



Pieceful News

April, 2023

Newsletter for Ladies of the Lakes Quilters, Inc.

We meet on the **Third Thursday of the Month** at **First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland**

- Please remember that this is a fragrance free guild. Many members have severe allergies and we appreciate your cooperation.
- A class registration form is required to be turned in with your class payment. No payment will be accepted without this form. Forms are located at the back of the room at the Information Table. They are also located on the website for download. This form applies to any class, trip, or event requiring payment. This also applies to Saturday classes at the Fabric Warehouse
- Social portion of the meeting starts at 6pm. Business portion starts at 6:30, followed by speaker/entertainment.

News from the President



This month marks our first Spring Retreat. There will be 17 of us attending. My favorite part of retreating is getting better acquainted with my fellow retreaters. We have so many fun things in store: from a luau reception to pajama party to jelly roll races to quilt tour and maybe even a visit to a quilt shop! It promises to be an epic weekend! We will be sure to share with the group and maybe next year more of us will be able to attend!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7-Peggy Ashley 19-Louise Bansaera-Comacho

8-Connie Haynes 19-Betty Sikora

17-Diane Brunk 22-Rebecca Taylor

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please feel free to contribute to our newsletter. If you have something you would like to guild to be aware of, the deadline to submit to the newsletter is the 5th of the month. Send your information to ladiesofthelakesfl@gmail.com.

Ladies of the Lakes website: www.ladiesofthelakes.org

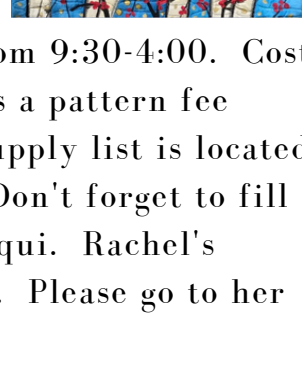
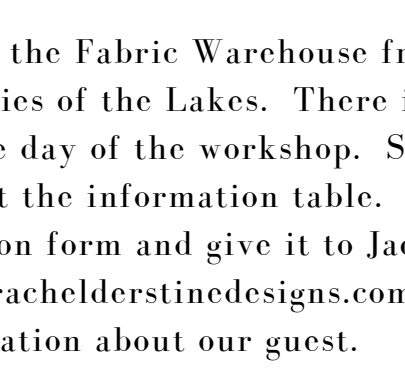
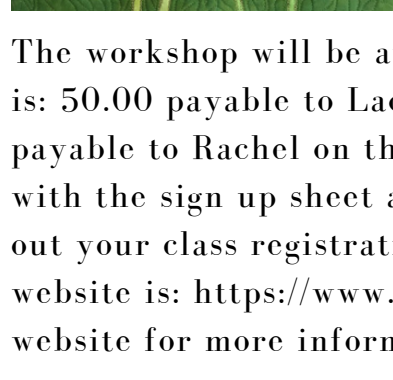
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News from Jacqui

APRIL GUILD MEETING. Our April guest is Diane Knott of Butterfly Threads. She will be presenting a workshop the following day, April 21st, on one of her patterns, Multiplicity. This quilt is entirely sewn from strips using multiple techniques. The 5 sided shapes are created using cutting and sewing of strips, NO TEMPLATES needed! It's a fun technique and great scrap buster! We will cover all the tips for accurate and easy piecing. Shop your stash for this fun quilt (4 sizes included). Pattern purchase required. Cost of workshop is \$50.00. Check out her website at: www.butterflythreadsquilting.com. Diane is a pattern designer and blogger from Craftsyt and has a new book out called Strip Quilt Secrets.

MAY GUILD MEETING GUEST AND WORKSHOP. Rachel Derstine is our May guest. Rachel's lecture is titled "From Inspiration to Art. Rachel will be presenting a workshop on Landscape quilting on Friday, May 19th. Here is a look at her samples:



The workshop will be at the Fabric Warehouse from 9:30-4:00. Cost is: 50.00 payable to Ladies of the Lakes. There is a pattern fee payable to Rachel on the day of the workshop. Supply list is located with the sign up sheet at the information table. Don't forget to fill out your class registration form and give it to Jacqui. Rachel's website is: <https://www.rachelderstinedesigns.com>. Please go to her website for more information about our guest.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH- Don't forget to take a picture of your block and send it to Jacqui, sewbizzy67@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are so excited to be hosting a very special guest in January, 2024! **Susan Cleveland** of Piping Hot Binding and Prairie Pointer fame will be with us January 26th for a day of lecture and quilting. The event will be at First Presbyterian Church. The morning lecture will be free for guild members, with a \$15.00 charge for non members. There will be a fee to attend the afternoon workshop. You will be hearing more of this in the coming months. For more information about Susan, please visit her website at: PiecesBeWithYou.com.

