

Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

September 2020

September meeting: Monday, September 14, 2020
Place: Aberdeen Clubhouse, 50 Allwood Green Blvd,
Ormond Beach.
Time: 6:30 pm
Program: Show and Tell, etc.

October meeting: Monday, October 12, 2020
Place: Aberdeen Clubhouse, 50 Allwood Green Blvd,
Ormond Beach.
Time: 6:30 pm
Program: Show and Tell, etc.

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Programs and Workshops

Your Co-First Vice-Presidents for Programs are working on bringing you virtual programs and workshops. We have all seen how the workplace has changed to more people working from home with the future of education following suit. Due to COVID-19 and the policies banning crowds of various sizes and the age and health issues of our guild members, holding virtual events will be the best way to continue education for our guild members for the foreseeable future.

Well-known quilt instructors have figured out how to teach virtually as COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc with life as we know it. All the instructors we had booked for 2020 are now offering virtual events and will be rebooked in the future. Those virtual events can be live or pre-recorded, each having great benefits. A big benefit for guilds such as ours is the financial impact; when holding a virtual event we no longer need to pay for the instructor's travel expenses such as lodging, mileage, and meals. This can easily save half the program costs.

This year a new quilt organization, "Global Quilt Connection," (GQC) was founded by quilt artists, Sue Bleisweiss and Lyric Kinard, as a response to the inability to offer live in-person teaching events due to the pandemic. They recognized that guilds across the country needed a way to keep their members engaged during this time of social distancing, so they started the GQC to help connect quilt teachers who are ready to offer online virtual teaching to guilds all over the globe. The GQC has been holding Webinars where teachers have three minutes to introduce themselves and talk about their programs, lectures, and workshop classes.

We (Nora and Lynne) have been attending these sessions to prepare to begin offering virtual events in the future. We have many great programs in mind for you due in part to GQC. Our next step is getting members acquainted with Zoom meetings for those not already using this platform. Stay tuned as your board works on keeping us all connected. Stay Safe and Quilt On! Nora Vigliotti and Lynne Fraas.

A message from our Linda Derryberry, RGQG President

September! That used to mean changing leaves and cooler temperatures and the beginning of fall. In Florida most of those things don't apply, but it is the beginning of fall. Days are getting shorter. We start to think of the holidays. It doesn't seem possible that we are there already, with half the year sort of sucked into the black hole of Stay Safe at Home. It has been very strange indeed. Our guild took a few months to just exist online at Facebook and Group-Works and in rallying around the charity work of facemasks and children's quilts. Eventually we started to need more, the yearning for contact was so strong. We have reached the place where we feel

comfortable getting together in small groups, but not in an organized way. And having so many members who do not feel safe to be out with us is just darn hard! The board will be meeting soon, and our Program chairs have been checking out a lot of possibilities, so we can plan the rest of this year and into 2021. While we hope that next year will return to normal, it is very probable that everything will not be completely normal. We can only wait and see. In the meantime, we will plan and keep on plugging along, sewing and sharing and staying safe and sane. Hope to see as many of you as are able at our "meeting" and hopefully will be seeing more of you soon!



Urgent request - Sunshine Committee needs new chairperson

We are in need of someone to take over the Sunshine Committee immediately. Cynthia Rose will not be able to do this any longer and this is such an important role in the health of our guild community. The position requires you to send out cards to members who are ill, have been hospitalized, or have lost a family member. Not a huge time or effort require-

ment, but very important. Board members and guild members will notify you when they hear of such an event. We have supplies - cards and postage stamps - ready to give to someone who takes on this job. If you are willing, please contact Linda at info@racingfingersquiltguild.com and let her know.



Let's keep up with Block of the Month

The corona quarantine has definitely interrupted our BOM plan. I hope your lives are finding a new routine which includes sewing. I know many of you are not comfortable yet to gather in larger groups, and may not be comfortable to do so for many more months. So we'd like to encourage everyone to commit to these simple skill-building Blocks of the Month. Bring them to meetings when you are able and when we have a good collection they will be raffled off.

The September block is *Scrappy Fence Rail Stars*:
Google: MSQC FENCE RAIL STAR TUTORIAL

The October block is *3D Pinwheel Blocks*. Find directions here:

www.unitednotions.com/MBS-3D-pinwheel-throw-quilt.pdf

The picture tutorial for these 3-D stars is really good. Skip the square-in-a-square tutorial that is at the beginning and just make a pinwheel or two. Notice: if you follow the directions with two contrasting 9" blocks you will make eight half-square triangles each squaring down to four inches. This is six more than you need. You really only need two from each color pair.

Terri recommends you cut four 5" squares. Pair them up and draw a diagonal line on the back. Sew 1/4" from either side of the line, cut apart, press open and square to 4". This should give you two pairs of two colors.

For help or more information email Terri at BOTM@racingfingersquiltguild.com



Please welcome this new member

Joanna Darke: Joanna attended our February meeting and intended joining the following month, but Covid-19 interfered with that. Born in New York,

she has just relocated here from New Jersey. Joanna also enjoys sewing, reading, crochet and embroidery. She learned about our guild from a free newspaper.

Birthdays in September

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

Monthly Sit 'n' Sew

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sews will be held on **Wednesday, October 7, and November 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.

Please be sure to RSVP for Sit N Sew on Groupworks so we can keep track of how many are attending. We ARE limiting the number of attendees per state suggestion, so this is necessary.

Hint you might find helpful

Fold top to Bottom: Do you own a large number of quilts? Is storage a problem? Sometimes flat storage just isn't possible, so they have to be stored folded. The first fold is the one that creases the most. Try folding from top to bottom rather than from side to

side. When you unfold your quilt to hang it, its weight will pull out the first heavy crease. Or you could try folding diagonally, which reduces both horizontal and vertical creases.

Racing Fingers Quilt Guild 2020 Challenge

This year's Challenge is "Houses." I know many of you have taken advantage of the 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 so time is running out. Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, and Best Use of color. If you have any questions contact Nora Vigliotti (574-286-8712) or VP2@rackingfingersquiltguild.com or Lynne Fraas (404-376-9644) or VP1@racingfingersquiltguild.com.)

RFQG Mother Hen Group

Mother Hen continues to be on hold month to month. The library sends notification each month

about room availability for the following month and so far everything is still shut down for group gatherings.

Charity Projects Update

When you live in uncertain times, it helps to concentrate on what you can do by helping those less fortunate. Since the end of July, our wonderful guild members have made and donated: sixteen quilts and forty pillowcases to Family Renew; twenty-four baby quilts and forty bibs or burp cloths to Resources for Women; and nine quilts and thirty-four pillowcases to Project Warm! Linda Derryberry also donated two huge bags full of new and lightly used clothes to the ladies at Project Warm. Please scroll through the photos on Facebook and GroupWorks to enjoy the generosity and creativity of our guild members.

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 fin-

ished, 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 Sadowiczak's home on the mainland and Susan Sauro's home on beachside; both are in Ormond Beach. For privacy reasons these addresses will not be published in this newsletter, please check the GroupWorks website for this information. 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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### 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 [VP2@racingfingersquiltguild.com](mailto:VP2@racingfingersquiltguild.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.

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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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