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## 148 quilts sent for Japan relief effort

Thanks to the generosity of individuals and quilt guilds from all over the state, SSQA was able to send 148 quilts to be included in one of the first containers of relief supplies to go to Japan. These quilts will be put into the hands of a quilter there who will be in charge of the distribution.

These quilts were part of the 1001 collected by Mission of Love, an organization that does charity work both in this country and in response to disasters around the world.

SSQA paid for shipping the quilts to Ohio, and we also thank the **West Palm Beach Quilters Guild** for their donation of funds toward that expense. An individual also made a donation.

Thanks go also to **Lisa Mullins** of Wandering Stitches, along with a group of certified longarm quilters and SSQA volunteers, who completed a stack of tops to be included in this collection. Our one-month effort was a great success!

## From the President

HI ALL

First of all I want to thank all those who donated quilts to the Japan Project. I received about 45 at symposium. That was a real surprise since I had been told that about 20 would be delivered. Then we had the sew in on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Wandering stitches in Orlando and we had about 10 ladies show up to help. Four or five did the quilting on the long arms and boy did they get them quilted fast. I could hardly get a binding started and they had the next one done. I especially want to thank those longarm quilters since they were not SSQA members, just there to help and donate quilts to the project. And I especially want to thank Lisa Mullins for letting us use her long arms and space to store the quilts until I could get them shipped. I shipped the first ones on the 25<sup>th</sup> to Mission of Love and received notice from UPS that they arrived today 28<sup>th</sup>. When the last shipment goes out on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have shipped **136** unless more have been delivered than the 23 I am expecting. I also want to thank the two who donated toward the shipping costs.

Those who missed Symposium missed the best time. If want to see pictures from the classes, they are posted on the website. I want to thank all the members of the Symposium committee. They really did put on a great event.

Our next line of business is the nominating committee looking for new officers. So when you are called do think twice before giving your answer and if you can't do it, maybe you know someone who would like a position the board.

I am looking for a members or a guild to help put together a meeting in July here in Orlando. If you have other ideas where we can do a meeting or what we can do at the meeting let the me know. Some of the meeting will be documentation so members can get their quilts documented and see what it takes to get their quilt(s) documented. If you're interested in helping please contact me or any member of the board.

Your Prez

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# Minutes of the April 10th meeting in Tampa

## SSQA Minutes April 10, 2011 Symposium in Tampa, FL

Breakfast was served at 8:30  
Meeting called to order at 8:53 by  
President Art Callinan (Orlando).

**Quilts for Japan:** Sunnie Malesky (Jacksonville) spoke about the current project. SSQA will collect quilts until the end of the month, then pay for shipping them to Mission of Love in Youngstown, OH to go in a container of relief supplies for the earthquake victims. A work day will be held April 17 at Wandering Stitches in Orlando to longarm quilt donated tops and finish quilts. SSQA will cover the cost of thread and needles for this event.

**Nominating Committee:** Dori Hawks (Stuart) asked for additional assistance on the committee and to be contacted with names of anyone interested in running for an office. At this time President, Vice-President, and Membership are open on the slate.

**Bag of Ugly Fabric:** Barbara Stewart (Miami) read a letter from Patty Sullivan (West Palm Beach), the last winner of the bag. She made a quilt in honor of her sister and asked that it be given to the Dr. Frazier's Kids

project (see Outreach). The new winner of the bag is Pat Phillips (Melbourne)

**Outreach:** Barbara Stewart spoke about the new project, Dr. Frazier's Kids. SSQA is asking for small children's quilts and pillowcases to be given to Dr. Frazier's clinic that provides free medical care for foster children.

**Charter Members Recognition:** There are 44 current Charter members of SSQA. A special pin was presented to those present—Arlene Bielinski (Winter Haven), Art Callinan, Betty Cook (Winter Haven), Verona Johnson (Winter Haven), Linda Koestel (Apopka), Pat Phillips, and Barbara Stewart

**Door prizes** were distributed at various times throughout the meeting. Prizes were provided by Thermo Web Products, Sulky, Timeless Treasures Fabrics, P&B Fabrics, Pin Moor, Leigh McDonald, Flamingo Island Designs & Patterns, Nancy Mahoney, That Patchwork Place, Moda Fabrics, Pat Arends, Sunnie Malesky, Arlene Bielecki, Lisa Mullins – Wandering Stitches Studio, Clothworks, The Fabric Organizer, 2011 Quilter's Calendar, and Dori Hawks.

