

# TEMPLATE TIMES

Procrastinating Quilters

March 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*03/19 National Quilt Day at Heritage Village*

*04/09 Mystery Quilt Day*

*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:

APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Susan Herman**

Spring is popping up all over the place and the weather is beautiful outside! I hope everyone is enjoying some outside time along with their quilting time. Soon it will be time for the next exciting PQ meeting with the President's Challenge reveal night, National Quilt Day at Heritage Village, and the Mystery Quilt day at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Largo. I hope everyone is getting involved in some of our activities because they really are lots of fun. We have such a great membership and have a wonderful time when we get together. Enjoy spring!  
Susan Herman



A sneak pre-Easter project. Perhaps a pin??

<http://allsorts.typepad.com/allsorts/2009/03/bounding-bunnypins-a-freebie-for-friday.html>

## VP REPORT

**Teri Roberts**

There are a lot of PQ activities in the next three months – the President's Black and White with a Splash challenge at the March meeting, National Quilt Day on March 19 (we need quilts to display and volunteers to work on March 19), the Mystery Quilt Day on April 9, the quilt retreat at Day Springs April 29 – May 1, and the silent auction (donate quilts or other items for auction) at the May meeting. Please plan to participate at one or more of these activities – you never know what you will learn and who you might meet and get to know. In addition, we always have a lot of fun and laughter when we get together. To all the PQ members that helped with the chairs and tables in February, thank-you. Your help is always much appreciated.



## FREE SHAMROCK PIN PATTERN

Melissa Halvorsen ~ Melissa Makes It Easy

### PQ MYSTERY QUILT

Pauline Mallory & Lynda Weingart

Mystery Quilt is scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, at 9:00 a.m. Remember, we will be quilting at Christ the King Lutheran Church which is located at 11220 Oakhurst Road, Largo 33778. Please sign up at the PQ March meeting or let either Pauline Mallory or Lynda Weingart know that you will be attending so that we can arrange space for everyone. We hope to see you there! It will be a fun and relaxing day.

What to bring:

Check the list posted on the website for fabric requirements, suggestions and precutting guidelines. (This is a quick quilt, so you can do your cutting at the Church on Saturday if you would like. You may want to do this anyway, if you are going to do a very scrappy quilt and want to work on a few blocks at a time.)

- Sewing Machine
- Your usual sewing supplies
- Cutting mat
- Rotary cutter
- Large square ruler (18-1/2 inches would be good)
- Long ruler (8x24 inches would be good)
- Ironing board and iron (bring your own or share with a friend)
- Flannel backed plastic tablecloth to use as a design wall
- Brown bag lunch if you want to eat in (there are several restaurants within close driving distance)
- Coffee mug and lid if you are a coffee drinker
- Something else to drink if desired
- A snack to share if you are so inclined



Melissa offers a free shamrock pattern to use for making a little felt pin to celebrate the holiday. This would be a cute little thing to whip up to wear, make with a child or give as a little gift. Enjoy!

<http://melissamakesiteasy.wordpress.com/2009/03/13/st-partricks-day-shamrock-pins/>

### THANKS MEMBERS

Kathy Weiss, PQ Member

This was sent to Susan Herman for the PQs:

It's difficult to put into words my gratitude for everyone's encouragement and love shown through phone calls, cards, and prayers for me over the past several weeks. It truly is a blessing to belong to such a wonderful group of gals. I feel great and am healing well and hope to be at the next guild meeting, but we'll have to see how it goes.

My husband and I meet with the oncologist next Monday to see when my chemotherapy starts.....the sooner, the better. I know I'll have 12 treatments of chemo and after that 30 radiation treatments. I'll try and keep you informed either through email or Becky Madasz.

## PROGRAMS

Lynn Wood

This month we will have our President Challenge quilts revealed. Is yours finished? If not, you better hurry up and get it done! I'm sure we'll get to see some really awesome quilts from our very talented members. So, get sewing, and don't forget to bring your quilt to the meeting.

**DONATIONS WANTED!** I'll continue to collect items for our silent auction in May so please bring your donations to the meetings. I already have a very large collection of books and patterns but very few other items so please take the time to clean out your sewing rooms and donate what you no longer want to this guild fund raising event.

Some suggestions for donations would be finished quilts of any size, UFOs, quilt blocks, kits, fabrics, books, patterns, templates, tools, notions, pincushions, totes, purses, quilt and sewing related gifts/items, etc. Handmade items are always welcome and I can also use containers such as baskets, tins, etc. for displaying themed items.

If you can't bring your donations to the meetings, contact me at [johnwwoods@ij.net](mailto:johnwwoods@ij.net), phone 399-9407 to make arrangements for me to get them from you.

