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Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

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Prize offered for wearing your name tag

If you wear your RFQG name tag when you sign in at the next meeting, you will be given a ticket that will give you a chance to win a prize.



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 a four-year-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.



July Meeting: Monday, July 13, 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: "Christmas in July" presented by the Hunter's Ridge Stitchers' "On the Ridge" group.

The group plans to have six tables set up. Each table will seat ten people and will offer a different "Make and Take" project. Click here to see the projects and reserve your spot!

<https://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com/event/racing-fingers-quilt-guild-general-meeting-3/>.

There are six project options to choose from, and members may reserve a seat for only one project. Sign up today to secure your seat before the tables fill up! Please include the project name in the subject line.

Instructions for all projects are posted in the BOM section of the website so members may download and make any projects they would like to complete at home.

In the spirit of Christmas, we would like members to donate an item for two churches' food pantries. A list of suggestions will be published with the **July** newsletter.

Also, consider bringing your leftover Christmas fabric for the "giveaway" table.



President's Corner
A message from Sharon Kalinowski

Wow! It has been a fast six months! Where does the time go?

This month our program was exceptional. Ricky Timms' Program was both interesting and informative. It was so great to see him and learn about his creative process. Thanks again to Coral and Nanette for securing the location and the tech support for this event. It was wonderful!

As mentioned last month, there was a Governing Board meeting on May 16. There were several things of note, one of which is that we have expanded the Fidget and Quilts of Valor sewing day (the first Tuesday of the month), to encompass all charity work. Please plan to come and have a fun time with others in creating items for our outreach programs.

We spent a good amount of time on the By-laws, but still need another meeting to finalize changes. The intention is to remove outdated information, remove gender specific terminology and to more clearly define some responsibilities. Once this is completed, we will present it to the membership for approval.

We also need to work on the Standing Rules, where we will determine how we operate in such areas as the retreat and workshop payments. With the improved web site much of this will be automated.

I am looking forward to our program this month with Nikki Hill and seeing all of her creations.

I hope you are all well and for those who are traveling safe travels and see you when you return.

Please note: You are encouraged to bring any of your unused or "no longer needed" items to place on our free table. Please remember to take home any items that are not taken. We do not have sufficient storage to keep items in our closet.



Calling All Quilters and Fiber Artists!

Coral Shattuck and Nanette Long have done an amazing job planning an exciting year of programs for Racing Fingers Quilters Guild, and the schedule is nearly complete! We may have an opening for our meeting on **August 12**, and we're looking for a dynamic presenter to share their quilting, fiber arts, creative techniques, or inspiring quilting journey with our members.

Do you have a presentation to share, or do you know someone who would be a great guest speaker? We'd love to hear from you!

Please contact us at info@racingfingersquiltersguild.com with your ideas or recommendations. Help us continue bringing engaging, educational, and inspiring programs to our guild community! Share your passion. Inspire fellow quilters. Reach out today!



Quilt Trivia

Provided by Aurora Lowell and Nora Vigliotti

1. On what traditional quilt pattern is the "Ice Cream Cone" border commonly used.
2. For what is a "Strawberry Emery" used?
3. What is the Little Foot?

Answers may be found on page 4.



You get the picture

Help us keep our guild connections stitched together! Check out your information in the new Membership Directory in the members only section of the website and send any updates, corrections, or a favorite photo to info@racingfingersquiltguild.com.



Sew...are you coming to the retreat?

The Racing Fingers Fall Retreat at Luther Springs is calling! Join us for stitching, sharing, creating, learning, and maybe even crossing a few UFOs off your list. Click here to learn more! <https://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com/event/fall-retreat-at-luther-springs/>



**Fidget Quilts and Quilts of Valor Day is now our
Charity Sew Day.**

**Sue Martin, Joe Pickard, Kahti Carlson
Coordinators**

At last month’s meeting, the Governing Board decided to designate the first Tuesday of the month as Charity Sew Day. This will be an opportunity for guild members to work on all charity projects, including, but not limited to, Fidget Quilts and Quilts of Valor. The next Charity Sew Day will be **Tuesday, July 7, 2026**. There will be supplies at the church ready to start at 10 a.m. Bring your machine, sewing supplies and lunch and help us get some charity projects finished.

