

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

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October Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2009

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

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

Program: "Christmas Cactus Wreath" presented by Dee Duckworth (See photo on our website.)

This festive little wallhanging will be easy to complete before the holidays are upon us! Finished quilt is 16"x16" (incl. 2" border). Dee will demonstrate a few foundation-piecing techniques as well as share tips on working with miniature size blocks (2"x3"). The sample was free-motion quilted with Sulky Opalescent thread, and Dee plans to share her experiences working with "fussy" threads!

Supply List:

- Sewing Machine, scissors, rotary cutter, board
- 1/4 yard/fat quarter of background fabric
- 1/8 yard (or scraps) green
- 1/4 yard/fat quarter of red (if using a different red for border, only need to bring scraps for cactus buds)
- Neutral thread for foundation piecing

We will need a few irons and ironing boards. Dee will provide foundation material for blocks.

Our guild president for the past three years, Dee joined our guild in 2001 after moving to Florida from North Carolina. An avid quilt show visitor, she became

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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.*

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motivated to start her fabric obsession when she joined the Western NC Quilters Guild. Dee convinced her husband that she wasn't allowed to cut any of her fabric stash during her first year of membership in the guild, and could only attend meetings and interact with the 200+ members.

November Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2009

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

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

Program: "Fabric Bowls" presented by Linda Baca and Jean Roth. (See photo on our website)

Jean Roth and Linda Baca will "tag team" in showing us how to put together these really neat bowls which could be Christmas gifts that are just a little different.

Jean Roth has served our guild in many capacities and is currently organizing our "Quilts, Tea and Creativity" event. Linda Baca, this year's Program Chairperson, has brought us some great programs, most of which, unfortunately, she has not been able to participate in because of her job. Let's hope she isn't called out-of-town on another work-related project.

A supply list is provided on page 2 and there will be more information about the cord needed for this project in next month's newsletter. Instructions will be provided at the November meeting.

A message from Dee

Thanks to Natalie Spaulding I had some hand sewing to do on my 19-hour car trip to Arkansas, and I am proud to report that I have some scales ready for my "Fishy, Fishy". I always enjoy doing SOME hand sewing and often forget how relaxing it can be. I am pleased to report that "Tropical Symphony", our Opportunity Quilt, received good feedback from the Jacksonville Quiltfest judges and has been accepted for display and judging at the Mancuso Brothers World Quilt

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**"Quilts, Tea and Creativity II"**

Kudos and thanks to the following members who will lead us in the planning and preparation for our "Quilts, Tea and Creativity" event on March 20, 2010. Marianne Pitts is sending letters to companies requesting donations for prizes, and Sharon Braun and Zee Rogers will arrange and organize them for our raffles and door prizes. Wendy Patrick and Kathy Acheson will spearhead table setup and decorating with the help of Olga Lincoln who is making the covers for the centerpiece containers. Sally McCarroll and Sheila Stuckey will organize our quilts display, and Natalie Spaulding has agreed to create something to set us apart as hostesses for the day. Pat Aschman and Jean Roth will plan for the food we serve.

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Hospitality: Our thanks to Linda Derryberry (beverages), Pat Reedy (healthy snack) for providing refreshments for this month's meeting, and to Jan Beard, Sandi Makowski, and Wendy Patrick for providing refreshments in September. Refreshments in November will be provided by Pat Reedy (beverages) Marian Huey (healthy snack) and Betty Ann Vogel (sweet indulgence).

Happy birthday to: Dee Duckworth, 11/15.

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**Fabric Bowl Supply List**

- A couple of long pins (I used flower head pins)
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- 80 or 90 universal or sharp needle (I tried a needle that wasn't one of the two specified and it only took a few stitches before it broke)
- Clothesline (I used Secure Line synthetic clothesline 50' x 3/16" from WalMart but there is also a cotton material at Ace Hardware)
- Fabric cut into 3/4" strips, no shorter than 6" in length, it doesn't need to be cut on the bias (I would say around 1/2 yd to start with at the most)
- Thread to match your fabric (for beginners it's best for your thread to blend and not stand out)
- Sewing Machine with appliqué, zigzag foot, or quilting foot (you want to be able to see where you're going without an obstructed view)

Show - Florida division, to be held in West Palm Beach in November

At our October meeting, Robin Moore, Director of the Art League of Daytona, will speak for a few minutes about making art quilts for a display at a Daytona gallery. Go to [www.artleague.org](http://www.artleague.org) for more information about this organization.

