

Patchwork Garden Chapter



Chapter Reminders:

Upcoming events: 3/1 - UFO Club pictures of quilt progress for number (3) drawn in February are due. Please send to Mary Ellen or Kathy D.; 3/5 - February Strip Club quilt top due for anyone participating; 3/5 and 3/12 - Esther Meinhardt's Large Tote Bag class; 3/6 - Guild Meeting; 3/12-3/15 - Chapter Quilt Retreat at Life Enrichment Center; 3/19 - Charity quilt night; 3/26 - Business Meeting and Show and Tell; 4/1 - UFO Club will draw new number and before pics should be sent to Mary Ellen or Kathy D.

Pam would like to remind all members that if they have any questions about chapter events or activities to contact any member of the EB for help. Dates for weekly events will now be published at the top of the chapter section of the newsletter, which is emailed to members as well as being posted on the chapter page of the website. The updated calendar is also emailed to members as well as being posted on the website. Weekly reminder emails will continue to be sent out on Sundays. A new monthly calendar will be sent out detailing weekly

activities prior to the start of each month. Regular emails about activities and events will continue to be sent to all members as needed. **If anyone still has no idea of what is happening in our chapter, I give up!**

Treasurer- Please pay Cindy for the Shop Hop on 4/7. Cost is \$15.00.

Programs - Please continue to check the website for up-to-date information about programs and classes. qgotv.org

An updated list of all visiting artists and teachers for 2018 has been posted on our information board.

A webmaster for the QGOTV website will now be available at every Guild meeting to help anyone having trouble accessing the website.

Strip Club: **Quilt tops/quilts for February** are due next week, 3/5. Please refer to the email sent out about the club or contact Bernie with any questions.

Committees: Please see Kathleen if you wish to sign up for a committee for the coming year. Budgets for all committees are due to Pam by 3/12.

Charity Committee: Charity quilt batting and backing will now be available in pre-cut form in the closet. There will also be labels in various sizes to attach to your quilts. We ask that you bring any finished quilts for Beth only on our charity night each month so that it is easier for her to transport them. The next charity night will be on 3/19. Beth has requested that you pin a slip of paper to your quilt with your name and the designated charity for the quilt listed.

Sally Rowe has fabric cut for chemo caps. If you wish to help in this great cause, please see her for a kit to sew caps.

Patches are available for the quilts for Cornerstone Hospice. Details are on the QGOTV website. qgotv.org

57 quilts are needed for the Honor Flight in September. Quilts should measure 54x75. Details are on the QGOTV website. qgotv.org

Showcase 2019: January 25-26 at Seabreeze and Rohan Rec. centers.

The Rules and Regulations for Showcase 2019 have also been posted on the information board. Please refer to these when filling out your Showcase quilt entry form. They are also posted on the guild's website.

The chapter assignment will be to help with the judging, which will take place at Laurel Manor over a 2 day period. Please contact Karen Smith or Ellen Peters if you are interested in helping with our assignment. We are in need of a large number of helpers, so if you are a snowbird who is willing to assist us, please let us know before you fly north:)

Challenge quilt packets should be available after the next Showcase meeting on 3/6.

Showcase Boutique Committee: Boutique is a marketplace during Showcase where individuals and chapters can sell handmade sewn items. Proceeds after taxes are usually 10% to the guild, 90% to the seller. We will be making items throughout the year to sell and raise funds for chapter activities. Please see Nancy Rockwell with any ideas for items or questions about Boutique.

Shop Hop Committee: Carol Browning and Pat Bruce have planned the Shop Hop for Saturday, 4/7. We will meet at Sam's Club. Sign ups are now open for the 30 spots on the bus, and the cost is \$15.00. Please pay Cindy and contact Carol or Pat if you wish to join the chapter in this super fun event!

Retreat Committee: Kathy D. is asking all attendees to bring a fat quarter of fabric for a fun and secret small project!