Meet our Guild Secretary, Kara Torphy

Like many of you, I watched my grandmother create beautiful things and was the recipient of many dresses, tops, skirts and an occasional crocheted blanket. Her quilts were hand cut, pieced and sewn. It wasn't until after she passed that I received one. I was intimidated to ever try my hand at quilting because of how special they were regarded in my family. In 1998 I had a sweet neighbor who quilted. As I admired her craft she explained how easy it was. She encouraged me to take baby steps and she literally held my hand through my first project. Within the next year I completed my first Thimbleberries BOM and was hooked on the geometry of cutting and creating beautiful blocks. After 23 years of being mostly self-taught, I attended my first ever quilt retreat last fall and Ladies of the Lakes is the first Guild I have ever been a part of. With every new project and pattern I learn something new. "So many patterns, so little time" has become my motto. Looking forward to the opportunity to learn new skills from so many talented quilters!

Calendar

April 18-Handwork Circle Larry Jackson Library 10-1 **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

April 20-LOL Guild meeting

April 21-Workshop with Diane Knott-See above

April 27-30- Spring Retreat-Dayspring-full

May 2-Board Meeting

May 6-Saturday Class-Tea Towels with Deb-Fabric Warehouse 10-3. Cost \$10.00 to FW, plus Kit fee. Please register at the information table at the meeting

May 10-Featherweight Circle 10-1 Joyce Roberts House- RSVP to Joyce.

May 18-Guild meeting, First Presbyterian Church 6:00 social, meeting starting at 6:30.

May 19-Workshop with Rachel Derstine. See above

May 23-Handwork Circle. Larry Jackson Library 10-1

June 6-Board Meeting

June 10-Saturday Class with Jacqui-Pincushion at Fabric Warehouse. Cost \$10.00 to FW. Please register at the information table.

June 14-Featherweight Circle. RSVP to Joyce Roberts

June 15-Guild Meeting First Presbyterian Church 6:00 social, 6:30 meeting. In house presentation.

June 27-Handwork Circle. Larry Jackson Library 10-1

2023 SWAPS

Coaster Set (2-4) June

Table Runner-September

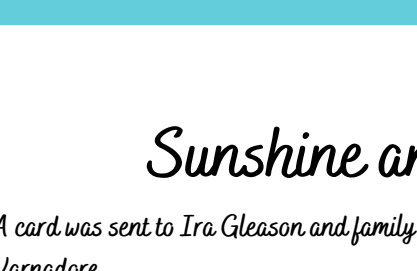
Thread Catcher-November

Saturday classes

Saturday classes are held at the Fabric Warehouse 10-3

May 6-Class with Deb Stoltz. Tea Towel. Sign ups are at the information table. There will be a class kit and fee for the kit

June 10-Class with Jacqui Anderson-Pin Cushion. Supply list is available when you sign up at the sign up table.



Red Truck Block

There are just 2 red truck blocks available for purchase at 1.50 per block. When you make your blocks, turn them in to Sue Tanner. These are due at the May meeting.

Pin Pals

Come help us pin quilts. We pin charity quilts every first Friday of the month, 10-12. Bring as many charity quilts as you want but please limit your personal quilts to 1. If interested, call Donna at 315-778-2349. RSVP as space is limited.

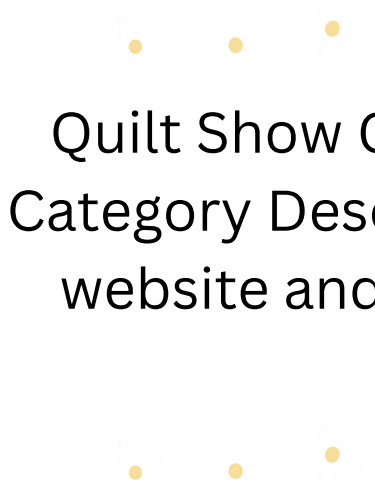


Sunshine and Shadows Report

A card was sent to Ira Gleason and family for the loss of a son. Also, a get well card was sent to Linda Varnadore.

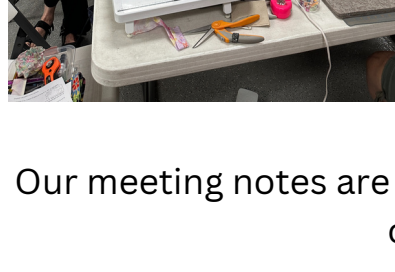
PSA:

If you have or know of anyone that is looking to rehome their serger, please contact Jan Walker at janembsew@yahoo.com.



The 2023 Quilt of Valor block is the **split back star block**. If you are participating or want to know more about the Quilt of Valor program, please visit the website: <https://www.qovf.org/in-the-news/2023-national-block-drive/>. Please see Laura Baker if you are participating. Laura will be sending in quilts and can also explain how to make these quilts using the accuquilt system.

Quilt Show Guidelines/Entry Forms and Category Descriptions are available on the website and in print at the information table.



April Boutique Sewalong.

21 attended our Boutique sewalong. Thank you! Located on the information table are the patterns of the items we made. If you would like to make items to donate, please feel free to take the patterns. We made a lanyard, bowl cozies and glass cases.

Our meeting notes are now located in the members section of our website.