

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

February 2020

February meeting: Monday, February 17, 2019

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "My Favorite Things" featuring Laura Bosma of Pretty Penny Precuts.

Laura Bosma comes to us from Peachtree City, Georgia. Laura has been sewing since she was five. She has spent many years as an educator and has been very involved in her local quilt guild as well as teaching classes at nearby quilt shops. Pretty Penny Precuts is a wool appliqué kit business that Laura began over a decade ago. It is named after Penny, her family's rescue Chihuahua!

Laura will share with us her love and knowledge of wool appliqué as she presents "My Favorite Things". She will be bringing some of her wool appliqué projects to show and we will learn about notions and tools appropriate for the wool appliqué quilter.

Additionally, Laura will be offering a Wool Appliqué class on Tuesday, February 18. She will teach about working with wool, fusible threads, notions and tools. We will learn commonly used embroidery stitches, and how to design our projects, as well as

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Congratulations to **Terri Lynch and Monique Foley** whose quilts were accepted into AQS Quilt Week.

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finishing our candle mats. Laura will have four projects for us to choose from for the class. Class cost \$30; kit cost approximately \$35. There are still a few spots open, so please contact Lynne Fraas at lynnefraas@yahoo.com or 404-376-9644.

March meeting: Monday, March 16, 2020

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

Time: 6:30 pm

Program: "Market Bag Makeover" presented by Joy Gallick.

Joy Gallick is a sewing/quilting/embroidery/crafting enthusiast and a self-proclaimed "purseaholic". She lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but does her snowbirding in Beverly Beach and is a member of Three Rivers Quilt Guild in Pennsylvania and Memory Makers in Florida. In her demonstration, Joy will show you what to do with all those recycle bags, turning them into unique "designer bags". Joy shows you the process along with tips and tricks to make your bag a one of a kind "designer" bag using precuts, UFO's or orphan blocks, selvage, home decoration fabric, embroidery squares and your stash.

A message from our Linda Derryberry, RGQG President

We made it to February! And now we just need to make it to March. The AQS Quilt Week is a very busy week for our guild, and we all are a bit worse for wear at the end, but it is our major fundraiser for the year. Besides, isn't it fun to get to handle all those quilts? And get a really close look at the workmanship? I always enjoy talking with vendors, teachers, people at the show. It is fun to learn where they are from, and their favorite part of the show. Okay, so shopping isn't so bad either, but this year I swear I will be a good girl and not spend much! (I make that promise every year and it usually doesn't work...oh well). And to refresh ourselves, many of our members will be going to the retreat in March. Time to

stay up all night or to sleep twelve hours, time to do what you want and not have to cook! Time to finish those UFOs or start a new project. Time just for you. It is a great time for all. Just wish we had a place large enough for ALL our members to attend. Our meeting this month will be fun too, and will inspire us to try something we may not have done before. It seems Floridians wonder why they would want anything wool, but these items are so beautiful! Our plans for the spring and rest of the year are being finalized and we should have a fun year, full of learning and fellowship with others who are just as addicted to this crazy thing called quilting as we are. So, see you soon at the meeting and at Quilt Week!



AQS Quilt Week- February 26 to February 29, 2020

We are almost there! The AQS Quilt Week will be here very, very soon. Thank you so much to all of you who have signed up to work! We have filled many of the time slots that were open last month, but we still have 21 open slots for exhibit hostesses, and we also need more help with take down on Saturday after the show. If you can find time to help with one more

spot, it would be a great help to the guild. Call Linda at 386-290-4488 and leave a message if there is no answer. Also, new members, remember to let us know whether you need an apron. We will have them at the meeting for you to collect. Can't wait to see all those great quilts, and especially those Terri and Monique have entered!



Fidget Quilts Project - you can help

Did you resolve to clean out your sewing space/storage? We can help! Our guild will staff the Charity Booth at the AQS show in February, and for the past several years has been making "Fidget Quilts". We donate these small activity lap quilts to the hospital, local nursing homes, and the VA nursing home to provide sensory stimulation for people with dementia, traumatic brain injury, and other disabilities that benefit from physical distraction for their fingers and hands. It's also an opportunity to recycle/repurpose items you may no longer need. We can use:

- plastic or wood thread spools,
- seam tape/ rick rack/ decorative trims
- buttons (the larger the better)
- yo-yo's
- any fabric scraps that would provide "texture"...corduroy, burlap, etc.

AQS has obtained hundreds of zippers for us. If you have any questions or want to help with this project, please contact Dee Duckworth at dee.duckworth@yahoo.com.



