



Pieceful News

March 2021



NEWSLETTER FOR LADIES OF THE LAKES
QUILTERS OF LAKELAND, INC.

Remember this is a fragrance-free guild for meetings as well as guild activities.

Happy Birthday!

Pamela Astin	1-Mar
Marilyn Sturtevant	1-Mar
Linda Varnadore	7-Mar
Kim Garrett	9-Mar

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Please take a look at our new website for all the information you need regarding Guild events.

Ladies of the Lakes website: www.ladiesofthelakes.org
Ladies of the Lakes Instagram: @ladiesofthelakesquiltguildfl
Ladies of the Lakes Facebook: @ladiesofthelakes

Sit and Sew

Starting Monday, April 19th, 2021 we will be meeting at the clubhouse of Lakeside Hills Estates at 9am. Bring your sewing and join us. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Sharon Sweet

Letter from the President:

I got a chance this past weekend to finally get out and about at the Bartow The Blooming Arts Festival. The weather turned out to be beautiful, although windy, and the artists' talent was on full display in their vendor booths. It was so nice to have a little bit of "normal". I am super hopeful that there will be more and more of that in the months ahead of us. We will all have an opportunity to get out and about a little closer to home. Our Lakeland Original Sewing and Quilt Expo is here and even though it is a little smaller this year, I am glad that they have decided to come here as scheduled. Some of us may still not feel comfortable with mingling in a crowd. Completely understandable. To you I would say, find other ways to connect with the things you love. Maybe even try your hand at a new skill. Maybe an online class, or that craft/hobby that you have wanted to try but never have. Personally, I am taking an online class on needle felting. I am really enjoying learning more about this art form and am excited to use what I am learning in my quilting! What about you? Never stop learning! It keeps you young. Quilt on, my friends!



Sewing Expo Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who has donated a few hours of their time to man the Ladies of the Lakes booth for the Sewing Expo on March 18,19 and 20, 2021. Our table is now completely taken care of. When you drive in let the person at the parking booth know that you are working at a table and you should not have to pay for parking. When you enter the RP Center go to the Volunteer desk and they should have your nametag. I hope you all have great fun and spend lots of money. Buy lots of goodies to make more quilts and enjoy all the beautiful quilts and fabrics and fantastic notions that will be available.

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Sunshine and Shadow Report

- Sent Kimberly Boothe and family a sympathy card. Her father-in-law has passed away.
- Sent Deb Schmalshof a thank you card for donation of quilts.
- Sent Donna Almon a sympathy card. Her brother passed away.
- Sent Freda Lawter a get well card. She had a procedure on her eyes.

Upcoming Meeting and Classes

Hi Everyone,

As usual **I will need to know if you will be at the meeting this month, which is the 18th.** Please drop me a line & let me know.

Also for this month's meeting, please bring:

- 1 or 2 pieces of white or pastel fabric- The fabric should be approximately 7"x9" or larger
- A permanent pastel marker that has a fine point & will show up on your fabric, (a Prisma fine line marker for instance).
- Something to put under your fabric that has a smooth surface, like a piece of cardboard or plastic.

We will be having a fun little workshop.

Thanks, Jacqui



Ladies of the Lakes Challenge

There hasn't been a new challenge set up for 2021. I have something in mind if you would like to participate. You can make a wall hanging, a quilt, a jacket, a handbag, or any other object that you have in mind. There will be no size restrictions, use your imagination any way you wish. Here are the only restrictions: You must sign up, you must use the colors I assign you, & you can only add black OR white to the colors I give you, & your project has to be completely finished. The challenge will be due at the Christmas party. First prize is a gift card to Fabric Warehouse.

Thanks, Jacqui

Quilt Show Boutique

Suzi and I are looking forward to your donations for the quilt show 2022 at the meeting this month. We welcome your items that are oriented toward sewing and quilting. Fabric is always a favorite. **Please label the length of the fabric.** Fat Quarters are acceptable. Books and Magazines, will not be accepted until January 2022.

If you have any questions, please call.

