



# QUILTERS WORKSHOP OF TAMPA BAY

*September 2009*



## A Message from Your President

I've never gotten used to schools opening in August. Remember when you would go back after Labor Day? I've heard all the reasons for going back in August and getting out in late May or early June, but I still think of Labor Day as being the divide between summer and fall. I guess that tradition went away at the same time as wearing white only between Memorial Day and Labor Day did.

In the Florida quilting world, September means the Jacksonville Quilt Fest, the opening quilt show of the fall and winter. I hope you will be joining us on our bus trip for a day of good friends, good quilts and

good times. If you are a new QWS member, this is a great opportunity to get to know us. And remember, what happens on the bus, stays on the bus, so your secrets are safe with us.

September also means school clothes and school supplies. Take this as an opportunity to donate supplies to the various school supply drives taking place in our area. With many families being impacted by the recession, we don't want the children to do without those tools and supplies that will help them succeed. Your donations also take some of the burden off of our teachers who sometimes fill in the gap

for those children.

And September means the change of seasons from summer to autumn. This year, the autumnal equinox starts on September 22nd at 5:18 PM (EDT) so be ready to celebrate the end of rainy season, but not the end of hurricane season. Drag out those fabrics in gold, orange and green and start thinking of fall colors. It may be 90 degrees outside, but in our hearts, the leaves are changing.

*Mary Mahoney  
President*



## September Program Features



Our Program welcomes the beginning of the Fall season with our guest speaker **Donna Lillibrige** owner of **Quilts on Plum Lane** in Dade City Fl. Donna will be discussing some of the new techniques she has learned through a workshop on wool applique. Donna will also share some of the other latest trends and classes that her store offers. So come out and enjoy a fun filled evening. Donna will have

some samples and wares with her for sale after the show.

On a different note I'd like to share a web site with you I found with an interactive color wheel. You can use this wheel to identify color harmonies. You can adjust the color saturation and lightness of the colors. Through geometric shapes you can find complimentary and tertiary pairs. The web site is offered by sessions education and is : [www.sessions.edu/career\\_center/design\\_tools/color\\_calculator](http://www.sessions.edu/career_center/design_tools/color_calculator)

*Glenda Palmer  
Vice President*

### Upcoming Events

- ♦ **September 8th** - Guild Meeting at the Tampa Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa 33629. Social hour 6 PM; Meeting 7 PM
- ♦ **September 16th** - Sew Day at Bernina Pfaff on N. Florida
- ♦ **September 26th**—Have a fun day with your QWS friends—Bus trip to the Jacksonville Quilt Fest
- ♦ **October 25th**—Christmas Strip Club Workshop, Bernina-Pfaff on N. Florida Ave. Start your stripping now!

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## What's a Holiday without a Quilt??

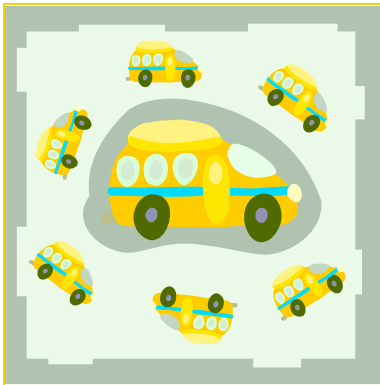
Your response to my sample for the Christmas Stripping Workshop was great. I heard members saying they were ready to put those holiday fabrics they've been collecting over the years to good use.

As announced, the workshop will be Sunday **October 25th** from 10 AM to 4 PM. The event is free, but we asking members to bring canned or dry goods to donate to the Metropolitan Ministries and for a donation towards electricity costs. You don't need to come for the whole day so if you have something planned for the morning, join us later. I am taking reservations so please let me know if you are coming. In the meantime, pickup some jellyrolls or better yet make your own on our Accuquilt machine. Just call Shirley Pope before the September 8th meeting and let her know you want to cut. Or you can come to the September 12th Sew Day and cut there. Either way, gather your holiday fabric and plan on cutting strips, 2 1/2 inch or 1 1/2 inch, on the new Accuquilt as we prepare to host our first strip club.

