



QUILT GUILD BY THE SEA NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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QGbtS General Meeting

Date: November 14, 2023

Social Time: 9:30 AM

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Program: Tina Craig presents "The Versatility of English Paper Piecing" and trunk show.

Show 'n Tell

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
- Newsletter Assistant
- Publicity Chair
- Workshop Coordinator

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Everyone

This is Deb writing the President's Letter with Sarah. As you know, Sarah is in the midst of a major lifestyle change and will be moving to an apartment in a month. Needless to say, she is overwhelmed and sleep deprived!

First on the November agenda is the Annual Business meeting with the upcoming election of officers. We have a wonderful slate of officers with great experience (see page 2 for the nominees). If you wish to volunteer for a position, nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to voting.

During the Annual meeting, changes to our Bylaws will also be submitted for vote. We will be sending the Bylaws, showing the original and the changes to everyone, in an email so that you can be familiar with what you are voting on.

We have another wonderful program coming up this month. Thank you, Marcia. Tina Craig will present "The Versatility of English Paper Piecing" along with a trunk show. Tina will be taking us on a journey beyond Grandmother's Flower Garden to see all the possibilities of EPP from different shapes and sizes to improv and 3-dimensional projects.

We are all anticipating the "What Was I Thinking" sale in December. We hope everyone has been sorting through their stash, checking their closets, drawers, and hidden boxes for "treasures" that you know you will never use. Look for details about how to bundle your items, and price them, etc. (Page 7). Support our guild and have fun. Remember to invite your friends, the guest fee will be waived for December.

Just a reminder, membership dues for 2024 should be received by January 1, 2024. They are still are \$50.00. It is preferred that dues are paid by check, and can be sent to Marie Christine Leavitt, 3455 Lakeview Drive, Delray Beach, Fl. 33445. Dues may also be paid by credit card through the Guild website, QuiltGuildbytheSea.com, however, there are bank fees associated with each card payment. During the November and

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER (Cont'd)

December Guild meetings dues may be paid by cash or check, or in person.

We wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Let us be grateful for who we have surrounding us and for what we have.

Happy Quilting,

Sarah & Deb

ELECTION OF OFFICERS IS COMING THIS MONTH

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

If you wish to volunteer for a position, nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to voting.

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



Wishing Ellen Birnbaum a speedy recovery from her second hip replacement.



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The Guild would appreciate your renewal as soon as possible.

VOTE ON REVISIONS TO BY-LAWS

The Board appoints a committee annually to review and update the Guild's By-Laws and Policies and Procedures. This is to ensure that these guidelines reflect how we conduct meetings and business as we adapt to changing times. Any changes to our By-Laws must be voted on by the membership.

Most of the changes were simply to improve or clarify wording, but two revisions bear highlighting.

Article III, Item 2 updates how General Meetings are conducted. The new wording states: "Monthly Guild meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings will either be hybrid (allowing in-person and virtual attendees), virtual only or in-person only, as circumstances dictate. Meetings with in-person attendance will be held at Boca Raton Community Center".

Article IV, Item 3.c. corrects how the Guild holds elections. The current By-Law starts by stating "The election shall be by ballot..." QGBTS has always been a paperless Guild and has never held an election by ballot. It is thought the wording was picked up from another guild's By-Laws when QGBTS was being established. The new wording reflects how we actually hold elections. It states, "The election of officers will be by affirmative vote of a majority of members present."

Members will receive a separate email containing the complete By-Laws and Policies and Procedures. Membership votes only on By-Laws changes. Please review them prior to our Annual Business Meeting. Many thanks.

Marcia Degner

Chair, By-Laws Review Committee

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 seaside 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)

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



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)

February 13, 2024

Program: Paula Golden presents Hawaiian Quilt Making

Born in southern California, Paula grew up in Germany when her father took a teaching position overseas. "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)

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 Sarah Crew at (561-809-0244) or email sfcrew41@gmail.com if you would be willing to help. (561-809-0244) sfcrew41@gmail.com



EVENTS CALENDAR:

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)
December 26, 2023	Board Meeting
January 9, 2024	General Meeting
January 30, 2024	Board Meeting
February 13, 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 Sarah Crew. Your assistance will help the Guild continue to benefit its members and people in need.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

2024 Membership renewals have begun.

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



What Was I Thinking Sale!!

