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Since we needed to keep up our strength, pizza was ordered about midnight on Saturday. It went pretty fast, so next year we will double our order! Maybe we could stay up all night that way! Sunday found us exclaiming the week-end went too fast as we packed up our clothes in preparation to leave at 3:00. Save April 30 – May 2 2010 for next time.

Big thanks to our many donors, who were very generous this year. They are listed in this newsletter. Please show your appreciation by thanking them when you go into their shops. If you have never been in the shop before, let them know that you heard about them through your quilt guild. We need to support our shops, so we can continue this great tradition of sewing and friendship.

Donor Name	Address	phone
Sue Bay Area Quilting	5150 66th St N. St. Petersburg, FL 33709	(727) 547- 5444
Country Quilts & Bears	1983 Drew Street Clearwater, FL 33765	727-461-4171
Happy Apple	32660 U.S. 19 N. Palm Harbor, FL 34684	(727) 789- 6272
Rainbow's End	941 Broadway St. Dunedin FL. 34698	727-733-8572
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Bernina Phaff Sewing	14976 N Florida Ave Tampa, FL 33613	813-969-2458
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Quilt Til You Wilt	9609 Fulton Ave Hudson, FL 34667	(727) 862- 6141
Sew Worth It	5567 Palmer Crossing Circle Sarasota, Florida 34233	(941) 924- 5600
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The Committee is made up of up to six or seven volunteering active Guild members. Each committee member makes her own mystery quilt to be revealed on MQD.

The Committee's responsibilities include selecting a quilt pattern for the following year's MQD; scheduling a date and location; arranging for fabric requirements, cutting instructions and pre-sewing instructions to be posted on the Guild's website; preparing step-by-step sewing instructions and visual aids to guide participants on MQD; and on MQD assisting participants by providing help, answering questions, pressing, unsewing, etc. as well as setting up and tearing down the room.

This year's Mystery Quilt Committee is made up of Jill French (Chairman), Pat Dearth, Lynne Woods, Teri Roberts, Cathy Brown, Judy Wedekind and Roni Hunt.

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## **2009 Brown Bag Challenge**

Judy Wedekind

"What is a Brown Bag Challenge?" It is a time for you step out of your comfort zone to do something fun and receive something wonderful in return. The following outlines what you need to know in order to participate:

1. 3 COORDINATING FAT QUARTERS
2. Place the 3 COORDINATING FAT QUARTERS in a brown lunch bag with no markings (I will have extra bags if you don't have one); please no notes requesting a particular item to be made - that takes away from the challenge.
3. Bring to the PQ Summer Party, May 21st, at Crossroads Baptist Church
4. Hand in to me
5. Then near the end of the Summer Party, you will select a brown bag that is not yours for the challenge.

Note, if you can not make the May 21st party, please mail me your 3 COORDINATING FAT QUARTERS. I will need to receive them by May 14th or give to a fellow PQ Member who is coming to the party to hand in. My address is: Judy Wedekind - 3140 Timberview Drive - Dunedin, FL 34698

If you have any question please feel free to contact me at 727-644-5685

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## **Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe**

Donna Tormeno

Went to this place and would like to let you know about it. The Suwannee Valley Shoppes located in North Central Florida's Gilchrist County and historic Trenton. Spend a day in our Suwannee Valley Quilt Shoppe, located in a 1925 Coca Cola Bottling Plant. The Quilt Shoppe is home to over 5,000 bolts of fabric, an extensive selection of quilting supplies and a tin ceiling library where customers can relax in comfortable chairs while selecting from over 400

quilt books. This structure also houses the Suwannee Rose Café, serving pastries and luncheon specialties including a variety of quiches, soups, salads and sandwiches.

The restored 1910 Dry Goods Store just one block south of the old rail-road depot, features our sister shops. The Suwannee Valley Stained Glass Works has one of the most extensive selections of glass and supplies in North Central Florida with over 20,000 pounds of stained and clear glass as well as books, hand tools, soldering irons and saws. This store also houses our full-service Custom Frame Shop which specializes in preserving your fabric art including cross stitch and needlework pieces but also does any of your fine pieces of art. And our newest addition is the Suwannee Valley Antique Gallery, home to many fine quality antique furnishings and glassware from times gone by.

Lynn's Country Cross Stitch is located in this building, having one of the ten largest cross stitch selections in the country.

### **Enjoy lunch and pastries at the Suwannee Rose Cafe!**

The Suwannee Rose Cafe is the perfect place to relax and have a light lunch and a delicious home style pastry after browsing the Quilt Shoppe and our Christmas and gift room.

**Quiche:** We serve quiche every day - spinach, ham & cheese, broccoli or crab. (And are they ever good!)

**Salads:** Our salad sampler includes a little bit of everything. Enjoy samples of chicken salad, broccoli salad, pasta salad and our delicious potato salad. Of course you can always order just your favorite.

**Sandwiches & Croissants:** Enjoy a sandwich on our bread of the day or croissant made with your choice of turkey, ham, chicken salad or tuna salad.

**Soups:** For those cold winter days, or just anytime, we're now serving delicious home made soups, including split pea, creamy potato, minestrone, clam chowder and potato ham chowder. In addition, we're now serving quiche every day - either spinach or ham & cheese. (And are they ever good!)

