

Community Outreach

Robin Van Scoy, Chairman

Can you believe it? There are only 6 weeks until Christmas and about 4 weeks until Hanukkah which starts in mid December. This year our Giving Tree will be focused on two wonderful organizations.

The first is our adopted cottage at the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, Sall Cottage, Safety Harbor, home to 10 terrific girls. Each girl works hard every day building skills that lead them on their way to a path of success and high achievement while overcoming obstacles that brought them to the ranch in the first place. This year we are going to make it easy and request Gift Cards from either Wal-mart or Target.

Our second organization for gift giving is focused our local Veterans whom are at the Extended Care Facility at Bay Pines VA Hospital. Donations for this project will be focused on the basics and a little bit of fun. The Government does not provide them with the simple basics of life like tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo etc. We will have a list of items available to choose from. Depending on what we collect, we may create stockings filled with these wonderful items for the 120 or so Vets at the facility. In addition, we are looking for Games, puzzle books etc. that the Vets can use together or individually that pass some of the time spent at the Hospital.

There will be a sign up sheet at the November Brown Bag Reveal Meeting along with the listing of items that we would like to stuff into stockings. Items should be brought to the Dec. Holiday Party or arrangements made prior as you need.

As always, we appreciate any and all donations to both of these great organizations. A small contribution goes a long way in the Season of Giving!

Thanks,

Robin VanScoy, Carol Clarke and the Community Outreach Committee

Brown Bag Challenge

Judy Wedekind

Drum Roll for the great reveal in November!!!!

Hi Ladies!!! The turkeys are running around like mad men, not wanting to become Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you to those who have finished and turned in their project. For those putting on the finishing touches, yes - your brown bag challenge is due. As a reminder, here are a few of the things to keep in mind...

1. The project **MUST** be **QUILTED** - machine or hand
2. The project **MUST** be **FINISHED**

Tablescape Ideas for Thanksgiving



Here are some great ideas for decorating your holiday table and some free downloadable paper items from Paper and Cake.

Enjoy!

<http://paperandcake.blogspot.com/>

3. Please put a label on your project
4. Please turn your project in to me by Friday **November 13th** - the sooner the better, since the BBC Ladies will need time to verify, organize and number 50+ finished projects
5. Attend the reveal on November 19th at Crossroads Baptist Church - can you find your 3 coordinating fat quarters

How do I turn my completed project in? That's easy; you can do one of the following or have a guild member:

1. Drop off at Country Quilts & Bears - notify me if you do this so I can pick up your project
2. Contact me to make an alternative arrangement

Door Decoration Idea

Click [here](#) for instructions



Programs

Roni Hunt

November is Brown Bag Reveal led by Judy Wedekind. Don't forget to bring a dessert to share with your quilting friends. When the going gets tough, the tough get desserts!!

Lynn Woods and Carol Hemmingsen are the new Program Committee Chairs!! They have many things planned for 2010 already! Thanks to Lynn and Carol for stepping up and chairing this committee.



The Giving Tree

A project for feeling the season!



Engage your family in celebrating their Thankful spirit my making a Giving Tree. Start a new tradition of sharing your feelings of gratitude. Here is a link to a website that shows how to make one and where to print off some cute cards to hang.

<http://www.mannerofthemonth.com/blog/?p=6014>

Brown Bag Challenge (cont.)

What should I do if one of the following happens?

1. I lost the fabric - Immediately contact Judy Wedekind, 727-644-5685
2. Something comes up, i.e. medical/family emergency, etc., and I am unable to complete my project - Immediately contact Judy Wedekind or Cathy Starman (727-391-0005) so we can ensure the project gets completed.

Remember, you must turn in a completed project in order to receive yours. Have fun and if you have any questions, please contact me at 727-644-5685 or wickedgirl2u@yahoo.com

Washington State University Sewing & Stitchery Expo

Karen Pieczonka

The past two years I attended the Washington State University Sewing & Stitchery Expo in Puyallup, Washington, just outside of Seattle. I went by myself, and took the plunge in a new city, alone with only MapQuest directions and a lot of courage. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed it!! The classes are very inexpensive (\$5.00 for a 45 min lecture/demonstration with handouts). There are also more in depth classes offered as well. There is LOTS of shopping at the Expo and close to 200 vendors. There is a mix of sewing, quilting, and other crafts (beading, knitting etc.) Admission is \$4.00 daily. The show is 4 days. (Thurs through Sunday).

The dates for 2010 are Feb 25, 26, 27, 28. There are special evening programs with guest speakers i.e. a "quilters night out". I took over 12 classes! It's a blast. I will tell you two downfalls. The flight to Seattle is Loong, about 10+ hours, AND the weather is very cool and rainy. But after all, I am not going for the weather. There is an online brochure published just after the holidays. I recommend early registration for classes. Check out the website, www.sewexpo.com You can sign up for a brochure in the mail as well. I am planning on attending again in 2010. If you are interested or want more firsthand information, let me know.



Florida International Museum

Lori Lewis



The Florida International Museum is holding a wonderful quilt exhibit through January 10, 2010. Our members, Lynn Tinley, Pauline Mallory, Becky Madasz and Suzanne Moynet are exhibiting works in the "Best of Pinellas County Quilts". The open house was held last weekend and many of our guild members and members from other Pinellas county guilds were in attendance.

Its one thing to feel pride in seeing your quilt on display at one of our wonderful quilt shows here in the area. But I must tell you, to see our beautiful work on display in museum quality lighting is breathtaking. It's like we have made it to the big time!

Congratulations to the gals from our guild and other local guilds for this show. It truly is an honor and helps to share our art with the general community who might not otherwise see a quilt show and appreciate the art of quilting.

Here is a link to the museum website for directions and show information. <http://www.spcollege.edu/fimuseum/>

"Quilting by the Gulf XIII"

Venice Community Center
326 S. Nokomis Ave.
Venice, FL 34285

Saturday, March 20, 2010 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 21, 2010 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission \$7.00

Additional Quilt Show Info: www.vaqg.org

