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## Meeting in Ormond Beach on Feb. 21

*Author & pattern designer Nancy Mahoney will be the speaker*

The Racing Fingers Quilt Guild will host our first meeting of the year, in **Ormond Beach**. Everything is conveniently located! The **Quality Inn** is only 5 minutes from the **Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church** where all events will be held. **Byrd's Nest Quilt Shop** is also 5 minutes away, and **The Sew & Quilt Shop** is right up I-95 in Bunnell.

Arrive any time on **Friday**, and join the **Sit & Stitch** at the church from **3 PM until 9 PM**. You may even leave your machine at the church for your class the next day. Dinner will be in or out...your choice.

**Check-in for the meeting is at 8:30 AM on Saturday. Classes start at 9:00.**

Choose your morning class from:

**The Boondoggle Table Runner** (with Kathy Wise from the Sew & Quilt Shop, kit available); **Eureka!** (with Barbara Brooks, kit available); **Fat Quarter Quilt** (with Dee Duckworth). Or you may **Sit & Stitch**.

**Nancy Mahoney** is our after-lunch speaker. She will help us choose colors for our quilts with **Color Theory 101**.

**See p. 3 for more details...**and send in your registration form by **FEB. 10th!**

## Quilt Documentation: The new grant season is January 1 through March 31st

SSQA is awarding grant money again this year to assist groups in hosting a Quilt Documentation Day.

The Board has approved **up to \$2500**, which will be given in amounts determined by the grants awards committee, according to the proposals received.

Although the event must be open to the public, it could be held in conjunction with another event. If your community is having a festival, would quilt documentation make an interesting and educational addition?

A good way to get ready is to have an "in house" Doc Day to record your guild's quilts. This is a great way to train your members for the actual event, and makes a good program/ workshop for the guild!

You can go to the SSQA website for complete details about the grants, plus all the forms and information in how to fill them out. It is not hard, and you are encouraged

to ask questions at any time. We want to help you get this money to use!

Of course, any questions you have about how to host a Documentation Day can be directed to **Carol Henry**, SSQA Quilt Documentation Chair, at [chenry@atlantic.net](mailto:chenry@atlantic.net)

Proposals will be accepted from Jan. 1 through March 31. In April or May the committee will meet and announce the grants to be made by June 1. Funds will be available for Documentation Days scheduled to be held from June 2009 through June 2010.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Carol Henry. It will not preclude your guild from making a proposal or being awarded a grant.

In 2008 more than half the available money was not awarded...and why?  
*Because nobody asked for it!*

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# Pieces from President Dori

The start of a new year always brings us good ideas and good intentions. Some of those fall by the wayside, but others are fulfilled.

For many of us things will be a little tighter this year, but quilting is an art form born of finding creative ways to use scraps to make our homes more beautiful while providing warmth and security. Here are some things that quilters can bring to others....  
Make a comfort quilt from your stash and donate the quilt to those in need. Some ideas are the soldiers returning from Iraq, a local senior center, a local children's charity.

Make an Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative quilt or one that benefits breast or ovarian cancer research. Purchase one of their quilts as a gift for someone else.

Volunteer to teach quilting in an after school program or women's shelter.

Give sewing or quilting lessons to a friend or family member.

Give a day (or two) to help a friend sort and organize her stash.

Plan way ahead and make your own holiday cards and/or ornaments as gifts for next December.

Finish that quilt you started last year for someone special.

Plan a sew-in with some of your friends and guild members.

Include some new people. Quilting is always more fun when shared.

Volunteer in your local quilt guild. If more people volunteer to hold committee positions, everyone has more fun.

Listen to what others say and find a need you can meet. Whether it is a

kind word, a special fat quarter that they would not splurge on right now, help with sewing on a binding to finish a gift in time, or sharing a meal....

Give of yourself...it's not only economical, it is truly the best gift of all.

*Some of the above came from Susan Carter from a quilt guild in Texas. Thank you Susan for the ideas and inspiration.*

All of you quilters are creative. There are so many ways to pass on your gift to others. Email me with some more ideas and we will post some of them on the SSQA website.

Have a wonderful year of giving....

Piecefully,

**dori hawks**

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## Notes from the January Board meeting

These are some of the topics discussed at the Board meeting held January 10 in Merritt Island. Official minutes were not available as the newsletter went to press. **Your input is always welcome...please contact any of the board members listed on p. 4.**

There will be **elections** at the Annual Meeting this year (location TBA), with a ballot mailed in the October newsletter. The posts of President and Recording Secretary need to be filled.

