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Newsletter of the Racing Fingers Quilt Guild

July 2026

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. Kelly Edman won in June.

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. **There will be no charge for the kits.** Click here to see the projects and reserve your spot!

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

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.

We are having a great turnout for sign-ups for this program. The following projects are still available for reservation. Please email Aurora at

a.lowell@charter.net or call 720 470-8215 with your reservation.

- Folded Star Ornament – Full
- Whirligig EPP Ornament – Full
- Folded Tree Napkin – 3 openings
- Snowman Ornament – 5 openings
- Fabric Tree Ornament – 5 openings
- Woolen Candy Cane Ornament – 7 openings

In the spirit of Christmas, we would like members to donate an item for a church's food pantries. A list of suggestions will be sent with this newsletter.

Also, please bring your leftover Christmas fabric for the "giveaway" table.

August Meeting: Monday, August 10, 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: "Workshops etc." presented by Julie Swenson.

Julie Swenson, a multitalented member of RFQG, will tell us about a workshop she will be leading: the "Anything Goes Bag" pattern by Aunties Two. See details on page 2.

She will also tell us about the Mystery Quilt Day which will be on Saturday, October 17.

President's Corner
A message from Sharon Kalinowski

Happy 4th of July to all of you.

Wow this is our 250th Anniversary as a country. Having been born in Massachusetts, I was constantly reminded of the revolutionary war and the struggle to gain our independence. We would never have been able to enjoy the freedoms we currently have without those brave individuals and all those who followed in their footsteps to protect those freedoms.

I wish to thank all our military families for their contributions. To those who served, a big Thank-You, to all the families affected by their service a big thank you as well. If you have not started your red, white and blue quilt for our 2026 Quilt Challenge, please consider doing so. The quilts will be gorgeous and you can donate it to QOV and have it awarded as a thank-you to a deserving service member.

This month we are celebrating Christmas as well. I am looking forward to celebrating Christmas in July this month. I will be dressing in my Christmas finery for the meeting and challenge you to do the same.

Don't forget to bring your non-perishable foods to the meeting. Pam Moriarty will take them to her church food pantry. The need is great throughout the year. She will also take your empty egg cartons.

Happy 4th and Merry Christmas. Stay safe and happy quilting

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**Quilt Trivia**

**Provided by Aurora Lowell and Nora Vigliotti**

1. A "Puss in the Corner", "Patience Corner", and "Homeward Bound" are made using a 1, 4, 5, 7, or 9 patch design?
2. A quilt pattern which can be broken down into 25 equal squares is what type of design?
3. The Industrial Revolution in America was started in what industry?

Answers may be found on page 4.

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Please take your unadopted "giveaways" home.

Just a reminder - if you bring items for the free table, you need to take what isn't adopted back home with you. We had three large bags of items left last month!! We have no room to store these items, and someone had to pack it up and take it to donate somewhere.

Also, please give items you donate for Fidget Quilts to Sue Martin, or Linda Derryberry, if Sue is not there. At this point, we don't need a lot for Fidgets, so please keep that in mind. Not only is our cabinet pretty full of items, but Sue's house is stuffed!! Items for our other charity sewing should be given to Linda Derryberry so she can try to find a place for them. We are trying to lower our inventory of fabrics, etc., to make room for the Accuquilt cutter and dies that were donated.

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**"Anything Goes" Bag Workshop**

**Presented by Julie Swenson**

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**

**9: 00 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

This workshop will be held at the Seabreeze church. For information about the workshop and to sign up for it please go to:

<https://www.racingfingersquiltguild.com/event/anything-goes-bag-workshop/>.

There will also be a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

You will need the pattern (by Two Aunties), fabric, batting and matching thread. You can buy the pattern at Cut Up and Sew in Holly Hill or check online. You will need to prepare the tubes prior to the workshop. Bring your sewing machine and supplies.

If anyone needs batting, Julie has 40 2 1/2" strips cut ready to go and will have them at the meeting. She is asking for \$5.00 for her time cutting them.

If you have any questions about how to make the tubes, call or text Julie Swenson at 386-451-1439.

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**Final payment for Retreat information
From Judy Russell, Treasurer**

The November Retreat participants will receive an email reminding them to pay the remaining balance on their retreat fee. There will be a link on what to pay online depending on if they signed up for double or single occupancy.



