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The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter
DECEMBER 2020

Seville Recreation Center (Rec Hall), 2640 Seville Blvd., Clearwater, FL

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2020 President's Message (Robin VanScoy)

It's the most Wonderful Time of the Year, or so the song says! This year certainly has been one of the strangest and constrained years of my lifetime and I bet for most of you as well. Although to my surprise I have been a bit content being at home and taking advantage of the time to finish up many projects and oh yes, start new ones of course.

This is my last article as your President and I would like to extend my gratitude to PQ Board and Committee Members that continued to support our programs even in the face of this pandemic. Each found a way to continue on with our plans even without meeting in person.

A Guild is only as good as the members whom are in and contribute to its success. With that, I say thank you to the many members who also continued to support and contribute! It was fun seeing you in the virtual realm of Zoom!

Be reminded that we have 2 virtual meetings left this year, a Sit-n-Sew on Saturday, **12/12/20 from 9-2 and our final Holiday meeting is on Thursday, 12/10/20 @ 7 pm.** Join us for some holiday cheer!

Mystery Quilt (2020)*Karen Pieczonka***Newsletter Editor***Janis Magee***Parliamentarian***Penny Black***Party Coordinator***Judy Wedekind & Team***Party Blocks***Linda Steinport**Penny Black***Programs Coordinator***Stephanie Sheppa***Retreat Planner (2021)***Judy Wedekind***Sunshine***Paula Riccio***Website***Donna McCain***(Cont'd, President Message)**

Your New Board is eager to work on an enriching program albeit virtual for 2021. Please continue to support them by joining in, share what you are working on and provide suggestions to what you would like to see or do in the coming year.

I am optimistic for 2021, although quite honestly, only time will tell. Our country is divided, the world is still reeling from the pandemic and we struggle with all of the new rules that continue to develop.

All I know is that I am thankful that I learned a hobby called quilting that brings people together, color into the not so colorful and brings Joy to all of us!

So in short, lift your glass to the New Year, pray for those in need and continue to bring happiness through quilting not only to others, but to yourself!

Many Blessings for the Holiday Season!

Robin VanScoy, President

**Community Outreach** (Gale Pittman, Chair)

Hello ladies!

We had a very successful donation day and even had a past member contact me to donate. It is great to see you since we have not been able to meet in person for such a long time. Miss you all. It was nice to see you even if it is behind a mask and 6 feet apart shouting in the parking lot.

Our donations are now going to several area hospitals, a nursing center, and a chemo treatment unit. Basically... if you want to make a quilt of at least 34 inches or larger...I can find a home for it. Even if it is for an adult rather than baby....I will find a home for it.

This donation was 58 quilts, 73 hearts, 6 baby hats, and 7 bears!!!!

It seems as if each donation day is more than I ever thought we could do. You can do your most challenging pattern in your favorite colors with exquisite quilting. You can challenge yourself to look at your stash and see what you might be able to do with what you have on hand as I like to do. Basic quilting is fine as long as it will hold up well in the washer and dryer. You can put on the walking foot and do diagonal quilting. Or try a new technique and use a ruler foot. Small projects are a great time to expand your quilting horizons. Some of the cutest have a center block that has some appliqué or a block from a panel print and then basic blocks around it. They turn out so fabulous that I love to look at them all. If you have a scrap left is it big enough for a heart? I figure that if it has been in my stash it is doing more good to move it out to the hospital in some form. I am supposed to see my stash going down thoughright????

Have a happy holiday season and we will all be together as soon as this pandemic allows.

Gale Pittman 727-510-7559 leave message or text

Vice-President's Message (Judy Wedekind)

WOW – where has this year gone? Had grand plans of finishing a lot of quilts, house projects, guess I will save them for next year. Well, once a procrastinator, always a procrastinator.

Our December Zoom Party will be held Thursday the 10th at 7:00 pm. Remember, wear your festive colors, motifs, hats etc., and if you like, have your favorite beverage and snack in hand.

PQ Retreat 2021 (Judy Wedekind)

I am ready for a retreat! Hopefully, the end of April 2021 we will be able to attend. Please note, we are first looking to fill the slots with those guild members who will be attending the entire weekend regardless if they 'sleep' at the hotel or not. If you desire to attend one or more days but not entire weekend, please let me know and I will maintain a list. Below is the Retreat information.

1. Please complete the PQ Retreat 2021 Registration Form, turn in to Judy Wedekind with your deposit of \$50.00 to hold your spot. If you completed a form last year and have no updates, you are good to go, will get your emergency contact info before the retreat. Registration form can be found on the PQ website.
2. Location: Hampton Inn and Suites, 4017 Tampa Road, Oldsmar, FL 35677
3. Dates: Thursday April 29, 2021 12:00pm – Sunday May 2, 2021 3:00 pm
4. Cost is \$185.10 + \$10.00 = \$195.10 to attend the entire weekend retreat
5. Reservation of Hotel Room – only one person from each room should make the reservation
 - a. Room - 2 Queen Beds: \$99.00 + 13% tax per night = \$335.61
 - b. Suite - 2 Double/Queen: \$119.00 + 13%tax per night = \$403.41
 - c. Check-in April 23, 2020 at 3:00 pm / Check-out April 26, 2020 at 12:00 pm
6. Reservation link: https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/T/TPAOMHX-QUL-20200423/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
7. Everything, I mean everything is under one roof and parking is free.
8. There will be hospitality service of coffee and water located throughout the hotel; water service in the Ballroom where we will be sewing.
9. Meals:
 - a. Thursday – Dinner only
 - b. Friday – Lunch and Dinner
 - c. Saturday – Lunch and Dinner
 - d. Friday through Sunday – Continental Breakfast for those who stay overnight at the hotel
10. Refunds must be in writing and no later than April 10, 2021 submitted to Judy Wedekind.

Any questions, please contact *Judy Wedekind*





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



DECEMBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS

- 12/3 – Norma Santiago
- 12/7 – Denise Swenson
- 12/12 – Mary Rodriguez Gort

JANUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

- 1/16 – Donna Tormeno
- 1/27 – Carol Hemmingsen
- 1/28 – Diane Friedman



The Largo Cracker Quilter's Invite the PQ Members to Shop at Their Fabric Collection: (Karen Barrie)

The guild has been lucky to receive numerous fabric donations for our philanthropic programs.

Sharing the fabric with our guild members, we have created charity quilts for the various Pinellas County organizations we support.

With Covid impacting everyone, we would like to open fabric shop to the PQ Members.

All fabric has been measured and marked with price, starting with FQ's up to approximately 6 yard bundles.

Fabric is purchased as a bundle. Tubs are made with the yardage (1 yd, 2 yds.....),

We also have patterns, books and tons of other items.

Fabric costs per yard:	Cotton (\$2.00)
	Batiks (\$4.00)
	Wide Backs (\$4.00)
	FQ's (\$.50)

Payment: Cash or Checks made out to Largo Cracker Quilters.

There are deals to be found!!!!!!

We ask that you call June Sanchez @ 727-409-4199(cell) or Karen Barrie @ 727-289-6534 (home) for an appointment. That will help with limiting the number of shoppers.

June is available at the church:

Monday (9 am – 11 am)
Tuesday – Friday (9 am – Noon)

If you need other times, please call and we can make arrangements.

Masks are required.

Location:	Christ Presbyterian Church
	3115 Dryer Ave.
	Largo, FL 33770

When entering the driveway to the church, turn left and drive to the back of the church. You will see June's van in the 1st driveway. You can park at the bottom of the driveway and walk up to the door on the right.

Please call June or Karen if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Karen Barrie and Largo Cracker Members