**Pat Arends** will be the chair of the Nominating Committee, which needs 4 more members.

The future of SSQA is dependent on having a full slate of elected officers going into 2010.

Plans were discussed for **events** SSQA can offer that are not being provided through guilds and shops. A guild development day is one idea, with workshops for different officers, projects and topics. Dori will collect

ideas and requests for various "guild building" ideas.

Letters will be sent to quilt guilds in Florida to help inform them about the Quilt Documentation grants program. SSQA could have additional grant programs if ideas would be suggested for discussion and development.

**Membership renewals** continue to come in. The deadline for being in the directory is January 31.

The SSQA membership pin design is under revision.

Instead of a survey, a plan was proposed for a **calling committee** to talk with each member about their views of SSQA activities.

SSQA will have a booth at the **Central FL Fair** to help promote the organization and quilting around the state. A professional quality **stand** has been purchased for more convenient display of the raffle quilt.

Potential **meeting sites and times** were discussed. With the Annual Meeting to be held each Fall, another meeting each Spring is what is hoped for at this time, and other gatherings if there are hosts who volunteer. Dates will be different every year according to the host groups and availability of locations.

**Updating the website** is another ongoing project, and also informing members of how to use it better. The "Share A Teacher" page already on the website could be better utilized, as well as the state teachers' listings.

This lead into the discussion of better communications, and the revitalizing of the **guilds' representative program**. Linda Koestel will be contacting members about becoming reps and helping guilds get better use of their membership benefits. A list of duties for the Reps was prepared, as well as suggestions for thank-yous.

# FEB. 21 ...see you in in Ormond Beach!

All events will be held at **Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**, 105 Amsden Road Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

**On Friday (20th) from 3 pm to 9 pm join us for Sit and Sew at the church.** Come any time! Bring a snack to share (we will have bottled water). When it's dinner time, we'll decide to order in or go out. You may leave your sewing machine at the church to be ready for your Saturday class. Please let us know if you will be coming for Sit & Stitch.

**On Saturday: Check in at 8:30 Classes start at 9:00 am**  
The church is only 5 minutes from the hotel.

## SAT. MORNING CLASSES

**See the SSQA website for pictures of the kits & projects**

**Boondoggle Table Runner**  
**Kelly Wise** (from the Sew & Quilt Shop in Bunnell )  
Kit Fee: \$40 includes two sizes of the "Boondoggle Ruler" by Bella Nonna, the pattern, and all fabric needed to make a table runner.

These easy-to-use diamond shape rulers make dramatic blocks that look "on point" with no inset or Y-seams. Students should be able to complete the project piecing during our 3 hour class. Just bring it home & "quilt as desired"!

### **Supply List:**

Sewing Machine in good working order w/ 1/4" piecing foot, cutting mat & rotary cutter with a fresh blade, Mettler Silk Finish Thread in a neutral color and a wound bobbin to match.

### **Fat Quarter Quilt**

**Dee Duckworth** (Racing Fingers Quilt Guild)  
If you're like me and can't resist

those adorable Fat Quarter Bundles this is the project for you! Or perhaps your stash just might have 5 coordinating Fat Quarters you're just dying to use. Bring along 1/2 yard for sashing, 5/8 yard for background, and 1 yard for the borders and you'll leave with the top completed for a 42 x 42 Lap Quilt.

### **Eureka!**

**Barbara Brooks** (from Byrd's Nest Quilt Shop in Ormond Beach)  
Kit \$34.95 \* Includes Ricky Tims' Brights fabric for quilt top, and Debbie Bowles' (Maple Island Quilts) pattern (\*fabric for binding and backing will also be available to purchase)  
Sewing and cutting curves has never been so easy – this quilt unleashes your creativity (turns you into a party animal!) – sign up and let's have some fun.

### **Supply List**

Sewing Machine (don't forget the foot control and power cord), 1/4" foot (if available), Iron and pad, Rotary cutter – ruler and mat, Grey thread to piece with (or whatever color you want), Sewing Supplies (you know all those things we just have to have with us), Candy Bar for teacher.  
Have Questions? Call Barbara at 386 931-1537 or bbrooks@cfl.rr.com

## OUR SPEAKER

### **Nancy Mahoney**

#### ***Color Theory 101: choosing colors for quilts***

Color choices don't have to be intuitive, instinctive or inborn—you too can learn how to choose color for quilts. Nancy will show how colors work together and how value choices affect your quilting projects. Using a color wheel and actual quilts, Nancy's practical guidelines will show you how to make color choices for any quilt. We'll take the mystery out of color!