**Block Contest:** Sandy Lindfors (Live Oak), Linda Koestel and Barbara Stewart were the Viewers' Choice winners in the contest. The original block was designed by Sunnie Malesky. In a drawing from the names of all who participated, Barbara Stewart won the 20 blocks.

**Raffle Quilts:** The 2011 SSQA raffle quilt "Fractured Crystals" was won by Lee Hartford of Orlando. The top for the next raffle quilt, "Delectable Pathways", a design by Mary Sorensen, was displayed. It will be quilted by Nan Moore (Port Orange). Photos and tickets will be arranged by Pat Reedy (Ormond Beach). A quilt mother is still needed to care for the quilt until the drawing is held (date TBA).

**Show & Tell:** Students from each class were invited to show what they had made. Teachers were Velda Newman, Mary Sorensen, Leigh McDonald, and Sally Schneider. Individual members Pat Phillips, Arlene Bielinski, Linda Koestel, Betsy O'Neill (Tavares), Mary Jo Kuhn (Jacksonville) and Elaine Rowe also showed items that they had made. The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Submitted by Sunnie Malesky  
in the absence of the Recording Sect.

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# SSQA Raffle Quilt news

## 2011 Raffle Quilt

The winner of our lovely all-batik "Fractured Crystals" quilt was Lee Hartford of Orlando. We hear she has been showing it off to everyone who comes to visit!  
Art Callinan sold the winning ticket.

## New Raffle Quilt

Our new raffle quilt top was shown at the Symposium in Tampa, and is now being quilted by Nan Moore. The quilt was made from Mary Sorensen's pattern "Delectable Pathways". Our special thanks to all who did the appliqué:  
Jane Hamrock            Pat Arends  
Marlene Schellenberg   Ruth Amos  
Liz Bruckman            Chrissy Atwater  
Nancy Richards           Susan Ott  
And the piecing:  
Sue Balazs                Linda Koestel  
Pat Arends  
They all have put in many hours to complete our beautiful raffle quilt.

A picture and tickets will be available soon. Watch the eRays for more information.

## Does your guild have a raffle quilt?

### Show it off!

Send the webmaster a picture and information on who to contact for tickets. Your quilt will be part of the slide show on the Raffle Quilts page, and also have it's own photo and listing.

### Keep it legal!

It does not matter if you call it a raffle quilt or not...selling tickets makes it a raffle in the eyes of the law. Be sure to register with the state of Florida before selling tickets. Learn more at [www.ssqa.org](http://www.ssqa.org) under Legal Issues for Guilds or on the Win A Quilt page, How to Hold a Legal Raffle. It only costs \$10 to register and protect your guild from a large fine.

## Your place is waiting...

Do you love working on your computer? ... We have jobs that are just up your alley! And they are fun! Remember working on a board is fun and very satisfying!

Join the board of SSQA for a great time! Make some long lasting friendships with some incredible quilters.

If continuing SSQA is important to you, please contact me by email: [dorihawks@gmail.com](mailto:dorihawks@gmail.com) or phone: 772-631-7107.

The board positions will start in January.

## Treasurer's Report

The report was not available at time of newsletter publication.

# Dr. Frazer's Kids: Our 2011 outreach project

We are making small quilts and pillowcases for the children in foster care who are receiving services from the Guardian Health Center in Miami.

The requested quilts are 30" x 40" (these can be backed with just one yard of fabric!) and the pillowcases do not need to match the quilt. This project is a perfect "stash buster" that will give something important to children in need.

Dr. Frazer donates his medical services. He says:  
When I entered medicine, I thought I would live the "doctor" lifestyle. I never thought I would be one of the physicians on the front line of helping these kids. To be truthful, I didn't even know so many kids have been placed in foster care in South Florida...  
Thousands, yes thousands....

