



HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD GAZETTE

GUILD NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18th**

**HALLOWEEN DRESS UP
TIME, PRIZES and
Fun!**

STARTING AT 9:30A.M.

**OCTOBER: Dave Jordon
from Laura's Sew and
Vac of West Palm Beach
will give a presentation !**

~Quilt All Day MONDAYS'
(QAD): Every MONDAY
except JULY AND as noted in
guild calendar in newsletter
or changes by Email.

WHERE: Community of Hope
Church 165 Ohio Rd. Lake
Worth, FL 33467

~ Reminder Food Drive at
our QADMs bring a can and
\$2 for the
Church of Hope

**MEETINGS AND QADM \$2
PLEASE DONATE FOOD
ITEMS**



President's Message

It was good to see everyone at our September's meeting. Shorter than usual meeting but I think we covered it all.

Mary Moore was officially sworn in as our new Historian. I tried to talk her into letting us swear her in as the new President, but she just wouldn't go for it. Can't say I didn't try.

Following our meeting Jeannette Smith had us pull everything for the November 1st Craft Show. We made sure it was priced and categorized for the event. For the ladies that are helping run the show, let me give you a big thank you. Unfortunately, I have prior commitments and cannot attend.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Community Center (inside and outside), 1200 Prosperity Farms Road - North Palm Beach, FL. 33408

Here are some updates for October 18th's meeting:



Wear a Halloween T-shirt or costume and your name will be entered into a drawing for (5) 1-yard pieces of Halloween fabric and other Halloween surprises. We will also be having a Fall Potluck Luncheon.



Dave with Laura's will be providing a program for our guild. He will also have several tables full of goodies for us to buy from their shop.



Row by Row Robin final sign-up. Currently signed up is 6 members for Pieced and 5 for Paper Pieced. Please see email dated September 28th, for the rules.

Upcoming future events



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We will not have a meeting in November, BUT Jeannette Smith is working out the details for a luncheon at a local restaurant, November 15th, at either Olive Garden or NY Style Pizza. Members get to choose so check your email to turn in your vote!



December we will be holding our Holiday Potluck Party and optional gift exchange. More details to follow closer to the meeting.



December all members that signed up for the Row-by-Row Robin, your first Row will be due for a special show and tell.



January we will be Piecemakers will be holding a Walking Foot Quilting program following the meeting



February we will have a booth at the Port St Lucie Show. Following the meeting will be a "work on your own project" quilt program



March: Tops Sewing and Vacuum will be here for a program of servicing 15-20 machines, be sure to get your name on the list now. Currently signed up: Cindy Hislop (1), Debbie Sprague (2), Lorna Ohl (1), Stacy Ryerson (1)

Price Breakdown- JUST TUNE-UPS (No repairs)

Mechanical Machines

R.P: \$119.99 HQGOSF.P: \$60.

Computerized Sewing Machines

R.P: \$149.99 HQGOSF.P: \$100.

Emb. Machines

R.P \$199.99 HQGOSF.P: \$150.

We offer a \$50 discount on the annual meeting. It is important to clarify that we only do annual services.

- Remove all external covers to expose all inner workings.

- Complete Cleaning with compressed air and remove all shredded or caught-up thread.
- Lubricate the machine to the manufacturer's guidelines.
- Adjust hook and needle clearances.
- Position of needle in needle plate (left to right and front to back).
- Balance upper and lower thread tensions.
- Take up shaft play and gear lash (translation makes loose parts tight again).
- Adjust motor and timing belt tension.
- Time feed motion & Feed dog height adjustment.
- Balance forward and reverse feeding.
- Align the presser foot and height.
- Hook to needle clearance & Hook timing.
- Adjust the bobbin winder and Bobbin winder auto stop.
- Fine-Tune foot control speed calibration.
- Sew-Off to ensure all functions are operating to factory specifications.

See everyone at October's meeting.

