



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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March 13, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: Social Media—
"Where to Click" by
Johanna Felberbaum
- Fat Quarter: Pastels
- 50/50 Raffle

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is bursting all over and with it renewed activity. Hope you find the lucky shamrock.

I surely enjoyed Mike Flynn's presentation last month, found it very informative. This month our very own Johanna will show us how to surf the web for sites of interest to quilters and give us all a handout (a very good thing).

This time of year we also have the opportunity to attend lots of quilt shows. I will be heading up to AQS in Daytona and hope to come back with lots of ideas and supplies which will translate into more UFOs or projects that I won't start because I am afraid to do them.

How do we motivate ourselves to produce more and better quilts? By honing your skills on charity work. The Guild has a wonderful Community Outreach program, whether it is Comfort Quilts, QOV, Fidget Quilts, or those cute Comfort Bears. We have monthly workshops where you can have a wonderful day with your sister quilters while doing something that will make you feel great. You can piece blocks, a whole top, machine quilt a top, and sew the binding. There is always someone at the workshop to share her knowledge.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



QGbtS is in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- Longarm Quilters
- Webmaster

The answer to gaining new skills is PRACTICE and what a better opportunity than to do it on charity quilts. By the time you're done, you'll feel great about helping our community outreach program and have the confidence and drive to see your own project through.

In our newsletter we are going to publish more photos of the wonderful charity quilts we produce to give our Guild members a big pat on the back for their efforts. Please take the time to send your photos to Deb at DebShoemaker22@gmail.com

See some of you at AQS in Daytona and definitely at our March 13th Meeting.

Marie-Christine



Guild Address:

Quilt Guild by the Sea
PO Box 64
Boca Raton, FL 33429

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

March 13, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: Social Media—
"Where to Click" by Johanna Felberbaum
- Fat Quarter: Pastels
- 50/50 Raffle

March 20, 2018

- QOV Workshop

March 14-March 15, 2018

- Spring Camp

March 27, 2018

- Board of Directors Meeting

TIME CHANGE: 10:00 AM

March 28, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

April 10, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: How to Design a Scrappy Quilt by Tanya Ricucci
- Fat Quarter: Neutrals
- 50/50 Raffle

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

**IMPROVISATIONAL DESIGN—
MODERN MEDALLION WORKSHOP
by Debbie Krajkowski**

A Medallion Quilt is a quilt with a center block, surrounded by multiple borders. We will discuss how to take this old traditional favorite and make it modern. We will explore the basic units of quilting – squares or rectangles, half-square triangles, flying geese and quarter-square triangle. Incorporate blocks made from these units in your borders. And yes, we will start with the borders first. Let's learn some new skills and gain confidence in designing on the go. Debbie's personal goal is for everyone's quilt to be unique and original. Let's sew some things, change our mind, make some other things, designing and rearranging as we go. The design wall will become your favorite tool.



Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10 AM—4 PM

Member Fee: \$40.00

Non Member Fee: \$45.00

OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE—SIGN UP TODAY!

Sew Together Bag Workshop by Suzanne McGee and Jean DeFrances

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10 AM—4 PM

Member Fee: \$30.00

Non Member Fee: \$35.00

OPENINGS STILL AVAILABLE—SIGN UP TODAY!



Workshop Policies: Payments for workshops **must** be received at the time of sign-up. Workshop fees are refundable up to 5 days prior to scheduled date.

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

April 11, 2018

- Scrappy Quilt Workshop by Tanya Ricucci

April 17, 2018

- QOV Workshop

April 24, 2018

- Board of Directors Meeting

April 25, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

May 8, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: What is a Modern Quilt by Debbie Krajkowski
- Fat Quarter: Black & White
- 50/50 Raffle

May 9, 2018

- Modern Quilt Workshop by Debbie Krajkowski

May 22, 2018

- QOV Workshop

May 23, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA MYSTERY QUILT

SEWING DIRECTIONS

March 2018, Section 2

Cutting Directions for Section 2:

From Light background fabric cut (12) 2 5/8" strips. Cut(6) of these in half so that you have (12) 2 5/8" x approximately 20" strips and (6) that are the full width of the fabric. (A)

From each Fat Quarter cut (1) 2 5/8" x 20" strip. (B)

From the Dark Coordinating Background fabric cut (6) 2 5/8" strips. (C)

Sewing directions for Section II:

Make one strip-set per color (12 total) with the 2 5/8" light background (A) and the 2 5/8" fat quarter (B) strips. Cut (4) 4 1/2" segments from each strip-set (48 total).