Also please note that our annual pot luck Christmas dinner will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009.

At the September meeting Sandi Makowski announced that we would like every member to help the prize committee by trying to secure two door prizes by delivering a letter and flyer announcing our event to two businesses, and following up to secure a donation from them.

Please continue to keep Ande Ashdon and Diane Hageman, our boutique committee co-chairs, smiling by putting together some items to sell. It was noted at the meeting that articles with attractive fabric move the best in boutiques.

Any suggestions??? Feel free to email Jean ([reeroth@bellsouth.net](mailto:reeroth@bellsouth.net)) or Sandi ([sandimakowski@mac.com](mailto:sandimakowski@mac.com)) if you have any.

## Stop press—news from Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jean Roth, presents the following slate of officers to serve on the 2010 Executive Board of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild. Elections will take place at the November 2009 meeting.

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| President:                                 | Dee Duckworth                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President/Programs:   | Sandi Makowski and<br>Zee Rogers |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Membership: | Pat Aschman                      |
| Treasurer:                                 | Glenna Polito                    |
| Secretary:                                 | Wendy Patrick                    |



### TAKE A CHANCE ON THE RAFFLE BAG!

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



### Upcoming events

**Palatka:** Are you creative? Love to quilt, bead, paint, or something else? If so join us for "Bras For A Cause, Art Stitching Lives Back Together" contest and silent auction. The Historical Larimer Arts Center in downtown Palatka, FL is hosting the Art Bra contest with a preview Gala night on January 15, 2010. The art bras will remain on display for public viewing through January 30, 2010. Similar events have been sponsored in other parts of the country, but no place local so we are expecting a great response. Interest in this fun event is spreading as we've been listed in "The Country Register" and this month's "Quilting Arts" magazine. To see our inspiration, GOOGLE: Artful Bras Project. We have already secured internationally known quilter, author, and lecturer, Joan Shay ([www.petalplay.com](http://www.petalplay.com)) to be one of our judges. Prize money will be awarded as follows: Best of Show - \$150.00; 1st Place - \$100.00; 2nd Place - \$75.00; 3rd Place - \$50.00. Entry forms may be downloaded from [www.lemonststudio.com](http://www.lemonststudio.com). Forms must be received by November 30. All funds earned by the event go directly to The Florida Oncology Patient Assistance Fund. (For more information on FOPAF call 904-538-3666.) For more information call Lemon Street Studio (386-326-4454) or visit us in downtown Palatka, FL at 322 St. Johns Ave. We look forward to having you help us "*stitch lives back together.*"

**West Melbourne:** From October 2 through October 31, the Dirty Dozen Fiber Artists will transform the Boutique 4 Quilters classroom into an exhibit of over 60 original fiber art pieces, made with a variety of exciting materials and techniques. In addition, two group

projects will be featured. Boutique 4 Quilters is located at 2945 W. New Haven Ave., West Melbourne, FL. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 5 pm, Saturday, 9:30 am to 4 pm. [Phone 321-768-2060 for more information.]

**Vero Beach:** "Rooted in Tradition: Art Quilts from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum" continues through October 25, 2009 at the Vero Beach Museum of Art, 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL. This exhibition chronicles the history of the art quilt movement from 1980 through the present. All sixty-four quilts on display are on loan from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum's permanent collection of more than 350 quilts. The exhibition illustrates the evolution from the traditional craft of quilt making to the contemporary art form of today. Admission is free for this exhibition. Additionally, the Museum will host a workshop with Maya Schonenberger entitled "The Landscape of Quilting - An Art Quilt Workshop" on Sunday, October 25, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm. You will learn to design your own quilted landscape. The background consists of an easy machine-piecing method; raw-edge appliqué and 3-D embellishment are used for details such as leaves, bushes, etc. Stems and tree trunks are pieced and thread painted. Bring in your sewing machine and have fun experimenting with different techniques and materials. Cost is \$175, museum members \$165. [Ellyn Giordano, Museum Art School Manager, Vero Beach Museum of Art, 772- 231-0707 ext. 116 or [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org)]



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