Support QGbtS!!!

Check 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!

Bring items to the December 13th meeting and deliver your items to the sales tables. If donating please come to the meeting prior to 9:45 AM so the meeting can start on time.

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

Thank you in advance for your support!

Remember! All proceeds will go to fund QGbtS Programs and Projects!!



UPCOMING FLORIDA QUILT SHOW CALENDER:

NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Quilt Show in Leesburg / Mt. Dora	11/10 -11/11	9:00 AM—4:00 PM	The Venetian Center 1 Dozier Circle Leesburg, Fl
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



SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

OUTREACH WORKSHOP & EXCHANGE
COMFORT QUILTS, FIDGETS , BEARS, AND PILLOW PALS

We will be having an Outreach Workshop and Exchange on Wednesday, November 15, from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and hold this date for a fun day of sewing!

As always, please feel free to work on the Comfort Quilt, Fidget, or Bear project that you prefer. Knitted items, pillow cases, or pillow pals are great to work on as well. Bring what you are already working on or pick up a new project. We will have kits and extra fabric to work with available.

The COMFORT QUILT special project for the day will be PIN BASTING and MACHINE WALKING FOOT QUILTING demos. We will have lots of quilt tops, batting and backings available so the basting table will be going strong all day long !

This was being done at Camp in August and many of us were surprised at how easy and quick this process is so we hope you enjoy and find the demos helpful.

The FIDGET special project for the day will be "Placemat Fidgets". Placemats make your project so easy; you have the base fabric already made, and you only need to add "Ellen's Junk" to finish a Fidget! There will be lots of finished samples to show.

Please bring any unwanted placemats to donate. We NEED Fidgets!

The BEARS will have beautiful Faces available as well all the other fabric and stuffing needed! Pillow Pal kits will also be available.

Ladies preferring to do handwork, who do not want to bring a machine, can be helpful at the Comfort Quilt basting table either pinning or ironing, and Fidgets can be sewn by hand as well! (bring your hand sewing supplies)

Please come for the day with or without your sewing machine !

Feel free to come sew or just come to gather with friends or exchange/drop off your completed projects.

Boca Raton Community Center
Royal Palm Room (same room as our Monthly Meeting)
10 AM—3 PM

Bring your lunch and sewing supplies.

Ironing stations, cutting stations and electric cord reels will be set up by the guild.

Looking forward to seeing you!

"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/
- 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:

- 105 QOV quilts have been awarded YTD.
- 127 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

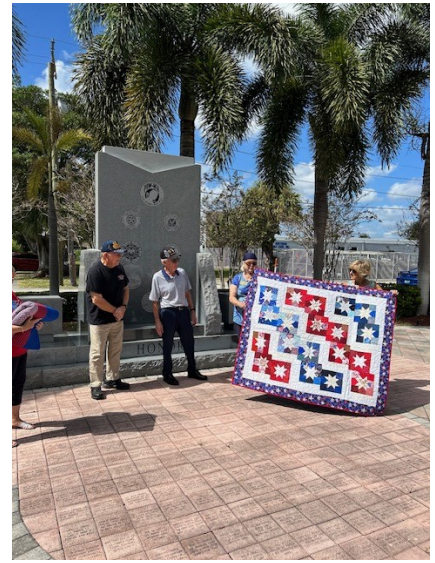
QOV WORKSHOP AT LAURA'S:

- QOV Workshops at Laura's are scheduled on November 8th 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 PHOTO GALLERY—OCTOBER 2023:

I had the privilege of presenting Edward, Air Force and Thomas, Army their Quilts of Valor at Veterans Memorial Park today. Both veterans were joined by several family members and friends.



