

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

March 2019

March meeting: Monday, March 18, 2019

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: “An Evening with Agatha Christie” presented by Irene Curran and “An Introduction to Our Mystery Challenge” presented by Nora Vigliotti and Jo Quaglia.

Irene Curran is a retired elementary school teacher and now a literary lecturer. She has lectured locally at the Ormond Beach Library, Port Orange Library and the Byrd’s Nest Quilt Shop. Her lecture series includes Agatha Christie, Edgar Allen Poe, Emily Dickinson, Charles Dickens, and Amelia Earhart.

Irene received her BA in History from Molly College in Rockville Centre, N.Y. and her Masters in Reading from C.W. Post College in Brookville, N. Y. She has a supervisor’s certification from Trenton State College, N.J.

This evening she will be telling us about Agatha Christie: some facts you may already know about dear Agatha but others might surprise you.

Suspense and Mystery! A perfect setting to introduce our Mystery Challenge. Yes – you will design a Mystery Quilt (any size) to be revealed in November. Choose your favorite mystery/suspense author, story or character and develop a quilt around it. Let your imagination carry you away.

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At the November 18 meeting, prizes will be awarded to Challenge quilts in the following categories:

1. Best representation of mystery
2. Most creative
3. Best use of color or black/white.

April meeting: Monday, April 15, 2019

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: “Passing on the Comfort: The War, The Quilts, and The Women Who Made a Difference” presented by Lynn Kaplanian-Buller.

Lynn Kaplanian-Buller, from Holland, and her co-author An Keuning-Tichelaar wrote a book named “Passing on the Comfort: The War, The Quilts, and The Women Who Made a Difference”. It was about An and her husband sheltering refugees in WWII in Holland, and receiving homemade quilts from Mennonite women in North America to give them relief in the war. Twenty years later, Lynn discovered the quilts, which reminded her of her Minnesota childhood, and the two women put together the story with the quilts as center. The quilts and the two ladies toured both North America and Europe for several years featuring their story and displaying some of the quilts both at shows and museums. They were the keynote speakers at the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Quilt Show in 2005, when the book was launched. An has since passed away. There have been other

groups of women in Europe, as well as the U.S. and Canada, who have continued the cause of making quilts and distributing them through the Mennonite Church to places in the world where folks are victims

of war or refugees. Not only will Lynn be telling us the story but she is bringing a few of the "old quilts" along and will have some books for sale.

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**A message from our President, Linda Derryberry**

Happy March! Erin Go Bragh! Daylight Savings! UGH. This month we can all take a deep breath now that Quilt Week is over and we made it through and AQS seemed very happy overall. We all did a great job making our quilt, volunteering, and just being our usual cheery selves at the show. Way to go, ladies! Our quilt did really well! I don't have final numbers, because Judy has some of the funds from members, but I'm sure we sold over \$750 in tickets before the show and \$1946 at the show!!! Fantastic! Many thanks to Karen for all her hard work on it and to Darlene for her work on organizing the tickets. Our winner, who lives in Georgia, was so excited when she got the call. Package check did really well too,

with over \$460 raised and many happy quilters whose arms and backs felt better because we were there. And fidgets made lots of quilts and gave many away at the show, too. I think we all had fun amid the hard work and felt very good about this year's show. So now, take some time for yourself, sew a bit, maybe go to a retreat? LOL It was so great to have two women who are members of the guild be juried into the show. How about we have more next year? Get busy!! Don't forget, bring your "detective gear" and quick minds to the meeting as we learn all about Agatha Christie and her mysteries and get ready for our own mystery challenge. See you there!

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Yarn needed for a good cause

RFQG member, Sally Narhi, who spends part of her year in Michigan, would really appreciate donations of yarn which she will use to make knits hats for the

clients at a shelter home for abused women. If you have yarn to donate please bring it to the February or March meetings. Contact Sally at 906-201-1335.

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**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS**

***Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"***

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Hospitality: Our thanks to Marita Kelly (healthy snack), Karen Licht (veggies), Carol Lytle (sweet indulgence) and Coral Shattuck (salty snack) for providing refreshments to the March meeting. April's refreshments will be provided by Jo Quaglia (healthy snack), Susan Chance (veggies), Kathi Carlson (sweet indulgence) and Jean Roth (salty snack).

March Birthdays: Lynne Fraas, 3/9; Carole Lytle, 3/28; Jo Quaglia, 3/19.

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**Annual Spring Retreat update - A message from Jean Roth**

We have 27 ladies anxious for March 29 to arrive when we will be on our way to Hawthorne, Florida, for our sewing getaway. We are oiling up machines and organizing projects for quality sewing time together. The center will be awaiting our arrival at 12:00. If you have anything cluttering your sewing

area no longer of use to you that you wish to donate for activities it would be helpful. Also bring four coordinated fat quarters. If you did not receive the message Nora sent with directions, a medical form and a packing list, email me at [jeanroth9@gmail.com](mailto:jeanroth9@gmail.com) and I will bring a copy to the meeting for you.

