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# Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

May 2026



### No name tag prize in May

**Please note:** There will not be a name tag prize at the May meeting. If you wear your RFQG name tag when you sign in at the June meeting, you will be given a ticket that will give you a chance to win a prize.

Barbara Paulsen won April's name tag prize



**May Meeting:** Monday, May 11, 2026

**Place:** The Boardroom Coffee Co.

26 Bovard Avenue, Ormond Beach.

**Time:** Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Program/Zoom call at 6:30 p.m.

**Program:** A 75-minute live Zoom presentation by **Ricky Tims**. He will discuss his newest quilt "The Visitation" which won **Best of Show** at the International Quilt Festival in Houston.

There are very few quilters who are not familiar with Ricky Tims and his remarkable quilts. You can learn more about his quilting history by going to: <https://www.rickytims.com/about-ricky/rickys-bio>.

**We will not provide food or drinks.**

Seating is limited to 100 people. Non-members and friends of members are welcome to attend for a charge of \$20. Reservations are required by everyone due to the 100 maximum seating capacity.

Make your reservation at

[www.racingfingersquiltguild.com](http://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com)

select the Calendar tab, then select

**"Don't Miss Ricky Tims Live on Zoom!"**

Show and tell will be at 8 p.m. as the room is reserved till 9 p.m.



**June Meeting:** Monday, June 8, 2026

**Place:** Seabreeze United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 501 N. Wild Olive Avenue, Daytona Beach.

**Time:** 6 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Program

**Program:** "Quilting Tails" a trunk show presented by Nikki Hill.

An artist and storyteller since she was four-years-old, Nikki Hills discovered quilting 20 years ago and taught herself to translate her stories into stitches through surface design. Her work is largely inspired by fairy tales, fables, and her own quirky sense of humor and love of cats. She is looking forward to visiting us and sharing her work and creative processes, including the dos and don'ts of using ink pencils for fabric design, so that we won't make the mistakes that she did on her creative journey. Nikki will bring a lot of her quilts for display and some for passing around.



**President's Corner**  
**A message from Sharon Kalinowski**

I would like to thank Mindy Skinner for the great workshop! As a rule, I am not a fan of making bags, but Mindy made it so simple, that I am planning on making several more for gifts. A huge thank you also to Nanette and Coral for all their hard work in bringing the Ricky Timms Zoom program to our group. They went over and above in finding a venue that promises the best Zoom experience for this meeting. Please remember there will be no business meeting this month due to this special program; however, you are welcome to bring show and tell and we will share if time permits.

On Saturday, May 16, there will be an extended board meeting at my home. We will be updating the Bylaws and I would appreciate it if all members would review them. You can find them at our website

[www.racingfingersquiltguild.com](http://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com). Select the Members Only tab and enter the password. The Bylaws are the first item on the Members Only screen. If you have any recommendations, please send them to me prior to the meeting

Finally, as summer approaches and some of you leave for you other homes, safe travels and happy quilting.

**Please note:** There will not be a "free giveaway" table at the meeting this month. You are encouraged to bring any of your unused or "no longer needed" items to the meeting in June.

Please remember to take home any items that are not taken. We do not have sufficient storage to keep items in our closet.



**Quilt Trivia**

**Provided by Aurora Lowell and Nora Vigliotti**

1. What mail order catalog offered quilting stencils with stamping wax in the mid 1920's?
2. What is the name of the fabric that looks like a pieced quilt, but is not?
3. A "polychromatic" color scheme involves a combination of how many colors from the color wheel?

Answers may be found on page 4.



**Fun program coming in July**  
**"Christmas in July"**

The Hunter's Ridge Stitcher's on the Ridge will present a "Christmas in July" event at the meeting in July. They plan to have five or six tables of "make and take" projects. Photos of each project will be posted on the guild website and guild members will be able to reserve the "make and take" they want to do. Instructions for the projects will also be posted on the website so members can download anything they would like to make at home.



**Fidget Quilts and Quilts of Valor in demand**  
**Sue Martin and Joe Pickard, Coordinators**

In April we donated Fidget Quilts to Paradise Pointe Memory Care, in Ormond Beach. Thank you Dee Duckworth, for the contact and thank you Sandy Makowski, for delivering them. I gave ten to the Foster Care non-profit organization I work with in Daytona Beach, five to a special needs substitute teacher that floats to different elementary schools locally, and one to my neighbor who has a severely handicapped granddaughter. We currently have 55 completed Fidget Quilts and about 60 blanks ready to go.