Winners:

Show and Tell - Mary Ellen Streeter

Nametags- Dianna Cox



Guild News

Teresa reiterated the Recreation Department's policy that chapters may not book time outside of their allotted meeting time in any rec. center. All requests for time slots for additional meetings, parties, etc., must go through Teresa or Ruth, who will check the guild's allotted times and try to find a slot. Also, if your room is being used for an event, TV can tell you that you cannot hold a meeting that day (ex. Gov. Rick Scott's visit on 2/20 vacated Eisenhower for the day). If your center is closed for any reason, the chapter loses that time. Teresa encouraged creative thinking in this instance, like going out for a meal as a chapter, or visiting your sister chapter that week.

Secretary's Report: Current reports are posted on the QGOTV website.

Treasurer's Report: Insurance issues have led the guild to look for new coverage. The policy will cover all guild events, including Marketplace and Showcase, and all chapters. (Retreats and off-site events for chapters are not covered) One mandatory item is medical expense coverage for all volunteers, including spouses, at guild events. Negotiations are ongoing.

Membership: 1,200 members to date. The two new chapters will be added to the roster of the guild in April. Rosters will be sent to each chapter after registration is over in March, and all members should verify their information. Many e-mails no longer work for guild members.

Programs: 2018 calendar of visiting artists is on the website and will be updated as changes occur.

There are spaces available for the AQS Daytona trip on 3/1. The cost is \$25.00 for the bus only - you will have to pay \$10.00 for a ticket at the show. Email Ruth Strocchia at qgotvvp@gmail.com if interested.

There are 5 additional openings for the Wacky Bird class with Suzanne Marshall on March 7th. See your Program Representative if interested.

Charity Committee: Karen Smith and the Chapter charity representatives reviewed the charities that are currently receiving support from the Guild: Honor Flight, Shriners, and Cornerstone Hospice. Donations tracking reports for each chapter are due by March 30th to Karen so she can generate a report for Claudia.

Cornerstone Hospice Quilts must use the patch provided on the front of the quilt. Please see your Charity Rep. for the patches.

Sandi Norris is collecting the play mats and pillowcases for Shriners.

Khaki and Sterling Heights chapters are going to provide 10 quilts for each cabin for the Florida Sheriffs' Youth Ranches, per their request. This is not a Guild-wide initiative, but members can contact their chapter president if they are interested in the details of this project.

They need 57 more quilts for the Honor Flight in September - measurements are 54x75. Contact Sharon Duemler at (352) 399-5890 to deliver your quilt, or give it to one of our EB members to take to the monthly meeting.

March 17th will be the National Quilt Day celebration at Eisenhower Rec. Center, and will feature a presentation of Honor Flight quilts. All QGOTV members are invited.

Marketplace: \$13,827.82 was the amount raised.

Three recommendations came from the Steering Committee for future events:

1. There should be a policy about food for volunteers - whether it should be paid for by the guild for all-day shifts, and if there is food available at Marketplace or Showcase, whether or not members should be allowed to eat in front of the public as they work. Policy needed.

2. Should 3rd party attendees (ex. 4-H members who were linked to Allamanda) be allowed in for free? Policy needed.
3. What age constitutes a child, and therefore free admission? Policy needed.

The Chance Drawing raised \$500.00, but paid out \$500.00 in prizes. Since the guild committed \$1,000.00 to the Scholarship Fund, it will honor that pledge, but should there be a chance drawing in the future, or should money simply be allocated from the net profits of an event?

Showcase: Tickets were handed out for each chapter to sell for the Showcase charity quilt. **It is expected that each member of the guild will purchase 6 tickets for \$5.00.** Please see Pam for your tickets. \$999.00 was raised for the raffle quilt at Marketplace, and tickets will also be sold at the AQS show in Daytona.

There will be a Fish Fry fundraiser for Camp E-Nini-Hassee on 3/22. Jane Wnuk will be in the parking lot at Colony Rec. Center at 2:30 if anyone wishes to carpool to the event, which starts at 3:30.

The Steering Committee decided that Showcase 2019 tickets will be \$10.00, which covers admission for both days. Guild members are free.

Steering Committee reps. will visit each chapter in March to talk about Showcase and answer any questions. They will contact each president to set up a time.

Judges are now being sought for Showcase. There will be one judge for modern and art quilts, and two for traditional. Because the Steering Committee decided to have the quilts judged on a point system, it is not easy to find judges from the NQA. The committee has decided to look at qualified teachers and other qualified artists as alternatives in their search for judges.

