

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

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September Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2011

Place: Quilt Shop of DeLand, 115 W. Rich Avenue,
DeLand, FL 32720 ,(386)734-8782

Time: 5:30 pm Dinner (optional), 6:30 pm Program

Program: "Road Trip to DeLand" with Judy Hansen,
owner of the Quilt Shop of DeLand.

Judy Hansen will introduce Christmas/Fall projects being offered at the shop, demonstrate her tips and techniques for machine quilting, and let us play with some new notions introduced at Quilt Market. You will have the opportunity to complete a Fall Pin hand-sewing project (see photo on page 4) or a Fabric Frill (kit fees \$2.50-\$4.00). Judy will also demonstrate a 30-minute tree skirt from batted fabric, which is made with her fabric line. If you haven't been to Judy's shop you are in for a real treat. The store is bursting with beautiful fabrics and a variety of patterns/projects that you won't see anywhere else.

If you would like to car pool and/or have dinner prior to the meeting we are suggesting the following three options:

- A. Meet at 5:00 pm at Michaels on International Speedway Blvd. and car pool to DeLand for dinner before proceeding to the shop
- B. Meet at The Main Street Grill in DeLand at 5:30 pm for dinner before proceeding to the shop.

C. Meet at the Quilt Shop at 6:30 pm.

If you would like to join us for this trip, please RSVP to Zee Rogers, either by phone (679-0475) or by email (granzee2@aol.com) and let her know what option you have chosen. We will need to have a head count by mid-September, plus arrange for cars if you need to carpool.

October Meeting, Monday, October 17, 2011

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 204 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach

Time: 6:30 pm Social; 6:45 pm Program

Program: "Notions and Tools—What Works, What Doesn't" moderated by Pat Aschman.

Pat Aschman will discuss a variety of quilting tools and notions that have worked for her, plus a few "disappointments." Do you have a quilting tool or notion that you can't live without? Please bring it/them to share with the group, and also bring the ones that haven't worked as well as you'd hoped. With any luck we'll have some fun and go home with new knowledge of quilting products.

An enthusiastic quilter, Pat was introduced to the craft in 1979. She has been a member of RFQG for nineteen years and is currently serving as 2nd Vice-Chairman for Membership and editor of this newsletter.



A message from Dee Duckworth, Guild President

A few of us met over the summer for "Sit and Stitch" and a chance to get away from our routines to visit with each other while doing some handwork. I hope those works-in-progress make it to "Show and Tell" at our monthly meetings during the upcoming year!

It's that time of year again...kids back in school...hurricane weather? No. It's my annual plea for volunteers to help run our guild. We are a small

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### Upcoming events

**Daytona Beach:** "StashBuster" Lecture presented by Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen, at The Sewing Garret, 949 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, on Saturday, September 3, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Call ahead to reserve your seat (386-767-3545). The cost is \$10. There will be bunches of quilts and quick projects that are sure to inspire you with your next project plus handouts, demonstrations on how the block/quilt is made, and lots of other quilting tips and techniques that will help you make the best quilt possible. Don't forget to bring your show-n-tells. [[www.FloridaQuiltNetwork.com](http://www.FloridaQuiltNetwork.com)]

**Lake Yale:** Fun-Fast-'n'-Fearless Quilt Retreat, from Thursday, September 8 at 10 am to Sunday, September 11 at 4 pm, at Lake Yale, Florida. Hosted by: BeSewCreative Quilting Retreats this four-day /three-

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Sunshine State Quilters Association heads into the future

With a full slate of officers for election at the Annual Meeting of the Sunshine State Quilters Association, to be held on Saturday, October 15 at Lake Mary, SSQA is ready to continue offering benefits to Florida quilters, merchants and guilds.

As the sponsor of the Florida Quilt Project, SSQA has provided all the funds for Florida quilts to be included into the [Quilt Index](#) for the study and enjoyment of quilters around the world. Ongoing training for Quilt Discovery Days (to collect the information and pictures of our treasured heirlooms) and the da-

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group that requires just a little organizational skill and minimal time commitment to keep us running. The guild benefits from new ideas and different perspectives when we have fresh faces on the Board. Please consider helping us out. If you think you MIGHT like to be a part of the Board, PLEASE give me a call and I'd be happy to discuss the scope of responsibilities.

Hope to see you in DeLand.

night retreat features three workshops, single or private accommodations (no bunk beds), ten meals, games, door prizes, as well as plenty of open sew, shopping, and girlfriend time .

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<http://www.facebook.com/BeSewCreativeQuiltingRetreats>]

**Jacksonville:** QuiltFest, Inc. of Jacksonville presents "The Sky's The Limit," Thursday through Saturday, September 22-24, 2011, from 9 am to 6 pm (Saturday 9 am to 5 pm) at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida [[www.quiltfestjax.com](http://www.quiltfestjax.com)]

ta entry will be offered by this organization's volunteers. The grants program will open again for 2012 on January 1, offering support to in-state groups who have quilt-focused charitable or educational events.

