



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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Guild Meeting:

Program: "What Was I Thinking" Sale

Show 'n Tell

Guild Address:

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The following positions are open and we need help:

- Newsletter Assistant
- Photographer, for in-person meetings only. No experience necessary.
- Raffle ticket co-ordinator

President's Letter:

Hi Everyone,

I don't know about anyone else, but I'm half buried under mountains of fabric, kits, and notions! I have pulled everything out, getting ready for our "What Was I Thinking" sale. The only room that isn't full is my kitchen; every other horizontal surface has something quilt related on it. Closets and shelves are empty. My house is a total wreck!

I am really looking forward to the "What Was I Thinking" sale. Deb has listed suggestions for pricing in the newsletter. It is a big help in giving us ideas on how to price and package everything. Thanks, Deb.

Just a reminder of a few things we will need to bring to the sale: blue tape, a marking pen, and if you have any small boxes for notions; we can use them to corral the small stuff! Also, if you could bring plastic bags, or maybe, large, humongous shopping bags to hold all the wonderful bargains that you can't live without! And lastly, no credit cards accepted, don't forget to bring cash or your checkbook!

The election of Officers for our Board of Directors took place in November. The new list of Board Members and their positions can be found in the newsletter. I would like to announce the Board members that are taking on or changing positions: President-elect will be Marie Christine Leavitt, Secretary will be Sheila Solen, and Marcia Degner will take on the responsibilities of Program Director. Good luck in your new positions!

Holiday season has arrived with a vengeance. Everybody is so tired of having been cooped up during the pandemic and many will have a holiday party. It's wonderful to meet and greet once again. I hosted a potluck supper in my community clubhouse; it was our first neighborhood gathering since before Covid. We had many new people move into the neighborhood, and it was their first time meeting our new neighbors. It was a wonderful! Everyone wants to make it a regular happening. Oh, God! What *have* I done?

Back to my mountains of fabric.
Happy Sewing Everyone, Sarah





QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA 2023 SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Sarah Crew
President Elect: Marie Christine Leavitt
Secretary: Sheila Solen
Treasurer: Karen Berman

DIRECTORS, CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS

In addition to the elected officers, we also have a wonderful team of Directors, Chairs and Co-chairs. These are appointed positions and do not require voting. Some are new, while others continue to offer our Guild their longstanding service. They are:

Membership Director:	Ellen Birnbaum
Program Director:	Marcia Degner
Publications Director:	Deb Shoemaker
Technology Director & Historian:	Ann K. Ford
QOV Co-Chairs:	Linda BouvierKristi Kristol
Outreach Services Chair:	Linda Eddy
Comfort Quilts Co-Chair	Maureen Drudi
Comfort Bears Co-Chair	Janet Copen
Fidget Quilts Co-Chair	Ellen Heckler

COMING SOON ...

2023

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31ST

Dues may be paid on-line or by check.

Please bring checks to the December meeting so that the Guild can avoid the addition bank service fees.

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By Bil Keane



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"Why do needle eyes
always squint?"

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Date: January 10, 2023

Patricia Belyea, Okan Arts, presents "The Unknowing of Creativity", a talk and virtual trunk show.

Patricia shares her creative approach to developing new ideas for original quilt designs. Leap Frogging from one compositional concept to the next, Patricia takes guild members on a journey of exploration with her newest series of quilts, Big Grids with Inserted Curves, made with vintage Japanese yukata cottons and other global fabrics.



Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Hybrid Meeting (In-person and Zoom)

In-person at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton, FL or by Zoom, in the comfort of your own home.

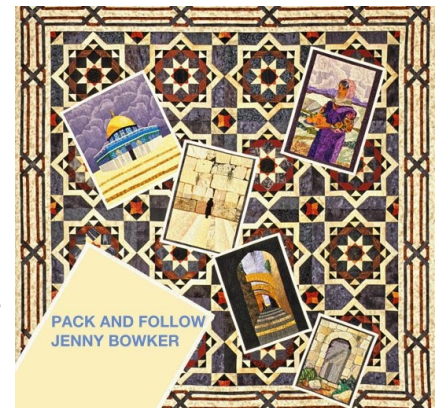
Guest Fee: \$10.00

Date: February 14, 2023

Jenny Bowker from Australia presents "Pack and Follow"

Location: ZOOM ONLY

"My husband was a diplomat and we travelled and lived on many postings with our growing family. I studied Visual Arts as a mature age student and in 1997 left art school and learned to quilt. These are the stories of my quilts, and they tell the story of my life as we moved through Syria, Jordan, Jerusalem, Egypt and Australia.



Time: 7 PM—9 PM

Location: Zoom

Guest Fee: \$10.00

**!!MEETING TIME
CHANGE!!**

Due to the time difference



What Was I Thinking Sale!!

December 13th

Support QGbtS!!!



Have you finished checking your 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!