If you all can get together, and make the kids a pillow case, or a little blanket--it would mean the world to them. When they are removed from their homes, they have only the shirts on their back a lot of times. Not even a toy, a picture... Nothing...  
With a pillow case they can put their little pants, shirts, and underwear in--and when they go to their new home they can sleep on their pillow case, or little blanket. The pillow, or blanket they will have for life. It will be something by you all that says, though you may not know the person who stitched this--it was put together just like your heart will be stitched back together in time....  
People love you. It is not your fault."

This is our Outreach project for the entire year. Items will be delivered throughout the year, so you may

send them at any time to our Outreach chairman:  
**Barbara Stewart**  
**3116 SW 1st. Avenue**  
**Miami FL 33129**

Please contact Barbara before sending the quilts, as her address may change later this year:  
**Flexevp@aol.com**

## Tornado victims

As with the Quilts for Japan, we are looking for a quilter who receive donations, *if quilts will be accepted at this time*, for another possible one-time project.  
If you have any information, please contact Art.  
The Board and Outreach chairs will decide on the range and details of the project.

# Shows and Events Around the State

**QUILT SHOW LISTINGS** can be made with the online form at [www.SSQA.org](http://www.SSQA.org) on the raffle quilts or Win A Quilt page. Or contact: [anotherpat@aol.com](mailto:anotherpat@aol.com)

**PLEASE NOTE: Shows & Events will include full details online for members' events. For the most up-to-date show listings**

## JUNE

**June 15—18 Columbus OH**  
National Quilting Association quilt show. [www.nqaquilts.org](http://www.nqaquilts.org)

## SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 22– 23--24 — Jacksonville**  
**QuiltFest** presents "The Sky's the Limit". NQA judged open competition, special displays, challenge, vendors, food court and free parking. Preview party evening of the 21st.  
Entry deadline: July 16  
[www.quiltfestjax.com](http://www.quiltfestjax.com)

## OCTOBER

**Oct. 21 - 23—White Springs**  
Quilt Show at Stephen Foster State Park, "Fostering a Legacy of Quilting". Vendors, demos, and an exhibit of quilts older than 25 years, to go along with this year's theme. More information to follow.

**TBA: SSQA Annual Meeting**

## NOVEMBER

**Nov. 10 —12 — West Palm Beach**  
**World Quilt Show Florida III**  
650 Okeechobee Blvd., WPB 33401  
FL Quilt competition info available later this Summer.  
[www.worldquilt.com](http://www.worldquilt.com)

## Coming in 2012...

**January 13 & 14 — Lake Worth**  
**Hibiscus Quilt Guild of South Florida** will host the **Hibiscus Garden Walk & Quilter's Marketplace**, Salvation Army

Gym, 4051 Kirk Rd, Lake Worth.  
This is a Quilters Marketplace not a quilt show. Special exhibits, demos, lots of vendors, door prizes, grand prize, and fun to be had by all. 10a-5p both days, \$7 entry fee. See our website for \$1 off coupon: [www.hibiscusquiltguild.org](http://www.hibiscusquiltguild.org)  
Contact: Debbie [hqgost@gmail.com](mailto:hqgost@gmail.com)

**March 2 & 3, 2012 - Largo**  
**Suncoast Quilting Circle of St. Petersburg** presents **Today's Pleasures ... Tomorrow's Treasures XIV**, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 11220 Oakhurst Road. Boutique, vendors, charity quilt, silent mini quilt auction, quilters walk auction, quilt appraisals, make'n'take activity.  
Fri 10am-5pm & Sat 10am-4pm. \$6 entry fee or \$10 for 2 days.  
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OR <http://suncoastquiltingcircle.org>

**March 2 & 3—Lakeland**  
Ladies of the Lakes Quilt Guild host Quilts by the Lake at First Presbyterian Church on Lake Hollingsworth Drive  
200+ Quilts, Vendors, Boutique, Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4  
Leesa Lloyd [gator-ingeo@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gator-ingeo@tampabay.rr.com) or Charolette Cannon [chatquilt@aol.com](mailto:chatquilt@aol.com)  
[www.LadiesoftheLakes.com](http://www.LadiesoftheLakes.com)

**March 23-24—Bradenton**  
Manatee Patchworkers host their show. More information soon!  
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[manateepatchworkers.org](http://manateepatchworkers.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.**

## The Florida Quilt Project report

May 1 ended the first phase of the Florida Quilt Project, but the documentations will continue on! There are more Quilt Discovery Days in the planning stages with dates to be released soon.