RFQG and the American Sewing Guild were given more fabric to make blank Fidget Quilts and items to attach to them. Also, thanks to Aurora Lowell, we received a donation of quilted fabric from the Paducah Quilt Show. When this donation is cut into blanks, they will need to be bound and straps added. There is no need to hurry with this, we have plenty to work with.

The next Fidget Quilt and Quilts of Valor Day will be **Tuesday, June 2, 2026**. Sue Martin will have all the supplies at the church ready to go at 10 a.m. Bring your machine, sewing supplies and lunch and help us get some quilts finished.

For information contact Sue Martin at [suedeemartin@gmail.com](mailto:suedeemartin@gmail.com) or 321-576-2439 or Joe Pickard at [Jofus1118@gmail.com](mailto:Jofus1118@gmail.com) or. 551-265-1846.



**Charity quilts and other handmade items**  
**Sandi Makowski, Coordinator**

Charity sewing is back in full swing after the hectic holiday and quilt show commitments. So far this year we have donated 13 lap quilts, 29 heart pillowcases and three wallhangings to Charlene's Dream for women facing cancer treatment. They are always grateful and excited to see our beautiful creations. It helps soothe an otherwise scary health journey to come.

Fidget quilts continue to be popular with 95 quilts being made and distributed from the AQS show with 20 going to Paradise Pointe Memory Care and ten going to Longstreet Elementary. Fidget quilts were also given to guests at the show who requested one.

Many thanks to our Foster Hive group, who recently gave 36 large quilts to the Community Partnership for Children and continue to work on more. And 1 Ohana 1 Community received three baby quilts, 21 pillowcases, 26 burp cloths and 18 crocheted or sewn/embroidered stuffies for children entering the foster system. They are always grateful and sadly always in need of more. And last, but not least, three lap quilts went to Advent Hospital, to be distributed to patients in need of comfort, especially during the holidays.

Thank you again for all you do. Our talent, grace and efforts make a huge difference in the community. If you want to know more, contact me anytime at [Sandimakowski@mac.com](mailto:Sandimakowski@mac.com) or 386-852-4719.



**Block of the month**  
**Mindy Skinner and Lynne Fraas**  
**Coordinators**

Kelly Edman, Patti Mirabile and Jean Roth won March's BOM.

April's block of the month is the  
"Two Step Block"

For directions contact  
[Pataschman@gmail.com](mailto:Pataschman@gmail.com)

Do not bring this block to the May meeting.

Please bring it to the meeting in June.



**Please welcome these new members**

**Jeanne Auslam (New Smyrna Beach):** A quilter for over 40 years, Jeanne is looking forward to learning some new techniques. She was introduced to RFQG by her friends, Kelly Edman and Cathy Osterkamp.

**Denise Duval (Ormond Beach):** Denise has been quilting for 30 years. She is looking forward to having friends with the same interest in quilting. She found our guild through a friend.

**Joy Midkiff (Port Orange):** A quilter for 26 years, Joy hopes to be more active in the local quilting community. She was the first member to join us using the new website. Joy leaned about RFQG as a volunteer at the AQS Quilt Show.

**Nancy Swanson (Port Orange):** Nancy says she has been quilting, on and off, for most of her life. She too is looking for friends with a common interest. Nancy found out about us at the AQS Quilt Show.

**Lynne Zimmerman (New Smyrna Beach):** Lynne has been quilting for ten years. She is looking for fellowship and the chance to learn more. Lynne was brought to our guild by her friend Jeanne Auslam.



**UFO Challenge**  
**Sue Martin, Coordinator**

Kimberly Cline and Jean Roth were the winners of the first quarter UFO Challenge. If you want to join in the 2026/2027 UFO Challenge, entry forms for the second quarter (April, May, June). should be given to Sue Martin no later than the meeting on July 13, 2026. Second quarter winners will be selected at the July meeting and prizes awarded.

We are always looking for prize donations. If you have any extra quilt related items that you don't need, please bring them to the meeting in June and they can be added to the collection. The American Sewing Guild has given us a bunch of donations that can be used as prizes.

You can contact Sue martin with any questions at [suedeemartin@gmail.com](mailto:suedeemartin@gmail.com) or text her at 321-576-2439.



