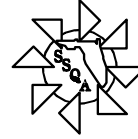


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The Sunshine State Quilters Association, Inc.
NQA FL#814

Vendors issue: a road trip planner



Our vendor members have what you are looking for !

It's Summertime....it's hot...why not just get in the car with some friends and visit the quilt shops?

Our vendor members are supporting quilting in Florida by belonging to SSQA, so we like to help support them, too. Many have online newsletters you would enjoy receiving

With the complete listing you can Google or GPS your way right to the front door...or call them up for extra information (is there a good lunch spot nearby? where should we park?), or check their websites for a pre-visit peek at all the goodies in the shop. **They're all on pages 8 & 9.**

So much is happening...get in on it now!

There is so much exciting news about **SSQA activities** the Sunrays can hardly contain it!

First is the **new Florida Quilt Project**. We really have a good shot at getting the Florida quilts into the Quilt Index, thanks to **Nan Moore** taking the lead. **See page 3** for details and how SSQA is contributing to cover major expenses. You can help, too!

We are excited to announce that **Dee Duckworth** will be the **Symposium** chair for our 2011 event! **See page 5** for the beginning plans of this fun and educational gathering.

SSQA is coming to South Florida for the Annual Meeting on Nov. 14! We are looking forward to seeing as many members as possible. **See page 7!**

Visit *your* beautiful new website

The new SSQA website is definitely **your** website...it has been redesigned especially to be easy for **you** to use, a place for **you** to find the information you need, and to share information **you** have for others.

If you haven't seen it yet, what are you waiting for? **http://www.ssqa.org**
It's there for you 24/7!

June 15 was the day the new SSQA website went live, and since then we've been hearing how much more colorful and fun it is. For the **computer-shy**, there are some simple instructions on the Home page about how to use the site. Just jump in and start exploring!

You'll enjoy many new features like the photos on all the **main pages** (as well as the **Gallery**, of course).

Speaking of guilds, the information about **legal issues** that was in the *SSQA Guild Operating Manual* (no longer in print) is now available right on the website, updated and with links you can use immediately.

All the lists you like to use are still there: **Shows & Events, Guilds, Vendors and our Quilting Professional members**. A list of individual members will never appear, for your comfort and safety..... not even with a password! This site is password free, so you don't have to remember any words & numbers to find what you want!

Don't forget to visit the **Bulletin Board** and see what's for sale...or sell something yourself (free and for members only!). And then there's the **Fun Stuff**, and the well, go find out!

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Notes from the June 6 Board meeting in Stuart

The SSQA board met at Dori Hawks' home on Saturday, June 6, 2006.

Those present: **Dori, Linda Koestel, Art Callinan, Pat Arends and Sunnie Malesky.**

The Treasurer's report was emailed to Dori.

Discussion was held about the newsletter "going green" by encouraging members to read it online. At this time only 5 people have asked to stop receiving the paper copy. For 2010, the membership form will have a place to request the paper copy. This option will always be available for members who prefer to have the newsletter delivered by mail. An eRay will be sent to announce the publication of each issue.

The redesign of the SSQA website was discussed at length, with many suggestions made. Dori expressed special thanks to **Pat Tribbey**, webmaster, and **Sunnie Malesky**, content writer, for the time they devoted.

Nan Moore has volunteered to head up the new Florida Quilt Project. It will

run for two years. Due to this exciting news, SSQA hopes there will be more grant proposals received when the programs start again Jan. 1, 2010. The amount of money to be made available will be determined at the October board meeting.

In support of the new Florida Quilt Project, it was moved that SSQA provide the money for applying to the Quilt Index (\$150) and then, when accepted, the additional administrative fees (\$3,500). [a vote was taken by email, as allowed in the bylaws, after the meeting so that all Executive Board members would be polled. The motion passed].

The nominating committee reported that the slate of officers has been filled for the Fall election.