A prolific quiltmaker and author of nine books, Nancy Mahoney is also a teacher and fabric designer. She has

enjoyed making quilts for over twenty years, during which time an impressive range of her beautiful quilts have been featured in many books and in over 45 national and international quilt magazines. Her quilt, Stars of My Heart, is on the cover of the Jan/Feb 2009 issue of *Love of Quilting* magazine. Nancy has also created over 75 quilt patterns for fabric manufacturers, including P&B Textiles and Hoffman Fabrics.

### ***Our hotel is on the beach!***

**Quality Inn**  
**295 S. Atlantic Ave**  
**Ormond Beach FL 32174**  
**386-672-2651**

10 ocean-view non-smoking rooms have been set aside for SSQA (5 rooms have kitchens/2 queen beds, 5 regular rooms/2 queen beds... could sleep up to 4).

All rooms are first come, first serve.  
**When making reservations make sure to say you are with SSQA.**  
Cost: \$106.86 includes all taxes and breakfast.

### ***Quilt Shops near by...***

**Byrd's Nest Quilt**  
156 E. Granada Blvd  
Ormond Beach, FL 32176

**The Sew & Quilt Shop**  
4601 E. Hwy. 100 B6  
Bunnell, FL 32110

**The Sewing Garret**  
949 Beville Road Bldg B  
Daytona Beach, FL 32119

### **Registration form**

A form is included in this newsletter, or you may print one from the website at <http://www.ssqa.org>  
Why not print an extra one and bring a friend?

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
FEB. 10th**

# Who Ya Gonna Call? Contact SSQA



When you have questions, comments, and the desire to help out, these are the people to contact. Addresses and telephone numbers are in your membership directory.

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**Symposium 200?**  
*We are seeking a chair for this upcoming event, which will be scheduled two years from the date a member volunteers. How about you?*



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**January 1 to March 31:**  
Proposals accepted for Quilt Documentation Grants

**March 28:**  
Board meeting in Windemere.  
Contact Dori for directions.

**April 1:**  
Newsletter deadline

**November 14:**  
Drawing for "All Around the Town" SSQA raffle quilt.  
**Annual Meeting & Elections:** Watch your e-Rays for exciting news on the location!

## Are you using all your benefits?

**Membership is open at any time of the year.** After July 1 the fee is half for anyone joining for the *first time*.

You can print membership forms from the website:

<http://www.ssqa.org/indivmem.pdf>

**Members are able to register before the general public for any Retreat, Symposium or meeting event.** When we're having national teachers, you get first choice!

**Other membership benefits** include the quarterly SunRays newsletter; e-mail of late-breaking news with the e-Rays; a lower fee for educational meetings (and the excuse to travel all over our beautiful state!); one free 75-word ad in the SunRays and on the website Bulletin Board; opportunities to promote your quilting services on our website; and getting together with quilters from around FL to share ideas for yourself & your guild!

### SSQA Members-Only Forum

A *totally safe* chat-room for SSQA members to share their quilting news, promote their quilting events & business, and maybe even exchange a few recipes. What do YOU want to talk about today?

If you are a **teacher, appraiser, judge or other quilting professional**, you may have a special listing and a **Profile** page on the website.

The newsletter also does a special issue annually to feature **SSQA professional members**. Those benefits are worth many times more than the membership fee!

**Guilds and vendors** get the same benefits as individuals. Your website listing is a great value, as many out-of-state quilters check the SSQA site for Florida information. They are looking for your shop or show, so help them find you!

***Support SSQA so we can help support you!***

## Treasurer's Report

11/15/2008 -01/10/2009

Beginning Ckg Balance \$8,677.20  
Income— Dues \$152.50  
Total Income \$152.50

Expenses  
P Fletcher - Audit \$267.72  
Yellow Bird Promotions \$584.14  
AQSG Renewal \$110.00  
Harland Checks - Deposit Stamp \$25.95  
Nationwide Liability Ins \$750.07  
D LaFrance - membership pstg \$100.80  
Total Expenses \$1,838.68  
Ending Checking Balance **\$6,991.02**  
Savings Balance **\$5,002.78**

Investment Accounts  
ST CD 1171 - 12/13/09 \$5,955.44  
BA CD 83-01/29/09 \$5,488.94  
BA CD 96-01/29/09 \$5,488.94  
BA CD-89-08/16/09 \$6,447.00  
WACHOVIA CD 8460-W \$5,564.06  
Total Investment Accounts  
**\$28,944.38**

Total **\$40,938.18**

## IRS news!

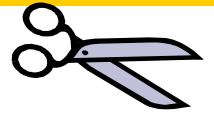
If your group has the **501-c-3 tax exempt status**, you want to check with your tax advisor about the new IRS ruling. [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

Groups should have filed a 990N (or other 990 form) for the past 3 years to avoid being removed from the Exempt Organization list.