- Cheryl Irvin, Education Chair



## Jax Quilt Fest Beckons—Are you ready?



Did you know the September meeting is the last opportunity to sign up for our bus trip to Jacksonville? You don't want to miss the fun. Do you? For only \$60, you get the bus ride, admission to the show and dinner from Panera's. We will be leaving very early on Saturday morning September 26th from South Tampa and North Tampa. Why don't you invite a friend or someone special as a gift? Yes, the gift of fun! I will have all the information at the Sept. meeting. I will also have the menu available for you to choose your dinner.

Hope to see you all there, and remember what happens on the bus stays on the bus, unless it's really good gossip. Thanks.

Millie Smith, Special Events Chair

## Happy September Birthday's

Tammy Zinkosky 9/2  
Andrea Barlow 9/3  
Joy DiMarco 9/10  
Fiona Harpin 9/12  
Mary Taylor 9/12  
Delilah Libby 9/14  
Nancy Smith 9/16  
Tina Cardoso 9/16  
Jeanie Sartori 9/29

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

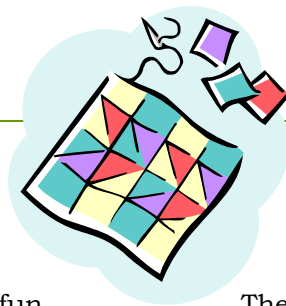
Elizabeth Senft (Michael )  
2930 W. Coachman Ave  
Tampa, FL 33611  
571-721-9814



## Join us for a great time at a QWS SEW DAY

Just what does QWS SEW DAY mean to you?? Some might say it means a day to spend making a quilt or at least a part of one. Some might say it means a day to spend time with other members just talking about quilting. Some might say it is time to get advice from other members about your quilt. Some might say it is a good time to use the guilds Accuquilt to cut fabric. Some might say it is just a good reason to go to Bernina Pfaff Sewing Center to see what is new in the world of fabric, classes and machines. Some might say it is a great time to go sit around and have lunch with friends. Actually, most every one that has been to a QWS SEW DAY say all of the above!!!! We are

all Desperate Quilters and are so lucky to have the opportunity to spend time together. So, come join us on the following days and lets have some fun.



The dates for the next 4 months are..... **Wednesday September 16th; Wednesday October 28th, November 11th and Wednesday December 16th.** Looking forward to seeing everyone at QWS SEW DAY. Come spend a few minutes, an hour or the whole day, no matter how long you stay, you will really enjoy yourself.

*Shirley Pope, Desperada*

## Last Call! Please Pay Dues Now

As you all know our Guild has changed to a year long meeting schedule with our year running July to June. Membership dues are collected starting in July and in order to be in the Membership Handbook in October your dues need to be current. Thank you to all those who have paid their dues for the new year and I hope to receive the rest at the September meeting. If you can't be at the meeting, you can send a check—\$25 with electronic newsletter or \$30 for "snail mail." Our address is on page two of the Newsletter. You need to pay your dues to continue receiving member benefits like the newsletter, the Membership Handbook and other guild activities.

*Mary Bogard--Membership*

## Plans Proceeding for Quilt Show 2011

On August 6th, we had a planning meeting for the anticipated 2011 quilt show. Nine members attended. We already have many of the committee chairs filled with volunteers from this group or with members who had previously volunteered. That is a very good start.

One important issue we discussed is the date of the show. We all agreed that if the Salvation Army can accommodate us, we would like to have the show there again. We also agreed that the show should be held later in February or even early March to avoid conflicting with Gasparilla and to give members more time for preparations. Before we agree on a date, we need to know when the 2011 Sewing Expo will be in Tampa. That is being researched.

At the August meeting, we asked members to make suggestions for the show theme or name. I saw many members putting their suggestions in the "show box." Before the September 8th meeting, the board and interested show committee members will sit down with all the suggestions

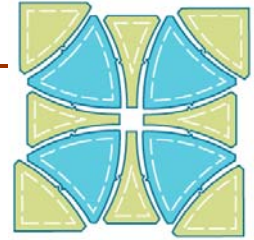
and whittle them down to the highest 3 or 5. Then, at the September 8th meeting, you will have the opportunity to vote on the theme or name. That is an important milestone as we all know.