Thank you

Andrea Schmookler



Community Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities:

- **“Creating Community Through Quilts and Art”** Now- May 15, 2021
An Original Exhibit by the Lake Wales History Museum

Celebrating 45 years of collecting images and textiles that represent the community, the Lake Wales History Museum will showcase eighteen quilts from the 1880s to today and seventeen works of art from Tom Freeman and other artists.

Lake Wales History Museum
325 S. Scenic Highway, Lake Wales, FL
Open Wed-Sat 10-5
lakewalesfl.gov/museum

Challenges:

- **Mystery Block of the Month** starting March 12, 2021
Offered in 2 sizes 60x60 and 92x92. You can find it at Cora’s Quilts by Shelly Cavanna

Do you know of any opportunities or challenges in the Central Florida area? Let us know!

Charity Quilts

Thank you note from Dr. E. DuPont:

“To the Ladies of the Lakes Quilters of Lakeland,
We wanted to thank you so very much for the lap quilts you gave us for our patients. We give them to ladies who are going to chemotherapy because it can get a little cold in that room. God Bless you for this ministry to others.”

Flight to Honor: 78 quilts turned in (just 9 more needed)
210 masks turned in (goal of 200 met) Many thanks to Daniel Basham for making 79 masks

Please contact Louise Morgan if you would like to attend the Flight to Honor Orientation when the quilts will be presented. 3:00 P.M. Sunday April 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4450 Harden Blvd.



February Ladies of the Lakes Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes: 2/18/21

- Meeting started at 6:30pm by Teddy Wenner
- 35 members, 2 guests, and 2 new members present
- Brown Bag total was \$63- winner was Sharon Beckett

Peggy Ashley- Treasurer

- Gave treasurers report

Teddy Wenner- Outgoing President

- Recognized members who helped design, shop for, and create the 2022 Opportunity Quilt.
- Gave an explanation of the label on the back (Royal Swans of Lakeland- explains how the swans came to Lakeland and their importance)
- Explained the Incentive quilt, thanked Stacey Orellana for putting it together.

Chris Arthur- Installation of Officers

- Installation of officers on behalf of Ira Gleason

Kim Boothe- Incoming President

- Thanked Teddy for her years of service, gave her a card on behalf of the guild
- Reminded every about the new website, social media, and newsletter for important information
- New members and visitors will now be wearing name tags, please make sure to tell them hello!
- Confirmed with Chris, we still need a publicity person for the 2022 Quilt Show. If you are interested in knowing what this consists of, please reach out to Chris or Kim.
- Asked the status of Sit & Sew, Louise Morgan is going to find out.
- There will be a ribbon making event at Fabric Warehouse, please RSVP with Kim
- The Sewing Expo: need volunteers for both the Ladies of the Lakes booth as well as Expo volunteers. To sign up for our booth call Marci Waltermann, to sign up with the Expo go to their website.
- A Winter Haven organization, Visually Impaired and Early Interventionist with the Lighthouse for the Blind & Low Vision in Winter Haven, is in need of a few volunteers to put together texture quilts. All materials will be given to volunteers, we just need your time. Contact Kim if you are interested.
- Announcement of December Challenge: You can make any item (wall hanging, quilt, purse, place mats, etc.) with no size restriction. You need to let Jacqui Anderson know and she will give you an envelope with secret colors. You can choose to add in black OR white to the project. We will show and vote for them at the December 4th Christmas party. The prize will be a Fabric Warehouse gift card.
- Sharon Sweet is not here, but said last year we had 410 total squares for Quilts of Valor, 100+ of which were made by Connie Prince!
- There is a new section in the newsletter called Community Info. We will be telling you about upcoming events and contests in the area.
- The retreat is on! It will be October 25-31 at Camp Gilead

Peggy Ashley- Quilt Show Registration Forms

- Entry forms and categories are not only on the website but will also be available at upcoming meetings. All forms must have a photo attached to them of the quilt, if you need help with this you can ask Kim or Peggy.

Jacqui Anderson- Upcoming Class

- If you are wanting to attend the binding class please let Jacqui know. The class is \$50 on April 24th at Fabric Warehouse from 10:30-2:30p. If the class does not fill up it will be offered to members of the public.

Rest of the Meeting:

- Show and Tell
- Make and Take item