Ten Fidget Quilts were donated to a church last month. Sue Martin was able to cut seventeen Fidget Quilt blanks from the quilted fabric Aurora Lowell brought back from Paducah. They need to be bound and straps added.

More strips have to be added to some Quilts of Valor tops to make them the correct size.

We have batting and backing available.

For information contact Sue Martin at suedeemartin@gmail.com or 321-576-2439 or Joe Pickard at Jofus1118@gmail.com or. 551-265-1846 or Kathi Carlson at 386-214-7120 or flacarlson@aol.com



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

Our thanks to the following members for providing June’s refreshments: Dorothy Thompson (healthy snack); Mike Moore (sweet indulgence) and Michele O’Neil (salty snack).

July’s refreshments will be provided by Denise Sumerix (healthy snack), Kelly Edman (sweet indulgence) and Pat Aschman (salty snack)

Note: Please bring your own beverage.



June Birthdays

Edie Ervey, 6/1; Judy Viviano, 6/4;
Lynne Zimmerman, 6/6; Linda Frisch, 6/19;
Kathleen Raiti, 6/23.



Please welcome these new members

Barbara Bittner (New Smyrna Beach): A quilter for over 40 years, Barbara is looking for some inspiration for future quilts. She learned about our guild at the AQS Quilt Show.

Cindy Peterson (Ormond Beach): Cindy has been quilting for 28 years and is hoping to find some quilting friends. She also found our guild through the AQS Quilt Show.

Amanda Pickren (Orange City): A brand-new quilter, Amanda is looking for inspiration and friends with the same interest. She was introduced to RFQG by her friend, Kimberly Cline.

Barbara Radcliffe (Daytona Beach): Barbara has been a quilter for 40 years. She has been assisting her friend, Sue Martin, with charity projects and decided to join us.



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

Despite having the amazing Ricky Tims Zoom meeting curtailing the usual Show and Tell donations, May was still a productive month. I have just dropped off 61 items to 1 Ohana 1 Community to be placed in the care packages for children entering the foster care system. We were able to give them needed burp cloths, pillowcases, baby beanies, taggies and crocheted stuffie toys. I put a photo of the donated items on our Facebook page and occasionally share photos of care packages from 1 Ohana 1 Community as they post them.

We also donated two lap quilts to Advent Hospital in May. The hospital is grateful for any size quilts, but request that they be at least 36" x 36". These items comfort patients of all ages, knowing others are thinking of them while they are trying to recover.

We can always use more help with Charity Quilts. 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 or 386-852-4719.



Block of the month
Mindy Skinner and Lynne Fraas
Coordinators

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

For directions contact

Pataschman@gmail.com

Please bring blocks to the June meeting.



Sunshine Chair needs your help.

Kathleen Raiti, Coordinator

A few note cards and Thank You cards were donated at the April meeting and they are appreciated. I'll continue to put a receptacle on the sign in table for any unused greeting cards or blank note cards you don't need and are willing to donate to Sunshine.

We don't need birthday cards as we don't send them. Get well, thank you, or sympathy cards are what we usually need 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.



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. For help with the cutter or to check out dies, contact Sandra Alfaia at 610-213-3980 or s.alfaia124@gmail.com.



Quilt Trivia answers

1. Dresden Plate
2. To sharpen your needles
3. A plastic 1/4-inch foot lets you stitch a perfect 1/4" seam

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



UFO Challenge

Sue Martin, Coordinator

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.

You can contact Sue martin with any questions at suedeemartin@gmail.com or text her at 321-576-2439.



Sit 'n' Sew meets on third Tuesday

Kathi Carlson, Coordinator

The next RFQG Sit 'n' Sew will be held on **Tuesday, June 16, 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.



Upcoming Events

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



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.

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.

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. Or Lynne Fraas, 404-376-9644, lynnefraas@yahoo.com



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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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