



# QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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## QGbtS General Meeting

**Date:** October 10, 2023

**Program:** RaNae Merrill presents "Quilt Any Design with Six Basic Shapes"

**Show 'n Tell**

**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
- Newsletter Assistant
- Publicity Chair
- Workshop Coordinator

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Everyone,

According to the calendar, it's officially autumn. We've had the harvest moon, pumpkin flavors are everywhere, and Halloween decorations are starting to appear, but with the heat index still in the 100's, it's hard to believe it. It still feels like summer here in south Florida. But October is finally here, and with it hopefully cooler weather.



October also is the beginning of our membership drive. We have been able to keep our membership fee at \$50 for the coming year in spite of the guild's increased operations cost. With this in mind, I want to encourage you to pay your dues either by check or cash. I know it's terribly easy to go to the website, just enter our credit card number, and it's done. Painless. However, the guild does pay a fee for each transaction. If we pay by check or cash, the guild gets the entire \$50. Those of us who come to the meetings in person can just bring our dues to MC, Karen, or Ellen Birnbaum, or you can mail your check to either MC or the post office box. In this small way, each of us can help our guild with a little cost control, and as the saying goes, "every little bit helps". Thanks for your help.

Looking just a bit farther into the future. I see in my crystal ball that the November election is coming up. The slate of Officers for the November vote is included on page 2 of the Newsletter.

December brings us the "What Was I Thinking" sale. This is our big fund raiser for the year; the proceeds from this go toward funding our programs. We need volunteers to help with the sale; please call me if you would like to help set it up, etc. So, let's start gathering our goodies and make this the best sale ever. I know I've started and have a big plastic bin full of the things I'm bringing. Please **bundle and price your items** before bringing them to the center; more detailed information will be in next month's newsletter.

I love our December meeting! I love to shop! And I LOVE fabric!

See you in 2 weeks. Happy quilting

Sarah

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS IS COMING IN NOVEMBER**

Tuesday, November 14th is our Annual Business and General Meeting. Thanks to the efforts of the Nominating Committee, we are very pleased to announce a wonderful slate of Officers for 2024.

President: Linda Eddy  
President Elect: Karen Berman  
Secretary: Sheila Solen  
Treasurer: Marie Christine Leavitt

Nominations will also be taken from the floor and from members attending virtually. Following that, the election will take place.

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 Bouvier  
Kristi Kristol  
Outreach Services Chair: Pat Lynes



Kate Marler  
Marjorie Raab

A graphic with the words "Membership Dues" in a blue serif font on a light blue background with a yellow border and blue dots in the corners.

### Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2024 are \$50.00. Please see Membership renewal information on page 5.

The Guild would appreciate your renewal as soon as possible.

### New Advertiser

Please welcome Fay's Quilt & Embroidery Studio, a longarm quilting service.

Please see page 23 for more information.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**Date:** October 10, 2023

**Speaker:** RaNae Merrill presents "Quilt Any Design with Six Basic Shapes"

Did you know only six basic shapes make the building blocks of all free-motion quilting patterns? Learn them with my fun and easy "quilting yoga" moves that tie into movements your body already knows and instantly get you into the quilting groove! Then, learn how to combine these six shapes to create any quilting design.

Quilters of all levels can use this technique for either domestic or longarm machines. Based on my book ***Free-Motion Mastery in a Month: A Block a Day to Machine Quilting Success.***

**Program: 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:**

**Date: November 14, 2023**

**Speaker: Tina Craig presents "The Versatility of English Paper Piecing"**

Tina Craig started quilting in 1990. When we moved to a sea-side town in southern Rhode Island in 1997, Seaside Stitches was born. Back then, I was making and selling hundreds of paper-pieced quilt block lapel pins. Now, I prefer to teach you how to make your own! I specialize in precision piecing (foundation paper piecing and English paper piecing) and domestic machine quilting.

Take a look beyond Grandmother's Flower Garden to see all the possibilities of EPP. From different shapes and sizes to improv and 3-dimensional projects, this trunk show may inspire a myriad of design options for your next quilt.



My trunk shows are engaging and fun. Every quilt I show has a story to tell.

I have been honored to have won awards in local and regional shows including Best of Show at Ninigret Quilters 2013, 2017 and Narragansett Bay Quilters Assoc 2016. My work has also been exhibited at Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, World Quilt New England, and QuiltCon Together 2021.

**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:**

**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.

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

Membership renewals for 2024 will begin in October.

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, Marie Christine Leavitt, or mail it to our PO Box (Quilt Guild by the Sea, PO Box 64, Boca Raton Florida 33429).

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

### SHOW 'N TELL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed at our live" 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](mailto:sfcrew41@gmail.com) if you would be willing to help. (561-809-0244) [sfcrew41@gmail.com](mailto:sfcrew41@gmail.com)



### EVENTS CALENDAR:

October 10, 2023	General Meeting
October 11, 2023	QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
October 18, 2023	QOV Workshop
October 25, 2023	QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
October 31, 2023	Board Meeting
November 8, 2023	QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
November 14, 2023	Annual Business and General Meeting
November 15, 2023	Outreach Workshop (BRCC)
November 22, 2023	QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
November 28, 2023	Board Meeting
December 12, 2023	General Meeting (In-Person ONLY)  QOV Presentation & "What was I thinking" Sale

### 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.





**UPCOMING FLORIDA QUILT SHOW CALENDER:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Quilting Under the Palms	10/20—10/21	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Countryside Recreational Center 2640 Sabal Springs Drive Clearwater, Fl.
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





Are you an active member,  
The kind who would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock?  
Or do you stay at home  
To criticize or knock?  
Do you take an actual part  
To help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied to be the  
Kind who "just belongs"?  
Do you work on committees  
Whenever you are picked?  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?  
Some come to all the meetings  
And help with hand and heart;  
Don't be just a member,  
but take an active part!  
Think this matter over  
You know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member  
Or do you just belong?