On the ballot will be: **Art Callinan for President; Pat Arends for Vice-President; Lisa Mullins for Recording Secretary; Sherry Verell for Membership; and Linda Koestel for Treasurer.**

The raffle quilt's travels around the state were discussed, and **Sue**

Balazcs was noted for doing a great job of moving the quilt all around the southwest. The quilt made \$80 in ticket sales at the Central FL Fair.

The Annual Meeting will be held in West Palm Beach along with the World Quilt & Textile Show. Arrangements are being discussed with the show promoters.

Other upcoming dates and locations for 2010 meetings were discussed, with the anticipation of at least two meetings next year.

Members who have volunteered to be Guild Reps will be contacted, and a rep from each member guild will be requested. This is to provide better communications between SSQA and the guilds.

Changes in the membership form for 2010 were discussed, as well as making more use of the brochure that contains a membership form.

The next Board meeting will be sometime in mid-late October and the date announced after polling the Board members about the best day.

Pieces from President Dori

Summertime has arrived and I am sure you are all involved with family and friends and the great outdoors..... but oops it is soooo hot in Florida, maybe you are all in your air conditioned studios quilting away!

While you are working away completing projects check out the new SSQA Website. It looks wonderful. Pat Tribbey spent loads of hours revamping our site, so it is more user friendly and has much more information. Sunnie Malesky spent countless hours writing and rewriting content. We thank them both very much for their time and effort. See more about it in this newsletter.

We have a great opportunity this fall to attend one of the famous Mancuso

Brothers Quilt events in South Florida. They are coming to West Palm Beach in November! Hurrah! The SSQA Annual Meeting will be during the show at the convention center on Saturday, November 14th. Find out more information in this newsletter.

We will get discounts on entry to the show on Saturday, plus a discount on the afternoon lecture. Be sure and attend this great event. Also check out their website:

<http://www.quiltfest.com>.

We are up north for the summer at our cabin in the middle of nowhere (no voice mail available and cell phones don't work here) enjoying family and friends, but it is darn cold and rainy. It rained for 4 days when we arrived, we had summer for 3

days and poof...gone! The high today was 62, but it has actually felt good after the heat in south Florida. I hope to get a couple projects done in between company arrivals and departures, so I have something to present for Show 'n Tell at the Annual Meeting on November 14th in West Palm Beach. See you there with all your summer projects....

Piecefully,
Dori Hawks
SSQA President



Quilt Discovery Days : hidden treasures in your town?

There's nothing like the thrill of finding a quilt hiding in a closet! Imagine what could happen if you invited all the closets in town to open up.

When your group hosts a Quilt Discovery Day, people bring their hidden treasures out to share. They are delighted to know somebody else would like to see "grandma's old quilts" and even better...take photos and record the information, because people want to have a record of that quilt in the na-

tional database to enjoy and study! Being entered into the Quilt Index preserves that quilt for all time, no matter what may happen in the future.

Modern quilts are welcome, too! Have your group run through a practice Discovery Day by recording your own quilts before you invite the public.

You can find out how to do everything, from set up to filling out the paperwork and taking the photos. Visit

the website pages for Quilt Discovery Day and plan to host an event in your community!

This would be a fun program even just in your guild...and aren't you always looking for good programs? You could even do it twice by dividing quilts by age.

Where do we want this info to end up? Take a look and see: <http://www.quiltindex.org>

NEW Florida Quilt Project: 2 years to find in-state quilts

Let's get Florida quilts recorded and added to the Quilt Index!

This website & national resource center has pictures and information on quilts from all time periods, contributed by documentation projects, museums, libraries, and private collections. <http://www.quiltindex.org>

Only a few Florida quilts are currently shown on this site because they are in *other* collections...it's time to have our state represented in full!

All quilts are wanted...not just ones made in this state.

We have two years, June 2009 to June 2011 to collect new data and gather previous documentation records, if available.

Application to the Quilt Index will be made by May 31 next year.

In July 2011, or when accepted, we can begin data entry of the quilt information. At this time it is unknown how long the data entry process will take, but **we are very excited...because we can do it with volunteers!**

SSQA is covering the cost of the application (\$150) and the start-up fees (\$3,500) for the Quilt Index.