4 3/4"

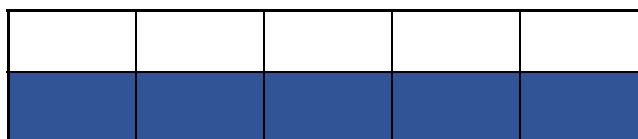
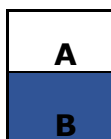


Make 1 Strip-set each color (12 total)



Cut 4 each color (48 total)

Make 6 strip-sets with full width of 2 5/8" strips of background fabric A and 2 5/8" strips of dark coordinating background fabric (C). Cut (48) 4 3/4" segments.

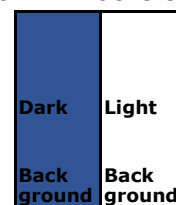
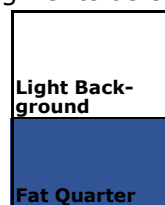


Cut (48)

Make (24) blocks, each with (4) segments as shown. Blocks should measure 9".

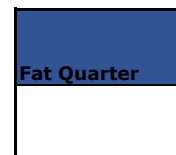
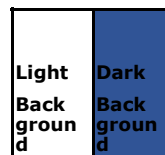
NOTE: Use the same fat quarter

For each individual 9" block.



Any questions, call Linda Freyer

954-649-0031



Make (24) blocks.

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

May 29, 2018

- Board of Directors Meeting

June 12, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: Oh Sew Modern Fabric by Michelle and Melissa
- Fat Quarter: Primary Colors
- 50/5 Raffle

June 13, 2018

- Sew Together Bag Workshop by Suzanne McGee and Jean DeFrances

June 19, 2018

- QOV Workshop

June 26, 2018

- Board of Directors Meeting

June 27, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

July 10, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: Block Party!
- Fat Quarter: Stripes
- 50/50 Raffle

"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"

QUILTS OF VALOR

Upcoming QOV Workshops:
April 17, 2018 from 9:30 AM—3:00 PM
 Grace Community church in the Music Room



∴ quilt of valor ∴

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.

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

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

MEET YOUR QOV TEAM:

Suzanne McGee - Star Producer

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 ; she gets the tops ready for longarm quilting.

Alice Van Lennep – Backing Director

Alice cuts and sews the backings for the tops, she requests longarmers from the QOV Foundation and mails the tops/backings to the longarmers to be quilted. Alice is also a longarmer who quilts our QOVs.

Kathy Louderback, Linda Bouvier, Kristi Kristol & Grace O'Donnell - Awards Supervisors:

These Ladies organize all of the quilt Awards presentations, they contact the nominees, the venues to make it possible to honor our Veterans.

A sincere THANK YOU to our QOV team and to all of our guild members that participate in our QOV program by making stars, binding, making pillow cases, coming to our workshops etc....

Looking forward to make many more Quilts of Valor and to honor many more of our Veterans,
 Diane
 Your Team Leader

EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

July 17, 2018

- QOV Workshop

July 24, 2018

- Board of Directors Meeting

July 25, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

August 13, 2018

Guild Meeting:

- Program: What is an Art Quilt by Candice Phelan
- Fat Quarter: Autumn
- 50/50 Raffle

August 21, 2018

- QOV Workshop

August 28, 2018

- Board of Directors

August 29, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

QOV PRESENTATION:

Two Quilts of Valor were awarded on behalf of Quilt Guild by the Sea at the South Florida All Airborne Chapter Installation Dinner.



Al Hartig served in the Army during WWII in Europe.



Jose Luis Perez-Ortiz served with the Army in Vietnam; he is the recipient of a Purple Heart.

On February 2, 2018 Mr. Sherwood Sherman was awarded a Quilt of Valor.



