



# Pieceful News

January, 2024

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

The new year is upon us and, with it, our 2024 Quilt Show. Thank you for all of your hard work to make this show a success! If you have not yet found a place to volunteer, please sign up with Sharon Kennedy at the information table at the meeting. Remember, when you volunteer, you do not have to pay to enter the show. We are also launching our new, improved, lovely website this month. You will be able to pay for your annual dues online as well as classes and workshops. This year promises to be a great one filled with lots of possibilities for quilting, learning, new friends and great fun!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 13-Andrea Sponenberg  | 20-Ronda Rexford | 30-Delores Alanzo  |
| 15-Phil Hemingway     | 25-Jean Delaney  | 30-Amy Radlein     |
| 18-Priscilla Flanagan | 26-Sandra Smith  | 31-Stacey Orellana |
| 18-Jane Kriegmaum     | 26-Karen Gerken  |                    |

## 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](mailto:ladiesofthelakesfl@gmail.com).

Ladies of the Lakes website: [www.ladiesofthelakes.org](http://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

Feb. 21st is the opening day for the big AQS show in Daytona Beach. If you would like to go, here are the details: the bus will be leaving the Winn Dixie Plaza on Socrum Loop Rd. at 7:30 AM & will leave Daytona at 3PM. Cost will be \$55.00 per person, which includes driver tip & admission to the show. If you would like to go, please fill out the Activity Reservation form located at the information table and turn it in to Jacqui at the January meeting.

**Our January meeting** will be all about the quilt show.

Our guest for the **February** meeting is Lauren Austin.

International and Award Winner Susan Cleveland will be speaking at a special 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

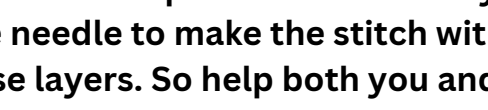
175 Lake Hollingsworth

Lakeland, FL

10:00-11:00 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

### 1 week until our 2024 Quilt Show

- Please bring in your Boutique donations to the meeting on the 11th. Collection receptacles are located at the back of the room.
- There are still a few opportunities to volunteer. See Sharon Kennedy to sign up at the information table.
- Bring your display and antique quilts to setup on January 18th, from 9-11.
- Don't forget to drop your ticket stubs off for our opportunity quilt.

## LONGARM TIPS FROM TEDDY

Having your quilt finished by a longarmer can be a great experience. There are some steps you can do to make the experience a positive one for both you and the longarmer. When you are piecing and have more than four fabrics coming together in a point, it is very helpful to press the seam allowances open instead of pressing to one side. On a longarm, the hopping foot ( known as a presser foot on a domestic machine) must ride over these points. The more layers of fabric, the more difficult for the needle to make the stitch without bending or skipping over all those layers. So help both you and the longarmer and press those seams open.

## Charity Quilts with Louise

2023 Ladies of the Lakes Quilt Donations: **290**

Wow! That is outstanding ladies and gentlemen! Thank you so much.

We donated to the following organizations around town: Achievement Academy, One More Child (formerly Baptist Children's Home), Cornerstone Hospice, Good Shepherd Hospice, Vitas Hospice, Lakeland Police Department, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Dream Center, Peace River Center, Pregnancy Care Center, Tampa V.A. Hospital, Dr. DuPont's Watson Clinic Breast Center, Give the Kids the World, and Vietnam Veterans. Also, we made and donated 210 "Wish Pillowcases" to Give the Kids the World. And nine (9) heart pillows to Dr. DuPont's Watson Clinic office.

## Swaps for 2024

March-- fabric postcard

June-- apron

August-- Rope trivet

November-- Table Runner

## Block of the Month

Our block of the month this year will be something totally different. If you love to crazy quilt, this one is for you. There are no patterns to follow, the design is your own. The only requirement is it has to be 8" finished blocks. Bring them to the meeting to show us your progress

## A call for Saturday Class teachers

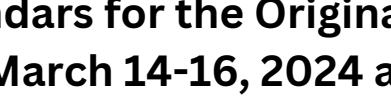
We are looking for teachers for our Saturday classes. Please contact [kimboothe@gmail.com](mailto:kimboothe@gmail.com) if you would like to teach a class. Past classes have been wallets, pin cushions, quilts, thread catchers, QAYG. Please share your talents with the guild and teach a class

## LAST CALL FOR 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. Don't forget to drop off your ticket stubs for the drawing at the show.

## GUILD CALENDAR

- January 10**-Featherweight Circle. 10-1 at Fabric Warehouse. Cost \$5.00. Open to all members
- January 11**-Quilt Take in for Judged Quilt: 4-6 at First Presbyterian Church
- January 11**- Guild Meeting 6:00 social time, 6:30 meeting starts.
- NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- January 18**-Quilt Take In Date for **DISPLAY** Quilts:9-11 at First Presbyterian Church. This is also set up day.
- January 19-20**-Quilts by the Lake Quilt Show 9-4 at First Presbyterian Church.
- JANUARY 20**-4:30-5:30 Quilt pick up at First Presbyterian Church.
- JANUARY 23**-Handwork circle at Larry Jackson Library. 10-1. Free and open to all members.
- JANUARY 26**-Susan Cleveland Trunk show and technique workshop First Presbyterian Church. Fee for non members. See above.
- FEBRUARY 5**-Newsletter deadline
- FEBRUARY 13**-Board Meeting. 6:00 at Cob n Pen. Open to all members, RSVP to [kimboothe@gmail.com](mailto:kimboothe@gmail.com). Date Change
- FEBRUARY 14**-Featherweight Circle. Fabric Warehouse 10-1. Cost \$5.00. Open to all guild members.
- FEBRUARY 15**- Guild Meeting 6:00 social, 6:30 meeting. Lauren Asten is our guest speaker.
- FEBRUARY 27**-Handwork Circle at Larry Jackson library. 10-1. This group is open.
- MARCH 5**-Board Meeting at Cob n Pen. 6:00-7:30. This is an open meeting, but please RSVP to [kimboothe@gmail.com](mailto:kimboothe@gmail.com).
- MARCH 14-16**-The Original Sewing and Quilt Expo.
- MARCH 21**-Guild meeting. 6:00- social with meeting at 6:30.



**We have a new, beautiful website! You can pay your dues online as well as pay for classes and workshops. It also includes a new, interactive membership directory. You can upload your own photo! We will be demonstrating all of the features at the January meeting.**



**Mark your calendars for the Original Sewing and Quilt Expo coming March 14-16, 2024 at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland. We will be hosting a booth in the Vendor hall and will be in need of volunteers.**

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