

## May 9, 2017

## GUILD MEETING

Guild Meeting

- Program:
- Show `n Tell
- Fat Quarter: Neutrals
- Mini-Challenge Tote Bag
- 50/50 Raffle



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

QGbtS is in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- Longarm Quilters
- Webmaster


## Guild Address:

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

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear QGbtS Members,
Our May meeting, on May 9th, should be lots of fun! We are asking everyone to wear an item that you have made... It can be a jacket, skirt, decorated jeans, a hat, a handbag or an accessory! Be sure to participate!! There will be prizes. Also, we are having our MiniChallenge of the QGbtS Tote Bag! So bring your entry and let everyone see your creativity shine!!

Our Guild continues to get larger! We now have 117 members. Remember our programs only remain strong if you participate! Please mark your calendar now to sign up for workshops that are available including the QOV and Comfort Quilt/Fidget Quilt/Comfort Bears Workshops! Join the fun and at the same time make a significant contribution to our community! You can also be involved by picking up kits for these projects and working on them at home. Your participation is always very much appreciated!!

See all of you at the meeting.

## Suzanne


Happy Mother's Day!


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Marianne Williamson "Movin Threads" Program Gallery (Cont'd):


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MINI-CHALLENGE VIEWER'S CHOICE

Bring your completed Minichallenge Tote Bag to the May meeting. A "favorite" bag will be chosen as Viewer's Choice.
!!! SAVE THIS DATE !!! ANNUAL RETREAT

Tuesday-Friday
November 7-11, 2017

Join us for QGbtS's annual retreat to be held at the Duncan Center. The cost will be $\$ 230.00$ for four days including lunch and dinner. Rooms are $\$ 80.00$ per night and can be shared. Additional information to follow.

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## EVENT CALENDAR:

May 9, 2017
Guild Meeting

- Program: Fashion Show
- Show `n Tell: Neutrals
- Viewer's Choice: Mini-Challenge-Tote Bags
- Fat Quarter: Neutrals
- 50/50 Raffle

May 16, 2017

- QOV Workshop

May 31, 2017

- Comfort and Fidget Quilt Workshop

June 13, 2013
Guild Meeting

- Program: Johanna Felberbaum of StitchCraft
- Show `n Tell
- 50/50 Raffle

June 14, 2017

- Cathedral Window Workshop: hand and machine finishing techniques by Ronnie Luber

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

Cathedral Windows Workshop (including hand and machine finishing techniques) by Ronnie Luber

Date: June 14, 2017
Location: Grace Community Church, Music Room

Time: 10 AM—4 PM
Fee: $\$ 30.00$


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.

QGbtS FUNDRAISING QUILT

GET YOUR TICKETS!!
We will start selling tickets for our new fundraising quilt in May; the drawing for the quilt will be held during the August meeting.


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## "The Frank McGee Memorial QOV Workshop"

Upcoming QOV Workshops:
May 16, 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

.: quilt of valor :. 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, paquinprovost@gmail.com

QUILTS of VALOR
All are WELCOME Join us and wrap a veteran with a Quilt

Sunday April 30, @ 10AM
Vizcaya Club House
15150 Michelangelo Blvd, Delray, 33446

16 Veterans will be awarded QOV
WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq

Please add your name at the gate by sending an email to Linda Bouvier @ Ibouvier@bellsouth.net


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JOURNEY HOME PRESENTATIONS:


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## QOV QUILT PRESENTATIONS:

On April 7, 2017 QOV quilts were presented members of Special Forces Association, Green Berets, at their monthly meeting held at 94th Aero Squadron in Miami.






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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

QGbtS annual membership dues for 2017 will be $\mathbf{\$ 3 5 . 0 0}$.

