

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

September 2019

September meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019
Place: Aberdeen Clubhouse, 50 Allwood Green Blvd., Ormond Beach. **(Note change of venue.)**
Time: 6:30 pm
Program: "Civil War Quilts" presented by Cynthia Rose.

Cynthia Rose is from Connecticut and is the wife of an Army Veteran. She has been a RFQG member for several years and is the chair of our Sunshine Committee. When Cynthia's daughter started college, she became very interested in the U.S. Civil War. She wanted to be a civil war re-enactor but did not want to do it on her own. Wanting to support her daughter, Cynthia joined with her in studying the role of women during that time. Twenty-five years later she is still doing handwork based on what they learned from those studies. Cynthia will discuss the history of fabric, sewing techniques, women's organizations and show examples of popular quilt squares and their uses.

October meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019
Place: Fellowship Hall, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, 105 Amsden Road, Ormond Beach.
Time: 6:30 pm

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Program: Jean Roth will discuss all aspects of the fascinating technique of stack and whack introduced by Bethany Reynolds in 1997. It still remains a favorite of quilters today because it is easy and creates stunning results in quilts. Jean will discuss fabric choice considerations as well as layering and cutting tips and numerous design possibilities. Beautiful results can be achieved with four, six or eight layers of print fabrics. Sometimes even the ugliest of fabrics will surprise a quilter with amazing results. Many quilts using this magical technique will be displayed and may tempt you to try this really fun technique.

A long-time RFQG member and talented quilter, Jean Roth has served our guild in several capacities, including President, Vice-President for Programs, Secretary, and Chair of Outreach and Special Projects. She has also organized the guild retreats for the last few years. Jean also organized and directed two "Teas" which were major fund-raisers for our guild. Now retired, she was a Middle School Consumer Science teacher for many years. She has led many guild programs, taught Girl Scouts and set up the Mother Hen group which meets monthly at the Ormond Beach Library.



Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS AT ALL OF OUR MEETINGS



A message from our President, Linda Derryberry

Hello everyone! We have been lucky and weathered Dorian pretty well, I think. Thank goodness! I quilted an Honor Quilt on Monday and did the binding on Tuesday and put the label on Wednesday, so I made it a somewhat productive hurricane (all while feeding two house guests). Thank you, Zee, for the beautiful quilt top; I'm sure the recipient will love it.

We will have a wonderful meeting this month, learning about quilting during the Civil War. I am re-

ally looking forward to it. And then we will continue with our end-of-year activities, fun meetings, completing the Opportunity Quilt, a workshop, and starting to plan for the AQS show and the retreat and the next year of fun. While the post-storm temperatures may take us back to summertime, I feel like fall and the holidays are coming and am so looking forward to all that signals. We quilting "sisters" will have some great times together.

Block of the Month

BOM continues this month with Double Churn Dash. This as a fun BIG block. If we have enough participants we can have two winners! Just type MSQC Double Churn Dash Tutorial in your browser, grab some 2 1/2" strips and a dark (almost solid) and sew! (Center square is 4 1/2". All half square triangles also measure 4 1/2".)

Our October block is MSQC Antique Lace Tutorial. Let's go scrappy in October. Please use at least four

fabrics. They can be the same color or all mixed up. **This block is a change from the block originally planned.** Apologies from Terri if you already made the Halloween colored block. Bring it anyway. We'll enter you for the prizes.

Be sure to pick up the 2020 BOM schedule at the meeting.

Need help? Contact Terri Lynch at terri-lynch88@gmail.com

Hospitality: Our thanks to Jackie Bond (healthy snack), Carole Lytle (veggies), Judy Glover (sweet indulgence) and Marita Kelly (salty snack) for providing refreshments for the August meeting. October's refreshments will be provided by Cindy Amicone (healthy snack), Bonnie Godwin (veggies), Nancy Thompson (sweet indulgence) and Cindy Somers (salty snack).

September Birthdays: Jennifer Krahe, 9/2; Jan Doyle, 9/16; Judy Glover, 9/16; Susan Polizzi, 9/16; Karen Licht, 9/17.

RFQG 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 3 (**note change of venue**). 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, September 12 and October 10, 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

Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 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 sewing group. They will probably ask for your name. For in-formation contact Sandi Makowski at Sitnsew@racingfingersquiltguild.com



AccuQuilt Big Go – see update

The guild has purchased 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 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.

The Guild has added two additional dies to our collection, thanks to a great sale. We now have the Bib and Burp cloth dies. These dies have already been put to good use for our charity projects. The Accu-Quilt can be used for personal use not just guild projects. As always, contact me if you would like to use it. Nora Vigliotti at 574-286-8712 or Hartzler.nora@gmail.com



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 so she can send a card.



Upcoming Events

Jacksonville: The Annual Quiltfest Quilt Show, “Bobbin on the Beach,” will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 19, 20 and 21, 2019, from 9 am to 5 pm, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, 1000 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

For information about lectures, workshops and other events in Florida go to www.floridaquiltnetwork.com.



Rotary blade care

Tips to Keep Your Blade Sharp: First always use your rotary cutter on a special mat designed for this purpose. Don't try to substitute another product. A good mat is just as important as the cutter itself in keeping the blade sharp. Be careful when cutting to not accidentally scrape your blade against the ruler or cut through pins. You could damage the ruler and dull or nick the blade. Once the blade is nicked it is difficult to cut as each time the blade comes around to the nick it leaves a small place the width of a few

threads uncut. This can be very frustrating to have to go back and cut those little places again.

To Clean Your Rotary Cutter: Your new rotary cutter will come packaged with a small amount of oil on the blade. Do not wipe it off. Leave it on, it will not harm your fabric and your cutter will cut smoother.

When cutting very linty fabrics, be sure to clean your cutter often. To clean the cutter, remove the screw on the back of the area where the blade is attached. Remove the nut; remove the curved washer,

and the screw. Lay everything on the table in the order that you removed it -- pay attention to the direction of the washer and nut. Also remove the blade protector. Clean the blade and the black plastic shield with a clean cloth moistened with a few drops of [sewing machine](#) oil. Place a small drop of oil on both sides of the blade and replace everything in the order you removed it. Most rotary cutter packages have a diagram of how to reassemble the cutter. Next time you purchase a new cutter, save a package to refer to when assembling your cutter after cleaning.

Many quilters tighten the screw so tight that the blade doesn't roll easily. To test this, open the cutter and place the blade on your mat without fabric. Roll

the blade across your mat. You will want the blade to turn easily on the mat. If the blade seems tight loosen it, and if it is loose and sloppy, tighten it. When the blade is rolling freely it is much easier to make a cut through your fabric.

If you find you need a new rotary cutter blade and one is not available, take your rotary cutter apart, clean and oil as instructed. When reassembling the cutter, replace the blade in reverse of the way it was before. Some brands of blades have little numbers on one side that usually show when the cutter is assembled. If you turn it over so the numbers are toward the safety cover, you might get a few more hours of cutting from the reversed blade.



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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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