Author Unknown



## QOV MYSTERY QUILT

### SHOW 'N TELL



**A big Thank You to all the participants of the QOV Mystery Quilt!**

Karen Berman

Linda Bouvier

Sarah Crew

Jean DeFrances

Marcia Degner

Linda Eddy

Sue Glasnapp

Barbara Gutieri

Pam Kepchar

Tee Kerin

Kristi Kristol

Marie Christine Leavitt

Pat Lynes

Suzanne McGee

Diane Provost

Michelle Roberts

Susan Rowe

Melinda Schwartz

Rochelle Staiano

Individual photos of Mystery quilts can be see on the QGbtS website in QOV.

**"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/](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:**

- 63 QOV quilts have been awarded YTD.
- **Do you live in an area with Veterans deserving a QOV quilt?** Help us plan a presentations for the fall and 2024. Let Linda Bouvier at [lbouvier@bellsouth.net](mailto:lbouvier@bellsouth.net)

**QOV WORKSHOP AT LAURA'S:**

- QOV Workshops at Laura's are scheduled on October 11 & October 25 from 11 AM—3 PM. Please contact Rochelle Staiano at (203) 505-0273 or via email: [sashakins@hotmail.com](mailto:sashakins@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend or sign-up on the sign-up sheet at the monthly Guild meeting.





## QOV PRESENTATION

Linda B. and Kristi K. presented David his Quilt of Valor today at Costco.





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QOV quilts presented at a QOV event organized by Jane Gavlick.





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**QOV PRESENTATIONS:**

**Joseph Zolo was presented a Quilt of Valor by Pat L.**



## COMFORT QUILTS:

### Message from Maureen:

The Guild's Comfort Quilt participants have remained very productive; we are continuing to exceed our expectations.

The quilt total to date is a whopping 390 ( 180 adult, 163 teen/ children, 47 NICU)!

60 quilts were turned in at the September meeting. Our highest ever monthly count!

Comfort Quilt ladies, you are truly as generous as you are talented. Each of these quilts is a work of art and bound to brighten someone's day. They are on their way to delivery. Thank you !

- Deliveries were recently made to Boca Regional Hospital and NICU.

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

- NICU quilts are always needed and much appreciated.
- 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.





**COMFORT QUILTS:**

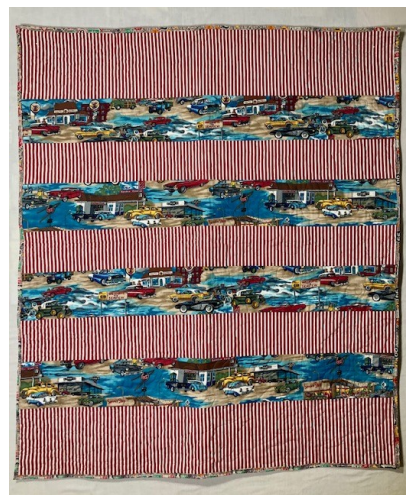
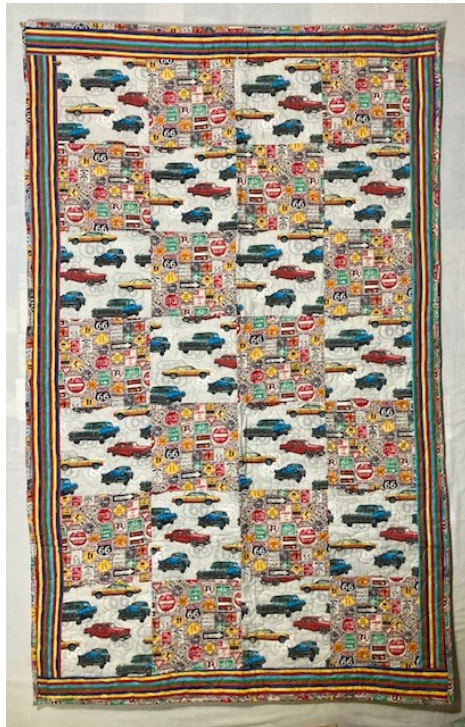
- Longarmers are needed to quilt Comfort Quilts. If you would like to volunteer your skills, please contact Linda Eddy.
- Contact: Maureen Drudi at 954-427-2456 or email: [mdrudi@hotmail.com](mailto:mdrudi@hotmail.com) with any questions.

**COMFORT QUILT GALLERY:**





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### FIDGET QUILTS:

- YTD we have delivered 40 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.  
  
FYI: 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](mailto: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. Additional kits will be available at the General Meeting or contact Jean DeFrances for more Pillow Pal information.
- 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](mailto: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!**



SHOW 'N TELL—SEPTEMBER 2023









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WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN OCTOBER:

- October 1: International Coffee Day
- October 2: World Farm Animals Day
- October 3 : Oktoberfest
- October 5: World Teacher's Day
- October 6: World Smile Day
- October 9: Columbus Day
- October 11: National Fossil Day
- October 13: Friday the 13th
- October 22: National Nut Day
- October 24: United Nations Day
- October 25: World Opera Day
- October 27; Navy Day
- October 29: National Cat Day
- October 31: Halloween





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