trouble in untangling and ironing.

Enjoy your new project!

HOLIDAYS IN JULY

- July 2, 2017** **Creative Ice Cream Day**
- July 4, 2017** **Independence Day**
- July 5, 2017** **International Kissing Day**
- July 7, 2017** **National Strawberry Sundae Day**
- July 8, 2017** **National Blueberry Day**
- July 10, 2017** **Teddy Bear Picnic Day**
- July 14, 2017** **Bastille Day**
- July 17, 2017** **Global Hug Your Kids Day**
- July 20, 2017** **National Lollipop Day**
- July 22, 2017** **Hammock Day**
- July 25, 2017** **Threading the Needle Day**
- July 30, 2017** **International Day of Friendship**



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