

# Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

July 2020

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**SPECIAL NOTICE:** At past meetings we had discussed changing the day and place of our meetings, and now that the coronavirus pandemic has shut down our former meeting place at the Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, and also caused the cancellation or postponement of some of our fall programs, the executive board has decided to make the switch this month. **From now on our meetings will be at 6:30 pm, on the SECOND Monday of the month, at Aberdeen Clubhouse, 50 Allwood Green Boulevard, Ormond Beach, Florida.** For the time being there will be only show and tell; if you want to bring something to work on, please do, but we will be keeping everything informal. Also, we will continue to have BYOR (Bring Your Own Refreshments) as it's safer that way. You will need to RSVP on Groupworks. If you have problems with GroupWorks, please email an RSVP to Linda Derryberry [Info@racingfingersquiltguild.com](mailto:Info@racingfingersquiltguild.com)

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**July meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020**  
**Place:** Aberdeen Clubhouse, 50 Allwood Green Blvd, Ormond Beach.  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Program:** See below

**August meeting: Monday, August 10, 2020**  
**Place:** Aberdeen Clubhouse, 50 Allwood Green Blvd, Ormond Beach.  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
**Program:** See below

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**Program notes**

Our program schedule has, needless to say, been totally messed up because of the pandemic. For the time being our meetings will consist of show and tell and catching up with each other. You can bring your own refreshments, and please wear a mask. The speaker who was scheduled for September (Ellen Lindner, who was also going to do a workshop) will be rescheduled. This virus isn't going to clear up until

we have viable vaccines available to everyone, so we don't want to try to have a larger event (we were going to invite all volunteers from this year's AQS show) or a workshop, where some who want to attend, can't, simply because of concerns about their health. Besides, traveling for speakers still is not a good idea. The committee will be in touch with Ellen and hopefully reschedule in later 2021.

## A message from our Linda Derryberry, RGQG President

Hello ladies! How is everyone? We are all living through such a strange time - frightening, hard to figure out, loooooong. But we will come out on the other side, some day. It has given all of us a chance to think about all the things we are used to doing, and maybe eliminating those that "don't bring us joy," to quote a famous organization guru. Doing things that feed our souls is so important, especially when we are feeling strained by things we can't control. The Executive Board has been chatting on and off about things during our down time, and we have tried to figure out how to get back into our activities in a safe and slow manner. Sit 'n' Sew is a nice way for a few of us to sit and work, and the Show and Tell in June was nice too! Who knows what the future may bring us, but we will try to keep busy, keep in touch, and see each other as soon as we can. So for now we will stick with Sit 'n' Sew, and meeting at Aberdeen on the second Monday of the month - be it for show and tell or sewing. Our programs for the next two months were to include working on the raffle quilt and/or charity work (see below for a report on the raffle quilt). So many of us went crazy making masks, and I am so proud of everyone for helping so many people, be it a small doctor's office or the VA

Nursing home in Daytona Beach. And we have still been making children's quilts and Honor quilts. Members of the committee for these quilts got together and made up bundles in June, and they are available at either Susan Sauro's or Claire Sadowiczak's homes. Both members have set up contactless pick up or drop off (Susan on her porch beachside and Claire on her back lanai off Granada – see details below), so please drop by and sign out (or in) a bundle or two. If you are not a quilter, but love to piece just bring back the bundle with the top completed and we will get it to someone who can do the quilting. If you want to be sure there are still bundles, give either lady a call before driving over.

So, we wanted keep everyone informed of our status and figured the newsletter reaches everyone (we hope). Please check on GroupWorks for events and updates, and also on Facebook. For meetings and get-togethers, since we have to have attendance limits, please check into GroupWorks and RSVP. I know we have some people who are having problems with GroupWorks, and I will start to work on these again. Keep well, keep safe, and keep happy with whatever makes you smile.



### Raffle Quilt Update

The Raffle Quilt is making progress. Thanks to the help of guild members, 580 nine-patch blocks have been completed and that's plenty for the quilt. Karen has embroidered 90 hexies, 82 of which will be incorporated into the quilt. Piecing is under way. Karen has done a lot of this work herself, and will probably

be piecing the top together, as she is self-isolating for her health. Once the top is finished we will see what sort of quilting needs to be done and will then need someone to hand bind the quilt with bias binding, as we have angles, if I remember correctly. We can't wait to see the top!