**Thank you, hospitality providers  
Patti Mirabile, Coordinator**

**There will be no refreshments at the May meeting due to the program being held off site.**

June's refreshments will be provided by Dorothy Thompson (healthy snack); Mike Moore (sweet indulgence) and Michele O'Neil (salty snack). **Note:** Please bring your own beverage.

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**May Birthdays**

Michelle Ross, 5/12; Mindy Skinner, 5/14;  
Molly Waddell, 5/18; Julie Swenson, 5/22;  
Cindy Somers, 5/24; Karen Watts, 5/30.

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**Quilt Trivia answers**

- 1. Sears catalog.
- 2. Cheater cloth.
- 3. Many colors.

Our thanks to Aurora Lowell and her husband who devised and produced the game "Sew You Want to be a Quilter."

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**Sit 'n' Sew meets on third Tuesday**

**Kathi Carlson, Coordinator**

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on **Tuesday, May 19, 2026**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Seabreeze United Church of Christ. You can come at any time and bring a lunch if you wish. Many members need a time to just sew together, to work on their own projects or charity projects for the guild. So, bring your machine, an extension cord and your project. There will be an ironing board and tables. Let's get some work done and enjoy socializing with fellow members. For information contact Kathi Carlson at 386-214-7120 or [flacarlson@aol.com](mailto:flacarlson@aol.com)

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**Upcoming Events**

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

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**Accuquilt Go Big  
Nora Vigliotti and Sandy Alfaia, Coordinators**

Don't forget to take advantage of the guild's electric Accuquilt Go Big cutters and the abundance of dies to use. Since the Accuquilt cutter is stored at the church, attending our monthly Sit 'n' Sew is a great opportunity to use it. There are so many possibilities for quilts you can make with these dies. It also can be a great scrap buster. The new complete list of guild-owned dies will be available soon on our new website.

For information or suggestions on a new die to add for the Accuquilt, contact Nora Vigliotti at 574-286-8712 or [Hartzler.nora@gmail.com](mailto:Hartzler.nora@gmail.com). For help with the cutter or to check out dies, contact Sandra Alfaia at 610-213-3980 or [s.alfaia124@gmail.com](mailto:s.alfaia124@gmail.com).

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**Sunshine Chair needs your help.**

**Kathleen Raiti, Coordinator**

If anyone has any unused greeting cards that they don't need and are willing to donate to Sunshine, it would help defray costs. Sometimes charities send cards in an effort to solicit monetary donations and note cards accumulate somehow. We don't need birthday cards as we don't send them. Get well, thank you, or sympathy cards are what we generally use and any contributions would be appreciated. Blank note cards would help as well. Thank you.

If you hear of a RFQG member who has been hospitalized, is very ill or who has lost a family member, please contact Kathy Raiti at 561-827-9076 or [kathraiti@aol.com](mailto:kathraiti@aol.com).

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**2026 RFQG Annual Challenge**

**250th Anniversary of America QOV**

**Nora Vigliotti and Lynne Fraas, Coordinators**

On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Guilds in the US are as well as fabric manufacturers and quilt shops are rallying around the 250th anniversary with pride. There is an overa-

bundance of ways quilters are uniting to celebrate.

This year's challenge gives us an opportunity to participate in the country's celebration and help the Quilts of Valor Foundation Organization by making a patriotic quilt. It is with great hope that you will make a patriotic quilt for this challenge and you will donate the quilt to QOV to be awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war.

The normal requirements for a QOV are as follows:

- 100% cotton fabric of good quality, appropriate for adults.
- Preferably patriotic colors, avoid juvenile, gender or branch specific fabrics.
- Ideal size is 60" x 80", no smaller than 55" x 65" and no larger than 72" x 90".

- For a full list of details you can visit: [www.QOVF.org](http://www.QOVF.org).

You have until the November meeting to complete your challenge entry and on that night, we will showcase all the entries and vote for your favorite. Your entry is to remain a secret until after voting. Please do not post your entry on social media until after the voting at the November meeting. Your entry should be brought to the meeting in a brown paper bag to keep it a secret. Prizes will be awarded to the top two entries which will consist of \$25 Gift Certificates to a local quilt shop. For questions, please reach out to Nora Vigliotti, 574-286-8712, [hartzler.nora@gmail.com](mailto:hartzler.nora@gmail.com). Or Lynne Fraas, 404-376-9644, [lynnefraas@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnefraas@yahoo.com)



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