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The Procrastinating Quilters Guild Newsletter

May 2021

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2021 President's Message (Judy Wedekind)

May Meeting, Thursday the 20th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Aaahhhhhhh - Getting ready for a big day in my son's life, high school graduation!!!! Some of you remember when I was pregnant with him, oh so long ago. Glad he was able to attend school in person this year as he was the Commanding Officer for DHS NJROTC unit. The graduation will be held at Tropicana Field which they are limiting what you bring in e.g. keys, wallet and cell phone, so the Fat Heads I got of him will be used some other way to embarrass him.

Looking for someone to take on the Historian Chair. This person is responsible for capturing events that occur throughout the year, Executive Board changes, Programs, etc. Nothing over the top, just want to preserve our 'history'. Please reach out to me for more information.

Mystery Quilt (2021)*Robin VanScoy***Newsletter Editor***Diane Friedman***Nominating Committee***Penny Black***Parliamentarian***Penny Black***Party Coordinator***Michelle Reinhard***Party Blocks***On Hold***Program Chair***Karen Bishea***Quilt Show Liaison***Paige Rapson***Retreat Planners (2021)***Judy Wedekind***Sunshine***Paula Riccio***Website***Donna McCain*

2021 President's Message *(continued)*

2021 President's Challenge: 2 Color project of your choice. Here is the link to the [2021 President's Challenge](#), don't stress, just remember how do the colors read?

PQ Retreat 2021 (Judy Wedekind)

Another successful retreat in the books. Everyone attending enjoyed their time sewing, sharing tips, taking much needed breaks to chit chat or eat! For me, think I did more talking and less sewing – ha ha ha!!! Thanks to all who attended, I got to know each of you better, what a great time!

Donna McCain has graciously stepped up as our PQ 2022 Retreat chair which is scheduled for May 19th – 22nd, 2022. Thank you Donna!

Peace, Love, Quilting and Coffee!
Judy Wedekind

Community Outreach *(Gale Pittman, Chair)*

The charity we are starting to work with is called Healthy Start Pinellas. This is a state funded program that reaches out to pregnant moms and offers education. Anyone in the county can join with the program if they wish. They recently had lessons that included not to sleep with the baby in the bed. They get supplies together and do wellness checks on the moms and babies. They procure car seats and need quilts also. They had a quilter who was 102 years old and with her 2 girls, they sewed lots of quilts. She recently passed so they asked us to help. We can still work with the hospitals also. Baby quilts should be about 40-inch square or 40x50.

Gale Pittman



May 2021 Birthdays

- 5/6 – Michelle Reinhard
- 5/12 – Patricia Best
- 5/25 – Paige Rapson
- 5/29 – Ela Betancourt



June 2021 Birthdays

- 6/16 – June Sanchez
- 6/29 – Jill Voyles

UPCOMING EVENTS

May Meeting Program

PQ Guild members,

I am proud to announce our May guest presenter is Karen Combs.

"Her quilts are known for taking a traditional pattern and giving it her own unique "twist." Karen is intrigued with quilts of illusions and has been designing quilts with a 3-D look for several years" from karencombs.com.

QUILTS OF ILLUSIONS

Explore the world of optical illusions with Karen as she shows you some of the wonderful quilts that she has created and shares tricks and tips how to make them. This virtual lecture is a beautiful and inspiring trunk show. There will be time for questions after the lecture.

Karen is an internationally known quilter, teacher, author and designer who has been nominated 3 times by students for *Quilt Teacher of the Year*. Teaching since 1989, she is in high demand as a teacher who encourages her students, makes learning fun and makes the complex easy to understand!

Karen is fascinated with optical illusions and quilts; this is the subject of many of her workshops. She is the author scores of magazine articles, quilt patterns and has written 9 quilting books, among them, *Optical Illusions for Quilters*, *Combing Through Your Scraps* and *Celtic Patchwork Illusions*. She has designed over 100 fabric collections, both quilting cotton and batiks and is known for her innovative designs. She currently designs for Banyan Batiks, a division of Northcott.

Karen has appeared on many quilting TV programs and has a Craftsy class, *New Directions in Tumbling blocks*. She has worked with Quilt Seminars at Sea for over a decade, teaching her quilting techniques and traveling the world.

Karen has her books, patterns and fabric available on her website at:

www.karencombs.com, as well as her Etsy store:

www.etsy.com/shop/KarenCombsStudio

Karen Bishea

PQ 2021 Summer Mystery - "Which way does it go again?"

– Robin VanScoy

We will host a virtual Mystery Quilt this year starting the 1st Thursday in June.

Clues will be dropped into your email and placed in our Facebook page for convenience every Thursday until the last clue is shared. There are 8 clues in all, the 1st being the cutting instructions.

Fabric: I will share examples of fabric choices that I think will be great for this quilt at the May Guild meeting.

You will need two contrasting fabrics (ex: Red/Blue, Orange/Black, Green/Red) and two different lights of the same color family. One of the contrasts and one of the lights will be the predominant colors so decide what you want to see more of in advance. If you want to see a Red Quilt, use red for Contrast 1.