EVENT CALENDAR:

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

September 11, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: Member's Studios with Marcia Degner
- Fat Quarter: Spooky
- 50/50 Raffle

September 12, 2018

- Paper Piecing Workshop by Diane Provost

September 18, 2018

- QOV Workshop

September 25, 2018

- Board of Directors

September 26, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

October 9, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: Trunk Show by Dotty Levine
- Mystery Quilt Reveal
- Fat Quarter: Blue
- 50/50 Raffle

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COMFORT QUILTS

- On February 21, 2018, five Comfort Quilts were delivered to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Infusion Center.
- Job Responsibilities for Comfort Quilts:
 - ◇ Linda Eddy: room set-up and distribution.
 - ◇ Janet Fredricks: Fabric.
 - ◇ Wanda Goldfarb: Organization of patterns and kits.
- New Comfort Quilts and kits will be available at the 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

The next Comfort Quilts workshop is scheduled for **March 28, 2018**. Kits to take home will be available at the Guild meeting. There is something for everyone to do!

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



EVENT CALENDAR:

October 10, 2018

- Hand Applique Workshop by Dotty Levine

October 16, 2018

- QOV Workshop

October 24, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

October 30, 2018

- Board of Directors

November 13, 2018,

Guild Meeting

- Guild Elections
- Program: Sarah Michaels Machine Applique Trunk Show
- Fat Quarter: Red
- 50/50 Raffle

November 14, 2018

- Machine Applique Workshop by Sarah Michaels

November 20, 2018

- QOV Workshop

November 27, 2018

- Board of Directors

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FIDGET QUILTS

- The workshop in January was very productive and SO much fun! Please join us; everyone is welcome.
- The next Fidget workshop is scheduled for **March 28, 2018.**
- 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



EVENT CALENDAR:

November 28, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

December 11, 2018

Guild Meeting

- Program: Sale
- Fat Quarter: Batik
- 50/50 Raffle

December 26, 2018

- Comfort Quilts/Fidget Quilts Workshop

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

February 28—March 3, 2018

- AQS Quilt Week, Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

March 9— 10, 2018

- "Razzle Dazzle" Quilt Show, New Smyrna Beach, Fl.

March 10—11, 2018

- Quilting By the Gulf Quilt Show, Venice, Fl.

March 15—17, 2018

Lakeland Original Sewing and Quilt Expo, RP Funding Center, Lakeland

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COMFORT BEAR KITS:

- Thank you to Holly Faillace for taking over the collection and distribution of Comfort Bears.
- 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 Holly or Marie-Christine.



Volunteers needed:

Members interested in making embroidered faces by machine or hand are needed or a digitized file for machine embroidery is available.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CARING HEARTS:

"Those we hold closest to our hearts never leave us. They live on in kindness they have shared



HEART PILLOWS FOR BREAST CANCER

The Lincolnwood Bee has started making the heart pillows, pictured, for breast cancer patients and survivors. The pillow fits under the arm pit and eases the pain of lymph node surgery.

Anyone interested in joining us, our next meeting will be on **Friday, March 16, 2018**. Please join us.



DIRECTORY CHANGES:

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

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



IT'S A BEE!!!

Lincolnwood Bee:

Meets 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at Lincolnwood Clubhouse. The 1st Friday is an "Open Sewing" bee, and the 3rd Friday is a "Charity" day.

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





ANNUAL

MEMBERSHIP DUES

QGbtS annual membership dues for 2018 are **\$45.00.**

'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.**
- Dues are non-refundable.

For further information contact:

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NEW MEMBERS:

Lynne Gray

Carole Stephans

Cathy Wineinger



GUESTS:

Nargis Nagji



FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH DRAWING WINNER:

Ronnie Luber



50/50 RAFFLE WINNER:

Kathy Louderback



ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS:

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



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.



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:

Barniesmom123@gmail.com



FAT QUARTER OF THE MONTH: "Big Dream" Pastel Print Panel, Hoffman Fabrics

This oversized blooming Dahlia radiates with ombre pastel hues of lemon chiffon yellow, peach, petal pink, hot pink, pale purple, aquamarine, sky blue, and mint green. The flower petals radiate out from the center of this large panel to touch the edges. Panel 43" X 44" digitally printed from the 'Dream Big' collection by Jeanie Sumrall-Ajero for Hoffman Fabrics.



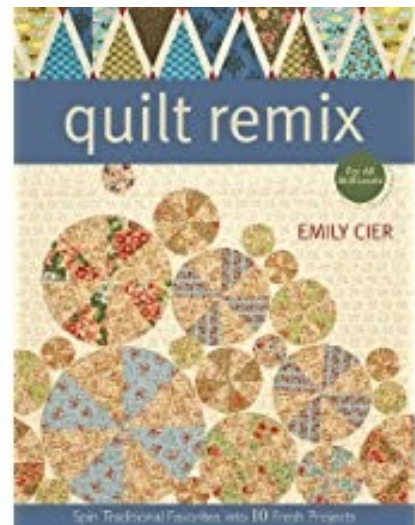
BOOK REVIEW:

Quilt Remix by Emily Cier

I have been doing more and more cutting, trimming, and resizing when constructing my quilts. I recently purchased three sizes of rotating cutting mats to make my task easier and more accurate.

