



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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QGbtS General Meeting

Date: February 13, 2024

Social Time: 9:30 AM

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Program: **Paula Golden presents Hawaiian Quilt Making**

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
- Publicity Chair
- Workshop Coordinator

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we move into February, the shortest month of the year, we celebrate LOVE. All of us have experienced more than one type of love with varying degrees of intensity and involvement.

Undoubtedly, love is one of the best feelings in the world.



According to the ancient Greeks, there are eight words that describe these various types of love.

EROS—Romantic, Passionate Love. It was named after the Greek God of fertility.

PHILIA—Affectionate Love, Friendship, often called Platonic, after Plato, since physical attraction was not necessary.

AGAPE—Universal Love. Selfless. This is a love larger than self which reaches out to others, with boundless empathy and compassion.

STORGE—Affection shared between family members. It could also be patriotism for your country or team devotion.

MANIA—Obsessive Love is exhibited by co-dependency, stalking, jealousy, and violence,

LUDUS—Playful love, our first crush is an example.

PRAGMA—Enduring Love. This is built on time and maturity, a long-term commitment filled with patience and tolerance for an enduring relationship.

PHILAUTIA--Self Love. We must care for ourselves before we can care for others. "All friendly feelings for others are an extension of a man's feeling for himself." (Aristotle)

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PRESIDENTS LETTER (cont'd):

As Quilters, our love and prayers are intertwined with each of our projects. We have given so much love and joy to every recipient of our projects. Additionally, as a guild, we have the opportunity to spread love, joy and hope to a special group of children. Our board has voted to support Nick's Kids. These are children who spend a week in a camp in Eustis, Florida. The camp sponsors children with medical needs. Nick's Kids sponsors the week for children who have been diagnosed with cancer. There will be approximately 150 children who we will be gifting with our Outreach projects. The need is for a minimum of 40 Quilts and 100 Pillow Pals and/or bears. We will easily meet this challenge by June 30, 2024, if each member completes just one item!

You will be inspired at our February meeting to hear more about this special endeavor!

Sharing Agape Love,

Linda Eddy



"To work together in the spirit of faith and giving in our community.
To promote and support children, family, teacher and student
causes. It's all about the kids!"



CARING HEART



Notice of Bereavement:

It is with a sad heart that we convey the passing of the father of David Jordan. David and his wife, Laura, are the owners of Laura's Sewing and Quilt Shop. Condolences can be sent to David and Laura Jordan at 518 Privateer Road, North Palm Beach Fl 33408

Membership Dues

Membership dues of \$50.00 are due no later than February 13th. If dues are not received members that have not paid will be dropped from the roster.

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:

February 13, 2024

Program: Paula Golden presents Hawaiian Quilt Making

Enjoy a visit to the spectacular islands of Hawaii while learning about the art and history of Hawaiian quilt making. The beauty of the stitch will be experienced with the spirit of Aloha. "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.

Paula was named *Teacher of the Year* by "The Professional Quilter Magazine".

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Guest Fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

March 12, 2024

Program: Karen Combs presents "Quilts of Illusions"

Explore the world of optical illusions with Karen Combs as she shows you some of the wonderful quilts that she has created and shares tricks and tips how to make them. This virtual lecture is a beautiful and inspiring trunk show.

Karen is an internationally known quilter, teacher, author and designer who has been nominated 3 times by students for *Quilt Teacher of the Year*. Teaching since 1989, she is in high demand as a teacher who encourages her students, makes learning fun and makes the complex easy to understand!

Karen is fascinated with optical illusions and quilts; this is the subject of many of her workshops. She is the author scores of magazine articles, quilt patterns and has written 9 quilting books, among them, *Optical Illusions for Quilters*, *Combing Through Your Scraps* and *Celtic Patchwork Illusions*. She has designed over 100 fabric collections, both quilting cotton and batiks and is known for her innovative designs. She currently designs for Banyan Batiks, a division of Northcott.

Karen has appeared on many quilting TV programs and has a Craftsy class, *New Directions in Tumbling blocks*.

She has worked with Quilt Seminars at Sea for over a decade, teaching her quilting techniques and traveling the world.

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

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PASSING OF THE GAVEL:

QGbtS outgoing President, Sarah Crew, passes the gavel to incoming President Linda Eddy.



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.

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:

February 13, 2024	General Meeting
February 14, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
February 28, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
February 27, 2024	Board Meeting
March 12, 2024	General Meeting
March 13, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
March 26, 2024	Board Meeting
March 27, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
April 9, 2024	General Meeting
April 30, 2024	Board Meeting
May 14, 2024	General Meeting
May 28, 2024	Board Meeting
June 11, 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 Linda Eddy. Your assistance will help the Guild continue to benefit its members and people in need.

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.

Watch for pictures of the quilts to be auctioned. These will be posted on our website starting soon.

Additional details for "help needed" is on the next page.



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

HELP NEEDED

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.

