



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

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QGbts General Meeting

Date: Sept. 12, 2023

Program: Speaker: Kestrel Michaud presents "Kestrel's Creations" — a trunk show illustrating her creative history and artistic process.

Show 'n Tell

50/50 Raffle

Name Badge Drawing

Guild Address:

Quilt Guild by the Sea

PO Box 64

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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

Hello Everyone,

Can you believe it's September already? Before we know it, the Holidays will be here and we'll be starting a new year.

Once again, I want to express my thanks to Jean DeFrances, Suzanne McGee, Linda Eddy, and Pat Lynes for all their hard work in making this year's Summer Camp an outstanding event and memorable. Everyone had a wonderful and productive time. Can't wait until next year. This was one of the highlights of my summer.

We're starting to work on our Spring Quilt Auction. This is a joint fundraising venture with the Boca Raton Garden Club. I'm hoping for between 35 and 50 quilts for the auction. They can be any size ranging from bed size, to lap quilts, to wall hangings. Anything quilted. It will be held in April at the Garden Club. This should be a fun time. Specific details will follow in future newsletters. We'll keep you up to date as plans progress.

I would like one more person to serve on the auction committee and I am also looking for an auctioneer. If you would like to be on the committee or if you know of an auctioneer, please contact me. If you have a quilt you would like to donate to the auction, we have started collecting and photographing them. You can either bring your quilt to a meeting or contact me and I will arrange to pick it up.

The Quilt Auction will be a major fund raiser for our Guild. As you know, the cost of everything keeps going up, and our dues are not sufficient to cover all our expenses. We're hoping that the auction will raise a significant amount of money for the guild. Any quilt you can donate will be a great help!

Detailed information on our programs, upcoming workshops, etc. can be found further down in the newsletter. Thanks, Deb, for keeping us so well informed.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting next week.

Take care and Happy Quilting everyone,

Sarah

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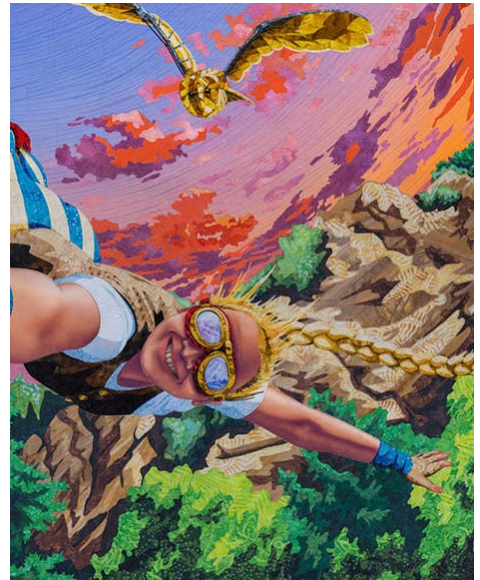
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Date: September 12, 2023

Speaker: Kestrel Michaud presents "Kestrel's Creations" — a trunk show illustrating her creative history and artistic process.

This presentation features a deep dive into my creative history and artistic process. My award-winning quilts are the culmination of a lifetime of artistic growth, and the first half of this presentation explains how I got to where I am today. It's a biographical look at my artistic life, from when I started drawing and won my first art show as a 9-year-old kid, through discovering fabric in High School, re-discovering fabric in art college, and finally transitioning to quilting in my late 20s. I'll share artwork I made in every phase of my life, although the focus is on the fabric.



The second half of "Kestrel's Creations" is about my process. I've used the same fundamental creative process for every fabric picture or quilt I've ever made, although my workflow underwent a major overhaul as I transitioned from analog to digital. Using behind-the-scenes photos and videos from the makings of multiple quilts, I'll take you step-by-step through the process of my design in its entirety, from initial sketch to free-motion quilting



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)



And a **HUGE** welcome to all new members and those of you who are joining us from Gold Coast.



Membership dues for 2023 are \$50.00. Dues may be paid by check; send to the Guild's PO Box or directly to our Treasurer:

Karen Berman
8716 Sunbeam Mountain Terrace
Boynton Beach FL 33473

or they may be paid on-line on the guild website: QuiltGuildbythe-Sea.com or preferably by check.