## RFQG Block of the Month

When you make a block of the month (or more than one block) you will be entered to win the month's blocks. We'll also enter you into a year-long drawing for prizes: A jelly roll, a fat quarter pack, and \$50 in free quilting (gee I wonder where). This year we're taking advantage of Missouri Star Quilt Company and most of our blocks come from Jenny's fabulous collection of videos. They also use 2 1/5" strips and 5" squares. Most are pretty simple. And there

are NO COLOR REQUIREMENTS. We just ask that you keep to a white or ivory background. I hope you'll pick out your favorites, and join us!

March's block is *Star Patch* Google <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/Starpatch>

April's block is *Totally Tulips*. Google <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/TotallyTulips>

Need help? Contact Terri Lynch at [terrylynch88@gmail.com](mailto:terrylynch88@gmail.com)

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Please welcome these new members

Lynne Gallager: Lynne comes from North Carolina. Memories of relatives inspired her to begin quilting about four years ago. She learned about our guild at the Memory Makers Quilt Guild.

Marty Riehl: Mary is also from North Carolina; a church quilt started her interest in quilting. While she has been quilting for twenty years, she also enjoys walking, tennis, spinning and knitting. Marty was introduced to our guild by member, Claire Sadowniczak.

Diana Shirley: Diana is from Tennessee. A friend at her church introduced her to quilting twenty-eight

years ago. She also likes to crochet. Diana learned about our guild at the Mother Hen Group meeting.

Ann Smith: Originally from Illinois, Ann has lived in this area for several years. A gift of a new sewing machine started her interest in quilting a year ago. She also enjoys reading and volunteering at her church. Ann was introduced to our guild by member, Susan Sauro.

Dawn Zimmerman Butrym: Dawn is also from Illinois and also like to crochet. She decided to try quilting about a year ago. Dawn was introduced to our guild by her neighbor, Sophie Bastan.

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### Fidget Quilts...Our Community Service Project

If you are feeling the need to weed out wood spools of thread with a 25 cent price sticker or lace hem tape from the 70's, please consider donating these items to our Fidget Quilt Project.

We can use wood or plastic thread spools, buttons, keys, lace, hem tape, elastic, Velcro, or any other items that we can attach for patients with dementia

to "fidget" with. Specialty fabric (washable) such as velvet, lace, suede and corduroy can also be used. If any of you are inspired to make yo-yo's, they make charming additions to our quilts. Please bring any items to the guild meeting. Contact Dee Duckworth at [dee.duckworth@yahoo.com](mailto:dee.duckworth@yahoo.com).

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Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, April 3 from 1 pm to 5 pm, at the Aberdeen Club House, 50 Allwood Green Boulevard, Ormond Beach, Florida. Many members need a time to just sew together, to work on their own projects or to work on charity projects for the guild. So bring your machine,

an extension cord and your project. There will be an ironing board and tables. Aberdeen is a gated community - tell them you are there for the new sewing group. They will probably ask for your name. For information contact Sandi Makowski at sandimakowski@mac.com.

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## Project Warm could use some help

Project Warm at the Vince Carter Sanctuary could use a little help. Not all the women are pregnant or have small children with them as the center takes in women of all ages in need of rehabilitation. Many of the women, however, have nothing at all and a little color would make a big difference on their beds with the standard issue white hospital sheets and blankets: perhaps a small lap quilt or pillowcase.

They can also use bibs and burp cloths for the babies. And if anyone has clothes for women, babies or small children, they can use those too. They are truly grateful for anything we would like to donate to these women who may have lost everything to their addiction or circumstances.

More information at [Sandimakowski@mac.com](mailto:Sandimakowski@mac.com)

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Mother Hen Group

Our mentoring Mother Hen group continues to be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Ormond Beach Library. Here is an opportunity to get some help if your skills are rusty or if you are new to quilting. You can pass along some tips or techniques to other quilters and perhaps pick up something new yourself. In addition to our members, we welcome quilters from the community or non-quilters who would like to get started. We meet at the library at 9:30 a.m. for about two to two and a half hours in

Room 4. Even if you don't need help, come join us for a sit 'n' sew at that time. There is plenty of room around the tables. We'd love to see you!

Our upcoming gatherings will be on Thursday, March 14, and April 11, 2019 (unless advised otherwise). Please join us—either for the occasional session or every month. It's a nice opportunity to stitch together and meet potential members. For more information, contact Susan Sauro at pelicanpatrol@mindspring.com.

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## Chair of our Sunshine Committee needs your help

If you hear of a RFQG member who has been hospitalized, is very ill, or who has lost a family member please contact Cynthia Rose, the Chair of our Sun-

shine Committee at [cintin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cintin@sbcglobal.net) so she can send a card.

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AccuQuilt Big Go available

Just a reminder ladies, the guild was fortunate to be able to purchase an AccuQuilt electric cutter and several dies to be used by guild members to make cutting our projects easier. If you are coming to any of our gatherings such as the monthly Sit and Sew at Aberdeen, Mother Hen at the library, or the guild

meeting, and you would like to use it, please contact me and I will bring it along. You may also make arrangements to check it out for a few days by making arrangements in advance. Contact Nora (Hartzler) Vigliotti at hartzler.nora@gmail.com or 574-286-8712.

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## Upcoming Events

For information about lectures, workshops and other events in Florida go to [www.floridaquiltnetwork.com](http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com).

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The RFQG Newsletter is edited by Pat Aschman at pataschman@gmail.com

Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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