When I saw the book "Quilt Remix", the content looked very interesting. The author utilizes traditional quilt patterns with basic piecing and applique methods and turns these patterns into artistic attention-grabbing modern designs.

The author introduces her quilt patterns by difficulty levels from beginner to advanced starting with log cabin and nine-patch designs and ends with Lone Stars. The results are spectacular! The patterns are pre-cut and scrap friendly.



Submitted by Joan Cohn

IS YOUR OLD SPOOL OF THREAD STILL GOOD FOR USE? By Beth Galvin, Courtesy of Craftsy

Time is not always kind to fabric — but what does it do to thread? And how do you know if the thread you have in your stash still good to use?



Thread is one of those items that you might find at estate sales, pick up at charity shops or even receive when a friend clears out an attic and brings you bagful's of stuff that "you can probably use since you sew."

Some older spools of thread are really lovely, and the array of colors on those wooden spools have such a great visual appeal. But can you use that thread?

THREAD, LIKE FABRIC, IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY MANY OF THE SAME CONDITIONS INCLUDING LIGHT AND HUMIDITY.

LIGHT

Light can cause your thread to fade and lose its beautiful color. It can also weaken the fibers so that it's not as strong as you want for sewing. If your thread is visibly faded, it's probably best to discard or use for less critical tasks.



Many threads are made of cotton, so think of how sunlight or other strong light acts on a cotton fabric: Light makes it weaker and more prone to disintegration. The same process happens to thread left in strong light.

HUMIDITY

Humidity is also a factor in the life of your thread. In a very dry atmosphere, your thread can become quite brittle. In a humid one, it can even develop mold or just be a bit sticky.

DUST

Dust can also affect the quality of thread. Dust can settle on spools. Then, once that spool is threaded on your sewing machine, that dust is just being pulled right down into the tension discs.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF THE THREAD IS NOT IN TIP-TOP SHAPE?

Use your muscles! Unspool a length of thread and give it a good tug. If it breaks easily, then perhaps it has become dry or brittle. If you are not sure whether it is breaking too easily, try this same procedure with a brand new spool of thread for comparison. It will become evident which spools are breaking too

IS YOUR OLD SPOOL OF THREAD STILL GOOD FOR USE? Continued

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WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH ALL THAT THREAD THAT ISN'T IN GOOD SHAPE ANYMORE?

Use it for other tasks that tend to "waste" good thread. Tailor's tacks, temporary basting and thread tracing are great uses for thread that is not quite good enough for the sewing machine but still seems to have some life in it.

I found these yellow and green threads at a garage sale. While they don't seem ideal for machine sewing, they are perfect for making very visible tailor's tacks in a variety of garments.

One category of thread that seems to age better than some others is silk thread. These spools above are quite old and yet very vibrant. They work perfectly to make hand-worked buttonholes or do silk basting.



MAKE YOUR THREAD LAST LONGER!

The key to thread survival is proper storage! Make sure your thread stays wound neatly on the spool to prevent tangling. Keep it out of the light and away from dust, and your rainbow of threads will be ready for your next colorful project.

How fabric shrinks...

Courtesy of Becky Goldsmith, Piece O Cake Blog on [January 15, 2018](#)

I always wash my fabric in the washer and dry it in the dryer before I use it in a quilt. One of the reasons I do this is because cotton fabric shrinks and I like to use fabric at its final size.

Individual fabrics shrink at varying rates. I didn't think about shrinkage details until I washed a 10"x10" Layer Cake. Like all Layer Cakes, the squares were perfectly cut and all the same size before I washed them. After laundering, I stacked the squares with the top and left sides even. Notice that the pieces are not square!



The pieces are all about the same length (close to 10" long), but they vary in width. Once I got to thinking about it, that makes sense. Fabric should shrink more from side-to-side (between the selvages) than it does along its length.