### Please welcome these new members

**Sharon Kalinowski:** Sharon has moved here recently from Massachusetts. A quilter for 25 years, she also enjoys reading and travel. Sharon learned about our guild on the internet.

Quebec, Carole Anne comes to us from New York and plans on becoming a full-time resident this fall. She has been a quilter for about ten years. Carole Ann learned about our guild from two members who live in Aberdeen.

**Carol Anne Rugar:** Originally from Montreal,

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## Charity Projects Update

Hopefully you took advantage of the charity bundle projects your coordinators put in place the end of May. Now, another summer holiday has come and our guild is still not able to have formal meetings and programs. Thank you to those of you who so kindly take time away from your own quilting projects to make some of our charity projects. The needs of so many will never go away.

Completed bundles with enough material for the top, back, batting, binding and label have been assembled. We also have other tasks that need to be completed: i.e. tops that need to be quilted and finished, labels sewed on, etc. Our goal this year was to focus first on the Honor Quilts, which we never have enough of, and throw-size quilts for Project Warm, then baby quilts for various charities, along with bibs,

burp clothes, and pillow cases. For the Honor Quilts and throw size quilts please make them close to 54" x 68", the Baby quilts should be approximately 40" x 40".

The kit bundles are available for you at two pickup/drop off locations: Claire Sadowniczak's home on the mainland and Susan Sauro's home on beachside; both are in Ormond Beach. For privacy reasons these addresses will be sent to members via a separate email. Linda Derryberry also has several bundles for Honor Quilt tops at her house, if you are interested in those, please contact her. If you have any completed quilts please bring them or send them with someone to the meeting.

Stay safe and happy quilting Ladies!

From Nora, Sandi, Leslie and devoted volunteers

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## Fingers Quilt Guild 2020 Challenge

This year's Challenge is "Houses". I know many of you have taken advantage of this strange time we are in to create this year's Challenge. Remember, 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, and 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 [hartzler.nora@gmail.com](mailto:hartzler.nora@gmail.com)) or Lynne Fraas (404-376-9644 or [lynnefraas@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnefraas@yahoo.com)).

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## Birthdays then and now

**April:** Vera Huckaba, 4/7; Bonnie Godwin, 4/9; Penny Fillion, 4/15; Kim Ramos, 4/15; Linda Costello, 4/22; Marilynn Knowles, 4/24; Sally McCarroll, 4/28; Marita Kelly, 4/3.

**May:** Melinda Sheppard, 5/17; Zee Rogers, 5/23; Cindy Somers, 5/24.

**June:** Edie Ervey, 6/1; Judy Viviano, 6/4; Monique Foley, 6/5; Linda Frisch, 6/19.

**July:** Jean Roth, 7/4; Sally Ann Narhi, 7/15; Karen Myrick, 7/15; Dawn Butrym, 7/17; Cindy Amicon, 7/22; Ann Smith, 7/26; Coral Shattuck, 7/31.

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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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## Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sews will be held on **Wednesday, August 5 and September 2, 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](mailto: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 next gatherings will be on **Thursday, July 9 and August 13, 2020** (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](mailto:Motherhen@racingfingersquiltguild.com)

## Accuquilt Go Electric Cutter available for your use

Our Accuquilt Go is available for any guild member to use. The dies include Clamshells in 8" and 4; the 2 1/2" strip, burp cloth, bib, flying geese, 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 (3x6 finished), and the 10 inch "Cube Go" box set. The Cube includes Square, 5 1/2" (5" finished), Square, 3" (2 1/2" finished), Half Square Triangle (5" finished square) Quarter Square Triangle (5" finished square) Half Square Triangle (2 1/2" finished square) Square on Point, 4 1/16" (39/16" finished), Parallelogram 45°, 3 3/16" x 4 1/4" Sides (2 1/2 x 3 9/16" finished), and Rectangle, 3" x 5 1/2" (2 1/2" x 5" finished). For ideas on what the block can make go to: [www.accuquilt.com](http://www.accuquilt.com). To check out the Accuquilt, contact Nora Vigliotti at [hartzler.nora@gmail.com](mailto:hartzler.nora@gmail.com) or 574-286-8712.

## 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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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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