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The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

JANUARY 2021

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

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2021 President's Message (Judy Wedekind)

I am excited to be your PQ President. Not sure when things will change for us to meet in person as a guild, but Zoom it is. At least this year I have actually started and completed a couple of house projects, but still a procrastinator when it comes to my quilt project. Got to see and play in the snow on December 24th and partake in some adult shenanigans.

We still have Program Chair position available, if you are interested, please let me know.

2021, projects Done!

Judy Wedekind

Letters from the Editor's Husband

Mystery Quilt (2021)

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Retreat Planners (2021)

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Hello,

My name is Fred Friedman, and as you can tell by the title of this column, I am Diane Friedman's husband. Now, you might want to say, "What does Diane's husband have to say about Quilting?" And why is he writing a column in our cherished newsletter. Well, let me tell you.

I have been a quilter since she introduced me to Long Arm Quilting back in 2010. And I have been a member, on and off, of the PQ's since she convinced me that quilting was the most fun and outrageous hobby she has ever had. Of course, she has been quilting for more years than I have been alive. O.K., just kidding. But she does love quilting, and I'm still 36 days older than her.

And now that she has retired from teaching, she has ever more time to quilt. And what does her beloved husband volunteer her to do. The PQ's beloved newsletter. And, of course I promised to help her, since I am the one that volunteered her to do this.

O.k., so here goes.

In this issue we, we are getting our feet wet. We are not only learning to do the newsletter, but we are getting to see how much quilting is going on out there in the real world. We will try to give you as much of the event news as we can find. We will try to give you some personal connections to your fellow quilters. And we will try to help keep the PD's the best quilting guild, even in these times of restricted meetings and cancelled events.

So, hold on to your scissors, and follow us as we take you through another year of quilting paradise.

Remember, that we can't do this alone. We will be asking everyone to donate some time, some info, some news, so we can make this newsletter a focus point of the coming year of exciting quilting.

If you have anything you want to have included in the newsletter, just drop us a line and we can help you get it into print.

Contact Diane at diane@QuiltingElegance.com, or call her at 727-709-8551 and she will help you get it into the newsletter.

My retirement gift to her was the purchase of a travel trailer, so we will be doing some quilt museum visits, and some quilt shop browsing, but no matter where we are, we will be available to help you keep the PQ's the best and most exciting quilt group this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

So, Happy Quilting, and Stay Safe!!!!

Community Outreach (Gale Pittman, Chair)

Community Outreach information will be updated in next month's newsletter.

Thanks for your continuing support ladies.

Gale Pittman galepittman@hotmail.com

6 STEPS TO FINISHING YOUR QUILT UFOs



NewQuilters.com has an article on how to finish your UFOs:

"They are the UFOs (Unfinished Objects): unfinished quilts and pieces of quilts that take up physical space in the sewing room and mental space that most busy quilters can ill afford to spare. I have them. You have them. Every quilter has them. They make up a ghostly presence that haunts our sewing rooms.

The first essential in finishing your UFOs is feeling a genuine urgency to get them done. Be honest with yourself about this. Maybe designing, piecing, or appliqué are the things you really love about quilting.

Maybe, deep down inside, the basting, quilting, and binding don't interest you all that much. If that's the case, it might make more sense to find someone else who really loves finishing quilts to complete your UFOs.

You could offer to swap tasks with another quilter who doesn't like piecing, or pick up some extra cash by selling your tops on Ebay to someone who will enjoy finishing them, or donate them to a charity group that will make sure they get to people who need them. If you decide you really want to finish them yourself, move on to the next step."



PQ Retreat 2021 (Judy Wedekind)

I am soooooo 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-PQG-20210429/index.ihtml?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, including mailing address and no later than April 10, 2021, submitted to Judy Wedekind

Any questions, please contact Judy Wedekind



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



JANUARY 2021 Birthdays

1/11 – Pam Sprague
1/16 – Donna Tormeno
1/27 – Carol Hemmingsen
1/28 – Diane Friedman

February 2019 birthdays

2/6 – Teri Roberts
2/17 – Cathy Starman
2/21 – Barbara Saydeh



UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is the Zoom information for our call this Thursday (1/21/2021) at 7:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82703702279?pwd=TzRGTnNxM2htWmlLWE9FcWZXZ21mUT09>

Meeting ID: 827 0370 2279

Passcode: 888572

Find more upcoming events @ <http://www.floridquiltnetwork.com/newsletters/news231.html>

Interesting Links:

- ❖ The Florida Quilt Network: <http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/>
- ❖ Buttermilk Basin: <http://www.buttermilkbasin.com/>
- ❖ Country Quilts and Bears: <http://www.countryquiltsandbears.com/>
- ❖ Craftsy: <https://www.craftsy.com/>
- ❖ Happy Apple Quilts: http://www.happyapplequilts.com/quilt_fabrics
- ❖ Inspire Quilting: <http://inspirequiltingandsewing.com/>
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- ❖ Sue Spargo: <http://www.suespargo.com/index.php>
- ❖ Sweet Darling Quilts: <http://www.sweetdarlingquilts.com/index.htm>

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