## '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 $\mathbf{\$ 5 . 0 0}$ 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

VIDEO QUILTING SHOWS

Missouri Star<br>The Quilt Show Shabby Fabrics<br>National Quilters Circle QNNTV<br>Sentimental Stitches<br>Fat Quarter Shop<br>Helen Stabbings<br>Sue Daley<br>Mary Corbet (embroidery)<br>Sew Can She AccuQuilt Craftsy<br>National Sewing Circle Jordan Fabrics Teaquilts Quilt Roadies<br>Quilt-Cam (Bonnie K Hunter)<br>Leah Day<br>The Crafty Gemeni Sew Very Easy<br>Just Hands - on TV McCalls Quilting Connecting Threads<br>\section*{Basic Quilting Shows}<br>Moda Fabrics<br>Amanol Rolfe Gourmet Quilter Eleanor Burns<br>Margaret Leuwen Quilting<br>Man Sewing<br>QuiltWoman.com<br>Equilter - Shows \& Interviews<br>Rose Smith

Submitted by Joan Cohn

M \& M's anyone?


TOP TEN QUILTING TOOLS Courtesy of the Quilting Board
I have seen several listings of the top ten this or that -- especially on late night television so I have decided to write the top ten quilting tools. Here is what I consider to be the top ten quilting tools. Check out this list and see if you are missing some of these items. You may find them useful for you in your quilting.

## Ten -- Flat Flower Pins And Magnetic Pin Catcher

The magnetic pin catcher comes in several shapes and colors. There are square pin catchers and round ones. Some are even heart shaped. All are made of plastic having a strong magnet inside.
Just throw the pins near the magnet and they will adhere to the plastic. It is also a very handy gadget for picking up pins that have been spread across the table or spilled on the floor.
If you have a computerized machine -- check with your dealer before placing a pin magnet near your sewing machine. Some machines can withstand a pin magnet fairly close but you want to be sure before you use one near the machine.
Flat flower pins are about two inches long with the head having a shape
 of a daisy like flower.
They can be used to stack layers of fabric for cutting. Because they are flat you can place the rotary ruler on top and cut - be careful not to cut the pins with your rotary cutter as cutting through the pins will dull the blade. Flat flower head pins can be used for piecing and every other need for pins! They are long and thin so will cause less bulk when pinning a seam. Once you use these pins you may use them for all piecing and quilting and only use other pins for special uses.

## Nine -- Wooden Press Bar And Little Irons

If you "finger press" while you are machine piecing you might want to invest in one of those little wooden pressing bars. They are very handy to have at the machine when piecing. If you use one of them instead of "finger pressing" you will save your fingernails. The wooden tools can be simply used right on your sewing_table and helps crease the seam allowance to one side.

Other options for pressing beside the sewing_machine would be the "wand" type mini irons or a small travel iron. Many different mini irons are available at the fabric stores and any one of them would work to have beside your machine for pressing as you machine piece. You would need to make or buy a small ironing pad. A large purchased potholder would work well for a small pressing surface.

There is one little craft iron that sells for about ten dollars that looks like a small bunny rabbit. It is very cute and although it only heats to one temperature, it is just the temperature you need to press cotton fabric. This little iron is small enough to go into a tote when traveling to a retreat or class.

## Eight -- Seam Ripper

Buy yourself a "state of the art" seam ripper. No matter how carefully we machine stitch we will eventually have a place we wish to take out. Some quilters call it "reverse sewing". Some quilters call their tool for un-sewing "Jack the Ripper". Whatever you call it and however often you use it, replace your seam ripper regularly. Seam rippers will dull with use and need to be replaced. If you have poor vision, try one of the new rippers with a little battery operated light that shines right on your work.

To properly rip out a seam -- turn your patches over so you are cutting the bobbin thread. Cut every third or fourth stitch. Then simply pull the top thread and the seam comes right out. Remove the few small lengths of bobbin thread that remain and you are ready to restitch. This method of ripping causes the least distortion of the fabric patches.