Debbie Sprague, President



POTLUCK

LUNCHEON: bring your

Halloween nibbles and goodies to share and the drink of your own choice. Jackie will be decorating the tables as she has in previous years. So expect a boooo-tiful spooky set-up

WEAR A HALLOWEEN THEME COSTUME OR T-SHIRT:

to have your name entered into a drawing for (5) 1-yard pieces of Halloween



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MEETING PICTURES



LAURA'S SEWING AND QUILT

SHOP: Dave, Laura's right-hand man, will be there to put on a special program for Hibiscus. He is also setting up some vendor tables for us to shop for quilting goodies from their shop.

PS

Since we will not be having a traditional meeting in November, Jeannette Smith is working out the details for a luncheon at a local restaurant. The luncheon will be on November 15th, at either Olive Garden (57th and Lake Worth) or NY Style Pizza (Jog and Lake Worth). Members you get to pick and the majority rules.

Please contact Jeannette Smith (561 - 436-2083 or smith.jeannette@gmail.com)

on your vote:

Olive Garden

NY Style Pizza



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Minutes for
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Board Members Present: President Debbie Sprague, Vice President Christine Burtch
Secretary Nancy Damberg, Treasurer Jackie Blazok. Historian Mary Moore

Members Present 21; New members 1

The meeting was brought to order at 9:31 a.m.

The meeting began with the installation of our new Historian. Mary Moore, Installation done by Eleanor Yura. Mary Moore takes over for Jerri White who moved out of state.

August Minutes accepted as written. Motion to approve by Shelly Yarrington, Second by Joan Bradshaw.

Treasurer Report by Jackie Blazok, Motion to accept by Stacey Ryerson, Second by Jeannette Smith. Block of the month for September won by Nancy Damberg, 4 blocks in total

Block of the month for October is Paper Pinwheels to be done with Cream and fall flower fabric. Instructions were passed around. Hoping to get more participation for October. Block of the month winner was Margaret Bandy. Door Prize won by Debbie Sprague.

Debbie Sprague registered the Hibiscus Quilt Guild with the state so we can raffle quilts. There is no cost to the guild to register; if the guild makes less than \$10,000 a year.

Phyllis Goffe donated 3 books for future presidents drawings.

Debbie Sprague explained how the Row by Row Round Robin works. All instructions are in last month's Gazette. Questions were answered and examples of how it can be done were presented. There is still time to sign up. The deadline for sign up is by the October meeting.

The president's drawing was won by Nancy Damberg.

At the meeting in October Dave from Laura's quilt shop will be presenting a program. He would like to know how many participants will be attending. We are going with 25 members. Jeannette will check with him to see if we can have snacks at the meeting. Info on that to follow in an email. Since it is October



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everyone is asked to dress in their Halloween attire/costume. Your name will

Minutes Respectfully submitted by
Nancy Damberg, Secretary

be entered to win 5 yards of Halloween fabric.

TOPS Sew and Vac will be at the March 21st 2026 meeting. They service most brands of sewing machines and will service 15 machines at that meeting. Their prices are reasonable.

There will **NOT** be a meeting at the Community of Hope Lake Worth church in **November** due to a church function. There will be an email with details sent out about meeting at a restaurant for an informal meeting.

Following today's meeting we will work on the November craft show set up. Pizza after the work is done. Jeannette Smith and Nancy Damberg will set up for the show the Friday before. Arts and Crafts Fall Festival, November 1. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center, 1200 Prosperity Farms Road. Take down for the show will be at 4 p.m not before to give everyone time to shop.

Past Presidents drawing won by Stacey Ryerson.

The Birthday basket was presented for September birthdays and anyone who may have missed last month.

We had one new member Leslie Neigebauer.

Margaret Levins spoke about an event at the Michaels, Boynton Beach where she works on Sunday September 28. They have some fabric at the store and bolts of batting.

Debbie Sprague has discovered a new online shop that has reasonable prices . It is, Bits' n Pieces Quilt Shop.

Christine Burtch discovered a Craft Show near where she lives and will try and get more details for us to possibly have a table in the future.

Show and Tell to follow the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 10:28 a.m.