Groups hosting Quilt Discovery Days will cover their own expenses, but may apply for a grant from SSQA or any other source to help defray their costs. Information on funding sources will be shared as it becomes known.

Any group is encouraged to host a Quilt Discovery Day! Please be sure to use the proper forms and photo requirements so the information will be easy to include for the data entry. Quilts may be from any time period.

Efforts will be made to include all previous collections. Quality of the paperwork and photos will determine if they can be used, so please go through the collection and organize it to meet the requirements as much as possible.

You are encouraged to contact museums and private collectors to request access to the quilts for documentation. These quilts are usually not brought out to Discovery Days. Small teams of 2 - 3 people may work best in these situations.

Please contact the Project Chairman for more information:

Nan Moore
quiltmoore@aol.com

Plan now for a Quilt Discovery Day Grant in 2010!

The 2010 grants cycle matches up with the Florida Quilt Project, making NOW the time to plan your grant proposal.

Paperwork will be accepted between Jan. 1 and March 31, with money awarded for Quilt Discovery Days to be held June 2010 through 2011.

During this time a study will be made to see if the Grants Program should be continued with a different focus, since the Florida Quilt Project will end its collecting phase in July 2011 and move into the data entry phase.

If your group would like some financial assistance to cover copies, photography, room rental or other costs involved with a Quilt Discovery Day, all the information you need is available online at <http://www.ssqa.org/grants.html> There is a form you can print out, and complete explanation of how to fill it in.

This is it...

If you really care about the preservation of Florida quilts, and want this to happen, NOW is the time to volunteer!

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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Quilt Documentation
Carol Henry
chenry@atlantic.net

Ways & Means Co-Chairs
Pat Arends (Quilt Mother)
pada315@aol.com
Art Callanan
acallinan@cfl.rr.com

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

September 25: SunRays deadline for October issue

October 1: SunRays in the mail with ballot for elections & business.

October 31: Deadline for mail-in ballots to be post-marked

November 14:
Drawing for "All Around the Town" SSQA raffle quilt. Annual Meeting & Elections West Palm Beach Convention Center

2010: A very exciting year for SSQA! Grants, meetings, activities.... *Symposium coming in 2011...see page 5!*

Membership updates

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

Debbie LaFrance
1815 Ernest St.
Kissimmee, FL 34741
407-346-6086
artistgrly@aol.com

If 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: keep SSQA updated on changes in contact people, meeting information and....show us those raffle quilts!

CORRECTIONS

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lkoestel@cfl.rr.com
Betsy O'Neill
betsonell@hotmail.com
Pat Lester
Flquiltlady1@att.net

Welcome New Members...

Karen Roberts, Sanibel,
Melissa Roof, Cape Coral

GUILDS

Creative Quilters of Citrus
County Florida, Inc.
Homosassa

Naples Quilter's Guild
Naples

Quiltfest, Inc.
Jacksonville

Quilting in the Pines
Pembroke Pines,

Suncoast Quilting Circle
St Petersburg,

Southern Stars Quilt Guild
Hollywood

VENDORS

Dalen Keys
Landenberg, PA

Lillies Quilting Loft
St Cloud

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gann@cfl.rr.com

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2009

Beginning Checking Balance
\$8,330.64

Income:

Dues \$216.00
Raffle Quilt \$432.00
Total Income \$ 648.00

Expenses:

Membership \$ 316.67
Newsletter 246.11
Website Expense 800.00
Total Expenses \$1,477.73

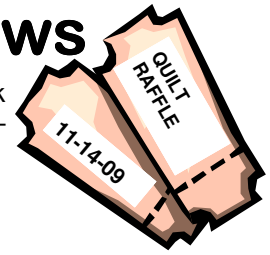
Ending Checking Balance \$7,500.91

Savings \$5,006.52

Investment Accounts
CD 61-11/10/08 5,927.33
CD 83-01/29/09 5,463.78
CD96-01/29/09 5,463.78
CD89-08/16/09 6,431.92
CD 8460-10/25/09 6,385.01
Investment Accounts Balance
\$29,671.82

Total \$42,179.25

SSQA Raffle Quilt news



Thanks to **Sue Balazs** for hosting the quilt throughout southwest Florida in May, June & July! She has done a great job getting it to several quilt shops and guild meetings.