Quilts documented at the Florida Museum of History in 2006, Alachua County Day Guild in 2007, Davenport Historical Society in 2009 and the Lake Mary Historical Society are included in this collection.

The 2011 Grants award winners for Quilt Discovery Days have yielded the following number of quilts:

Geneva Historical Society: 106

Vero Beach 2011: 139

Jacksonville All Stars: 111

West Pasco : 159

In all, we have about 615 quilts to be the Quilt Index.

**You can help get the quilts onto the Quilt Index** by volunteering to do some data entry. This can be done from your own home, at any time, by computer. Training will take about an hour by phone.  
Please help out by contacting Art Callinan at [toomanyquilts@gmail.com](mailto:toomanyquilts@gmail.com)

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## Membership Updates

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

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## Membership News

**Raffle Quilts on the website:**  
Send a photo to [anotherpat@aol.com](mailto:anotherpat@aol.com) ...it's a great way to promote your guild quilt and make a picture available to people everywhere!  
**Where is your guild's quilt?**

**The next SSQA Raffle Quilt** is being finished and will be revealed at the April Symposium. It needs a Quilt Mother to keep track of it while it travels around the state. The drawing date will be in 2012. Contact Pat Arends at: [pada315@aol.com](mailto:pada315@aol.com)

**Alice Means'** quilt "Regal Rhapsody" won Best Machine Workmanship in Mixed Technique for the 2010 Hoffman Challenge. It's currently traveling with Quilt Trunk A. It is also on their website - [www.hoffmanchallenge.com](http://www.hoffmanchallenge.com)

Member **Linda J Hahn** from New Jersey has a new book published

by AQS. *New York Beauty Simplified* contains her one pin technique for constructing this block. [www.twocountryquilters.com](http://www.twocountryquilters.com) OR [www.froghollowdesigns.com](http://www.froghollowdesigns.com)

**Nancy Prince** also has a new machine embroidery product, "Sketching the Seasons," which includes a CD. Learn more about it at [www.nancyprince.com](http://www.nancyprince.com)

November 13—17 quilt cruise with **Pat Lester**. Contact her at [patlester9@gmail.com](mailto:patlester9@gmail.com)

**At the movies...**  
The new independent movie "Stitched" follows Hollis Chatelain, Caryl Bryer Fallert and Randall Cook as they explore the world of entering national quilt shows. SSQA members also seen in the film: **Kathy Ward** and **Pauline Salzman**! Available on DVD from [www.stitchedfilm.com](http://www.stitchedfilm.com)

## SSQA Grants Program news

The grants committee for the 2012 funds will meet on May 13 to select the groups who will receive this round of money. A total of \$5000 is available. The total amount given out will depend on the proposals and what funding they have requested.

Four groups have applied to receive money from SSQA. Their proposal include Quilt Discovery Days (this is considered an educational event), teaching children to quilt, and making charity quilts. Results will be announced in the eRays and the next newsletter.

2012 is the first time the grants have been opened to proposals for charity and education projects/ programs. We are excited about expanding

The next grants cycle begins January 1, 2012. Proposals are due before March 29, 2012.

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## Newsletter opening for 2012

The position of newsletter editor is open for 2012. If you'd like to consider taking this role, but want to know more about it without being obligated, please feel free to contact the current newsletter editor.

The SunRays is published four times per year, but the way it looks and is distributed are open to the editor's input. If you've wanted to see things done differently, this is your chance!

Training and support are available and computer software may be provided if needed.

The newsletter editor is a non-elected member of the SSQA Board.

# 2011 Calendar of Events

May 13: Grants committee meets  
June 1: Grants awards to be announced  
August 10: SunRays deadline

Annual Meeting 2011: October date TBA

Visit [www.SSQA.org](http://www.SSQA.org) for more events and late-breaking news

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