Suggested prices:

- Yardage: \$1.00—\$2.00 per yard,
- Kits: \$5.00—\$20.00 (dependent on size and yardage),
- Books: \$1.00,
- Patterns: 2 for \$1.00,
- Notions (packaged in bags of similar items) \$1.00

"WHAT WAS I THINKING" GUIDELINES (continued)

Silent Auction:

- Completed quilts can be donated for a silent auction!
- Check out some of the donated quilts on page 6 of the newsletter. **A quilt could be a great holiday gift!**

Payment:

- Be sure to bring **CASH or CHECK!**
- **We cannot accept credit cards**
- Bring a **shopping bag** to take home your purchases!!

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

Thank you in advance for your support!



"WHAT WAS I THINKING" LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW



"Happy Turtles" and is about 50" wide by 59" long. It's professionally quilted with a turtle motif.



"A Day at the Zoo" and is 41" wide x 49" long.





"WHAT WAS I THINKING" LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW



"Little Miss Sewist" and is about 41" wide by 44" long.



"WHAT WAS I THINKING" LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW



"WHAT WAS I THINKING SALE" LEFT OVER FABRIC ...

In 2021, the remaining fabric from the "What Was I Thinking" sale was donated to the Oklahoma Native American Tribe. The Tribe will receive a donation, again, in 2022, but in addition, we would like to donate fabric to this year, we would like to send a donation to the [Inmates of the Justice, Missouri Restorative Justice program](#). Please take the time to read about it below.

Missouri Inmates Sew Custom Quilts For Foster Children: 'It Kind Of Breaks Your Heart'

By [Shahla Farzan](#), St. Louis Public Radio, Published July 9, 2021

Rod Harney has sewn at least two dozen quilts as part of the restorative justice program at South Central Correctional Center in Licking, Missouri.

Every so often, Jim Williams wakes up in the middle of the night and lies awake inside his prison cell, thinking about quilt designs.

As his fellow inmates at South Central Correctional Center snore and shift in their sleep, Williams mulls over the layout of cloth shapes, rearranging them in his mind. "I'm kind of a perfectionist," he said. "I'll wake up at 2:30 in the morning and think, 'That color really isn't going to work.'"

It wasn't always this way. Williams had never touched a sewing machine until last year, when he was recruited to sew face masks for prison inmates and staff during the pandemic.

Now he's part of a small group of volunteers at the Licking, Missouri, prison who spend their days making intricately designed quilts for charity. The group, which relies entirely on donations, is working on an ambitious project: sewing personalized quilts for every foster child in Texas County.

The seven men in the program meet daily in the prison's sewing room, the hum of the machines providing a constant soundtrack.

One of the more experienced quilters in the group, Richard Sanders, never intended to join the program — in fact, he actively avoided groups like this in the past. But soon after he visited the sewing room to help fix a broken machine, he decided to enroll.

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He's made hundreds of quilts in the past eight years, sending photos of each one to his elderly mother. Despite the many quilts he's donated to charity, Sanders said, "I really feel, in my heart, we should do more."

The quilting program offers the men a temporary "escape from the prison world" and a chance to engage with the community, said Joe Satterfield, case manager at South Central. To join the group, an inmate cannot have any recent conduct violations on his record.

"You can see a change in their attitude," said Satterfield, who runs the program. "A light flips on like, 'Oh, this is a new avenue. I can actually be a part of something.'" The project hinges on the concept of restorative justice, which emphasizes [community-building](#) and rehabilitation over punitive measures. As part of this effort, Missouri inmates at prisons statewide volunteer in a variety of ways, including training shelter dogs and [growing vegetables](#) for food banks.

Richard Sanders stitches the edge of a quilt that will later be donated to charity. "It's just a real peaceful environment," Sanders said, of the sewing room at South Central Correctional Center.

In the sewing room at South Central, members of the close-knit group are working toward a common goal: finishing more than 80 unique quilts for children in the Texas County foster care system.



The men design the quilts with individual children in mind, embroidering their first names on the corner. For volunteer Rod Harney, it's an attempt to let these children know that they haven't been forgotten.

"You see the names of these kids in foster care; you see a 1-year-old or 2-year-old, and it kind of breaks your heart," said Harney, who learned to sew in his seventh-grade home economics class. "But that lets us know we're human still. You can't express enough how it feels to do it."

Harney recently put the finishing touches on a quilt for an 18-year-old boy who will soon age out of the foster care system.

Edged in crushed velour, the quilt features a grizzly bear that appears to be gazing through a window — to show the teenager "the world is at your front door," Harney explained. He spent more than 100 hours on it, carefully embroidering each square with geometric designs.

Contributions to ship fabric to Justice, Missouri will be welcomed at the December Meeting. Please see Linda Eddy.

OUTREACH 'SIT & SEW" DAY—NOVEMBER, 2022



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HOT SEAT POKER



Two winners receive a \$25.00 Gift Certificate from one of the quilt shops or long-armers advertising with us. Your choice!

The lucky winners for November were:

- Linda Eddy
- Cheri Guariglia

There will be no Hot Seat Poker at our in-person meetings.

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2023 are \$50.00. **New members paid by October 1st, 2022 will get October, November, and December 2022 free.** Dues may be paid by check; send to the Guild's PO Box or directly to our Treasurer, Karen Berman, at 8716 Sunbeam Mountain Terrace Boynton Beach FL 33473 or they may be paid on-line on the guild website: QuiltGuildbytheSea.com or preferably by check.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Karen at (954) 729-7893.

