



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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QGbTS General Meeting

Date: December 12, 2023

Social Time: 9:30 AM

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

QOV Presentation—please wear red, white, and blue

Program: "What Was I Thinking" Sale

50/50 Raffle

Name Badge Drawing

Guild Address:

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need your help! The following positions are open:

- Quilt Exhibit Chair
- Donation Quilt Chair
- Newsletter Assistant
- Publicity Chair
- Workshop Coordinator

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Everyone,

Wow! I can't believe that it has been 2 years since I became your president. So much has happened in these 2 years; we've gone from strictly on-line meetings due to the pandemic to our current hybrid meetings. We lost our beloved Gold Coast Quilters Guild; this was truly heartbreaking but they say that every cloud has a silver lining. The silver lining from this cloud is that we have increased our membership with the welcoming addition of Gold Coast members joining us and the knowledge and experience as a guild are proving to be invaluable as we move forward.

I want to thank the Board for their unwavering support these past 2 years. I could not have done it without you, especially in the last few months that have been so hectic for me, personally, and for picking up and carrying on when I've had my meltdowns. You ladies are the absolute greatest. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Our new president is Linda Eddy. I know she will lead us forward to bigger and better things in the coming year. I can't think of anyone more capable to be our president. Good luck, and God Bless you, Linda. I symbolically turn the gavel over to you. The actual gavel, seems to have been "misplaced" during my move.

It has been a privilege and an honor to have been your president. I'm taking a few months off to settle into my new home, then I look forward to serving the guild in any way that I can. Til then, I'll see you at the meetings.

Have a great time at the "What Was I Thinking" sale! Bring your own shopping bags, if possible.

Remember, **we are not having Show 'n Tell** this month.

Happy Quilting,
Sarah



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2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS RESULTS

We are pleased to announce a wonderful slate of Officers for 2024.

President: Linda Eddy

President Elect: Karen Berman

Secretary: Sheila Solen

Treasurer: Jean DeFrances

We also have a wonderful team of Directors, Chairs and Co-chairs. They are:

Membership Director: Ellen Birnbaum

Program Director: Marcia Degner

Publications Director: Deb Shoemaker

Technology Director & Historian: Ann K. Ford

QOV Co-Chairs: Linda Bouvier

Kristi Kristol

Outreach Services Chair: Pat Lynes

MANAGER POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2024

P.O. Box Manager:

- Your Guild needs a volunteer to take over the duties Lee Hasse has faithfully assumed since 2013. That is a very long time. Thank you very much Lee.
- The Guild PO Box is located at 170 NE 2nd Street in Boca Raton (East of Federal).
- The job consists of picking up the mail twice a month, opening it and making arrangements to distribute it to the appropriate chairs depending on the contents of the box. (Example: Checks go to the Treasurer).
- No key is needed, the PO Box has a coded combination.
- It is not a big job demanding a lot of time but it is critical to the Guild.
- Contact Marie Christine Leavitt (mcglquilt@gmail.com) for details.

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CARING HEARTS



- Condolences to Lee Hasse for the loss of her husband, Dave.
- Continued wishes for a speedy recovery to Ellen Birnbaum.

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2024 are \$50.00. It is preferred that dues are paid by check and can be 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, however, there are bank fees associated with each card payment. During December Guild meetings dues may be paid by cash or check, or in person.

The Guild would appreciate your renewal as soon as possible.

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, label and 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

December 12, 2023

Program:

- QOV Presentation/wrapping
- "What Was I thinking" Sale

Location: Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd

THIS IS AN IN-PERSON MEETING ONLY

Guests are welcome to attend; there be no guest fee at this meeting.

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January 9, 2024

Program: Minimal Design and Maximum Impact presented by David Owen Hastings

The modern quilting movement is evolving and changing, but one thing remains consistent: simple, spare design combined with thoughtful quilting make an outstanding combination.

"I'm a quilter, graphic designer, print and textile artist, and a former President of the Seattle Modern Quilt Guild. I create contemporary art and modern minimal quilt and textile designs."

This talk gives "an overview of my process for coming up with simple graphic quilt designs, starting with stitched paper models. I show examples of how to translate an architectural photo into a quilt design, and have many samples of mini quilts I created using this process. The techniques I present are also great for making unique modern quilt block designs."

Location: Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd (Zoom is also available)

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Guest Fee:\$10.00 (non-refundable)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 13, 2024

Program: Paula Golden presents Hawaiian Quilt Making

Born in southern California, Paula grew up in Germany when her father took a teaching position overseas. "Using fiber as a creative means to communicate is intrinsic to my very being. It links me to the continuum of men and women who have stitched their lives in fiber to provide warmth and nourishment for the body and soul." Her passion for the stories behind the quilts is a leading theme in her work.

