



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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QGbtS General Meeting

Date: **April 9, 2024**

Program: **Jaimie Davis presents The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts**

50/50 Raffle

Fat Quarter Drawing: Pastels

Name Badge Drawing

Guild Address:

Quilt Guild by the Sea
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need your help! The following positions are open:

- Donation Quilt Chair
- Workshop Coordinator

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we begin April, we realize that 2024 is one fourth behind us. How are you doing on those resolutions? Have you reorganized your sewing room? What about those UFO's?

I had a UFO from a few years back (one of many), and almost finished it. Putting borders on is the one thing that I really enjoy as it completes the project, However, I decided to put a wider than usual border on which really looked great--on all three sides! At which time I realized that I only had a few inches left for the last border! Hunting for matching fabric was futile since many years had passed! Lesson learned measure and calculate, then cut!

By measures, this Guild is very productive. Amazing records are being made with contributions to our Outreach projects and QOV awards. We are fortunate to have kits available for all our projects, so the only expense for a member is thread and time. Have you challenged yourself with a QOV mystery quilt? Our support for Nick's Kids Camp will provide a treasure for each attendee. Acknowledge that quilting gives our lives purpose as we provide comfort and love to others.

Linda



A Gathering Quilt Pattern by Barbara Persing, Quail Pattern

FAT QUARTER DRAWINGS

Monthly fat quarter drawings will begin in April at the end of each meeting before Show 'N Tell. The theme for April is pastels. A theme calendar will follow in the newsletter.

Bring a fat quarter and you may be the winner of a terrific selection of new fat quarters for your stash!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

April 9, 2024

Program: Jaimie Davis presents *The History and Mystery of Baltimore Album Quilts*

"The history of Baltimore Album quilts is a fascinating journey into an America headed for the Civil War. Discover how the industrial revolution, the struggle over slavery and the social and moral climate of the time contributed to this beautiful art form. Through stories, Jaimie will explore how the demise of Baltimore Album quilts leads us into the hearts and minds of the women who made them, and find out how a pregnancy, a Christmas gift and a quilt class gone horribly wrong helps to explain the mystery behind why these quilts disappeared almost overnight. It's a funny, provocative and insightful look into some of America's most beautiful treasures".

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Guest Fee: \$10.00
(non-refundable)



CARING HEART



Caring Hearts helps us share and support members who are ill or experiencing difficult times.

If you feel anything should be included in this section, please contact Deb Shoemaker at 954-629-1720 or DebShoemaker22@gmail.com



Membership dues are \$50.00. It is preferred that dues are paid by check or can be given to Jean DeFrances at the Guild Meeting or sent to Jean DeFrances, 6451 Parkview Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33433. Dues may also be paid by credit card through the Guild website, QuiltGuildbytheSea.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

May 14, 2024

Program: Kevin Womack presents *Finding My Path*

Join Kevin on a tour of his colorful quilting journey as he digitally shares over 75 examples spanning more than 38 years. Starting from humble beginnings in 1986 and traveling through precision piecing of traditional quilts, Kevin soon developed a love for hand dyeing and patterning his own fabrics. Discover his story as Kevin leads you down his personal path to becoming the artist that he is today.

Kevin Womack is a textile artist living in Lynchburg, Virginia.

In 1986, Kevin was introduced to quilting by his maternal grandmother. Having always loved the legacy of family quilts, he decided to have her teach him the tradition. While his interest in other media has waned, his passion for fiber has endured.

Kevin is passionate about hand dyeing and patterning fabrics with surface design techniques.

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Guest Fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

June 11, 2024

Program: Jenny Lyon presents *The Beauty of the Imperfect*

The imperfect is beautiful! I'll show you inspiring and encouraging examples of my work as well as the work of world renowned quilters and artists that are beautiful in their imperfection and I'll share my journey to imperfection.'

I have been joyfully teaching the art of quilting since 2006. I love seeing my students realize that they CAN quilt their own work on a domestic machine.

I use my domestic sewing machine to create art quilts and wearable art. I love to watch my machine stitches create line, texture, and shadow as they merge on the surface of the fabric.

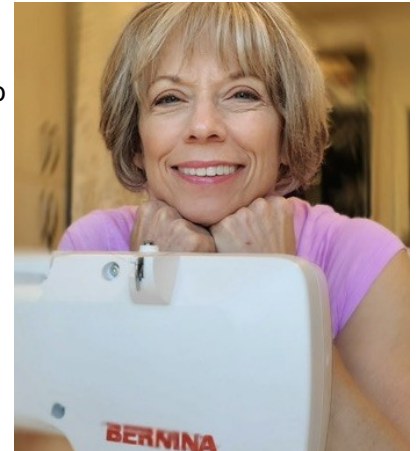
My work has been juried into a variety of major shows including Houston and Paducah as well art galleries and SAQA exhibits. Some are held by private collectors.