**Beverages:** Warm up with our hot gourmet Starbucks coffee, hot tea or hot chocolate. Also service sweet or unsweet tea, raspberry tea and a variety of cold drinks.

**Pastries:** Lunch just isn't complete without a choice of Ragena's chocolate peanut butter pie, a six layer chocolate torte, our three day coconut cake, Kahlua cake, orange marmalade cake, lemon crème, red velvet cake and our German chocolate cake. You can get an individual slice or order an entire pie or cake for your special event (2 days notice please for whole cakes and pies.)

Call Ragena at 352-463-3842 to make arrangements for your group or to order whole pies or cakes.











Responses from February Survey Question:

How many projects are your working right now?  
Answers range from 3 projects to 23.

How do you have them organized?

Plastics bags

PIGS (projects in grocery sacks)

Project boxes

Baskets

Pizza box

Clear plastic boxes

Suitcases

Organized by due dates

Organized thru the house, family room, kitchen, sewing room

Shoebboxes

Tubs

Tote bags

Thank you, ladies for your responses. Keep answering and you might be the next winner.

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## Spot it on the Net

Another fabric online store [www.fashionfabricsclub.com](http://www.fashionfabricsclub.com).

Free books online -If you like to read more classical books, then check out this website...  
<http://www.readonline.com>.

There is two more Free BOM out there. For those who love Pat Sloan she has teamed up with author Emilie Richards to create block of the month: A Season of Grace on alternating months you can printed the pattern [www.patsloan.com](http://www.patsloan.com) and [www.emillierichards.com](http://www.emillierichards.com). The other is another stitchery Dress up and can be found at [www.lastingtreasure.com](http://www.lastingtreasure.com).

This website gives has projects, there is a little cute zip lock bag.  
<http://www.cutoutandkeep.net/>

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## Spot it at a store near you

Valdani Threads were spotted at the Crafty Frammer on Ulmerton Road.

Loose Threads by Helen Kelley. It can be purchase at Joann's or any book store. This is the book Cathy was reading on the March meeting.





Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until set, not brown, 10-12 minutes.

Roll again in powdered sugar while warm or cool(not hot) Roll in powdered sugar again. About 4 dozen cookies.

### **Healthy Meatloaf**

1. 1 1/2 lbs ground beef
2. 2 egg whites
3. 1/2 onion chopped
4. 1 cup skim milk
5. 1 cup oatmeal
6. salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup ketchup
- 2 TB brown sugar
- 2 TB mustard

Preheat oven to 350\*

In large bowl combine the first 6 ingredients plus 1/2 cup ketchup and place in lightly greased pan.

In a separate bowl add the brown sugar, mustard and 1/4 cup ketchup. Mix well and pour over the meatloaf. Bake at 350\* for one hour.

### **Pumpkin Bread** – Sharon Kalinowski

2/3 cup shortening

2 2/3 cups sugar

4 eggs

1 can (15 oz) pumpkin

2/3 cups water

3 1/3 cups flour

2 tsp. baking soda

1 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp cloves

2/3 cups nuts

2/3 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease 2 9" x 5" x 3" loaf pans

In a large bowl, cream shortening & sugar until fluffy. Stir in eggs, pumpkin and water.

Blend in flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder, cinnamon & cloves. Stir in nuts and raisins.

Bake about 70 minutes

Name	Little Known Fact
	As a child I was on several children's TV shows....Merry Mailman and Mickey Mouse club.
	Hugh Jackman can put his shoes under my bed anytime!
	I am a big Star Trek fan
	I am writing a series of short stories based on Baby Boomer childhood experiences.
	I don't like the color yellow.
	I have eaten Rockie Mountain Oysters.....Ask me what they are if you don't know. It is not seafood!
	I learned how to sew when I was 7 years old by making dresses for my baby sister. Now I make her quilts...she never learned to sew.
	I like to hunt for fossils.
	I once worked at the Pentagon and had a Top Secret clearance.
	I play the accordion.
	I played the bassoon and flute in high school
	I used to help my husband do the layouts for printed circuit boards.
	I was a biker for over 20 years, still am but now I am a tricker. at one time I drove my own bike but did prefer to be the passenger on our Harley. a world of difference between my crisp white nurses uniform and my black leathers.
	I was a girls basketball high school varsity official and I was even asked to officiate the high school play-off divisional state play-off games, I also coached high school girls varsity teams for over 10 years
	I was born in Australia

	I was in a play in high school (The Wizard on Oz). Our production was such a hit that we were asked to perform at USF
	I once owned 25 coffee pots
	I went to the Academy Awards
	Loves Chinese food
	Met Bill Gates.
	met president Clinton and was charmed!
	Met Tom Selleck in a Mom & Pop grocery store while holding a 4-pack of toilet paper.
	minored in art in college and almost changed my major to it.
	My dad, now 88 was an extra in the movies of many many years ago called "The Little Rascals", his mother was always at the movie sets selling stationary goods to the studios and she knew so many of the old stars.
	my great-great- great grandfather was the Mohawk Indian chief Joseph Brant.
	Was pres. Of the Future Homemakers of America in high school.....feel free to ask me for tips on homemaking.
	Worked for MTV for 2 years , was in one music video and entered the MTV Music awards with Boy George
	Worked with Farrah Fawcett
	Would really like to compete on the Amazing race with her son.... Winning would be nice too!