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Guest Fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable)





What Was I Thinking Sale!!

Support QGbtS!!!

Check closets, drawers, and hidden boxes for “treasures” that you know you will never use...

For example:

- *½ yard or more of fabric;*
- *bundles of similar fat quarters;*
- *special rulers;*
- *an iron you used once;*
- *unused project bags;*
- *sewing or embroidery books;*
- *sewing tools or notions*

Packaging and Pricing:

Be sure to bundle, tag and bag smaller items (use clear plastic bags)

Using blue painters tape or masking tape, and using a dark marker clearly write a price (**even dollars only!**) Be realistic... Please price items to sell!

Bring items to the December 13th meeting and deliver your items to the sales tables. If donating please come to the meeting prior to 9:45 AM so the meeting can start on time.

Shop at the end of the meeting and take home something you always wanted!

Thank you in advance for your support!

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 Sarah Crew at (561-809-0244) or email sfcrew41@gmail.com if you would be willing to help. (561-809-0244) sfcrew41@gmail.com



EVENTS CALENDAR:

December 12, 2023	General Meeting (In-Person ONLY)
December 26, 2023	Board Meeting
January 9, 2024	General Meeting
January 30, 2024	Board Meeting
February 13, 2024	General Meeting
February 27, 2024	Board Meeting
March 12, 2024	General Meeting
March 26, 2024	Board Meeting
April 9, 2024	General Meeting
April 30, 2024	Board Meeting
May 14, 2024	General Meeting

PROMOTION/PUBLICITY CHAIR NEEDED



Quilt Guild by the Sea is one of Boca's best kept secrets, and we need to get our name out there and let people know who we are and what we do! If you have publicity or promotional experience, or media contacts, and would like to help put us on the map, so to speak, this position is perfect for you. For further details please contact President Sarah Crew. Your assistance will help the Guild continue to benefit its members and people in need.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

2024 Membership renewals have begun.

Our programs and workshops, throughout 2023, have been outstanding and our line up of programs for 2024, with nationally known presenters, will continue to amaze and inspire you.

We would appreciate it if you would consider paying by check or cash so that the guild does not have to pay a processing fee for credit cards.

You can bring a check to any of our upcoming meetings, mail it to our incoming Treasurer, Jean DeFrances, 6451 Parkview Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33433.

Credit Card payment can be achieved by accessing our website and clicking the **STORE**.

We are looking forward to an exciting and inspiring 2024.

Ellen Birnbaum

Membership Chairperson



UPCOMING FLORIDA QUILT SHOW CALENDER:

NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Ladies of the Lake Quilt Show	1/19—1/20		First Presbyterian Church 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr Lakeland, FL33801
Quilting in Paradise	2/2—2/3/24	9:00 AM—4:00 PM	9221 SE Event Center Place Port Saint Lucie, Fl
Pocketful of Sunshine	2/16-2/18/24	9:00 AM—4:00 PM	6630 Van Buren Street New Port Richey, Fl
Gathering of Quilts	2/23—2/24/24	9:00 AM—4:00 PM	Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center 75 Taylor Street Punta Gorda, Fl
Stitches in Time 2024 Quilt Show	3/1-3/2/24	9:00 AM—4:00 PM	New Hope Ministries 7675 Davis Blvd Naples, Fl

"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 are hoping to restart our Quilts of Valor awards in 2023 and 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.

QOV NEWS:

- 105 QOV quilts have been awarded YTD.
- 127 QOV quilts have been completed YTD.
- **Do you live in an area with Veterans deserving a QOV quilt?** Help us plan presentations for 2024. Let Linda Bouvier at lbouvier@bellsouth.net

QOV WORKSHOP AT LAURA'S:

- QOV Workshops at Laura's are scheduled on November 8th 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.



QOV PHOTO GALLERY—NOVEMBER 2023:



Kristi and Linda awarded John Schrey, Marine, his quilt of Valor.



Sue Glasnapp awarded John Stein his Quilt of Valor at Banyan Place.



QOV PHOTO GALLERY—NOVEMBER 2023:

Sue, Marlys, Kristi and Linda had the honor of awarding 10 veterans their Quilts of Valor today at Banyan Place.



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More Quilts of Valor today at Banyan Place.





Kristi and Linda had the honor of awarding Paul Kalkstein, Air Force and James Sanders, Army their Quilts of Valor.



Kristi and I presented Lawrence Straus his Quilt of Valor at Vizcaya.