I call myself the Quilt Skipper because once while quilting my own quilt, I was so delighted by the unexpected beauty of it and what emerged from my needle, that I found myself cheerfully skipping around the house when I took my breaks. It is my joy to create art with free motion quilting.

My current work is centered around whole-cloth pieces, with intricate free-hand free-motion quilting. Because there is little or no piecing, the story is told through the line of the thread. I consider this work to be "sculpting" the fabric since the stitches create line and shadow upon the quilt's surface.

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Guest Fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

July 9, 2024

Program: Meg Cox presents *Behind the Scenes of the World's Greatest Quilt Museum*

Let Meg Cox, who serves on the board of advisors for the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, open the vaults and reveal the treasures of this astounding place. Her PowerPoint lecture will show you masterpiece quilts, introduce you to curators and break down the steps in mounting an exhibition. IQM boasts a broad and unique collection of American quilts,, including the red and white quilts that dazzled the quilt world when hung in Manhattan's Park Avenue Armory in 2011. But it has also collected quilts from more than 55 countries. Meg created this presentation to benefit the museum she loves so she donates every penny to the IQM. To make it even more fun, the museum will donate a fun door prize from its museum store to your guild.

Meg Cox is a veteran journalist and author who has been quilting since 1988. Her writing career includes 17 years on staff with the Wall Street Journal. For over a decade, her journalism and lectures have focused almost exclusively on the topic of quilts. She has been a staff writer at Quiltfolk magazine since 2018 and has written a popular FREE newsletter called Quilt Journalist Tells All! since 2008. Her bestselling resource guide *The Quilter's Catalog* was published by Workman. She has taught quilting at guilds and museums across the country and is currently on the advisory board of the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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MONTHLY FAT QUARTER LIST FOR 2024

APRIL	Pastels
MAY	Florals
JUNE	Flags/Patriotic
JULY	Summer/Brights
AUGUST	Plaids
SEPTEMBER	Halloween
OCTOBER	Fall
NOVEMBER	Polka dots



A new study shows
that people who have a
ridiculous amount of
quilts and quilting supplies



live longer than those
who point it out.

IF YOU SEE ME WITH A
SEAM RIPPER



— NOW IS —
NOT THE TIME

OUTREACH PROGRAM ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR JUNE:

- Pat Lynes will need a back-up for her position in June while she is in Italy. Please contact her by phone at 909-331-7549 or via email patlynes29@gmail.com if you are willing and able to lend a hand.



MANAGER POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2024

Comfort Quilt Manager:

- Coordinate and store fabric donations
- Make patterns and kits
- Buy, store and distribute batting
- Coordinate label purchase
- Set up monthly meeting table with all items for member use
- Give a monthly report in person at meeting and email with pictures for newsletter.
- Check every quilt for stray pins, threads, and label before delivery.
- Organize delivery arrangements
- Organize and set up guild outreach workshops
- Organize and prepare quilt tops for longarmers or others willing to quilt and bind.

Workshop Manager:

- Select subject for workshop
- Coordinate sign up sheet, time, place, and cost of workshop (Workshop cost needs to cover expenses of the workshop; costs will break even).
- Supervise room set-up, etc.
- Collect workshop fees & give to treasurer.



**SHOW 'N TELL VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed at our in person meetings to hold Show 'N Tell quilts and assist Marlys with pictures. Please contact Linda Eddy (561-376-3996) or email eddylinda1007@yahoo.com if you would be willing to help.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

April 5, 2024	QGbtS Quilt Auction
April 9, 2024	General Meeting
April 10, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
April 17, 2024	Outreach Workshop
April 24, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
April 30, 2024	Board Meeting
May 8, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
May 14, 2024	General Meeting
May 22, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
May 28, 2024	Board Meeting
June 11, 2024	General Meeting
June 12, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
June 25, 2024	Board Meeting
June 26, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
July 9, 2024	General Meeting

**QUILT AUCTION
April 5, 2024
3:00 PM**

This is just a brief reminder of the Quilt Guild by the Sea upcoming Quilt Auction in conjunction with the Boca Raton Garden Club.