Time is running out for your photo with "All Around the Town", the 2009 Raffle Quilt. **You could win 10 tickets!** 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). See your fellow SSQA members at <http://www.ssqa.org/images/raffle/0911ssqadraw.htm>

These tickets will be the last ones added to the drawing, so you know they'll be lucky ones!

Wouldn't you like to have this fun and colorful quilt at *your* show or guild meeting? It would make a great backdrop for *any* guild program! All you have to do is ask!

Contact **Pat Arends** (386-668-8593) or pada315@aol.com and she'll 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 dis-

played. Look for it at Quiltfest in Jacksonville this September behind the SSQA table (in the hall before you enter the show).

The quilt even comes with it's own easy-to-put-up stand, so you'll able to show it off in grand fashion. "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 available so you'll have a nice picture to show while selling tickets.

You should have received raffle tickets by mail along with a photo postcard of the quilt. You are not obligated to sell them.

If you would like to have more tickets, contact **Art Callinan** at 407-275-0106 or acallinan@cfl.rr.com

The winning ticket for the quilt will be drawn on Saturday, November 14, 2009.



SYMPOSIUM returns to SSQA schedule!

After a brief pause in the action, we are pleased to announce that the Symposium is returning. This your big chance to get in at the beginning and help plan this event!

Dee Duckworth has accepted the leadership roll and would like to be ready to go for Symposium 2011, in the Spring, somewhere on the west coast of the state.

Dee is planning for a mostly-email Steering Committee to make the Big Decisions: location, dates, and theme.

This committee **may** need to meet in person for a Location Preview (that

may also include lunch & visiting quilt shops, but we will make that an optional responsibility).

If you are on the West Coast your input and participation are especially welcome!

Teachers need to be selected, contacted and hired (who would YOU like to have for a class, or lecture? Speak up now!).

You might like to help out by serving on a sub-committee: Education (selecting teachers), Facilities/ Location, Activities, Registration, or Publicity.

Dee promises that meetings will be short and to the point!

Don't wait, step right up and put in your comments and efforts to make this the best Symposium ever.

If you've participated in the past, you know what fun it is to be in from the beginning. If you haven't worked on an SSQA project yet, come find out what a good time you'll have with quilters from all over the state.

Contact Dee at:
dduck53@earthlink.com

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

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>

May 12 through Aug 2
QUILT EXHIBIT— Jacksonville
A Survey of Gee's Bend Quilts
Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens,
Tues. May 12 through Sun. August 2.
For more information: (904) 356-6857.
www.cummer.org

June 27 through October 25
QUILT EXHIBIT—Vero Beach
"Rooted In Tradition: Art Quilts from the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum"
Vero Beach Museum of Art
www.verobeachmuseum.org

SEPTEMBER

September 24-25-26
QUILT SHOW— Jacksonville
QuiltFest "Re-cycling the Past"
hosted by QuiltFest, Inc. at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St, Jacksonville 32204. **Open entry deadline 7/ 25.** Over 400 quilts, special exhibits, demos, quilt appraisals and food court, Classes & trunk shows with Frieda Anderson and Judy Niemyer. 60+ vendors. Complete details at: www.quiltfestjax.com



"Let's go to a Quilt Show!"

OCTOBER

October 1
ENTRY DEADLINE
Quilting Natural Florida II, a juried quilt exhibit in Spring 2010, **Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild** co-sponsoring with Florida Museum of Natural History, **Gainesville**.
website: <http://www.qacdg.org>

NOVEMBER

November 13-14-15
QUILT SHOW— West Palm Beach
World Quilt Show (Mancusco Show Management)
Florida Quilt Competition open to state residents only—entry deadline Sept. 27.
www.worldquiltshow.com

November 13 & 14
QUILT SHOW—Davenport
Davenport Historical Society 9th Annual Quilts and Tea Festival
Davenport, Historic District. 9 to 3 each day.
Contact: davenporthistso-ciety@msn.com

November 14
SSQA Raffle Quilt drawing
SSQA Annual Meeting
West Palm Beach
See page 7 for details!