After revamping the filing system this past year, now the IRS is cleaning out all the groups who no longer exist, which is determined by their filings.

**If your group has not filed in the past, you really need to investigate the recent changes made!**

## CLIP IT & BAG IT with SSQA!



Keep your scissors right at hand with a beautiful royal blue **lanyard**, with yellow writing (yes! It will match your SSQA tote bags!). At 17 1/2" long they are perfect to use for hanging your name tag, too. Look for a picture on the website!

The cost is \$5.00 or 2 for \$8.00. Shipping is just \$.75 for 2. Each additional one is \$.25, to pay for the envelope and shipping. The proceeds will go to the Quilt Documentation Grant fund.

And how about some **clear zip bags** for your projects?

These bags are great for traveling projects. You can see everything inside. The large one (13" x 13") is great for a book, plus you still have room for a project. The small one (8" x 6") fits nicely in your purse for a hand piecing project. See them on the website! Cost for the bags: large \$7.00 and small \$5.00.

Purchase your lanyards and bags from Art Callinan, 11098 Summer-spring Lakes Drive, Orlando, FL 32825.

*Please make checks out to **SSQA**.*

## SSQA Raffle Quilt news

*Have your picture taken with the quilt and WIN!*

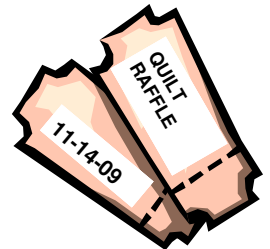
Your photo with "All Around the Town", our **2009 Raffle Quilt**, could win you **10 tickets!** That's right, just have your picture taken with the quilt and send it to the website (include your name, but we won't show it if you don't want to be identified). These tickets will be the last ones added to the drawing, so you know they'll be lucky ones!

The next "photo op" will be **Jan. 12 at Quilter's Cove**, 2500 Curry Ford Rd, Orlando, FL 32825 to celebrate their new location (just 7 miles down the road from the old one). It will be there for a week or so.

On **Feb. 20 & 21** get your picture taken at the **SSQA meeting**. Then **April 16—26**, visit the **Central FL Fair and see SSQA's booth**. Watch for an e-Ray with more information about this event!

Wouldn't you like to have this fun and colorful quilt at *your* show or guild meeting? All you have to do is ask! Contact **Pat** or [pada315@aol.com](mailto:pada315@aol.com) and she'll be glad to make arrangements with you for entering or displaying the quilt....

and provide plenty of tickets to sell! Even if you can't sell tickets at your show, you can still ask for the quilt to be hung. It would make a great backdrop for *any* guild program!



"All Around the Town" is posted with the other raffle quilts on the SSQA website, as well as appearing block-by-block on YouTube! Postcards of the quilt are also available so you'll have a nice picture to show while selling tickets.

SSQA members will receive raffle tickets by mail along with a photo of the quilt later this Spring. You may also get tickets at the Feb. 21st meeting in Ormond Beach. If you would like to have your tickets sooner, contact **Art Callinan** at [acallinan@cfl.rr.com](mailto:acallinan@cfl.rr.com)

See the quilt:  
<http://www.ssqa.org/raffle.htm>

# Shows and Events Around the State

List your SSQA member guild event here. Contact: Sun-Rays, 13961 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32223 or [sunsky@comcast.net](mailto:sunsky@comcast.net)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The sooner you send in info on your event, the longer it will run in this column and on our website! Don't waste this valuable guild member benefit!

A brief notice is provided for non-member events.

Get most up-to-date show listings: <http://www.ssqa.org/qltshows.htm>

## January 23 & 24

### QUILT SHOW—Orlando

Florida Cabin Fevers show at the Central Florida Fair Grounds. We will have approximately 25 vendors for a variety of interests, a Boutique, Miniature and Chinese Auctions, lots of door prizes and most importantly lots of wonderful quilts to see. Our food service is being expanded for this year to make it easier for people to get lunch and continue looking and shopping. Contact: **Trish Bowman** (407-275-8101) [LNCTrish@aol.com](mailto:LNCTrish@aol.com)

## January 30 & 31

### QUILT SHOW —The Villages

Quilting Guild of the Villages presents **Showcase of Quilts 2009**. Friday, January 30th 9 to 5, Saturday, January 31st 9 to 4.