2022 QUILT CHALLENGE "GO AHEAD ... MAKE MY DAY!" WINNER

Congratulations to Karen Berman.



"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 2022 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**
- 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 going to Quilt Guild by the Sea.



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WRAPPERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed for Broward County to attend QOV quilt presentations, and assist with wrapping the quilt around the recipient. Anyone interested should contact Linda Bouvier (561) 212-3997 or Kristi Kristol (561) 241-6717.

QOV PRESENTATIONS:

- 41 QOV quilts were awarded in the month of November.

QOV Presentations:

Linda Bouvier and Jane Gavlick presented a Quilt of Valor to Stanley Steinberg, a Korean War veteran.



QOV Presentations:

Linda Bouvier and Kristi Kristol presented 7 Vietnam veterans and 1 Korean veteran with Quilts of Valor at the Rotary Club in Boca Raton.



QOV Presentations:



A Thank you:

Sarah,

Thanks so much for the quilt you presented to me and the other vets at the Boca Rotary Club recently. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we will keep the quilt forever.

Please pass on our sincere appreciation to your other members.

Best regards,

Roger Bloom
Boca Raton Downtown Rotary Club

QOV PRESENTATIONS:

Grace O'Donnell presented a Quilt of Valor to Miguel F.; he served in the Navy during Vietnam.



QOV PRESENTATIONS:

Pat Lynes and Grace O'Donnell presented Quilts of Valor to deserving veterans at Doral.



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QOV PRESENTATIONS:

Kristi Kristol presented QOV quilts to seven veterans at the Florida Atlantic University Veterans' Appreciation Day tailgate party.



QOV PRESENTATIONS:

Kristi Kristol and Linda Bouvier presented a QOV quilt to Marty Epstein.



COMFORT QUILTS:

- YTD 204 Comfort Quilts (92 adult, 72 teen/child, and 40 NICU) have been delivered to Boca Raton Regional Hospital and Delray Beach Medical Center.
- In November 27 comfort quilts and 6 pillow pals were delivered to Delray Medical Center Trauma Unit by Linda Bouvier and Maureen Drudi.

Needed: Men's and teenage boy/boy Comfort quilts.

- 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.



Comfort quilt size specifications are:

- ◆ **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.

COMFORT QUILT PRESENTATION:

- A Comfort Quilt was presented to Bryan Aparicio by Kristi Kristol and Linda Bouvier at the Delray Medical center. Brian is a Broward Sheriff's Office firefighter; he helped his girlfriend escape a fiery crash involving a fuel tanker on Interstate 95 in Delray Beach. The pair, who were riding in an Uber, were among five people injured in a crash in the northbound lanes approaching Atlantic Avenue.

COMFORT QUILTS: DELIVERY TO DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER



Pillow pals from Barbara Barron (GCQG) back seat driving to Delray with Maureen. These pillow pals were such a cute addition to our comfort quilts!



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COMFORT BEARS:

- 65 Comfort Bears received new homes in 2022; The Trauma Unit in Delray received 50, 6 went to Linda Bouvier for QOV presentations, and 9 went to Women in Distress.
- Elaine Silberman delivered 9 Comfort Bears to Women in Distress.
- There are now 14 bears waiting for new homes, as well as several in production.
- Linda Bouvier has requested patriotic bears be given to children at QOV presentations. Linda gave bears to veteran's grandchildren receiving a QOV, they were well received.
- 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.
- Contact Janet if you need fiberfill stuffing for your bears.
- Contact Janet Copen at (954) 632-1181 or email jjecopen@aol.com for additional information.



FIDGET QUILTS:

- Year-to-Date we have had 84 Fidget Quilts. Let's try for a goal of 100 in 2023; the Fidgets are so appreciated by their recipients.
- **Join the Fidget Challenge!** It's as simple as creating 1 Fidget quilt per month.
- The demand for Fidget Quilts is higher than we are able to meet. Think about using a UFO or some unfinished projects and turning them into Fidgets!
- Fidget Quilts are needed for children as well.
- Needed: Embellishments, knick-knacks, and any other fun objects to create Fidget quilts! Please contact Ellen Heckler if you have anything to donate.
- For additional information, please contact Ellen Heckler (561) 245-8280 or by email at ellen.heckler@gmail.com



OUTREACH WORKSHOP FIDGIT QUILT GALLERY:



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SHOW 'N TELL—NOVEMBER 2022



Linda Eddy



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Kristina Kristol



SHOW 'N TELL—NOVEMBER 2022



Pat Lynes



Deb Shoemaker

WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER:

- December 1 National Eat a Red Apple Day
- December 3: National Rhubarb Vodka Day
- December 4: National Sock Day
- December 12: National Gingerbread House Day
- December 13: National Cocoa Day
- December 14: Free Shipping Day
- December 15: National Wear Your Pearls Day
- December 17: National Maple Syrup Day
- December 20: Hanukkah Starts
- December 25: Christmas Day
- December 30: National Bacon Day
- December 31: National Champagne Day/
New Year's Eve





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