We are accepting quilts of all sizes. The money that is raised at the auction will fund Guild programming and education. Bring any quilt you would like to donate to the Guild meeting or drop them off at the home of Dellie Krebs. Dellie can be reached via email delliek@att.net.

In the meantime, **SAVE** the date. Each attendee will receive one complimentary ticket to enter a raffle for one of the donation quilts.



QOV WORKSHOP:

- 18 members were in attendance at the QOV Workshop in March. It was well received and much was accomplished.



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA/BOCA RATON GARDEN CLUB QUILT AUCTION

As you know, Quilt Guild by the Sea is launching a new fundraiser in conjunction with the Boca Raton Garden Club.

First, we would like to thank you for the beautiful quilts you've given us for the auction, so far.

To make this a successful fundraiser for our guild, we need each and everyone of you to attend, as well as your non-quilting friends. We have 50 quilts that will be auctioned. We have had many requests from our friends to have a sale of our quilts. We're hoping this will prove to be a new way to raise money for our guild and for our out-reach programs.

I especially want to thank each of you for your generous donations of the quilts to be auctioned. They are beautiful. And also the variety of styles and colors will appeal to a wide range of buyers.

We need to request your help during the auction.

HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Quilt handlers: actual showing of the quilts during auction.
- Cashier
- Greeters
- Auctioneer

Thank you for all your help

Quilt Auction Committee: Sarah Crew, Dellie Krebs, Sheila Solen, Ellen Heckler, Mary Rao

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Crew via email: sfcrew41@gmail.com or 561-809-0244

Thank you,

Sarah



Quilt pictured made and donated by Jean DeFrances.

"THE FRANK MCGEE MEMORIAL QOV WORKSHOP"

Nominate a Veteran

Do you know a deserving Veteran that was touched by war? It is time to nominate them. We have many quilts available right now to present. Reserve one for a family member, a friend, a colleague, a neighbor, etc...or tell them how to nominate themselves.

It's easy to nominate a Veteran in 4 easy steps:

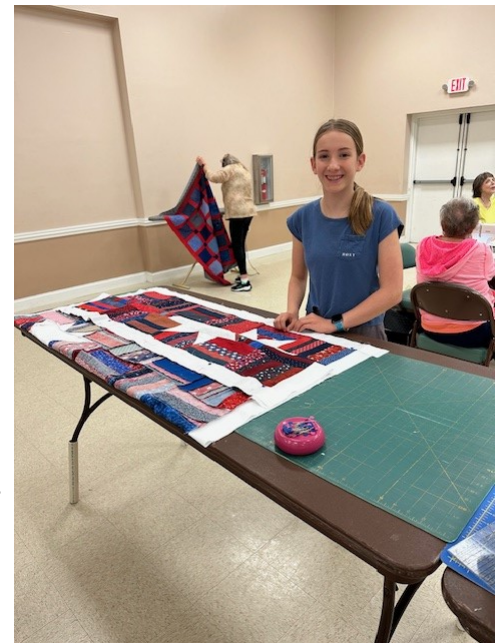
- Sign in to **QOVF.org**
- The link to nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor.
https://www.qovf.org/nominate_qov_tbw_certify/
- Click "Nominations and Awards" at the top of the page
- Read the Eligibility and Mission of Quilts of Valor
- Click the box for "online nomination form" and complete the form
- In the comments area, please write that you wish to have this quilt request go to QGbtS.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:

QOV NEWS:

- 33 QOV Quilts completed YTD.
- 28 QOV quilts have been awarded YTD.
- Kudos to Kate, age 15; she is Marlys' granddaughter. Kate completed her first QOV quilt and will be awarding it to a Veteran.
- The Mystery quilt clue #2 will be emailed to participants on April 1. If you have not picked up your Mystery quilt kit, it will be available at the next meeting.
- **Do you live in an area with Veterans?** Help us plan presentations for 2024. Let Linda Bouvier know at lbouvier@bellsouth.net



QOV WORKSHOP AT LAURA'S:

- QOV Workshops at Laura's are scheduled on April 10th and April 24th from 11 AM—3 PM. Please contact Rochelle Staiano at (203) 505-0273 or via email: sashakins@hotmail.com if you would like to attend or sign-up on the sign-up sheet at the monthly Guild meeting.