Next year...2010

January 8 & 9
QUILT SHOW— North Fort Myers
"Quilting: The Original Green"
Sponsored by **Southwest Florida Quilters Guild** Lee County Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Road. 9 to 5 daily; \$7 admission. Over 40 vendors; 100s of judged quilts; appraisals available; boutique; raffle quilt; miniature quilt auction Saturday; food on site;

post cards with proceeds going to Komen Foundation; ample parking.
Contact: Nancy Jones sarhobbs@aol.com OR www.swfqg.com

Feb. 6—May 16
QUILT Exhibit - Gainesville
Quilters of Alachua County Day Guild is co-sponsoring Quilting Natural Florida II, a juried quilt exhibit at the Florida Museum of Natural History in **Gainesville**.
website: www.qacdg.org

March 5 & 6
QUILT SHOW- St. Petersburg
Suncoast Quilting Circle of St. Petersburg presents "Today's Pleasures... Tomorrow's Treasures XIII". St. Petersburg College/Gibbs Campus Gymnasium, 6605 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg. March 5 -10:00a 'til 5p, March 6 - 10:00a - 4p. Admission: \$6.00 per day. 100s of Quilts by the areas finest local Quilters on view, Charity Quilt Raffle, Quilt Appraisals, Door Prices, Demonstrations, Silent Auction, Vendors' Mall, Boutique, Handicap Accessible, Free Parking.
Contact: teiahk@yahoo.com
Teiah Hester 727-452-9574
www.suncoastquiltingcircle.org

March 12 & 13
QUILT SHOW—Melbourne
Timeless Treasures Quilt Show
Presented by **Seaside Piecemakers**
Melbourne Auditorium 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 pre-sale and \$7 at the door. Over 300 Quilts displayed. Appraisals available by Nanette Moore. Boutique, Silent Auction, Small Quilt raffle, refreshments/lunch available at the Quilt Café
Contact: Kathy Oas rhoas@aol.com

March 20 & 21
QUILT SHOW— Venice
"Quilting by the Gulf XIII" hosted by the **Venice Area Quilters Guild**
Venice Community Center, 326 S.

Nokomis. 200+ Quilts -Giant Boutique with Gorgeous and Unique Handmade Items, Merchant Mall, Quilt Appraiser, Silent Auction of Small Quilts, Tea Room for Snacks and Lunch, Antique Quilt Turning, Opportunity Quilt, Door prizes, Handicap accessible, Silent auction of small quilts each day, Silent block auction, Free parking Bus parking available. Admission \$7.00. Contact: **Kay Wilfong** wilfongk@VAQG.org

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!

SUNRAYS is going green!

Have you noticed the change in our color ... the SunRays are going "green"! We're trying to save money by using less paper and postage, and put our wonderful website to even better use.

Last month the SunRays became available online.

For the rest of this year you will continue to receive a paper newsletter by mail, unless you ask to opt out and read it only online. If so, please contact the newsletter editor by emailing:

sunsky@comcast.net

You MUST be on the eRays list to opt

out and get the message when each new issue is published online. Starting with the membership form for 2010, you will need to request a paper copy of the newsletter.

There are a few differences between the printed and online issues. Only the paper copies will have the personal addresses for the officers and chairs. The online edition will have email contacts only. with click-able links, to easily contact people and websites that may be mentioned in articles.

Annual Meeting November 14 in West Palm Beach

The raffle quilt drawing was already set for November 14, so when the World Quilt & Textile Show announced they were coming to West Palm Beach the same weekend, we decided to make it a Big Party!

A Really Big Show...

Over 400 quilts from 10 countries, many special exhibits, three days of classes (9 teachers) & shopping, plus SSQA! If you have never been to a "big show" this is your chance.

