

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

May 2019

May meeting: Monday, May 20, 2019

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "Her Journey" a trunk show and talk presented by Molly Waddell.

Molly Waddell will show us several of her quilts, which have won numerous awards on the local, regional, and national levels. Some of her work has been published in the Quilting Quarterly Magazine, Quilt Art Calendars, Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting Magazine and Quilters Newsletter Magazine. The American Quilter Magazine published an article on Molly and how she makes quilts based on her mom's paintings (March 2013 issue). In addition to teaching, Molly is also a National Quilting Association Certified Quilt Judge and is a member of the National Quilting Association of Certified Quilt Judges. Her goals as a judge are to recognize the creativity and expertise of each quilt maker, to objectively and fairly evaluate quilts and wearable arts, to give positive and constructive comments to quilters so that they may improve their workmanship and artistry and to encourage them to stretch their creativity. Molly has judged in New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and Massachusetts. Molly now lives in Port Orange.

June meeting: Monday, June 17, 2019

Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian

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Church, 105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "Crazy Quilt Block" presented by Claire Sadowniczak

Presented will be a modern and simple method of making a crazy quilt block that is similar to log cabin. By adding ready-made trim on the machine, this becomes a two-day project. If you don't like velvets, silk brocade and satin, make yours out of Early American cottons and lace. It is also a great way to display antique buttons/brooches. Scraps of fancy fabrics can be purchased on eBay.

Bring to quilt guild meeting to start your crazy quilt block:

- sewing machine OR hand needle with thread that coordinates with color scheme. (Sewing can be done easily by hand as there is very little)
- muslin/neutral solid cotton fabric, cut to whatever size you want to make your quilt block including seam allowances.
- fabric scissors
- straight pins
- small crafts iron
- scraps of fabric (2-3" X 4-7") in your color scheme.
- pieces of trim/lace about 5-7" long
- straight edge/ruler
- blue water-soluble marker for light colored fabrics
- white chalk marker for dark colored fabrics
- paper scissors to cut out center pattern.

Crazy quilts were inspired by the asymmetrical and “crazed” or broken designs in the Japanese Exhibit of the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition, which was a huge event in Victorian society. Initially crazy quilts were made from velvets, satins and silk brocades, meticulously planned and put together like jigsaw puzzles. They were then covered with hand embroidery and served as decorations in lavish Victorian sitting rooms. Later crazy quilts were functional and made from cotton fabrics sans embroidery. The fad faded around 1910.

Claire Sadowiczak was raised in a tiny town not far from Philly. By the age of six she was crocheting, sewing, playing piano, reading, and embroidering; anything she could do while “sitting” because of a rare blood disorder. The summer she was ten, she made over \$500 profit by sewing and selling her own design bean bags. By age eleven she was making her mother’s and her own wardrobes. During high school she earned money tutoring math, making clothes for classmates (including prom gowns), and selling her own original oil paintings. Hobbies took a back seat while she earned a BS in mathematics and a BS in computer science in 3 ½ years at Penn State, while keeping half of the football team on the field by tu-

toring them in mathematics, computer science, chemistry, biology and physics. While working as a computer programmer, then analyst at Ford Aerospace, then GE Aerospace on satellites, she attended Temple University at night, earning a double MBA in management and computer science. While Manager of Software Integration and Test for GE Spacecraft Operations, Claire met her husband while testing his software; he passed. In 1982 they moved to Florida where Claire worked as an Aerospace Program Manager primarily in radar simulators, ships’ controls, and missile guidance systems. Claire retired early to take care of her ailing mother, and joined the Embroidery Guild of America to retain her sanity. Her favorite was Japanese silk embroidery, but that ended when she had a mastectomy. She kept busy designing and crocheting sweaters; designing and making jewelry, clothes and purses; and selling her original oil paintings. Today she crochets for charity, embellishes fidget quilts for RFQG, and sews for church, altering cassocks and making baptismal vests and decorations. Claire joined RFQG about two years ago to learn quilting, and would much rather design than follow a pattern.



A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Welcome to summer here in Florida! Seems it arrived a bit earlier this year, but at least the heat is a good reason to stay inside at your sewing machine! We have a wonderful meeting set up in May and will be learning about making Crazy Quilts in June and then we will be working on finishing up the opportunity quilt, along with other things, over the summer. We are still working on trying to set up workshops every three months during the year. If you have any ideas, or would be interested in helping with a workshop, please let me know. Our new website should be up very soon, if not already. We know there are a few pages that aren't correct yet, but we want you all to be able to see the site and let us know of any errors you find. We have the potential

for so many great opportunities in this guild. I hope you will think of how we have grown since the AQS show arrived - the great meetings, workshops and lectures we have been able to have. All the charitable works we have accomplished. And think to the future also....the board needs your ideas, and it needs you to help with a small project or workday. The more we spread out the work, the easier it becomes; and being part of creating a great guild is a wonderful feeling. So please, pass on your ideas to me or another board member, or volunteer to help with something, or say “yes” when we ask for help to make this guild the best it can be. See you at the meeting!



PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS

Hospitality: Our thanks to Cynthia Rose (healthy snack), Susan Chance (veggies), Claire Sadowniczak (sweet indulgence) and Pat Aschman (salty snack) for providing refreshments for the May meeting. June's refreshments will be provided by Darlene Bingenheim (healthy snack), Nora Vigliotti (veggies), Cindy Somers (sweet indulgence) and Susan Sauro (salty snack).

May Birthdays: Zee Rogers, 5/23/; Cindy Somers, 5/24; Shirley Hill, 5/29.

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**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!

May's block is *Butterfly*. Google <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/StripButterfly/>

June's block is *One Direction*. Google <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/One Direction/>

Need help? Contact Terri Lynch at [terri Lynch88@gmail.com](mailto:terri Lynch88@gmail.com)

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Project WARM report

Sandi Makowski reports that she took six large bags and boxes full of goodies to Project Warm on Friday, May 3. The donation included: 26 baby quilts, five crocheted baby Blankets, 17 pillowcases, four lap quilts, 67 burp cloths, three baby sheets, five baby bibs, baby sneakers, baby mittens, a tickle monster

book and tickle gloves, a teddy bear, and a five-piece girl's layette set. She also delivered various women's clothing items such as jeans, blouses, T-shirts, a dress, scarves and a crocheted beanie hat with matching scarf. She also threw in some new coffee cups. All items were much appreciated.

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**Website has gone live**

The Racing Fingers Quilt Guild's new and improved website is now up and running. Take a look at it at [www.racingfingersquiltguild.com](http://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com) and let us know

what you think. Comments and suggestions should be sent to Linda Derryberry at [lderryberry@msn.com](mailto:lderryberry@msn.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, June 13 and July 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 Motherhen@racingfingersquiltguild.com

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## Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 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 [Sitnsew@racingfingersquiltguild.com](mailto:Sitnsew@racingfingersquiltguild.com)

## One small request

When you bring items for our "free" table, please take whatever has not found a new home with you when you leave. Linda has been storing all this accu-

quilts in her home and would like to find her kitchen floor again. Thank you!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:hartzler.nora@gmail.com) or 574-286-8712.

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

## Upcoming Events

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

The RFQG Newsletter is edited by Pat Aschman at [pataschman@gmail.com](mailto:pataschman@gmail.com)

Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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