If you do a lot of chain piecing try one of the seam rippers mounted in a base. They hold a seam ripper in an upright position to cut apart the threads between patches when chain piecing. Or make one yourself by placing a ripper in an empty thread spool glued to a small block of wood.

## Seven -- Multi Viewing Lens

This multi-view lens is made from heavy plastic and is flat piece similar to a magnifying sheet. Rather than one magnifier this sheet has twenty five sections. Simply make one block and view it through the multi-view lens and see an entire quilt of twenty five blocks.

Another item is a small plastic viewer with a lens that you place near the eye and view through it. Again you can view one block

# TOP TEN QUILTING TOOLS (Cont'd): 

## Six -- Drafting Supplies

A Quilter needs a supply of $1 / 4$ " and $1 / 8$ " graph paper. A nice flat ruler with a $1 / 8$ " grid, scissors and clear tape. You'll also need a supply of pencils, erasers, colored pencils and tracing paper. Draw your quilt blocks on graph paper first. Overlay your tracing paper to color with colored pencils. By placing a fresh piece of tracing paper you can do another color selection. Continue with different color selections until you are satisfied.

If you are computer literate you might want to invest in one of the new quilt design software. While quilt design software shows great possibilities and can do many wonderful things you will find the hands on of graph_paper and pencils to be equally useful.

And sometimes it is just easier to grab a piece of graph_paper and sketch something quickly.

## Freezer Paper

Freezer paper has been around for a long time but it has been transferred from the kitchen to the sewing room. Freezer paper has some real possibilities.
Make templates -- if you are piecing a small project you might want to make your templates from freezer paper. Simply cut them out with or without seam allowance added and press the shiny side to the fabric using a warm iron. Use a small acrylic ruler and add your quarter inch seam allowance or simply cuit along the edge of the freezer paper depending on how your templates were prepared. For a sturdier template simply use two layers of freezer paper pressed together with a warm iron.
There is a small acrylic ruler available that is called "Add-a-Quarter". It is usually used for paper piecing but works well for simply adding the quarter inch to freezpaper templates that were cut out without seam allowance.
Appliqué -- many appliqué methods use freezer paper for a foundation to needle turn or use glue stick or liquid starch to turn under the seam allowance.

## Five -- 100\% Cotton Fabric And Thread

## 100\% Cotton Fabric and 100\% Cotton Sewing Thread

Quilters have asked for good quality $100 \%$ cotton quilting fabric and the fabric manufacturers have supBied it to us in great variety and quantity. In the 1970 s when quilting came back into popularity for the Bicentennial, very little $100 \%$ cotton fabric was available and many quilters had to settle for polyester blends just to get fabric to make quilts.
Now there is so much fabric available it is almost overwhelming to today's quilter. Thanks to the fabric manufacturers for hearing our pleas we now have many fabrics, prints, solids, stripes, polka dots, vintage reproductions, and novelty fabrics available to make our quilts.
Good quality sewing thread is very important to good piecing. If you use good quality $100 \%$ cotton sewing thread with your $100 \%$ cotton fabric your stitches will lay flat and there will be no small puckers from the thread pulling. If $100 \%$ cotton thread is unavailable use cotton covered polyester.
Buy a spool of $100 \%$ cotton thread and try it with your next piecing and machine quilting project. You will see the difference in your stitches will be more even and your seams will not pucker.

## Four -- Laser Cut Acrylic Templates

Several companies manufacture laser cut templates for specific blocks or an overall quilt. The templates for a specific block would include all pieces needed to make that block, and then you would add sashing or setting squares. Some templates available are one-patch charm templates to make the entire quilt of one shape, and some template sets are very extensive making an entire medallion quilt.
Many sets are available in chain fabric stores or online and will be a great help to quick cutting your next project. Almost any block, charm or full size medallion quilt is available in laser cut templates. You might need to do a little shopping online by typing the name of the block you wish into a search engine followed by the word "template". Many laser cut templates are available and most are very reasonable priced.
If you are interested in a specific block pattern template that is not commercially available there are individuals who will custom cut your acrylic templates for a reasonable price. Many who cut templates advertise in the classified section of national magazines or online.