The Savannah Center, The Villages. For information email [brownwood.fl@gmail.com](mailto:brownwood.fl@gmail.com)

## January 30 & 31

### QUILT SHOW— Largo

Largo Cracker Quilters, Inc. will be hosting our biennial quilt show, **Celebrate the Quilt Explore the Art.**

St. Paul United Methodist Church Christian Life Enrichment Center, 1199 Highland Ave. NE, Largo, FL 33770 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Admission \$6.00. Free Parking – (cont...) Buses Welcome – Handicap Accessible. Opportunity quilt: "Flowering To-



*"Let's go to a Quilt Show!"*

piaries". 200 quilts, demonstrations, vendors, boutique, door prizes, charity quilt drawing, appraisals, and both days of the show, Julianna Havens Rittmeyer will be in costume for periods represented as she reveals the roles of two female ancestors who married into families who immigrated to New England in 1635. Textiles, reproductions of patterns and fabrics from the eras will be shown. Several quilts will be displayed along with the stories she tells.

For more information see:

[www.largocrackerquilters.org](http://www.largocrackerquilters.org).

E-mail: [joanscaffidi@juno.com](mailto:joanscaffidi@juno.com)

## FEBRUARY

### February 6 & 7

#### QUILT SHOW— Tampa

Quilters Workshop of Tampa Bay will be having its biennial quilt show. The theme is **Sunshine and Sisterhood**. The location is the **Salvation Army Community Worship Center, 1100 W. Sligh Ave.** Both judged and non-judged member quilts will be displayed along with our show challenge quilts. There will be a live small quilt auction on both days to benefit the Salvation Army. The show will also feature a boutique, tea room, vendors, quilt appraisals and demonstrations. For more information Contact: **Mary, Show Chair** [mahonmm@verizon.net](mailto:mahonmm@verizon.net) or **Shirley, President** [scrappytoo@aol.com](mailto:scrappytoo@aol.com)

### February 13 & 14

QUILT SHOW – Panama City – In celebration of its 30th anniversary, **St. Andrew Bay Quilters' Guild** is holding a quilt show "Celebrate! Quilts!" February 13 and 14 at **St. Andrews**

Episcopal Church, 1608 Baker Court, Panama City, 9 to 4.

The inspiration for this year's opportunity quilt is designs from a quilt by Aie Rossmann entitled Affairs of the Heart. The blocks were hand appliquéd and embroidered by guild members. It is machine pieced. Machine quilting was done by Patty Butcher of Niceville. The quilt measures approximately 87" x 112. The tickets are \$2.00 each. Contact Beverly at [bpierzchala@att.net](mailto:bpierzchala@att.net) for ticket inquiries. The drawing for the quilt will be February 14 at the conclusion of our show. [www.sabqg.org](http://www.sabqg.org) See their quilt - [www.ssqa.org/images/raffle/0902sabqg.htm](http://www.ssqa.org/images/raffle/0902sabqg.htm)

## February 21

### SSQA MEETING

#### Ormond Beach

Sit & Sew Friday Feb. 20 (3—9PM) Meeting with classes, lunch & lecture on Saturday the 21st. Details on p. 3

### February 20 & 21

#### QUILT SHOW— Sebring

"A Festival of Quilts" Presented by the Highlands County Quilt Guild at **Agri Civic Center, Hwy 27 S. @ George Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33875**. Times, both days: 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Door Prizes, Vendors, Boutique, Mini-Raffle, Raffle Quilt, Refreshments Available. Admission: \$5.00.

Phone: (863)465-7496

or e-mail: [quiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:quiltshow@gmail.com)

### February 20 & 21

#### QUILT SHOW— Titusville

Space Coast Quilters. Held at the **Brevard Community College N. Rt. US 1** near Parrish Memorial Hospital in the Gymnasium 9 AM to 5 PM both days. Admission is \$6. Children under 6 free. Contact: **Rosie** [tolpal@earthlink.net](mailto:tolpal@earthlink.net)

**February 20 & 21**

**QUILT SHOW - Vero Beach**

**Sunbonnet Sue Quilters** present "RAZZLE DAZZLE 2009" their 9th Biennial Judged Quilt Show for Everyone in Vero Beach. 10am - 5 pm. Entry fee \$5.00 (Children 10 and under free) Please no strollers. **Indian River County Fairgrounds 7955 58th Avenue.** Free Parking, Bus Parking Available, Quilter's Guild Bus Res. Call 772-770-0408. Vendors, Boutique, Quilts for Sale Trash & Treasures, Vignette Displays Demos, Food Available, OPPORTUNITY QUILT RAFFLE, Quilt Appraisals by Appointment - Fee. Friday & Saturday 2PM: Miniature & Small Quilt Auction, Proceeds go to Local Charities. Website: <http://members.aol.com/sbonnets1979>  
For information, send a SASE to: **Sunbonnet Sue QG Attn. Quilt Show P.O. Box 1011, Vero Beach, FL 32961**  
Or email: [bb\\_nelson@comcast.net](mailto:bb_nelson@comcast.net)