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Grace had the honor of awarding a Quilt of Valor to Kenneth O. on behalf of Quilt Guild by the Sea during a cake cutting celebration of the U.S. Marines Corps 248th birthday. He served in the U.S. Marines for a total of 32 years during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and in Bosnia, Kosovo, Haiti, and Africa. He was thanked for his service to our country and our community and welcomed home.



COMFORT QUILTS:

Message from Maureen:

Hi All!

Well **our media interview is back on** again! A WPTV reporter will be there along with Hospital Reps and Pinecrest Rehab Reps. This will take place at Pinecrest Rehab Hospital which is part of Delray Medical Center on **Monday, December 4 at 10:30 am to 11:30 am**. This will be a fast paced event !

A conference room has been reserved for us to set up enough of a "workshop" to show how we make a quilt. Pat Lynes and I will bring sewing machines to show "piecing" a quilt and "quilting" the three layers. I will set up a basting area to show that process. We may have a binding demo, too. We will be interviewed there and then bring finished quilts to the rehab unit to give out and they will have more interviews there.

Right now, I have Pat Lynes, myself, Linda B, Sarah Crew as definitely attending. Maybe's are Kristi K and Susan Rowe and Linda Eddy. A few more are welcome so please let me know if you would like to attend!

Again, this will be fast paced for us to get set up, in place and ready. We will meet at 10:30 am sharp inside the entrance to Pinecrest Rehab which is at the back of the Delray Medical Complex and has its own parking lot. Andrew has asked us NOT to come to the Hospital Entrance in the front. So if you enter the Delray medical complex in the front from Linton Blvd, just follow the signs and the arrows labeled "Pinecrest Rehab" and drive to the rear of the complex right into a large parking area and you will see the front entrance to Pinecrest Rehab. So please let me know if anyone else is interested in attending.

Pinecrest Rehab Hospital
5360 Linton Blvd
Delray Beach, FL 33484
(SW corner of Linton and Military Trail.

- The current quilt count YTD is at 481; 239 Adult, 183 child/Teen, 59 NICU . **AWESOME!!**



- NICU Quilts delivered.
- NICU quilts are always needed and much appreciated. Men's and teenage boy/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.
- **A maximum of 40" wide**, and a minimum of **48 - 54"** in length.
- **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.
- 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.
- Contact: Maureen Drudi at 954-427-2456 or email: mdrudi@hotmail.com with any questions.



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- Contact: Maureen Drudi at 954-427-2456 or email: mdrudi@hotmail.com with any questions.

FIDGET QUILTS:

- YTD we have delivered 84 Fidget Quilts.
- 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:

- Thank you to Amy Chiera for contributing a whole family of Comfort Bears this month.
- There are several new bears in production.
- Comfort Bear kits complete with paper pattern, fabric and ready-to-sew 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 Janet Copen at (954) 632-1181 or email jecopen@aol.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— NOVEMBER 2023



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Ellen Birnbaum: I started this I believe in 2011. It began with a salvaged project, which was a lot of fun I sewed the binding on while I have been recovering from my hip surgery. Yay, it's finally finished. It's a table runner for my daughter.

SHOW 'N TELL— NOVEMBER 2023



The first is a Christmas panel. The Christmas tree skirt was a pattern called Luminous, designed by Jenice Belling of Quilted Garden Designs.



Frances Student: I recently took a class on making cards with fabric. These are a few that I made.

WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER:

December 4: Santa's' List Day

December 7: Chanukah begins

December 7: Pearl Harbor Day

December 8: National Brownie Day

December 9: Christmas Card Day

December 10: Nobel Prize Day

December 12: Poinsettia Day

December 13: Violin Day

December 14: National Bouillabaisse Day

December 18: Bake Cookies Day

December 20: Hang Up Your Stocking

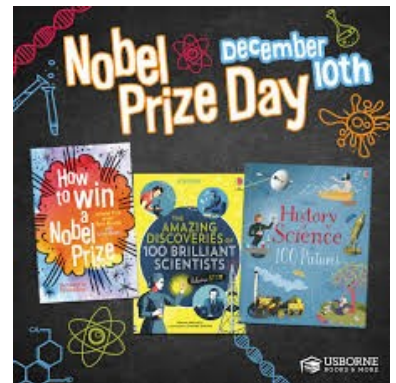
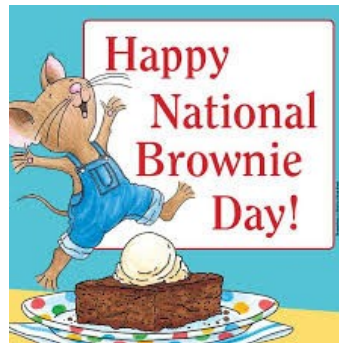
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December 25: Christmas Day

December 26: National Candy Cane Day

December 31: New Year's Eve





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