There will be no Best In Show awarded at Showcase 2019, but there will be two Viewers' Choice awards and two Judges' Choice awards: one for Modern and one for Traditional.

Website: There will be a Help Desk at each Guild meeting for members having trouble using the website. Chapters are encouraged to urge their members to use the site.

VHA Hoedown raised between \$35,000 and \$40,000. There will be another event next year, and the quilted items were a great success. A final tally for the quilts will be forthcoming.

Quilters Closet and Notions Sale (formerly the Garage Sale): This event will take place on Saturday, March 3, at La Hacienda Rec Center from 8:30-12:00. Members are encouraged to carpool, as parking is limited. Guests are welcome if they have a visitor's pass from TV.

Creative Quilters Market: Will take place in October 2018. Details to follow.

New Business:

Renewed calls for the following positions in the guild:

PR Committee - if you have PR experience, we need 3-4 members to do PR for the guild.

Long-Range Planning Committee: Looking for current or former chapter presidents to meet monthly to plan 3-5 years out for the guild as TV grows.

Special Events: Need volunteers to oversee events such as Marketplace, Showcase, Creative Quilters' Market, Camp Villages, the Villages Parade, etc.



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Quilters' Recipe Corner:

Chocolate Guinness Cake Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 cup Guinness (dark beer)
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup baking cocoa
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda

TOPPING:

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

Directions

1. Grease a 9-in. springform pan and line the bottom with parchment paper; set aside.
2. In a small saucepan, heat beer and butter until butter is melted. Remove from the heat; whisk in sugar and cocoa until blended. Combine the eggs, sour cream and vanilla; whisk into beer mixture. Combine flour and baking soda; whisk into beer mixture until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan.
3. Bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Remove sides of pan.
4. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar and cream; beat until smooth (do not over-beat). Remove cake from the pan and place on a platter or cake stand. Ice top of cake so that it resembles a frothy pint of beer. Refrigerate leftovers. **Yield:** 12 servings.



I'm one fat quarter away from
being featured on an episode
of Hoarders....



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March Guild Meeting:

**Suzanne Marshall
Evolution of a Quilt Maker
Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

1985 Laurel Manor Drive, The Villages, FL 32162
Doors open at 6:30
Meeting begins at 7 PM

50/50, Nametag drawing, Show and Tell

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Suzanne's quilts have won numerous prizes. Toujour Nouveau and Mother's Day won Best Handworkmanship awards at the American Quilter's Society show in Paducah and are in the permanent collection of the National Quilt Museum. Toujour Nouveau was selected as one of the Twentieth Century's 100 Best American Quilts.





PG Quilter's Corner: Interview with Susana Esposito

1. When did you start quilting? How did you learn?

I started when I moved to The Villages in Feb. 2015 and joined Patchwork Garden. I learned a lot through the chapter and when Kathy D. taught the Lonestar quilt class.

2. If you were stranded on a desert island and could only take 10 quilt-related items, what would they be?

I'd take a manual sewing machine, thread, rotary cutter, scissors, ruler, pins, mat, needles, batting and lots of fabrics.

3. Do you have a quilt or quilts that are on your "someday" quilt list?

T-shirt or Bargello quilt.

4. What is your favorite quilt out of all your projects? Why is it your favorite?

My favorite quilt is on I make as a tribute to breast cancer. Made with pink ribbon fabric. I made it for myself since I am a breast cancer survivor.

5. How many WIPS do you have currently?

I have three or four maybe.

6. Why do you quilt / what is it you love most about quilting?

I enjoy the process of choosing a pattern and fabric. I love the creativity, relaxing and the feeling of accomplishment of the finished quilt.

Thanks to Bernie for this cute pic!



“So that’s what that compartment is for!”

That moment when you realize you ran out of bobbin thread and have been sewing nothing.



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You haven't had enough coffee until you can thread a sewing machine while it's running.



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Quilting Guild
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Sundays at Sterling

Sterling Heights Recreation Center

2508 St. Charles Place

The Villages FL 32162

11:30 am - 3:50 pm.

Scrap Day
every 3rd
Sunday!

Bring your projects & join other
Guild members for a fun day!

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No bathing sprays
or personal
fragrances, please