Bring your latest projects for "Show and Tell"

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Website: www.racingfingersquiltguild.com

Also like us on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) at Racing Fingers Quilt Guild.

Please welcome these new and returning members

Judy DiBattista: Judy is a winter resident from Massachusetts. A quilter for thirty-five years, she also enjoys crocheting, knitting and needlepoint. She learned about our guild when she met RFQG member, Judy Viviano, in a quilt shop in Massachusetts.

Dot Edmunds: Originally from Georgia and twenty year quilter, Dot also likes swimming, pickleball and cornhole. She also was introduced to our guild by Judy Viviano.

Linda Frisch: Linda and Judy DiBattista are friends, and they were together when they met Judy Viviano, in that quilt shop up north. She became interested in quilting when she retired ten years ago.

Ruth Mielke: Ruth is from Connecticut and started quilting, something she'd always wanted to do, three years ago. She learned about our guild from RFQG member, Sophie Bastan.

Joni Reinhart: A former RFQG member, Joni has rejoined us after taking a break. A quilter for fifteen years, she enjoys making miniature quilts, as well as wool applique and rug hooking.

Christine Zeidler: Christine also rejoined us after taking a break. Also from Massachusetts and a long-time garment sewer, she began quilting four years ago when she joined the Aberdeen Sassy Stitches group.

Block of the Month

February's block is *MSQC Basket of Blooms Tutorial*. Please use a white background, brown baskets, and four different flowers. Be sure to measure the block and make sure it is 6.5" before adding the brown basket. If it's too skinny...yes we are asking you to rip out and fix it. Each flower basket needs to be fully 6.5" before adding the sashing.

March's block is *MSQC Crown Quilt Tutorial*. Please use a black center square. I think this will be easier to

match/coordinate than the MANY colors of grey available. The corners should be white/ivory instead of grey for the same reason. Scrappy bright colors all around.

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

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

Racing Fingers Quilt Guild 2020 Challenge

This year's Challenge is "Houses". The sky is the limit. You can make any kind of quilt you want with no restrictions. Bed, lap, pillow, quilted clothing, coaster, placemat, postcard, etc. Anything with a house, two houses, fifteen houses, a village, beach house, dog house, farm house, etc. I hope you get the idea. Have fun, use your stored up creative

juices. The reveal will once again be in November. Start thinking now so you don't stress yourself come fall. Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, and Best Use of Color. If you have any questions contact Nora Vigliotti 574-286-8712 or hartz-ler.nora@gmail.com or Lynne Fraas 404-376-9644 or lynnefraas@yahoo.com

Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**, 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 information contact Sandi Makowski at Sitnsew@racingfingersquiltguild.com

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. 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, February 13 and March 12, 2020** and (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

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

Daytona Beach: The American Quilter's Society's AQS QuiltWeek® will be from 9 am to 5 pm, on Wednesday, February 26 to Friday, February 28, and from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Ocean Center, 101 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. www.QuiltWeek.com

Venice: The Venice Area Quilters' Guild's quilt show, "Quilting by the Gulf, A Festival of Quilts" will be held from 9 am to 5 pm, on Friday, March 6, and from 9 am to 4 pm, on Saturday, May 7, 2020, at the Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Av, Venice, Florida. Vagg.org.

Naples: The Naples Quilters Guild's quilt show "Stitches in Time" will be held from 9 am to 4 pm, on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, 2020, at the New Hope Ministries, 7675 David Blvd., Naples, Florida. naplesquiltersguild.org

Bushnell: The Red Oaks Quilters' quilt show will be held from 9 am to 2 pm, on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the Red Oaks RV Park, 5551 SW 18th Terrace, Bushnell, Florida. baprice47@aim.com

Pensacola: The Pensacola Quilters Guild's quilt show will be held from 9 am to 5 pm, on Friday, March 13, and from 9 am to 4 pm, on Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the Pensacola Fairgrounds, 6655 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, Florida. www.pensacolaquiltersguild.org

Estero: A quilt show, art show and antique engine show will be held from 8 am to 1 pm, on Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15, 2020, at the Koreshan State Park, Estero, Florida. ruth.fletcher@dep.state.fl.us

St. Petersburg: The Suncoast Quilting Circle's quilt and fiber arts show will be held from 10 am to 6 pm, on Friday, March 20, and from 10 am to 5 pm, on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at The Coliseum, 535 4th Ave N. St. Petersburg, Florida. www.suncoastquiltingcircle.org

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

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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.