**February 27 & 28**

**QUILT SHOW— Punta Gorda**

**Peace River Quilters' Guild** present their 10th Biennial Quilt Festival – "Pieces of Paradise"  
Friday – 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM  
Saturday – 10:00AM until 4:00 PM  
**Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor Street, Punta Gorda.** The show will include over 250 judged quilts, boutique items, silent auction items, special exhibits, demonstrations, vendors, appraiser, and last but not least our opportunity quilt "Pieciful Paradise" viewable at [www.peacriverquilters.org](http://www.peacriverquilters.org). Food will also be available and buses are welcome. We have teamed up with the Veterans Car Club to display their classic cars. Donation - \$6.00 Contact: Susan [prqgpublisher@yahoo.com](mailto:prqgpublisher@yahoo.com)  
[www.peacriverquilters.org](http://www.peacriverquilters.org)

**February 27 & 28**

**QUILT SHOW - CLEARWATER**

**Quilters' Crossing Quilt Guild** presents their 11th Bi-Annual Show 'Quilting Under the Palms'  
9 AM to 4 PM. Admission \$6.00. 200 Quilts plus Wearable Art; Vendors; Door Prizes; Free Demonstrations; Hoffman Challenge; Opportunity Raffle Quilt;

Boutique; Small Quilt Auction; People's Choice Awards.  
**Countryside Recreation Center, 2640 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater.** Map is on website. Free Parking and Buses Welcome.  
Contact: Evelyn - [Puson@aol.com](mailto:Puson@aol.com) or 727-785-3743.  
[www.QuiltersCrossing.net](http://www.QuiltersCrossing.net)

## MARCH

**March 5 & 6**

**QUILT SHOW – Mt. Dora Lake Receptions, 4425 Hwy 19A, Mt. Dora, FL 32757.** \$6 per person or \$5 for groups of 25+. 200 quilts on display. Vendors, quilts for sale, boutique, silent auction, opportunity quilt, demos, lunch available for purchase, and more. For more info or to make arrangements for large groups contact [lcgquiltshow@hotmail.com](mailto:lcgquiltshow@hotmail.com)

**March 7**

**Fashion Show— Lakeland The Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild** is hosting a Quilt Garment Fashion Show. The event will be held at Florida Southern College at 11:00 am. The cost is \$15.00 for lunch. We will have a silent auction and boutique as well as a runway of quilted and embellished apparel, accessories and novelty items. For a registration form, please go to our website, [www.ladiesofthelake.com](http://www.ladiesofthelake.com) or contact Mona Burtz at [mburtz@mjisolutions.com](mailto:mburtz@mjisolutions.com) 863-859-7155 or Leesa Lloyd at [gatoringeo@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gatoringeo@tampabay.rr.com) 863-868-0594

**March 9**

**QUILT SHOW— Port Richey West Pasco Quilters Guild, Port Richey**  
For more information:  
[www.westpascoquilters.org](http://www.westpascoquilters.org)

**March 13 & 14**

**QUILT SHOW— Sarasota Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild** presents "My Favorite Things" [www.friendshipknotquiltersguild.com](http://www.friendshipknotquiltersguild.com)

**March 13 - 15**

**QUILT SHOW - Fort Lauderdale - Coral Springs Quilters, East Sunrise Quilt Guild** and 3 other Broward quilt guilds present **Broward Quilt Expo. War Memorial Auditorium, Fort Lauderdale.** National teachers; more than 30 Vendors; Mini Quilt Auction; -Guild Charity Quilt Raffles; Door Prizes; Quilt & Challenge Quilt Competition; Special Exhibits; Quiltique; Demonstrations; Raffle prizes.  
See the flyer at [www.ssqa.org/0903bqe.pdf](http://www.ssqa.org/0903bqe.pdf)  
[www.browardquiltexpo.com](http://www.browardquiltexpo.com)

**March 20 and 21**

**QUILT SHOW— Crystal River Creative Quilters** presents the 11th Biennial Quilt Show "Quilts on Parade". **Crystal River Armory, South Suncoast Highway (Hwy 19).** Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-3pm. Judged show, with professional appraisals, vendors, a mini auction for charity, a quilt raffle for Hospice, demonstrations and Quilt Boutique. The Hoffman Peacock Challenge will be displayed. Raffle tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5 and can be obtained from any Creative Quilters member. **Bring this ad for \$1 off admission.** Co-sponsored by the Citrus County Chronicle  
[www.geocities.com/creativeqcc](http://www.geocities.com/creativeqcc)

## MAY

**May 12 through Aug 2**

**QUILT EXHIBIT— Jacksonville**

**A Survey of Gee's Bend Quilts** at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, Tuesday, May 12 through Sunday, August 2.  
For more information, call (904) 356-6857.

