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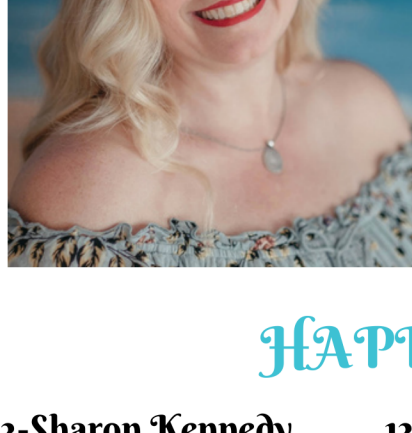
November, 2023

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.
- PLEASE DO NOT USE THE BACK DOOR FOR ENTRY INTO THE MEETING.

News from the President



The holiday season is upon us. Although it is a little hard to get in the holiday spirit with 90 degree temps, the stores don't seem to mind the temp. Aisles are already filled with Christmas. I am very old school in that I want to savor the Thanksgiving spirit until that turkey is done and the pumpkin pie has been sliced and eaten. I love spending time with my family and loved ones so Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Whatever way you choose to spend this season, I wish you joy and happiness and I am very grateful for you, my quilting family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 3-Sharon Kennedy
- 5-Faye Hemingway
- 6-Betty Burns
- 13-Marcella Ratliff
- 24-Jacqui Anderson
- 27-Pam Beasey
- 27-Ann Therrien

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

Ladies of the Lakes Instagram: [@ladiesofthelakesquiltguildfl](https://www.instagram.com/ladiesofthelakesquiltguildfl)

Ladies of the Lakes Facebook: [@ladiesofthelakes](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ladiesofthelakesfl) and our private members page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ladiesofthelakesfl>

News from Jacqui

NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING. Kestrel Michaud will be our guest in November. Kestrel is a classically trained artist with a passion for illustrating in fabric. Kestrel will be doing a workshop Nov. 16th, the day of the guild meeting, from 9:00-4:00, Fabric Warehouse, cost \$100.00, (125 for nonmembers). This price includes supplies and all you need to bring to the class is: a pencil, fabric scissors small and large, non stick ironing mat or sheet and a couple of dryer sheets. The name of the workshop is "Improv Flower Arrangement". If you have a particular picture of flowers you like, please bring it along. For more information on Kestrel, visit www.kestrelmichaud.com. Please note there will be a charge of \$25.00 for the guild meeting for NON members. However, if nonmembers attend the workshop, entry is free.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY. Our Christmas party will be held on December 2nd at Mount Olive Shores North, Polk City. Cost is \$25.00. The cutoff to pay for the party is our November meeting. Please turn in your money and form to Jacqui. The doors open at 11:00 and food will be served at 11:30. Don't forget our Challenge is due at the party and the prizes for the challenge winners are really great! We will be having a sewing/quilty themed gift exchange (optional), \$20.00 limit.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH- If you are entering your Block of the Month Quilt in the Show, please note that on your form so that information gets transferred to the card pinned to the quilt.

Coming January 26, 2024

International and Award Winner Susan Cleveland will be speaking at a special Guild meeting on January 26, 2024. She is well known throughout the United States for her methods of quilting and contemporary style. Her bright colors and embellishments on her quilts have placed her in the top of her class.

Don't miss this opportunity and don't be late!

January 26, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

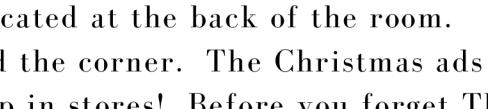
175 Lake Hollingsworth

Lakeland, FL

9:00-11:00 Trunk Show of Award Winning Quilts

1:00-4:00 Demonstration class "Tips and Tricks of quilting"

Entrance Fee for visitors and non guild members \$20 for each session



Quilt Show Reminders

9 weeks until our 2024 Quilt Show

- Forms are located both on the website and at the information table.
- Please bring in your Boutique donations to the meeting. Collection receptacles are located at the back of the room.
- January is around the corner. The Christmas ads have started and the decorations are up in stores! Before you forget Thanksgiving and start shopping, remember our November Guild meeting. Bring your baskets for the January Quilt Show. See you there!
- Entry forms are due **DECEMBER 1, 2023**. Please send to Lydia Morgan, 1622 W. Socrum Loop Rd. Lakeland, FL 33810. **Lydia will be at the back table at the meeting to take your forms and answer any questions that you may have. Note: You do not have to wait to send in your forms. Lydia is currently taking forms.**