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

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

Guest Fee:\$10.00 (non-refundable)



GROUP PHOTO FROM QUILT CAMP



**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 if you would be willing to help. (561-809-0244) sfcrew41@gmail.com

**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.

EVENTS CALENDAR:

- September 12, 2023 General Meeting
- September 13, 2023 QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
- September 26, 2023 Board Meeting
- September 27, 2023 QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
- October 10, 2023 General Meeting
- October 11, 2023 QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
- October 18, 2023 QOV Workshop (Tentative)
- 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 Board Meeting
- November 15, 2023 Outreach Workshop (BRCC) Tentative
- November 22, 2023 QOV Mini Workshop at Laura's
- November 28, 2023 Board Meeting
- December 12, 2023 General Meeting





UPCOMING FLORIDA QUILT SHOW CALENDER:

NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Jacksonville Quilt fest "Sew Full of Whimsy"	9/14—9/16	9:30 AM—5:00 PM	Argyle Church of Christ 7310 Collins Road Jacksonville, Fl
Quilting Under the Palms	10/20—10/21	9:00 AM—3:00 PM	Countryside Recreational Cen- ter 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

"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**
- 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

QOV WORKSHOP AT LAURA'S:

- QOV Workshops at Laura's are scheduled on **September 13th and September 27th** from 11 AM—3 PM. Please contact Rochelle Staiano at (203) 505-0273 or via email sashak-ins@hotmail.com if you would like to attend or sign-up on the sign-up sheet at the monthly Guild meeting.





**QOV MYSTERY QUILT
SHOW 'N TELL**

**BRING YOUR
QOV MYSTERY QUILT
TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING
QUILTED AND QUILT TOPS ARE ALL WELCOME!**

QOV PRESENTATIONS:



COMFORT QUILTS:

- The Guild's Comfort Quilt participants have remained very productive; we are continuing to exceed our expectations.
- Quilt total to date is a whopping 330 (141 adult, 146 teen/ children, 43 NICU)!
- Deliveries were recently made to "Boca Regional Hospital and NICU".
- Many kits were made up from our new pattern "Charm and a Half ". These will be available at our September meeting

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 with any questions.

COMFORT QUILT GALLERY:



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FIDGET QUILTS:

- YTD we have delivered 40 Fidget Quilts.
 - Six Fidget Quilts were delivered to a new location; Seascape in Boca Raton. They were delighted to receive them and asked if some of their members might be able to participate in a workshop at their facility.
 - 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

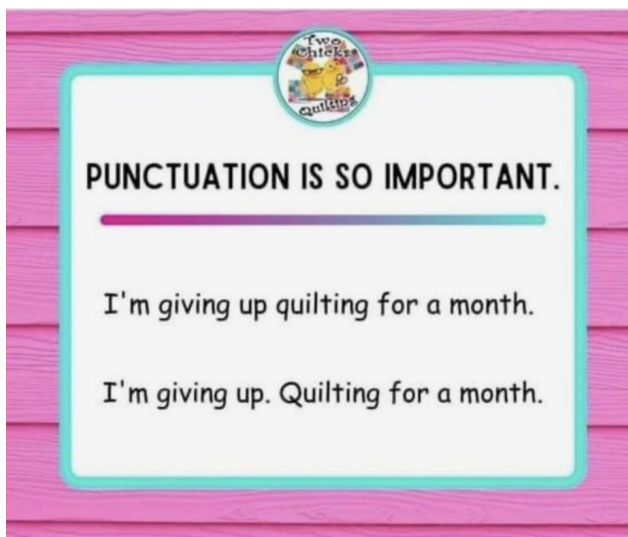


COMFORT BEARS/PILLOW PALS:

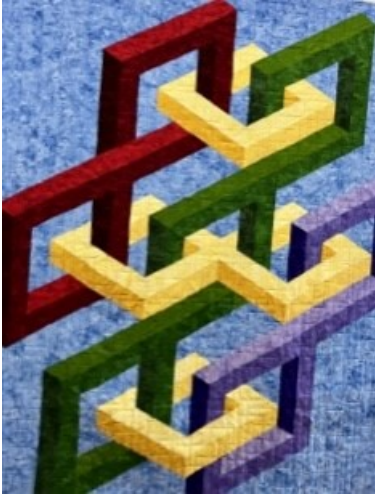
- Two Comfort Bears and 4 Pillow Pals are ready and waiting to be delivered.
- There are several new bears in production. Additional kits will be available at the General Meeting or contact Jean DeFrances for more Pillow Pal information.
- Comfort Bear kits complete with paper pattern, fabric and ready-to-sew 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.



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!

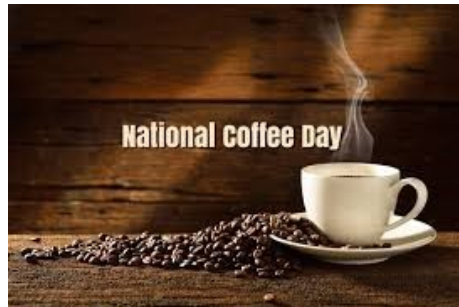


SHOW 'N TELL—AUGUST 2023



WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

- September 3: National Lazy Mom's Day
- September 4: Labor Day
- September 9: International Drive Your Studebaker Day
- September 10: Grandparent's Day
- September 14: Live Creative Day
- September 15-17: Rosh Hashanah
- September 16: Locate An Old Friend Day
- September 21: International Day of Peace
- September 23: Autumn
- September 24-25: Yom Kippur
- September 29: National Coffee Day





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