I took the top piece off the stack and turned it sideways. The blue fabric is 5/8" longer than it is wide. Remember, these began as 10" squares. The shrinkage across 40" would be 2 1/2"! Some fabrics shrunk less.



All of the fabric seems a little skewed. I think it's probably because none of the squares were cut truly on-grain.

So, what is the takeaway?

- ◆ When you use unwashed fabric in your quilt, don't be surprised if the shapes skew a bit when your quilt is washed and dried. (It's possible that air-dried quilts won't shrink/skew as much as quilts dried in a dryer.)
- ◆ This skewing effect is likely to be more noticeable on bigger shapes than on small shapes.
- ◆ You should not count on pre-cut fabric holding its size or shape.
- ◆ For me, this confirms that it pays to pay attention. You never know when you might learn a new thing.

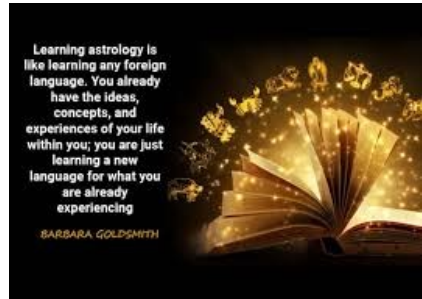
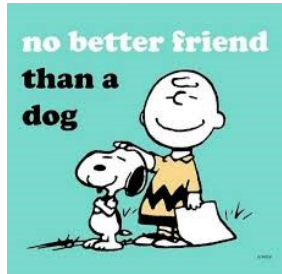
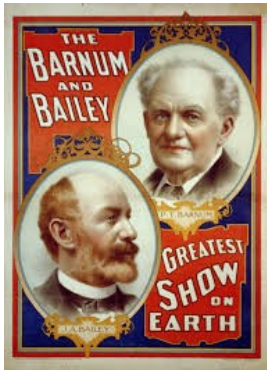
This is just one more reason to consider laundering your fabric before you use it.

HOLIDAYS—MARCH

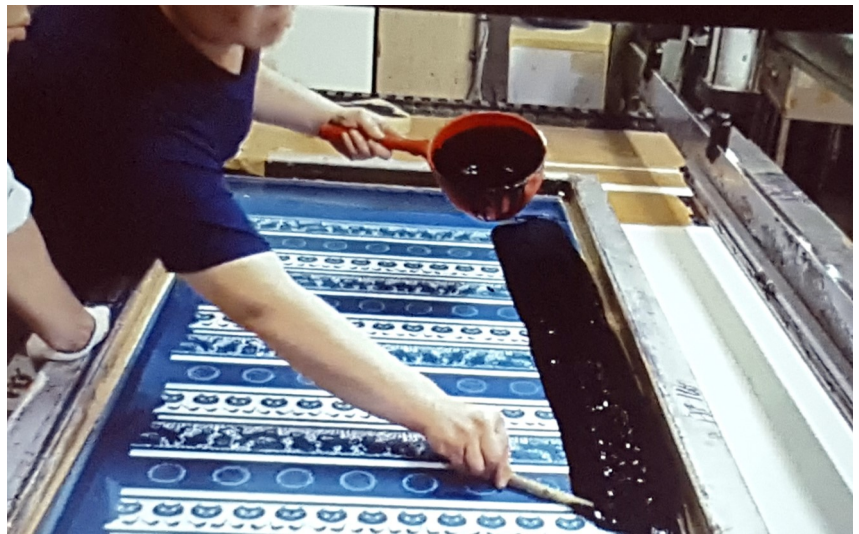
- March 2: Dr. Seuss Day**
- March 3: I want to be Happy Day**
- March 4: Academy Awards Day**
- March 8: Day for Women’s Rights**
- March 9: Barbie Day**
- March 10: Land Line Telephone Day**
- March 13: Donald Duck Day**
- March 17: World Quilting Day**
- March 20: International Astrology Day**
- March 23: National Puppy Day**
- March 26: Live Long and Prosper Day**
- March 28: Barnum & Bailey Day**
- March 31: National Crayon Day**



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QUILTING TREASURES—HOW ARE FABRICS MADE PRESENTATION:



"Anyone who works on a quilt,
who devotes her
time, energy, creativity, and passion to that art,
learns to value the work of her hands.

And as any quilter will tell you,
a quilter's quilting friends are some of the
dearest, most generous, and most supportive
people she knows."

- Jennifer Chiaverini



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