Palm Beach Convention Center, West Palm Beach FL

www.worldquilt.com

Then click [World Quilt Show-Florida](#)

Our meeting....

Details are being worked out as we go to press. We'll meet in the Convention Center about 7 pm for a brief business meeting with the election, drawing the winning ticket on our raffle quilt, and some other fun & prizes.

We may have a Mystery Guest Who Cannot Be Named Right Now!

Your meeting fee will cover *at least* special admission to the Saturday

afternoon lecture at 4:30...stay tuned for the eRays to announce more details as we get them settled!

Lodging.....

The host hotel for the show is the **West Palm Beach Marriott**, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., WPB 33401.

Call **561-833-1234** (Mon. to Fri.) and ask immediately for the World Quilt Show- Florida Group rate (\$99 single or double). You must book your room **before Oct. 16** to get this rate.

The hotel is within walking distance, and also has a shuttle service to and from the show.

There are other hotels in the area, too.

Our Raffle Quilt...

This will be the last time "All Around the Town" will be shown, and what an opportunity we have! We will be given display space and allowed to sell tickets at the show in exchange for members doing some "white glove" duty for the show. We need 8 volunteers on 4-hour shifts or 16 for 2-hour shifts...a total of 32 hours.

Please contact Art Callinan (acallinan@cfl.rr.com) if you can help.

This is a great time to really boost the ticket sales and have extra money available for the new projects we have coming up.

As the details come...

You'll be the first to know if you receive the eRays (if not, send your email address to anotherpat@aol.com and get on the list!).

The new website has a nice blue button on the left side bar, not too far down, that says "Next Meeting"...click it, and you will go right to the page about the Annual Meeting. That page will also be updated as we get things ironed out.

There may be a special mailing with the registration form when everything has been completed. Look for that later this Summer.

We have not been to South Florida for quite awhile, and are looking forward to seeing all the members there who don't often travel north.

Contest for FL Quilters only!

The show's website has details on entering the special juried competition for Florida quilters. There is over \$3000 in prize money! Quilts must be "greater than or equal to 1296 square inches".

Entry deadline: September 24.

Spotlight on..... SSQA Vendor Members

A Quilter's Dream
719 W. Main Street
Leesburg, FL 34748
 Connie Czernuch 352-728-1482
 Hours: Mon-Fri 9a- 5p, Sat 9a-2p
aqd@embarqmail.com
www.aquiltersdream.biz
 A Quilter's Dream, LLC will have Christmas in July sale on **July 17th** and 18th. Christmas fabric off the bolt 25% off. SSQA member show your membership card and get 10% your purchase of regular prices fabric **July 5th - 31st**. Min 1 yard cuts.

Boutique-4-Quilters, Inc
2945 West New Haven Ave.
West Melbourne, FL 32904
 Anita Kelly 321-768-2060
 Hours: Mon-Sat 9:30a-5p
4quilters@bellsouth.net

Buttonwood Quilts
3046 Jog Road
Lake Worth, FL 33467
 Robin Puma 561-304-7211
pumaemail@aol.com
www.buttonwoodquilts.com
 Hours: M-S 9a-5:30p
 Announcing we are now your central Palm Beach County JANOME sewing machine dealer.



Come in and test drive the new 11000SE sewing and embroidery machine along with quilting editions, sergers and embroidery only machines. Halloween and Christmas fabric arriving now for getting a head start on your holiday projects.

Fabric Art Shop
158 SW Domino Way
Lake City, FL 32025-1594
 Barbie Swanson 386-755-0179
 Sun 1p-5p, Mon-Sat 10a - 6p
barbie@fabricartshop.com
<http://fabricartshop.com/>
 July is Christmas time! To celebrate, all our Christmas fabrics are on sale – all month – 20% off. The most gorgeous prints have come in! Get a head start on your holiday projects! On **July 11th** from 10am—3pm, Harry Megowan will sharpen scissors and knives. Bring your items in any time before then. Celebrate JANOME Weekend **July 15th to July 18th**. Events & pictures of the projects - on website. We have some blow-out pricing on select older model machines, 20% off JANOME brand accessories, 10% off JANOME software and more surprises.