COMFORT QUILTS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:

COMFORT QUILT NEWS:

• **SAVE THE DATE:**

On April 17, 2024 an Outreach workshop will be held at the Boca Raton Community Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

- YTD we have received 91 completed Comfort quilts.
- Twenty-three Comfort quilts are ready to be delivered in April and 2 NICU quilts were delivered in February.
- In addition, eighteen Comfort quilts and 32 Pillow Pals were delivered to Amy Chiera for Nick's Camp; our goal is 100 quilts.
- NICU quilts are always needed and much appreciated. As well as men's and teenage boy Comfort quilts.

Comfort quilt size specifications are:

- Juvenile Comfort Quilts are needed in Trauma Centers. Crib size is suggested.
- Teenage and Tween Comfort Quilts are needed. The size should be approximately 40" X 70" in bright colors, geometric or modern prints, sport prints, or denim fabrics.
- The Guild has some batting available.
- Novelty and juvenile fabrics are needed as well as 2 yard measures of fabric for backings. Contact: Pat Lynes at 954-331-7549 or email: patlynes29@gmail.com with any questions.
- **NOTE:** Quilt tops should be 40" wide so that we can use one width of fabric and do not have to piece the backs. If you are using your own backing and batting and are doing your own quilting, feel free to make them wider and/or longer.



COMFORT QUILTS (CONT'D):

- The size of the NICU coverlets quilts is **36" X 36"**.
- We need domestic machine quilters to help us get our quilt tops finished! Feel free to practice your quilting or quilt simple straight lines . Take the time and opportunity to quilt your Comfort quilts on your machine; practice, hone your skills, and try new techniques and patterns. The final product does not have to be perfect.
- Longarmers are needed to quilt Comfort Quilts. If you would like to volunteer your skills, please contact Linda Eddy.

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FIDGET QUILTS:

• **SAVE THE DATE:**

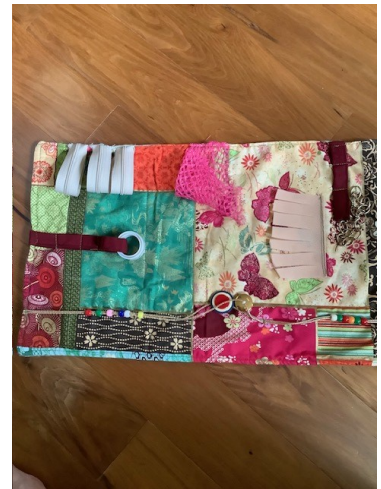
On April 17, 2024 an Outreach workshop will be held at the Boca Raton Community Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

- YTD 28 Fidget quilts have been received; 11 were received in March.
- The demand for Fidget Quilts, for adults and children, is higher than we are able to meet. Think about using UFOs or some unfinished projects and turning them into Fidgets! **Many more are needed for our community.**



- **Join the Fidget Challenge!** It's as simple as creating 1 Fidget quilt per month.

- Needed: Embellishments, knick-knacks, and any other fun objects to create Fidget quilts! Please contact Ellen Heckler if you have anything to donate. Placemats make wonderful Fidgets; all they need is embellishments.



- For additional information, please contact Ellen Heckler 561-245-8280 or by email at Ellen.heckler@gmail.com



COMFORT BEARS/PILLOW PALS:

SAVE THE DATE:

- On April 17, 2024 an Outreach workshop will be held at the Boca Raton Community Center from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- There are several new bears in production.
- Two completed Comfort Bears were received for Nick's Camp.
- Comfort Bear kits complete with paper pattern, fabric and ready-to-sew -on bear faces are available. This is a quick and easy project that will make a child smile.
- **Please do not fringe corduroy bears - they shred.**
- Pattern and instruction for the Bear can be found on the QGbtS website.
- If you need fiberfill stuffing for your bears or have any questions, or need additional information, contact Pat Lynes: 909-331-7549 or email pat_lynes@yahoo.com



NOTE: If you have taken any bear faces and not returned a completed bear, please do so. We have a limited number of faces. Thank you!

PILLOW PALS

- Pillow Pals are being well received. Currently there are 18 available.
- Additional Pillow Pal kits will be available at the General Meeting or contact Jean DeFrances for more Pillow Pal information.

SHOW 'N TELL—MARCH:



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WILD AND WACKY HOLIDAYS— APRIL:

- April 1: April Fools Day
- April 3: National Film Score Day
- April 6: National Hand Made Day
- April 7: No Housework Day
- April 9: National Cherish An Antique Day
- April 14: National Gardening Day
- April 15: Boston Marathon
- April 16: National Orchid Day
- April 18: Animal Cracker Day
- April 22: Passover begins
- April 23: National Lost Dog Awareness Day
- April 27: National Little Pampered Dog Day
- April 30: Bug Bunny Day





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