And thanks to everyone for making thread catcher kits last month. Thanks to Millie's coordination and your work, we now have over 65 kits ready for sewing. We'll starting distributing them soon.

There are still committee chair positions to fill, but the most important position needs to be filled very soon. That is the position of Show Chair. Of those members who have volunteered to chair committees at this time, all are very experienced and self-directed. This is a real plus for a Show Chair, as I had the pleasure of learning with the 2009 show. However, no matter how good we are working together as committees, the truth is we need a Show Chair. Please don't be bashful or wait until someone asks you. Let's talk and soon.

*Mary Mahoney  
2009 Quilt Show Chair & 2010 QWS President*

## A Reminder about the Accuquilt



If you want to use the Accuquilt at the next guild meeting, please call Shirley Pope and let her know. This is a cumbersome piece of equipment and if no one wants to use it at the meeting, then we don't want her to bring it.

Remember, you can see all the dies we own on the QWS website. The creative possibilities are so great.

## More Show Opportunities

Here is another opportunity for members to enter their quilts into a judged competition. Mancuso Show Management will be holding **World Quilt Florida** in West Palm Beach, November 13th and 15th. It is billed as the Grand Finale of the 2009 World Quilt Competition XIII Tour. It has a special Florida Quilt Competition open to quilt artists who are residents of Florida. There are also classes by national teachers. Quilt entry forms must be postmarked no later than September 24th. Go to [www.quiltfest.com](http://www.quiltfest.com) and look for the World Quilt Show Florida link.



Gainesville sponsored by the Florida Museum of Natural History and the Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild. Quilts may be representational, symbolic or iconic of the natural flora, fauna, and environment of Florida. Entry forms must be received by **October 1, 2009** and the actual show starts in **February 2010**. For more information, go to [www.qacdg.org/](http://www.qacdg.org/) and follow the link to "quilt shows." If your quilt is accepted, you will receive shipping or a

hand delivery schedule in a separate letter. The show is at the Florida Natural History Museum which is worth the trip alone.

Don't forget about **Quilting Natural Florida II**. Unlike the World Quilt Florida, there is no judged competition or prizes. It is a juried show in

## Please Patronize Our Advertisers—It's Good Business

Our guild has always encouraged members to patronize the local quilt shops. The owners of these shops have unique fabric and items for us here in our community. They support local quilters and guilds. They let us fondle the fabrics in person and are more than happy to demonstrate techniques. Each has its own unique personality and that makes shopping an interesting and inspiring experience. These shops also support our communities by paying sales and property taxes and by employing talented folks, many of them our friends and QWS members. The majority of the shops are owned by women who live in our communities. These women and their shops help give this area its special characteristics.

Each year we ask the shops to take out an ad in our newsletter. The price is modest—\$60 for a year or just \$5 per month. For that, a shop also gets a link on our web site and we will also inform our members of its class schedule and other events. And when you visit one of our advertisers, be sure to say you saw its ad in our newslet-

ter and thank the shop for supporting our guild.

Sometimes members ask us why we don't include schedules of classes at certain quilt shops in our newsletters. The reason is simply that shop does not advertise with us. We want to give our advertisers value and access to our members. In exchange for that, they support our newsletter and our guild.

The next time you are in a shop that isn't one of our advertisers, please gently encourage that shop to contact Ditto Gutcher so we can include them. It is an investment for them.

Meanwhile, say hello to our all our local shops, advertisers or not, and help keep local folks in business and employed while we enjoy the fruits of their labor.



## Block o' the Month

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At the September meeting, I will have the information about the BOM for our next honoree, Vickie Gerlach.

I am still accepting blocks for previous recipients too. It is such fun to see how members

interpret and use their color sense to make such works of art for their fellow members. I can't wait to see the quilts made from these blocks!

*Mary White, Block of the Month Chair*



## Quilt Delivery for Jacksonville Quilt Fest

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If you have entered your quilts in the Jacksonville Quilt Fest and you said on the entry form that they would be dropped off at Pollard Construction in St. Augustine on September 12th, please bring those quilts to the September 8th meeting and Margaret Handlin will take them there. Margaret will need a copy of your entry form too so pin it to each quilt before you give it to her. Shirley Pope will pick it up after the show unless you've made other arrangements. Shirley will need the receipt to do this.