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TOP TEN QUILTING TOOLS (Cont'd):

## Three -- Acrylic Rulers

Many different styles and sizes of acrylic rulers are available. The most common size is a $6^{\prime \prime}$ or $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 24$ ". Acrylic rulers come in different sizes and shapes. And some of them are specially designed for strip cutting.
Some acrylic rulers have a rough area that grips the fabric and keeps them from sliding or if you don't have that style there are plastic grippers that can be purchased. They will stick to the back of the ruler and keep it from sliding. If you wish you can also use small spots of sandpaper applied with double stick tape. Either way you want to keep your ruler from slipping when you are cutting


There are many acrylic rulers each having a different purpose. If you only have a few rulers a 6" $\times 24$ "" and a $61 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 13^{\prime \prime}$ are handy. A ruler with a 45 degree angle for mitering is also very useful. A $61 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ square and a $121 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square ruler are very useful for cutting larger squares and for trimming blocks.

## Two -- Rotary Cutters And Mats.

No list is complete without the rotary cutter. The rotary cutter brought quilting into the 21 st century We no longer have to cut a few pieces at a time with scissors or shears. We can cut multiple stacks of fabric with our rotary cutters and mats. Next to the sewing machine, the rotary cutter is probably a quilters most time saving piece of equipment.
Rotary cutters come in four sizes the most common being the 45 mm size. Many brands are available and come in both straight handle and ergonomic handles. Ask to try them at your quilt store so you will know which brand and style fits your hand.
When you purchase a rotary cutter be sure to purchase some extra blades so you will have them on hand when you need to change.
There are several brands of cutting mats. I prefer the brand with a harder Surface because it lasts longer and my blades stay sharper than some of
 the "self-healing" options.

## One -- Sewing Machine

There are quilters that believe that a quilt must be entirely hand made to be "authentic". This is not historically correct. If you wish to piece and quilt by hand that is your choice and you may want to make a special heirloom quilt using hand methods.
But sewing machines have been used to make quilts since their invention in the eighteen hundreds. Our foremothers were delighted to have a machine that helped them with the tedious task of making clothing, linens, and quilts and as soon as the machines were readily available they were being used to make everything. In fact when machines first were available it was a status symbol to own one and some even bought a machine on shares because it was too expensive for one person to own.
Quilts have been found that date back before the Civil War and they were machine pieced and machine quilted -- without the benefit of a walking foot. While we think we have to have the latest gadget to sew with our foremothers had a very
 basic and simple treadle sewing machine and they made beautiful quilts.
A basic sewing machine in good working order is all you need. Some options such as a walking or even feed foot would be nice but for piecing a simple straight stitch machine is all you need. Be sure to clean and oil it regularly.

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HOLIDAYS IN MAY

May 1: Mother Goose Day
May 4: Bird Day
May 4: Star Wars Day
May 5: Cinco de Mayo


May 6: National Nurses Day
May 8: Iris Day
May 8: No Socks Day
May 9: National Teachers Day
May 10: Clean up Your Room Day
May 13: Frog Jumping Day


May 14: Mother's Day
May 15: Chocolate Chip Day
May 16: Wear Purple for Peace Day
May 20: Pick Strawberries Day
May 25: National Wine Day
May 25: Tap Dance Day
May 29: Memorial Day
May 31: National Macaroon Day


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SHOW 'N TELL-APRIL


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## CLASSIFIED

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

The quilt tops pictures are "up for grabs." I bought them in Paducah 16 years ago...don't ask me why....

This quilt looks like 30's fabric, is hand pieced and measures about 62"x80".


The bottom quilt has some polyester pieces which seems to say '70's; it is machine pieced and measures about 64"x85".


Free to the first one to email me: Judy - jjquilter@aol.com