With the Annual Meeting and a retreat coming next year later in the spring, SSQA's schedule is growing. To learn more about your state quilt guild, how it helps promote quilting individuals and groups, and the many ways you may take part, please visit [www.ssqa.org](http://www.ssqa.org)

**September Birthdays:** Lorell Remington, 9/11; Judy Glover, 9/16; Olga Lincoln, 9/20; Jan Beard, 9/23; Helene LaBrie, 9/29.



### **Quilts at the Cornell Museum of Art and Culture, Delray Beach**

Color is everything this summer at the Cornell Museum of Art and Culture at Old School Square in Delray Beach. The museum's current show, *Color Outside the Lines*, focuses on Crayon Art and the many uses of color. This is coloring as you never imagined it! To complement their theme, the Museum is now showing the twenty-five year collection of quilts from the South Florida Fair contests which make up the Palm Beach County Quilters' Guild collection. Because of their size and limited space in other venues, this is the first time that the entire collection has ever been shown at one time. The museum is a wonderful venue with large galleries that allow us to show all of the quilts and it is spectacular to

see them all hanging. In addition, two groups of small art quilts from the Quilters' Innovative Design group are included with the display: "Colorganics" is a set of 13 quilts which show the range of the color spectrum; "Zipt" presents 10 small quilts, each of which contains one or more zippers as part of its design. The show opened July 12 and continues through October 23, 2011. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm and on Sunday from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm. Please check the Old School Square website: [www.oldschool.org](http://www.oldschool.org) for specific information on hours, admission, and directions to Old School Square.



### **ConKerr Cancer, Miles of Pillowcase Smiles**

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. To raise awareness Florida ConKerr Cancer chapters will join together with chapters nationwide to produce more pillowcases than ever before! During the entire month of September, we will participate in the Second Annual Miles of Pillowcase Smiles. ConKerr Cancer volunteers around the country and internationally as well, will share their time, talent and material to make cheerful handmade pillowcases for their local children's hospitals and create "miles of pillowcase smiles." Our goal is to create 44,000 pillowcases (over 20 miles), 1 for every child currently in treatment.

feel more like home. For those fortunate enough to participate in "sewing days," the feelings of companionship and accomplishment at a new skill come as a welcome diversion from the seemingly never-ending regiment of chemotherapy and other treatments. Family members experience the direct feelings of kindness from strangers as they see their children's faces light up. For the nurses, participating in the child's act of picking his or her favorite pattern, color or design can be the first step in a personal bond, far removed from the usual routine of poking and prodding.

The mission of ConKerr Cancer - A Case for Smiles is to provide children with cancer or other life-changing illnesses with a feeling of warmth, love and a smile. ConKerr Cancer does this through the simple gift of cheerful, colorful pillowcases, in a myriad of designs, sewn by volunteers and delivered to children undergoing treatment. Not only to these pillowcases brighten the sterile hospital atmosphere, they bring heart-warming cheer to the children, their parents and caregivers during these extremely difficult times. The positive impact of ConKerr's pillowcases is inspiring. A personalized pillowcase makes a hospital room

ConKerr Cancer began when founder Cindy Kerr's son Ryan was diagnosed with cancer in 2002 and she started making pillowcases to brighten his room. Sadly, Ryan passed away in 2008 but his spirit lives on in the smiles that each pillowcase brings to sick kids across North America, England, Puerto Rico, Israel and South Africa. Please participate with us in Miles of Pillowcase Smiles. We will be holding sewing events at numerous locations in Florida. Check our website [www.conkerrcancer.org](http://www.conkerrcancer.org) for event locations and times. Please partner with us in this extraordinary effort. You will be forever changed.

**Hospitality:** No snacks this month. Kim Christeson (healthy snack) and Lorell Remington and Eileen Fast (sweet indulgences) will provide refreshments at next month's meeting. Please consider signing up to provide refreshments for future meetings. Linda Derryberry, our Hospitality Chair, will have a sign-up list available at this meeting.

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PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Bring your latest projects for our "Show and Tell" display.

Bring your favorite sewing gadget or a sewing tip to share with the group.

TAKE A CHANCE ON THE RAFFLE BAG

Buy a ticket for \$1.00. You may be lucky recipient of some fun quilting treasures.

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Don't forget to go to our website [www.racingfingersquiltguild.com](http://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com). We need the hits to improve our standings.

Racing Fingers Quilt Guild Newsletter editor is Pat Aschman. Quilt related items are welcome. Please send to [pataschman@cfl.rr.com](mailto:pataschman@cfl.rr.com)

Fall Pin project being offered at the DeLand Quilt Shop

