



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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QGbtS General Meeting

Date: March 12, 2024

Social Time: 9:30 AM

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Program: Karen Combs presents "Quilts of Illusions"

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

In February, we celebrated Black History month and the existence as well as the development of black history, art, poetry, theatre, and music. The poet Langston Hughes wrote:

Hold fast to dreams

For if dreams die

Life is a broken-winged bird

That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams

For when dreams go

Life is a barren field

Frozen with snow.



Soaring Bird by N Akkash

Many of our quilts are created with our dreams and imagination.

March is a month with many holidays.

Women's History is celebrated this month, which is an opportunity to reflect on the contributions and achievements of women in society both past and present. Unquestionably, as quilters we have been instrumental in our creations that provide love and comfort to others for hundreds of years.

Religiously, Easter may vary each calendar year, but the holiday celebrates new beginnings, and new life. Easter celebrates the newness of life in the symbolic egg. Quilters enjoy seeing the new spring fabrics in soft shades of blue, green, pink and yellow as we welcome the warmer spring weather.

St. Patrick's Day also celebrates joy as he promoted Christianity and education. St. Patrick was rumored to have driven the snakes out of Ireland and used the symbol of the Shamrock in his sermons. This holiday is celebrated throughout the world along with many parades. As quilters, we celebrate March with Shamrocks, Leprechauns and much green fabric. As we begin to enjoy the warmer weather, may you be inspired by our quilting history both past and present to use your creativity to provide love, joy and comfort to others.

Linda

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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 of 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

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:

April 10, 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)





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.

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.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

March 12, 2024	General Meeting
March 13, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
March 26, 2024	Board Meeting
March 25, 2024	QOV Workshop (BRCC)
March 27, 2024	QOV Mini Workshop
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 14, 2024	General Meeting
May 28, 2024	Board Meeting
June 11, 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.

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

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
- Bakers(?)

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.

N.I.C.K.'S CAMP PROJECT from Amy Chiera

Tucked away in the quiet town of Eustis, Florida, is a magical place. Why is it magical, you ask? Because it is a place where dreams come true, where kids can just be kids. For in this place is N.I.C.K.'S Camp, a very special summer camp for kids battling cancer.

Here, these children can participate and enjoy summer camp activities, such as horseback riding, swimming, arts and crafts, woodworking, archery, (just to name a few) along with making life-long friends with fellow campers at a state of the art summer camp.

For the past thirty-one years, in my father-in-law's honor, my family has been hosting a dinner and golf tournament to raise money to send these children to camp; camp is free to every child who attends. The children must be healthy enough to be approved by their doctors and range in age from five to fifteen. Many return to be CITs and counselors because they love camp so much that they still want to be a part of the experience.

I am so grateful and honored that our Guild has chosen N.I.C.K.'S Camp as their community outreach project. I know how kind, generous and talented our Guild members are; each item you make, whether it be a Comfort Bear, Pillow Pal or Comfort Quilt, will be filled with love for these children. I also know that whatever they receive from us will be cherished forever. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

For more information about N.I.C.K.'S Camp (Nothing Is Impossible for Cancer Kids), please visit our website, Chiera Family Foundation.

Thank you again,
Amy Chiera



"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:

SAVE THE DATE:

On Monday, March 25th, there will be a QOV workshop at the Boca Raton Community Center from 10:00 AM –2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

- 28 QOV quilts have been awarded YTD.
- 24 QOV quilts were awarded in February.
- 6 QOV completed quilts have been received YTD.
- **Do you live in an area?** 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 March 13th and March 27 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 PRESENTATIONS—FEBRUARY

Jane, Kristi, Letty and Linda had the privilege of honoring 9 veterans Feb. 3 at the four chaplain's event in Boynton Beach.



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Linda just presented Robert Pedraza, Navy, his Quilt of Valor



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.

- The current quilt count YTD is at 49.
- Twenty-five quilts and 12 hats were delivered to Lynn Cancer Center in February.
- Twenty-five Comfort quilts were delivered to Delray Beach Rehabilitation and Trauma units in February.
- In addition, fifty Comfort quilts and Pillow Pals were delivered to Amy Chiera for Nick's Camp; our goal is 100 quilts.
- 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.

COMFORT QUILT PRESENTAION TO LYNN CANCER CENTER:



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.

- 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.**

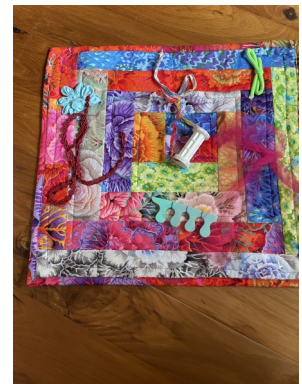
- **Join the Fidget Challenge!** It's as simple as creating 1 Fidget quilt per month.

- 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



FIDGET QUILTS—FEBRUARY:



COMFORT BEARS/PILLOW PALS:

- 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—FEBRUARY 2024



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



WILD AND WACKY HOLIDAYS— MARCH:

March 6: National Oreo Cookie Day

March 8: International (Working) Women's Day

March 10: Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 a.m. – The date varies.

March 10: Oscar Night

March 15: Ides of March

March 16: National Quilting Day

March 17: Saint Patrick's Day

March 19: Let's Laugh Day

March 20: International Day of Happiness

March 29: Good Friday

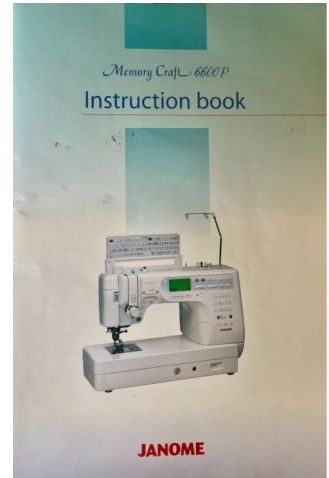
March 29: National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day

March 31: Easter Sunday



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