



Pieceful News

October, 2023

Newsletter for Ladies of the Lakes Quilters, Inc.

We meet on the **Third Thursday of the Month** at **First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland**

- Please remember that this is a fragrance free guild. Many members have severe allergies and we appreciate your cooperation.
- A class registration form is required to be turned in with your class payment. No payment will be accepted without this form. Forms are located at the back of the room at the Information Table. They are also located on the website for download. This form applies to any class, trip, or event requiring payment. This also applies to Saturday classes at the Fabric Warehouse
- Social portion of the meeting starts at 6pm. Business portion starts at 6:30, followed by speaker/entertainment.
- PLEASE DO NOT USE THE BACK DOOR FOR ENTRY INTO THE MEETING.

News from the President



Lately I have been working diligently to get my quilts ready for the quilt show. Every time I finish a project I think that it is not good enough to show anyone. Then I remember that I am doing something that I love and I want to share what I love with others. So I am going to encourage you to see past those unplanned design choices, and remember why you quilt. We do it because we love it. Others will also join in your joy when they see your lovely work. Be brave, share your quilts with us at the quilt show. I encourage you to put something in to be judged. You might just be surprised at the lovely feedback.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2-Pam O'Neil 17-Gladys Delabastide 30-Dee Schaal
 10-Chris Westlund 25-Mary Statzer
 15-Charlene Busch 26-Pat Zimmerman

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please feel free to contribute to our newsletter. If you have something you would like to guild to be aware of, the deadline to submit to the newsletter is the **5th** of the month. Send your information to ladiesofthelakesfl@gmail.com.

Ladies of the Lakes website: www.ladiesofthelakes.org

Ladies of the Lakes Instagram: @ladiesofthelakesquiltguildfl

Ladies of the Lakes Facebook: @ladiesofthelakes and our private members page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ladiesofthelakesfl>

News from Jacqui

OCTOBER GUILD MEETING. Sue Beevers of Trillium Ridge will be our speaker. Sue is the designer of our current opportunity quilt. **Sue will be hosting a two day workshop on October 20-21 at Fabric Warehouse. The cost is \$85.00 for both days.** As painter, fabric artist, quilt designer, author, cellist and teacher at Hamilton College, Sue Beevers leads a full life. Sue began her career as a spinner, weaver and dyer whose fiber art appears in galleries and private collections throughout the United States, Europe and Japan. She has travelled extensively giving lectures and fiber art workshops. In 2000, Sue expanded her creative expression into quilting. Since then she has written two books and numerous articles on quilting and has appeared twice as a guest artist on HGTV's, Simply Quilts.

Although her creations are mainly art quilts, Sue also enjoys designing and sewing traditional quilts. In addition to creating beautiful fabric collections, Sue designs quilt patterns and recently started the Trillium Ridge Quilt Patterns with her son Brien.

NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING. Kestrel Michaud will be our guest in November. Kestrel is a classically-trained artist with a passion for illustrating in fabric. Kestrel will be doing a workshop Nov. 16th, the day of the guild meeting, from 9:30-4:00, cost \$100.00. For more information on Kestrel, visit www.kestralmichaud.com. Please note there will be a charge of \$25.00 for the guild meeting for NON members. However, if nonmembers attend the workshop, entry is free.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY. Our Christmas party will be held on December 2nd at Mount Olive Shores North. Cost is \$25.00. We will be having a finger food buffet suitable for our Jewish members and our vegetarians. Don't forget our Challenge is due at the party. We will be having a sewing/quilty themed gift exchange (optional), \$20.00 limit.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH- Don't forget to take a picture of your block and send it to Jacqui, sewbizzy67@gmail.com.

Mark your Calendars for a very important date!

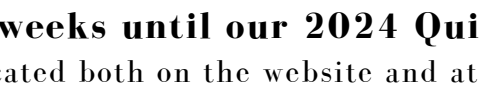
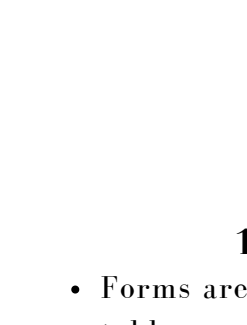
International and Award Winner Susan Cleveland will be speaking at our Guild meeting on January 26, 2024. She is well known throughout the United States for her methods of quilting and contemporary style. Her bright colors and embellishments on her quilts have placed her in the top of her class.

Don't miss this opportunity and don't be late!

January 26, 2024

First Presbyterian Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth
Lakeland, FL

9:00-11:00 Trunk Show of Award Winning Quilts
1:00-4:00 Demonstration class "Tips and Tricks of quilting"
Entrance Fee for visitors and non guild members \$20 for each session



Quilt Show Reminders

14 weeks until our 2024 Quilt Show

- Forms are located both on the website and at the information table.
- It's also not too early to be setting aside the items that you are donating to the boutique. Collection at the meeting has started. EXCEPTION: Books
- Baskets are due at the **November meeting**. We are needing just a few more baskets due **DECEMBER**. Please sign up at the meeting.
- Entry forms are due **DECEMBER 1, 2023**. Please send to Lydia Morgan, 1622 W. Socrum Loop Rd. Lakeland, FL 33810. **Lydia will be at the back table at the meeting to take your forms and answer any questions that you may have**

2023 challenge

Just a reminder of our 2023 challenge. This challenge is due at the Christmas party.