As always, the PQ Mystery Quilt is optional and if you just want to play along but not over commit, make about 9-12 blocks, add borders and make a charity quilt out of it For those that want to make the size as is, the center, before borders, measures ~42 x 49.

Depending on your border decisions the finished size will be ~63 x 70.

Here are the fabric requirements with and without the borders based on the pattern directions for the border. Sometimes, I like to feel out the center of my quilt before I commit to my borders, however, do have enough fabric on hand to use for borders, it will need at least an inner and outer, but maybe not what the pattern calls for.

I hope you enjoy the journey of "Which way does it go again?"! Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Robin

Add a little more for mistakes and if WOF seems short to the following. 😊

Fabric requirements with borders:

Light 1 – ¾ yard - accent

Light 2 – 1 ¼ yards – visually more predominate

Contrast 1 – 2 ½ yards - visually more predominate – Includes middle border

Contrast 2 – 2 ¼ yards accent – Includes inner, outer border and binding

Fabric requirements for blocks only without borders/binding – Add a little more for mistakes and if WOF seems short 😊

Light 1 – ½ yard – accent (16 inches x wof)

Light 2 – ¾ yards – visually more predominate (27 inches x wof)

Contrast 1 – 1 ¼ yard - visually more predominate (45 inches x wof)

Contrast 2 – ¾ yard – accent (16 inches x wof)

In January 2021 Tracy Park started a **Machine Embroidery Group**. For more information get in touch with Tracy Parks @ tracynurse@gmail.com or 727-687-8931.

Join the guild to guild network - **Guilds Across The USA**

Get your guild started using Zoom with training PDFs on Zoom Account Settings, How to Share Screen. Detailed Teacher Checklist and many more. Attend exclusive Special Topic Meetups. Only \$25/yr. per guild. Click [here](#) to read about all the benefits!

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
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- ❖ Sue Spargo: <http://www.suespargo.com/index.php>
- ❖ Sweet Darling Quilts: <http://www.sweetdarlingquilts.com/index.htm>

Please email all newsletter submissions for the **June** Newsletter to Diane Friedman @ <mailto:diane@QuiltingElegance.com> by midnight, **FRIDAY, June 11th, 2021**

Quilting acronyms

Paula A Riccio

We are all familiar with a **HST** - a half square triangle, **FQ** - fat quarters and **WF** - width of fabric but did you know that along with our 401 K, there is a 401 for quilters **401F** - **fabric for retirement** and **401P** - **patterns for when we retire.**

BOB is not just a name, it is - **BLOCK ON BOARD;**

FOB do not mistake for Free on Board but - **FEAR OF BINDING**

SAS is not only a shoe name brand but **STEAM A SEAM OR STEAM A STITCH.**

TGIF not Thank God it is Friday but **Thank GOD IT IS FINISHED.**

DQ is not Dairy Queen it stands for **DRAG THAT QUILT EVERYWHERE**

SQUID is not just an elongated fast swimming cephalopod mollusk with 10 arms but for a quilter it is **SEWING QUILTS UNTIL I DIE**

TOADS is not just a software data base or an animal but a quilter it is a **TRASHED OBJECT ABANDONED IN DISGUST**

WOMBAT is a **WASTE OF MONEY, BATTING, AND TIME**

STASH is a **SPECIAL TREASURE ALL SECRETLY HIDDEN**

Sex has a new meaning for me now, **STASH ENHANCING EXPERIENCE EXPEDITION or EXCURSION**

I could go on but I am going to end it here.

So why don't you have a **FART** which is a **FABRIC ACQUISITION ROAD TRIP** to our local quilt shops and help your **FAD** which is a **FABRIC ACQUISITION DISORDER** or your **PAD** which is a **PATTERN ACQUISITION DISORDER.**

I got these acronyms from JustGetItDoneQuilts.com by Karen Brown.

She has great tips and tricks on YouTube.



Vanishing Retreat Oatmeal Raisin Cookies (Makes 3-4 dozen)

By Donna McCain

Ingredients

1 stick ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup) plus 6 T softened butter

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup packed brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar

2 eggs

1 t vanilla

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups AP Flour

1 t baking soda

1 t cinnamon

$\frac{1}{2}$ t salt

1 cup golden raisins

3 cups Quaker Oats

Directions

Heat oven to 350

Cream butter and sugars

Add eggs and vanilla, beat well

Add flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, mix well

Add oats and raisins

Using a scoop drop dough onto ungreased cookie sheet

Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cool 1 minute transfer to wire rack to cool.

Store in airtight container

To make Bar Cookies: Bake 30-35 minutes in ungreased 9x13 metal baking pan

Pumpkin Bread

2/3 cup shortening

2 2/3 cups sugar

4 eggs

1 can (15 oz) pumpkin

2/3 cups water

3 1/3 cups flour

2 tsp. baking soda

1 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp cloves

2/3 cups nuts

2/3 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease 2 9" x 5" x 3" loaf pans

Soak the raisins in hot water to plump them before using.

In a large bowl, cream shortening & sugar until fluffy. Stir in eggs, pumpkin and water. *

Blend in flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder, cinnamon & cloves.

Stir in nuts and raisins.

Bake about 70 minutes

*I usually drain the water from the raisins and use that in the mixture