**Don't wait! Send your show information as soon as you can and we'll run it here and on the website as long as possible!**

# Membership News

The Sunshine State Quilters Assoc. is made up of dynamic people doing interesting things as individuals and in groups. Please contact the newsletter editor when you have something to share....if it's important to you, then we all want to know about it! Don't be shy about your news...or about "telling on" a friend!

## Raffle Quilts on the website:

Send Pat a photo ...it's a great way to promote your guild quilt and make a photo available to people everywhere!

<http://www.ssqa.org/raffle.htm>

**Where is your guild's quilt?**

**Florida Cabin Fevers** (Jan. 24)

**Largo Cracker Quilters** (Jan. 31)

**Palm Beach Co. Quilters** (Feb. 1)

**St. Andrews Bay Quilters** (Feb 14)

**Sunbonnet Sue Quilters Guild**  
(Feb. 22)

**Peace River Quilters** (Feb. 28)

**Creative Quilters of Citrus Co.**  
(March 21)

**West Pasco Quilters** (March 2009)

**Quilters of Alachua Co.** (March 21)

**Suncoast Quilting Circle** (April 9)

**SSQA** (Nov. 14, 2009)

**NQA's Quilting Quarterly** magazine has a wonderful selection of articles about color...including one written by our own **Ellen Linder!** SSQA is a member of NQA, as are many individuals...are you? Visit [www.nqaquilts.org](http://www.nqaquilts.org)

## Teachers...vendors...other quilting professionals:

if you can't come to a meeting, send your brochures & flyers! Contact the Meeting Coordinator at

[betsoneill@aol.com](mailto:betsoneill@aol.com)

**AND...**

Don't miss out on your free 50 word ad & listing in the next issue of the SunRays! April 1 is the deadline for teachers, appraisers, judges, and those who quilt for others. This is a handy list for everyone to have! Vendors will have listings in the Summer issue.

Arriving at the SSQA meeting on Friday? **See the quilt shows in Vero Beach or Titusville or Sebring** on your way, or on Saturday after the meeting. We are sorry to have these date conflicts, and will miss seeing our friends from **Sunbonnet Sues (Vero Beach) and SpaceCoast (Titusville) and Highlands Co. (Sebring).**

**Alice Means** has won 2nd place and prizes worth \$1500 in the Batik Remix '08 contest for her quilt "Remixed Reel". The contest was sponsored by Quiltmaker magazine and Robert Kaufman fabrics. Quilts from this contest will be shown in the March/April issue of Quiltmaker, are now on display at Quiltmaker's offices in Colorado, and then will travel for a year. Visit [www.robertkaufman.com](http://www.robertkaufman.com)

Watch for the latest **quilting news** with the SSQA **e-Rays** in your e-mailbox on **Tuesdays**.

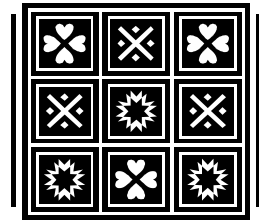
No e-Rays in your Inbox?

Just e-mail Pat at:

[anotherpat@aol.com](mailto:anotherpat@aol.com) and ask her to add you to the e-Rays list. If you get a new e-mail address, don't forget to let Pat know! Include your old address so she can make the change and keep you in the loop.

Need to fill seats on a bus trip?

Send an e-Ray!



**Members who have their pictures taken with the SSQA raffle quilt** will have their names in a special drawing to win 10 tickets, to be added to the official quilt drawing on Nov. 14, 2009! Have your photo made with the raffle quilt, send it to [anotherpat@aol.com](mailto:anotherpat@aol.com), and you will be in the drawing, too! Visit the website to see everyone who had their photo taken at the SSQA Retreat in November! Contact **Pat Ar-end** to have the quilt on display at YOUR show or guild meeting!