We, now, need to request your help during the auction. Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Quilt handlers: actual showing of the quilts during auction.
- Cashier
- Greeters
- Auctioneer
- Bakers(?)



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

Auction Committee: Sarah Crew, Dellie Krebs, Sheila Solen, and Ellen Heckler



DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN APPLIQUE?

Did you know that there is an Applique Bee that meets monthly?

The Bee started around 2008 or 2009. Then in 2010 members of the Bee did a program for Gold Coast Quilters Guild – The “A” Word – followed that year by four workshops on different methods of applique.

Fast forward to 2024 and The Applique Bee is still meeting and we’d love to have you join us. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10 AM to Noon at the Boca Raton Swim Center, 21618 Saint Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton.

Contact Jean DeFrances to be put on the email list for notifications.

Jean DeFrances

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UPCOMING FLORIDA QUILT SHOW CALENDER:

NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
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
Quilting by the Gulf	3/2-3/3	Saturday: 9:00-5:00 Sunday: 9:00—4:00	Venice Community Center 326 Nikomis Avenue S Venice, Fl
SWFQG 2024 Quilt Show	3/8-3/9		Charlotte Harbor Event Center 75 Taylor St Punta Gorda, FL, Florida
Sewing & Quilting Expo	3/14 -3/16	Thurs: 10am – 5:30pm Fri.: 10am – 5:30pm Sat. 10am – 5pm	RP Funding Center 701 West Lime St. Lakeland, FL 33815

"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.



∴ quilt of valor ∴

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:

A special thanks to the sons of two Gold Coast members, Connie Usrey and Gladys Hall, for their generous donations to our Guild in honor of their late mothers, The donations will be used in all our Outreach programs.

QOV NEWS:

- 14 QOV quilts have been awarded YTD.
- 6 QOV completed quilts have been received 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 February 14 & 28 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.

QUILT OF VALOR FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Our QOV membership renewals are due 2/15/2024. You can also send that check to: **Sheila Solen** or you can pay on-line using your credit card at **QOVF.org**.

If you are not currently a member, now is a great time to JOIN. You will be supporting the mission of the QOV Foundation to cover all veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Also, it's fun making the Quilts of Valor and super rewarding to wrap a veteran with one of our quilts.

You can join QOVF.org using your credit card. The deadline is 2/15/2024. Or send your check to Sheila.

If you have any questions about how this works, you can call Sheila at 305 799-5772.

QOV PRESENTATIONS:

Kristi, Letty and Linda presented 8 veterans with their Quilts of Valor at the Song Fest event.



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QOV PRESENTATION:

Kristi and Linda awarded Peter Midboe his Quilt of Valor.



QOV PRESENTATION:

Linda Bouvier awarded Robert Wilt and Victore Melendez their Quilts of Valor.



COMFORT QUILTS:

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COMFORT QUILT NEWS:

- The current quilt count YTD is at 14.
- NICU quilts are always needed and much appreciated. Men's and teenage boy/boy Comfort quilts.

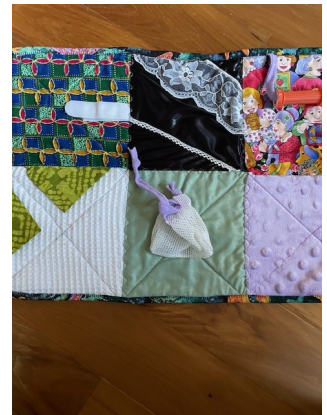
Comfort quilt size specifications are:

- 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: Pat Lynes at 954-331-7549 or email: patlynes29@gmail.com with any questions.



FIDGET QUILTS:

- 25 Fidget Quilts were delivered to Stratford in Boca Raton. In addition, they received items from the Fidget "stash" to use in their Arts and crafts program.
- 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:

- There are several new bears in production.
- 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 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—JANUARY 2024



WILD AND WACKY HOLIDAYS— FEBRUARY:

February 6: National Chopsticks Day



February 9: National Pizza Day



February 10: Chinese New Year

February 11: Superbowl Sunday

February 12: Lincoln's Birthday



February 13: Mardi Gras



February 14: Valentine's Day

February 15: National Gum Drop Day

February 18: National Drink Wine Day

February 22: National Margarita Day



February 26: Tell a Fairy Tale Day

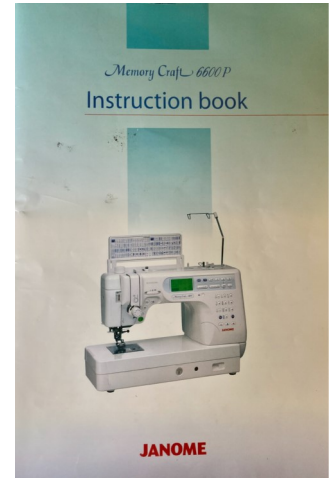


February 29: Leap Day – Yes, 2024 is a Leap year with an extra day in it.



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