The challenge this year is called "Self Portrait". The size is 22" square. It does not have to be a picture of your face, but it can be. It can be about your "essence" or personality; what makes you tick, etc. It can be any format (pieced, applique, paint, etc.) as long as it end up being a little quilt. It's all about you! Make it funny, poignant, sweet, whatever you are, as long as it is a 22" square quilt about you. The challenge will be voted on at the Guild Christmas Party, with prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

Our next Seasonal Block is here!

Keep working on those blocks. They are due at the November meeting. The October meeting is your last chance to get in on the fun! Pick your block up from Sue at the back table. Cost is \$2.00. If your name is drawn, you get all to make a cute Christmas quilt!

Swaps

November-Thread Catcher



Charity Quilts with Louise

I'd like to share some of the comments I received last month as I was distributing the charity quilts you so lovingly made:

"Oooh, they're so beautiful.", "He was so delighted with his quilt especially because it had a tool pictured that he had used all the time in his previous trade." "She got lost, confused, disoriented in the early morning hours downtown. She was cold, so I was able to give her one of the quilts from your guild to keep her warm until we got her reunited with her family." "They are so appreciated. We are so grateful." Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your generosity. Lakeland is a better community for your donations.



A call for Saturday Class teachers

We are looking for teachers for our Saturday classes. Please contact kimboothe@gmail.com if you would like to teach a class. Past classes have been wallets, pin cushions, quilts, thread catchers, QAYG. Please share your talents with the guild and teach a class

OPPORTUNITY TICKETS

If you have not yet picked up your opportunity tickets, please see Marcie at the Information table. They are 30 tickets for \$25.00. They make great stocking stuffers, or maybe you want all of those chances to win this lovely quilt! Either way, a bargain, and one of the ways to support our guild.

FALL RETREAT NEWS FROM SUZI

Because there have been so many members that want to attend the October retreat, I have booked 2 separate weeks at Fabric Warehouse. There will be 12 people in each week. I will be contacting you individually as to which week. The dates are Oct. 23-28 and Oct 30-Nov. 4.

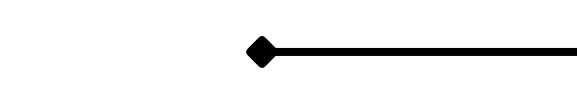
If for some reason you cannot attend the date you receive, please let me know and we will try to work something out.

GUILD CALENDAR

- October 11**-Featherweight Circle. NEW LOCATION. Fabric Warehouse. Cost \$5.00. 10-2
- October 14**-Class "Yellow Brick Road" with Jacqui.
- October 19**-Guild Meeting 6:00 Social 6:30 meeting. at First Presbyterian Church. Our guest is Sue Beevers of Trillium Ridge.
- October 20-21**-Two day workshop with Sue Beevers.
- October 24**-Handwork circle. 10-1 at Larry Jackson Library meeting room. This group is open.
- October 23-28**- Fall Retreat at Fabric Warehouse.
- October 30-Nov.4** Week two Fall Retreat at Fabric Warehouse
- November 7**-Board meeting at Cob n Pen-6:00 RSVP kimboothe@gmail.com
- November 8**-Featherweight Circle. RSVP to Joyce Roberts at quiltangel1515@yahoo.com. This group is open. NOW MEETING AT FABRIC WAREHOUSE. 10-2. Cost \$5.00
- November 16**-All day workshop with Kestrel Michaud 9:30-4:00
- November 16**-Guild Meeting 6:00 Social 6:30 meeting. at First Presbyterian Church. Our guest is Kestrel Michaud.
- November 28**-Handwork Circle. Larry Jackson library 10-1. This group is open.
- December 2**-Annual Christmas party at Mount Olive Shores North. Cost \$25.00.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SPRING RETREAT

The dates for our 2024 Spring Retreat are April 8-11 at Dayspring conference Center. Sign up sheet at the information table. Cost: \$350 for semi private room, \$460 for private room. Please sign up if you are interested. I will be emailing specifics before the November meeting.



Guilt Vote for Dues Increase

Due to rising prices of speakers, hotels, transportation, etc. we are recommending a dues increase to \$40.00 starting January 2024. We will be voting as a guild in the November meeting for the 2024 dues amount. Name tags are increasing in price to \$17.50 starting January 2024.



Guild Tervis Tumblers heading your way

Look for them in our November meeting. Also heading your way are new, beautiful guild polo shirts and totes. The officers will be modeling them for you in November. Cost for the 16 oz. tumblers will be \$20



Guild Meeting Notes are now located in the members section of the website.