Lillies Quilting Loft
315 Commerce Center Dr.
St Cloud, FL 34769
 Pam Lansing
pamela@lilliesquiltingloft.com
www.lilliesquiltingloft.com
 Tue-Sat 10a-4p, 3rd Wed 10a-9p
 Lillie's Quilting Loft will be celebrating Christmas in July from



July 14th thru the 18th with all Christmas fabric on sale in addition to other in-store specials. Teddy Pruett (AQS Certified) will be doing quilt appraisals in the shop on **July 18th** from 10 am til 4 pm. Check our website for details!

Once Upon a Quilt
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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!

All Star Quilters Guild (Sept. 26)

SSQA (Nov. 14)

West Pasco Quilters Guild (Feb. 14, 2010) *this is the Featured Raffle Quilt on the new website!*

News Flash! A lady in California came across our website while "surfing" on the Internet...she saw the SSQA raffle quilt and contacted Art to buy tickets!

Where is your guild's quilt?

The latest **quilting news** is found in SSQA **e-Rays**, in your e-mailbox on **Tuesdays**.

No e-Rays in your Inbox?

Just e-mail Pat at:

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.

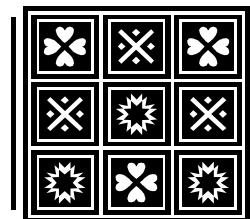
Time is running out to have your picture taken with the SSQA Raffle Quilt! Get your name in a special drawing to win 10 tickets, to be added to the official quilt drawing on Nov. 14 at the Annual Meeting! Have your photo made with the raffle quilt, send it to **anotherpat@aol.com**, and you will be in the drawing, too! Visit the website to see everyone who has had their photo taken in various locations around the state. Contact **Pat Arends** (see p. 5) to have the quilt on display at YOUR guild's show or meeting!

The Quilter's Hall of Fame in Marion, IN, recently offered a unique national fund raising challenge to quilters. Very short stories - less than one thousand words - were solicited and have been made into an e-book for your enjoyment. Reading and downloading are free, the book totals 52 pages. Two of the accepted stories are by Florida's own **Teddy Pruett**. Just click onto http://www.antiquequilt dating.com/Chaning_Times_Womens_Stories.pdf and enjoy!

Look for a new book from our own **Nan Moore!** It's called "**Freehand Quilting Patterns**", now available from AQS (<http://www.americanquilter.com/>)

Ellen Lindner announces her latest e-book, "Personal Workshop: Adventures in Color." 157 pictures on 65 pages, plus a 23 page workbook, and an ink saving section. Ready for immediate download. Full details, including a free excerpt can be found at http://www.adventurequilter.com/e-Learning/e-books/Color_e-book_info.html

WATCH YOUR eRAYS for some fun contests coming soon!



Teachers & Shops: Let SSQA help promote you by sharing some techniques or a free pattern on the website! Contact **anotherpat@aol.com**

Thanks to **Timm at Sew-Mini-Things in Mt. Dora** for mentioning the SSQA website! A lady looking for Florida quilt shops asked the Pickle Road Yahoo group for advice, and Timm suggested visiting the website list.

You can be an SSQA rep! Contact Linda at **lkoestel@cfl.rr.com**

Contest for FL quilters ONLY:

Check out the details for the World Quilt & Textile Show, West Palm Beach, in Nov. Entry deadline Sept. 27. <http://www.quiltfest.com>

Guild News

The Venice Area Quilters Guild has the honor of being the **first Featured Guild** on our new website. Read about them at <http://www.ssqa.org/guilds.html>

Ask your guild rep to send in the requested info about your guild...we'd like to get to know you, too!

If your guild has contracted with a national teacher for 2009—10—11-??? please send the information to **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.

Open entries or Guild only?

When you send in your show info, please let us know if entries are open to non-members. If it is, and you want some great quilts from around the state...or even the country...be sure to list the entry deadline!