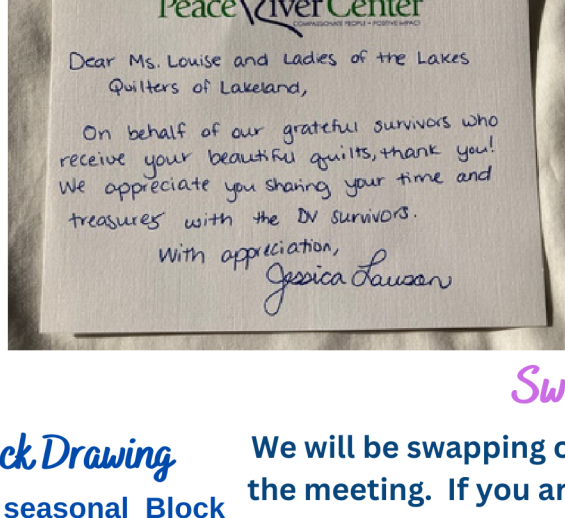
Survey Results

Thank you so much for participating in our survey. Here are the top areas of interest according to the survey:

- Scrappy Quilts 45
- Free Motion with domestic machine 37
- Borders and Binding 33
- Machine Applique 32
- Foundation Piecing 29

We felt the information was enlightening and gave us some direction for the coming year.

Charity Quilts with Louise



Swaps

Seasonal Block Drawing

Please turn your seasonal Block in to Sue Tanner at the back table at the November meeting. We will be drawing for the winner at the meeting.

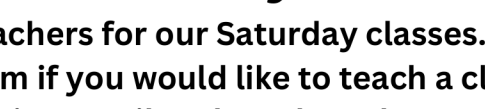
We will be swapping our Thread Catchers at the meeting. If you are participating, please bring your thread catcher in an unmarked bag and place it on the swap table located at the back of the room. We will swap and show before the 50/50 drawing.

Please note:

Our Show and Tell will take place at the end of the meeting, after the speaker, in order to ensure our speaker has all the time needed to complete her program.

QOVF 2023 Block Drive

Thank for your participating in the Quilts of Valor 2023 Block Drive. Our guild sent in 67 blocks!



A call for Saturday Class teachers

We are looking for teachers for our Saturday classes. Please contact kimbooth@gmail.com if you would like to teach a class. Past classes have been wallets, pin cushions, quilts, thread catchers, QAYG. Please share your talents with the guild and teach a class

OPPORTUNITY TICKETS

If you have not yet picked up your opportunity tickets, please see Marcie at the Information table. They are 30 tickets for \$25.00. They make great stocking stuffers, or maybe you want all of those chances to win this lovely quilt! Either way, a bargain, and one of the ways to support our guild.

GUILD CALENDAR

November 16-All day workshop with Kestrel Michaud 9:00-4:00 at Fabric Warehouse

November 16-Guild Meeting 6:00 Social 6:30 meeting. at First Presbyterian Church. Our guest is Kestrel Michaud. NOTE: Non member fee of \$25.00.

November 28-Handwork Circle. Larry Jackson library 10-1. This group is open.

December 1- Deadline for Quilt Show Entry Forms

December 2-Annual Christmas party at Mount Olive Shores North. Cost \$25.00.

Quilt Take In Dates for JUDGED QUILTS:

January 6-10-3 at Fabric Warehouse

January 11-4-6 at First Presbyterian Church

January 11- Guild Meeting 6:00 social time, 6:30 meeting starts.

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Quilt Take In Date for DISPLAY Quilts:

January 18-9-11 at First Presbyterian Church.

January 19-20-Quilts by the Lake Quilt Show 9-4 at First Presbyterian Church.

JANUARY 20-4:30-5:30 Quilt pick up at First Presbyterian Church.

JANUARY 26-Susan Cleveland Trunk show and technique workshop First Presbyterian Church. Fee for non members. See above.

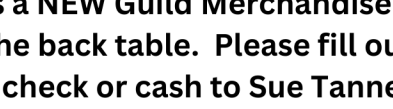
TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SPRING RETREAT

The dates for our 2024 Spring Retreat are April 8-11 at Dayspring conference Center. Sign up sheet at the information table. Cost: \$350 for semi private room, \$460 for private room. We have just a few spots left. 50% deposit due by December 1.



Guild Vote for Dues Increase

Due to rising prices of speakers, hotels, transportation, etc. we are recommending a dues increase to \$40.00 starting January 2024. We will be voting as a guild in the November meeting for the 2024 dues amount. Name tags are increasing in price to \$17.50 starting January 2024.



Guild Tervis Tumblers

Sue Tanner will have these for sale at the back table before and after the meeting. Cost for the 16 oz. tumblers is \$20.

NEW Guild Polo Shirts and Totes

The officers will be modeling their polos at the meeting. If you are interested in ordering a polo or a tote, there is a NEW Guild Merchandise order form located on the back table. Please fill out the form and submit your check or cash to Sue Tanner. Cost for shirts and totes is \$30.00 (\$35.00 for 2XL). Please note: the polo shirts are a woman's fitted fit. Men's polos are also available. It is a looser fit. Orders will be placed after the December Christmas party.



The Original Sewing and Quilt Show Expo is returning to Lakeland March 14-16, 2024

Guild Meeting Notes are now located in the members section of the website.