**October 1, 2009** - Deadline for quilt entry for **Quilting Natural Florida II**, a juried quilt exhibit in Spring 2010, **Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild** is again co-sponsoring with Florida Museum of Natural History in **Gainesville**. Entry Form on website: <http://www.qacd.org>

## Guild News

**Quilters Workshop of Tampa Bay** now has a website -- <http://www.quiltersworkshop.org/>

**The Peace River Quilters** are so excited to be having their show (Feb. 27-8) at the **NEW** Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda. It was just completed this fall, as the previous one was destroyed during "Hurricane Charley".

If your guild has contracted with a national teacher for 2009—10—11-??? please send the information to [anotherpat@aol.com](mailto:anotherpat@aol.com) so it can be added to the website's **"Share A Teacher" page**. Other guilds may like to have the teacher, too, and can help share the travel expenses.

By the time you are promoting sign-ups, it's too late for other groups to make plans.

Look for a regular column of Guild News in the next SunRays!



# Membership Updates

Any changes in address or contact person should be sent ASAP to the Membership Chair:

**Debbie LaFrance**  
([artistgrly@aol.com](mailto:artistgrly@aol.com))

**Welcome New Members...**  
We are looking forward to seeing you at the Feb. 21 meeting!

## CORRECTIONS

**E-mail:**  
**Diane Smith**  
([DSmith455@gmail.com](mailto:DSmith455@gmail.com))

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

**Do you want a 2009 directory?**  
Then you'll want to renew your membership! Forms are available online now (print & mail in with your check). Deadline for 2009 renewals is Jan. 31st! Don't be left out!

**If a correction is needed in your listing**, let Debbie know right away. If at any time you join the ranks of **professional quilters or vendors**, please contact both Debbie and the webmaster, Pat (anotherpat@aol.com), so **we can help you promote your business**.

**Guilds** are requested to keep SSQA updated on changes in contact people, meeting information and....show us those raffle quilts! Being able to direct people to an online photo is a valuable resource for your guild.

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## Quilt History Lovers!

The University of Nebraska's Quilt Study Center will send you an emailed Quilt of the Month! Visit [www.quiltstudy.org](http://www.quiltstudy.org) to sign up, and also look into their huge collection of quilts from many time periods.

## Members' Ads

**YOU** could be using this space to sell a sewing machine, find missing fabric, or make connections with other Florida quilters! Contact the newsletter editor about your free classified ad for individual SSQA members.

**New e-book available!** "Double Reverse Appliqué: Easy and Accurate," by **Ellen Lindner**. Readers master this exciting raw edge technique while completing an awesome apple project. The book includes tips for making your own DRA patterns, and is available immediately, as a digital download. One reader reported "It's almost as good as having Ellen beside you." Ellen Lindner also teaches online classes, from her website [www.AdventureQuilter.com](http://www.AdventureQuilter.com). Click on "Learn with Ellen" for complete details.

## Vendors' News

**The Quilt Shop of Deland** has an improved website. Visit there for more info on classes and the Sweetheart Shop Hop on Feb. 13 & 14. [www.quiltshopofdeland.com](http://www.quiltshopofdeland.com)

**The Sewing Studio Fabric Superstore** in Maitland has become a Baby Lock dealer, carrying all the new software and accessories. They have a Serger Club and Machine Embroidery Club.

**Vendors:** let us know when there is something special going on! Quilters across the state want to know....new address, charity event, etc. News will be printed as space allows...and in the Summer newsletter issue, you get a listing with 50 words of your choice, at no cost!



## SunRays

### Deadlines for 2009

(subject to minor change, which would be announced in an e-Ray)

**Spring issue: April 1** (featuring Quilting Professionals... see p. X)

**Summer issue: July 1** (featuring Vendor members...a guide to quilt shops across the state)

**Fall issue: September 27** (featuring guild news and the 2009 Annual meeting ballot for elections)

### Display ad rates for 2009:

for members— \$50/year (four issues) for business card sized ad. One time rates: \$20 for ¼ page; \$40 for ½ page; \$80 for a full page. Non-members are welcomed to place ads in the SunRays at double the members' rate, if content is suitable for this publication. Please send black & white "camera-ready" ads or business cards with white/light colored backgrounds to the SunRays editor. Ads will be returned only if accompanied by a postage paid envelope.

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## SSQA is looking for...

Members to serve on the 2009 Nominating Committee.

Candidates for the offices of President, and Recording Secretary.

Guilds to be meeting hosts.

Members to serve on the Grants Award Committee.

People to help with occasional telephoning and mailing.

Your suggestions for speakers and teachers to hire.

Locations to hold meetings and retreats or symposiums.

Your input is needed and appreciated. Contact any of the board members on p. 4 and offer to help in whatever way you can.