QOV PHOTO GALLERY—OCTOBER 2023:

Kristi and I had the honor of awarding Leon, Marine and Ted, Army their Quilts of Valor. Both served during Vietnam



Kristi awarded Greg and Laura their Quilts of Valor



QOV PHOTO GALLERY—OCTOBER 2023:

Grace had the honor of awarding two veterans their Quilt of Valor today on behalf of Quilt Guild by the Sea. Samuel R. served in the Marines during Vietnam. Andres B. served in the Army in Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany and Korea. We thank them for their service and welcome them home.



COMFORT QUILTS:

Message from Maureen:

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

Maureen, Pat and Linda delivered Comforts Quilts to Delray Medical Trauma and Pinecrest Rehab on Tuesday, October 3. Many thanks to all those who make our visits so joyful and create such great photos and memories for us to take back to our Quilters. It is always wonderful for us to see and hear how loved our quilts really are by the patients who are all recovering from such challenges. Keep making those quilts, ladies of Quilt Guild by the Sea! There is so much need out there for the comfort they provide.

The quilt total to date is a whopping 438 (211 adult, 174 teen/children, 53 NICU)!

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 !

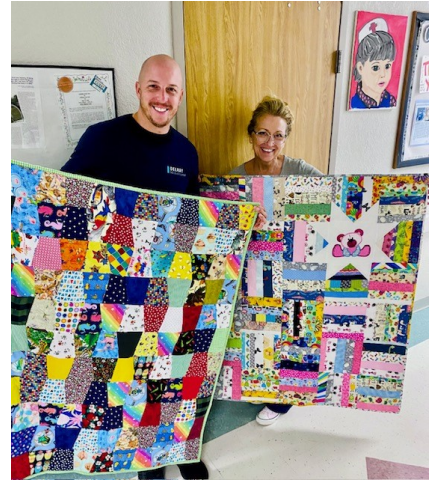
Needed: Men's and teenage boy/boy Comfort quilts.

- 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.
- 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:



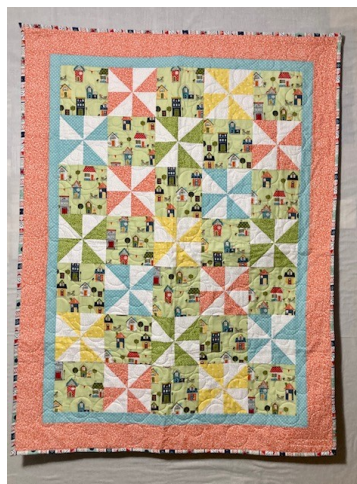
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FIDGET QUILTS:

- YTD we have delivered 40 Fidget Quilts.
- 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

FIDGET QUILTS GALLERY:



FIDGET QUILTS:



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.
- 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 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.

SHOW 'N TELL— 2023



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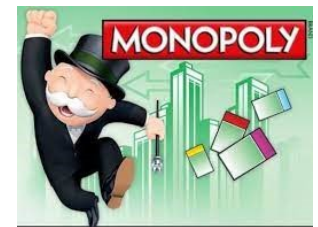


SHOW 'N TELL—OCTOBER 2023



WILD 'N WACKY HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

- November 4: National Day of Community Service
- November 5: Daylight Savings Ends
- November 7: Election Day
- November 7: National Cancer Awareness Day
- November 10: Sesame Street Day
- November 12: Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
- November 13: World Kindness Day
- November 18: Mickey Mouse Day
- November 19: Play Monopoly Day
- November 23: Thanksgiving Day
- November 24: Black Friday
- November 25: Small Business Saturday
- November 27: Turtle Adoption Day
- November 28: National Day of Giving
- November 30: Celebrate Shelter Pets Day



Happiness Recipe

2 Heaping Cups of Patience

1 Heart Full of Love

2 Hands Full of Generosity

A Dash of Laughter

1 Head Full of Understanding

Sprinkle generously with Kindness and Plenty of Faith.

Mix Well.

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Suggested by R. Teichman, Submitted by Sheryl Platt

WISHING EVERYONE HAPPY THANKSGIVING





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