

# TEMPLATE TIMES

**Procrastinating Quilters**  
**April 2011**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*04/29 – 05/1/ 2011 PQ Retreat*

*05/19 PQ Summer Party*

## PQ'S WEBSITE

Check the latest news on our website  
[www.hypersytes.com/pqwebsite](http://www.hypersytes.com/pqwebsite)

## NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Susan Herman**

The mystery quilt day today at the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Largo was a big success! We had a lot of helpers and participants there and the location was great. The room had lots of light from huge windows on two sides of the room and there were plenty of tables and outlets to go around.

Unfortunately I forgot my camera so I didn't get any good pictures, but we all had a great time. Just wait till you see all the cool quilts that were made! I hope everyone who made a mystery quilt can bring them for show and tell at our next meeting.

We also had National Quilt Day at Heritage Village last month and that was lots of fun too. It's such a beautiful setting over there at Heritage Village. We're lucky to have something like that in Pinellas County. Our next meeting is going to be a trunk show so I'm sure it will be inspiring and fun!

And.... the retreat is right around the corner! I thought for a while that I was not going to be able to go, but my middle son decided not to "walk" in the formal ceremony at FSU, so retreat, here I come!! I hope to see you there!

Happy quilting!

Susan Herman



## BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

Jill French and Cathy Brown

Just a reminder that the Brown Bag Challenge will begin with the exchange of fat quarters at the May party. Here's a recap of the challenge:

- Place 3 (not 4 or 5, only 3) COORDINATED fat quarters (not fat eighths or half yards) in a plain brown lunch bag and fold the top over.
- Do not put anything else in the bag.
- Do not mark on the bag in any way.
- Do not staple or clip the bag closed.
- Bags will be turned in at the May party and secretly assigned a number known only to two people.
- Each PQer turning in a bag will select a bag before the end of the party and have the bag number recorded as assigned to her/him.
- Each brown bagger is to COMPLETE A QUILTED ITEM, including a label, using at least 75% of each fat quarter fabric on the front/outside of the quilted item.
- Use as much of your own fabric as you like to complete the challenge.
- If the fat quarters are lost, stolen or damaged by flood, fire, sinkhole, wild animal or hurricane, contact Cathy Brown or Jill French immediately.
- The quilted item must be turned in by Monday, November 7, either at a PQ meeting or at Country Quilts and Bears or by arrangement to either Cathy Brown or Jill French.
- Brown Bag Challenge projects will be displayed at the November PQ meeting before being revealed and returned to their "Original Owners."
- Any PQer not completing or turning in their challenge project will permanently forfeit the project made with their own fat quarters to the PQer who did not receive a completed challenge project on the night of the party.

You have 5 1/2 months to complete the Brown Bag Challenge. THERE ARE NO EXCUSES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

And, by the way, it's so much fun...!



## VP REPORT

Teri Roberts

The response to the May party blocks – Bunnies/Teacups/Teapots, and Sunkissed churn dash blocks - was wonderful. In fact, all of the blocks were sold. Some of you have told me that you have finished the stitchery blocks already. We better watch out we won't be able to call ourselves the Procrastinating Quilters. Not to worry - I'm still working my bunny/teapot block.

During the April meeting, a list of different types of food will be passed around for PQers to sign up for a dish that they wish to bring to the May Party on May 19, 2010, at Crossroads Baptist Church. The signup list is needed for two reasons – to know approximately how many PQers are coming to the May party – so there will be enough party favors for everyone attending; and so there is a good variety of food and drinks. The following list is the different types of food: appetizers, salads (green, pasta, potato, etc.), meats, vegetables, casseroles, desserts (pies, cakes, ice cream, etc.), bread/rolls, butter, and drinks (iced tea, coke, and other soft drinks both diet and regular). The "Other" category can be used for food that can't be put in another category. The food choice is yours - signup for a dish you have always wanted to make or a favorite dish that your family loves for you to make for them. If you are time challenged bring some drinks, bread or rolls, butter or chips and dip. Napkins, paper plates, glasses, cups and plastic ware are provided by the guild.

To all the PQ members that helped with taking down the chairs and setting up tables at the March meeting, thank-you. Also, a big thanks to the person or persons that always set up all the chairs prior to each meeting. As always it is very much appreciated.



**Vintage Fabric covered bird houses sold by Robins Egg Blue on Etsy.com**  
<http://www.etsy.com/shop/RobinsEggBlue>

## PROGRAMS

Lynn Wood

Judy Hansen, the owner of The Quilt Shop of Deland, will be joining us this month. If the name sounds familiar to you, that's because Judy designed the Antique Christmas quilt that many of you appliquéd as a block of the month a few years ago at Country Quilts and Bears. She's been a busy lady since then and just released her second fabric line. I can't wait to see what fun, new things she has to show us.

**SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS WANTED!** I'm continuing to collect items for our silent auction in May so please bring your donations to the meeting. If you can't bring it in, please contact me at johnwwoods@ij.net, phone 399-9407 to make arrangements for me to get them from you. In addition to finished quilts of any size, you can donate books, patterns, UFOs, quilt blocks, kits, fabrics, templates, tools, notions, pincushions, totes, purses, quilt and sewing related gifts/items. Handmade items are always welcome. Now is the time to do some spring-cleaning in your sewing room and donate those unwanted items. In addition to auction items, don't forget to bring me baskets, tins, etc. so I can group themed items together for display.

## FREE BOM – BLOCK 4

Little Miss Shabby



Jodie at Little Missy Shabby has posted her fourth block in this free BOM series called Birdie Stitches. ([www.littlemissshabby.com](http://www.littlemissshabby.com)). I hope you are enjoying this little stitchery.

## NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2011

Carol Clarke and Lynn Wood

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way with National Quilting Day at Heritage Village this year. You are such a wonderful, hard working group and you helped to make the day a big success. Lots of quilt tops, blocks and fabric were taken home by each guild and we will be meeting in May to collect the finished quilts.

If you took materials to make a quilt or two, please return the finished quilts to Carol Clarke or myself by the May meeting so we can get a count and get all the quilts together to be taken to The Children's Cancer Center.

## RETREAT 2011

Sharon Kalinowski

The reservations are in and those who signed up are going to have a blast! Here is some information in case there is any way you don't have it by now!!

### Details for the retreat are as follows:

What: PQ Spring Retreat

Where: Day Spring Episcopal Conference Center  
25th St.  
Parrish, Florida

When: April 29 - May 1, 2011

## FOR SALE

### ACCUQUILT FABRIC CUTTER & TOTE BAG



**Go Fabric Cutter #55100 & Rolling Tote #55114**  
New, in box. Never opened. Est Value \$508, Asking \$300. I won this but am not a quilter, I just sew all the time.

Please Call Linda, Clearwater 603-475-2498