Remember—Each quilt must have a 4" sleeve at the top of the quilt and no more than 90" from

the bottom. Each quilt, including miniatures must be completely closed in a fabric bag no smaller than a standard size pillowcase that can be closed and tied at the top. If your entry is a large quilt, it must be in a fabric bag that can be easily closed and tied on the top. Your name and telephone number **must appear** on the outside of the bag. Please go to [www.quiltfestjax.com/](http://www.quiltfestjax.com/) for all the rules.

Margaret will not be responsible if quilts are rejected due to not following show rules. If you have any questions, please give Margaret a call at 813-748-3240 or e-mail her at [margaret.handlin@ustrust.com](mailto:margaret.handlin@ustrust.com). You can contact Shirley at 968-5177 or [scrappytoo@aol.com](mailto:scrappytoo@aol.com).

Thank you so much Margaret for helping your fellow guild members.

## Minutes of the August 11, 2009 Meeting

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Time Convened: 7 PM

Board Members Attending:  
Mary Mahoney (President),  
Glenda Palmer (Vice President),  
Larinda Smith (Secretary), Carol Baker (Treasurer),  
and Margaret Handlin (Parliamentarian) were all present.

The evening consisted of members working on putting together kits to be made into items for sale in the boutique for our Quilt Show of 2011. It was a rather informal evening when people could socialize while being useful; and most everyone found something that they were able to do.

At 8 PM, Ms. Mahoney called the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Report:** Delilah Libby moved and Pat Farley seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting as printed in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Carol Baker announced that the budget as approved by the board with revenues and expenses to date was available for members to obtain a copy on the membership table.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education** - Cheryl Irvine reported that there were 2 slots remaining open for the Hand Applique class being taught by Karen Kay Buckley on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

All are invited to Ms. Buckley's lecture and trunk show at 7 PM at First United Methodist Church of



Brandon, 121 N. Knights Ave. (north of Hwy. 60), Brandon, Fl. 33510. A \$10 admission will be charged at the door.

The Stripping for Santa workshop will be offered at the Bernina/Pfaff shop on Florida Ave. on Sunday, October 25.

**Special Events** - Millie Smith report that 19 people have signed up for the Jacksonville bus trip on Saturday, Sept. 26. Once again the cost is \$60 per person. This includes the bus, admission to QuiltFest 2009, and a Panera meal for the return trip.

**Block of the Month** - Mary White showed a few of this month's blocks of brightly colored circles on a black and white background fabric that are being made for Melanie Pope-Rosado. Mary announced that next month's recipient will be Vickie Gerlach. The blocks will feature a flower and vase.

**Membership** - Mary Bogard announced Carol Baker and Nancy Crippen as being the door prize winners for the evening. Elizabeth Senft is a new member this evening; and Jan Kanoy was a guest. Dues for the year beginning July, 2009 and ending June, 2010 are due at this time. Membership books are being prepared.

**Sunshine** - Pat Farley is Sunshine chair and we should let her know if anyone in our guild needs

a card for cheer.

**Newsletter** - The deadline for stories in the next newsletter is August 25th and they should be sent to Pat Lewis and/or Mary Mahoney.

**Desperate Quilters** - We were reminded that Sew Day is tomorrow, August 12 at Bernina/Pfaff on Florida Ave. beginning at 10 AM and lasting until.....

**New Business:**

**Community Service** - President Mary Mahoney announced that she is still in need of a chair for Community Service. This is an important area; please let Mary know if you are interested in heading up activities to benefit our community.

**2011 Quilt Show** - Ms. Mahoney talked about the meeting that was attended by 10 people last week to discuss the 2011 Quilt Show. The Salvation Army has given us several available dates. A Show Chair and a Boutique Chair are two important positions that need to be filled soon. Forms were given out for members to suggest possible themes and names for the show. These will be voted on at the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 followed by Show and Tell. We continued working on our projects.

Respectfully submitted, Larinda Smith, Secretary

Looking for something special for that special quilter? Why not give her/him a QWS membership!! For less than \$3 a month, your special quilter can share our meetings and activities with you.