## FREE BOM – BLOCK 3

Little Miss Shabby



Jodie at Little Missy Shabby has posted her third block in this free BOM series called Birdie Stitches. ([www.littlemissshabby.com](http://www.littlemissshabby.com)). I hope you are enjoying this little stitchery. I decided to do mine in a brighter color way even though I love (really love) the Sunkissed line by Moda.

## NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2011

Carol Clarke

National Quilting Day is set for Saturday, March 19th at Heritage Village, 11909 125 St. N., Largo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. We are sharing the church with Suncoast Quilting Circle again this year and need about 30 or so quilts to display. If you have any quilts that you would like to show off, please bring them to the March meeting. Make sure they are labeled with your name on them.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already signed up. More volunteers are still needed to help out during the day at the church and in the Pinellas Room in the demonstration area and at the make & take tables. The time frame is 8:30 – 4PM (includes set-up and take down). A signup sheet will be available in our March 17th meeting. Please give a few hours of your time to spread the word about quilting and hopefully make some new friends along the way.

We need your help in providing 8 inch squares and 8 inch half square triangles (squared to 7 inches). We also need material for sashing / backings / bindings and batting to make the quilts. The material will be used to make quilts for the cancer children in Tampa, so please select child / teenager friendly colors and patterns.

The Historical Society is supporting the quilt guilds by paying for our insurance. Please help in supporting them. Donation buckets will be at Heritage Village.

If you have any questions or want to help with planning and coordinating please contact Carol Clarke at [clarke131@aol.com](mailto:clarke131@aol.com).



## RETREAT 2011

Sharon Kalinowski

### PQ Retreat Sign Up

We now have reserved 32 spots. This will fill 4 cabins. Currently I have confirmed reservations for 29 people. This means that there is space for 3 more people. If there is an interest beyond this number, I can contact Day Spring and request additional space if it is available.

Sign up for the PQ Spring retreat at Day Springs will continue as long as space remains.

To secure your spot please make your initial deposit of \$100 by mail or at the next PQ meeting.

### Please make checks payable to PQ's

If you prefer to mail in your deposit send to:  
Sharon Kalinowski  
2256 Pinnacle Circle S.  
Palm Harbor Florida 34684

### 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

Cost: \$200 due in full March 1, 2011

Deposit required: \$100

Accommodations: Cabins with semi private rooms.

Total spots: 32

No refunds after Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

Members only until March 1, 2011. After this date non-members will be admitted at an additional charge and only if space is available.

Any questions please call:

Sharon A. Kalinowski 727-254-4286



## MEMBERSHIP – IMPORTANT!!!

**Karen O'Malley**

Membership dues are due. After the meeting, members who have not paid will be dropped from membership.

If you have not done so, please make your \$30 dues payment ASAP. If you would prefer to mail them, please make the check payable to PQ's and sent it to:

Karen O'Malley  
14149 80th Ave  
Seminole, FL 33776





## PARTY BLOCK EXCHANGE

**Teri Roberts**

At the last PQ meeting we had a discussion about doing a redwork block for the May party block and the group voted to give it a try. After the meeting Lori Lewis volunteered to help me find a redwork pattern that would be fun and not too difficult. After much searching, Lori has found a pattern that she has based our stitchery exchange blocks on and created six different patterns. The patterns are so sweet; we think you will love them.

There will also be a pieced block option. We thought this would be a good setting block for the stitchery block. Lori and I decided that the embroidered and the pieced blocks will be combined for the drawings. However, because one embroidered block takes longer to make than a pieced block; if you choose to make the pieced block, you will need to make two pieced blocks. To insure that both blocks are coordinated, the background fabric for the embroidered block and the background and main fabric for the pieced blocks will be provided.

We hope you are as excited as we are about this party block exchange and we look forward to revealing the blocks at the PQ meeting.

For those participating in this activity, the following is brief summary of rules.

- Packages that contain the fabric, a pattern, and instructions will be available at the March meeting and if all of the packages are not sold at the March meeting, they will be available at the April meeting.
- You have a choice to make either two pieced blocks and/or one redwork embroidery block
- You may make both types of blocks if you want
- You can make as many blocks as you want provided you buy a package that contain the fabric, the pattern, and instructions
- Background fabric will be provided for the redwork block
- Background fabric and main fabric will be provided for the churn dash blocks
- A small charge (yet to be determined) will be collected for the pattern, the fabric and the instructions
- Depending on the number of pieced and redwork blocks returned to the May meeting, one or more drawings will be done to determine the winner(s) of the blocks. The redwork and pieced blocks will be combined in the drawings

## REMINDER LIST!!

- Bring Quilts for National Quilt Day to PQ Meeting this month
- Bring donations for Silent Auction to Lynn Woods
- Bring your President's Challenge Quilt to the meeting
- Pay Membership Dues if not already done

