



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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QGbtS General Meeting

Date: January 9, 2024

Social Time: 9:30 AM

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

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

50/50 Raffle

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:

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Do you remember the New Year of 2000? Everyone was worried that the computers, the banks, and everything technology related could crash. We were so uncertain about the future!

As we enter 2024, almost a quarter of a century later, we have increased our use of technology. During the COVID epidemic; we became very resourceful, using Zoom for meetings as well as participating in gathering in the parking lot with masks to exchange completed projects and pick up new kits.

Each year we face new challenges. Evaluating our financial, physical, spiritual, and emotional well being is the foundation to build the future. We look to the past to create this future year.

As we look in the rearview mirror, we see both change and growth. We were saddened that our sister guild, Gold Coast, was dissolved, but the door opened for new members for our guild with many talents and contributions. As we face another crossroad, let us look forward to new challenges. The rearview mirror is smaller than the windshield since going forward is more important than dwelling in the past.

We are grateful for each member and the unique contribution of talent and friendship that is shared. We can be proud of our accomplishments this year, experiencing unique programs, as well as our charitable outreach programs, including QOV presentations. The statistics are listed in the newsletter and reflect the contributions of so many members.

As we enter the New Year, I am proud to be your new President and look forward to the challenges and growth in the coming year. May you experience gratitude for years past, tremendous joy in the present as well as hope for our future.

Linda



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

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)

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CARING HEART



Pets are family, too!

- Condolences to Rochelle Staiano for the loss of beloved little girl, Sally.
- Condolences to Sarah Crew for the loss of her beloved little guy, Charlie.

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.

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.

Time: 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Guest Fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable)

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

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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*.

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MANAGER POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2024

P.O. Box Manager:

- 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).
- The Guild PO Box is located at 170 NE 2nd Street in Boca Raton (East of Federal).
- 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 Jean DeFrances via email at jsdefrances@aol.com or by phone 954-675-5680 for details.

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:

January 9, 2024	General Meeting
January 10, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
January 24, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
January 30, 2024	Board Meeting
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 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 Linda Eddy. Your assistance will help the Guild continue to benefit its members and people in need.

QUILT AUCTION April 5, 2024

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.

Additional details to follow in next month's newsletter. In the meantime, **SAVE** the date; each attendee will receive one complimentary ticket for one of the donation quilts.

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





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 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:

- 127 QOV quilts have been awarded YTD.
- 139 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 January 10th & 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.

QUILT OF VALOR FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

Our QOV membership renewals are due 2/15/2024. You will have the opportunity to pay your 2024 dues of **\$10** at the next Guild meeting on 1/9/24. Bring a check made out to **"QOV Foundation"** or cash. You can also send that check to: **Sheila Solen, 13278 Avila Beach Cove, Delray Beach, FL 33446.**

If you are sending a check, please send it by **1/31**. Or you can pay on-line using your credit card at **QOV.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 QOV.org using your credit card. The deadline is 2/15/2024. Or send your check to Sheila. If you send a check, please also provide your name, address, city/state/zip, phone #, and email address. The deadline is then 1/31/2024 (giving her time to enter the information).

QOV PRESENTATIONS:

Pat L., Sarah C., and Linda E. presented Dennis Carhart and Joshua Hong their Quilts of Valor at our guild meeting this morning.



QOV PRESENTATION:

After several attempts to meet with Robert Bledsoe at Banyan Place, he finally received his QOV. He was very grateful and appreciated all the work put into his quilt.



QOV PRESENTATION:

Kristi and I awarded Alan Schain his Quilt of Valor



COMFORT QUILTS:

Message from Maureen:

The ladies of Quilt Guild by the Sea have achieved an awesome milestone goal in exceeding 500 Comfort Quilts made this year ! That's right ! The 2023 results are 506 total quilts (253 adult, 193 child/adult, 60 NICU)

We have extended our love and comfort to 506 individuals in our community who have had a life challenge to deal with this year.

Our hearts are full and our sewing machines are readying up for another year of community outreach !

Thank you all and see you in the new year.

Maureen

- The current quilt count YTD is at 506; 253 Adult, 193 child/Teen, 60 NICU . **AWESOME!!**
- 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.



COMFORT QUILTS:

Below are some pictures sent from Delray Medical taken on December 4, 2023, the day of our TV interview with WPTV; 40 quilts were delivered !

Pinecrest Rehab hospital which is part of Delray Medical hospital nominated our guild for a news story about our Comfort Quilt Program. The Rehab has embraced our program and feels that not only are the patients so happy to receive a quilt but it brightens their spirits in a way to keep them motivated to get better.

That says it all ! That's why we do this.



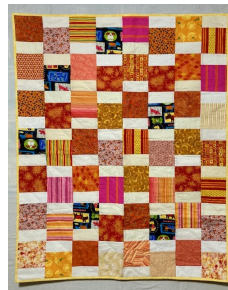
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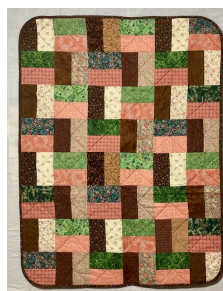
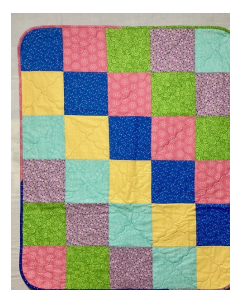
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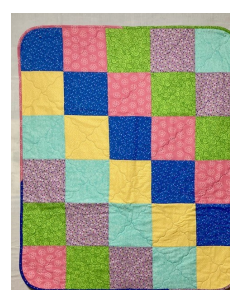
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FIDGET QUILTS:

- 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:

- 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.



Behind every crafter is a huge pile of craft supplies they're definitely going to use. Someday.....



"Goddess Mother" by Galla Grotto. From the exhibit "The Women's Encyclopedia" sponsored by Prym. #quiltfestival



WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN JANUARY:

- January 1, 2024 New Year's Day
- January 4, 2024 Trivia Day
- January 10, 2024 Houseplant Appreciation Day
- Friday 13, 2024 Blame Someone Else Day
- January 14, 2024 Dress Up Your Pet Day
- January 15, 2024 National Hat Day
- January 19, 2024 Super Bowl Sunday
- January 19, 2024 National Popcorn Day
- January 21, 2024 National Hug Your Puppy Day
- January 25, 2024 National Irish Coffee Day
- January 27, 2024 Local Quilt Shop Day





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