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

June was a very productive and generous month at Racing Fingers Quilt Guild. The Foster Hive group finished and delivered 40 quilts to Children's Protective Services for the older kids aging out of the foster system. As if that wasn't enough, they also made and donated 60 Oopsie bags to be given to girls in the Volusia, Seminole and Flagler County school systems. Also, our members made and handed off eight Quilts of Valor tops, 15 Lap quilts to Bridging Hope (a domestic abuse shelter) and 35 items, including a baby quilt, pillowcases, burp cloths, and handmade toys to 1 Ohana 1 Community. And kudos to Sophie Bastan, who immediately made 18 heart-shaped mastectomy pillowcases within days of the call going out from Charlene's Dream. I am honored and humbled by the generosity and creativity of our amazing guild. Thank you all.

We can always use more help with Charity Projects. 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.



Calling All Quilters and Fiber Artists!

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!

**Charity Sew Day.
Sue Martin, Kathi Carlson, Sharon Kalinowski
Coordinators**

This day is 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, August 4, 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.

Unfortunately, Joe Pickard is no longer able to coordinate the Quilts of Valor project. We thank him for all the work he has put into this community project. If anyone would be interested in taking over coordinating the Quilts of Valor project, please contact Sharon Kalinowski at Sharon_kalinowski@hotmail.com or 386-275-2264.

For information contact Sue Martin at suedeemartin@gmail.com or 321-576-2439 or Kathi Carlson at flacarlson@aol.com or 386-214-7120.



Please welcome this returning member.

Connie Russ (Ormond Beach): After retiring from a demanding job, Connie took up quilting 15 years ago and joined our guild. Unfortunately, due to health issues, she had to drop out for a while, but now she's back and ready to help.



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

Our thanks to the following members for providing July's refreshments: Denise Sumerix (healthy snack), Kelly Edman (sweet indulgence) and Pat Aschman (salty snack)

August's refreshments will be provided by Carolyn Gallucio (healthy snack), Kelly Edman (sweet indulgence) and Kathleen Raiti (salty snack).

We need someone to sign up for healthy snack in September.

Note: Please bring your own beverage.



Sunshine Chair thanks you.
Kathleen Raiti, Coordinator

Your response to my request for note-cards and greeting cards has been fabulous so I'd say we are in good shape for both. Thank you to all who added to our supply.

As a reminder, if you know someone who needs condolences, a cheery note of support or a thank you, please let me know. I'll get in touch with them. Contact me at 561-827-9076 or kathraiti@aol.com.

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

We are working on making room in our storage closets at the church so that we can store all the new dies given to us by Sally McCarrol. Thank you, Patti Mirable, for storing them at your home while we complete this task. Don't forget to take advantage of the guild's electric Accuquilt Go Big cutter and the abundance of dies to use.

Since the Accuquilt cutter is stored at the church, attending our monthly Sit 'n' Sew day is a great opportunity to use it. There are so many possibilities of quilts you can make with these dies. It can also be a great scrap buster.

A new complete list of guild-owned dies will be available soon on our new website. For information or suggestions for a new die to add to our Accuquilt die collection, contact me Nora Vigliotti at 574-286-8712 or [Hartzler.nora@gmail.com](mailto:Hartzler.nora@gmail.com). For help with the cutter contact Sandra Alfaia at 610-213-3980 or [s.alfaia124@gmail.com](mailto:s.alfaia124@gmail.com).

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Quilt Trivia answers

1. Nine Patch.
2. A Five Patch quilt design
3. Textile industry

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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**July Birthdays**

Jean Roth 7/4; Shelly Toner, 7/9;  
Denise Peterson, 7/14; Ginger Davis, 7/14;  
Emily Norman, 7/15; Karen Myrick, 7/16;  
Amy Mecklem, 7/17; Barbara Ressler, 7/25  
Coral Shattuck, 7/31.

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Block of the month
Mindy Skinner and Lynne Fraas
Coordinators

Judy Bement, Denise Duvall, Kelly Edman, Patti Mirabile, Mike Moore, Coral Shattuck and Jane Vosdigh won April's BOM.

June's Block of the Month is
"Christmas Ball."

For directions contact

Pataschman@gmail.com

Please bring blocks to the July meeting.

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

If you are participating in the second quarter (April, May, June) 2026/2027 UFO Challenge, entry forms should be given to Sue Martin at the meeting on July 13, 2026. Second quarter winners will be selected at this meeting and prizes awarded.

If you wish to participate in the third quarter (July, August, September) UFO Challenge you may pick up a form at the July meeting. All completed forms must be turned in at the October 12 meeting, when third quarter winners will be selected and prizes awarded.

If you have any extra quilt related items that you don't need, please bring them to the meeting and they can be added to the prize collection.

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

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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 celebrated 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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**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. 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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Quilt related submissions to the newsletter are welcome.

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