HEART BLOCK REQUEST

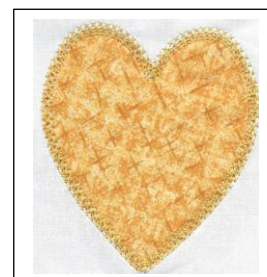


Linda Butler

Kathy Battaglia

For the new members in our guild, a heart block is a 6-1/2" unfinished block with a heart on it. It can be pieced or appliqued; how you make it is up to you. Please sign your block somewhere on the block (inside the stitched area). The heart block recipient can then turn her heart blocks into a comfort quilt when she has recovered. Here are some heart block ideas, but make sure the unfinished size is 6-1/2":

<https://www.quiltfabrication.com/2022/01/12-free-heart-quilt-blocks.html>





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Piecemakers and others have been busy making items for the Nov. 1 st Craft show in Palm Beach Gardens. I feel we have it well in hand.

The QADM group is making sweet and simple quilts and we will show them off at the December meeting.

We had two donations come in this Monday. We are blessed to get these generous donations

We need more people to show up on Mondays. Our numbers are decreasing,

Keep on sewing Ladies..

Jeannette Smith

Piecemakers chair

Piecemaker workers: Each and every one of you knows who you are, You are dedicated to helping others, Thank you, thank you, I just wanted to add my two cents worth of being so grateful for this dedicated group of workers. You are part of a GREAT Big Team!

Cheryl Petenbrink.

ROUND ROBIN

Our first two teams are complete; there is plenty of room for more teams. If you want to play in the Row by Row, just let me know:

PIECED PLAYERS

1. Cindy Hislop, Next Door Neighbor 2
2. Nancy Damberg, Indian Star
3. Stacy Ryerson, Cotton Reels
4. Christine Burtch, Autumn Tints
5. Eleanor Yura, Simple Rings
6. Lorna Ohl, Bouncing Betty

Paper Pieced Players

1. Debbie Sprague, Monastery Windows
2. Shelly Yarrington, Japanese Garden
3. Mary Moore, Twisted Spools
4. Jane Cole, Duck Tracks
5. Michelle Kay, Star Squares

As a side note, I plan to do my rows with a quilt-as-you-go method. This will enable me to complete my rows and quilt simultaneously. When the last row is complete, I simply need to bind. Don't know what I am talking about, check out this YouTube for a basic idea: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Fdbx1uLjKZU>. Of course, I will be using my rows instead of strips of fabric and running a decorative stitch down the middle of the row due to the size of the blocks I will be using. As you can see from this YouTube video, once you add the last



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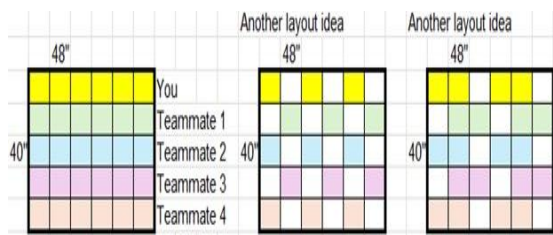
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row, all you will need to do is square up your quilt and add the binding. As a reminder:

A SIMPLE ROW BY ROW ROBIN RULES:

There will be two groups. Paper Piecers and Pieced (non-paper pieced), if you don't have a preference for which group you would like to play in, just let me know. The players not having a preference will be put in a group to ensure there are five players - you plus four others.

Each player will email me their request of which group they would like to participate in AND their chosen 8" block pattern from Quilters Cache. Please keep the pattern you picked simple as not all quilters are on the same quilting level [look for **one** pin blocks]. If the block you pick has already been selected you will be asked to make another selection. **The block you submit for the Robin is the block you will be using for your own row**



- <https://www.quilterscache.com/BlockbySizeB.html> Be sure to use the 8" block selection
- **Deadline for sign-up is October 18 at our General Meeting.**

*In December, you will bring your completed row for a special show and tell. After the meeting, I will email you your next "8-inch row block," which was chosen by one of your teammates in your group.

*By January's meeting, you will need to have your 48" (6 blocks) row

completed with your teammates' block choice and have it sewn together with "your" row for a special show and tell. I will email you at the end of January's meeting your next *8" row block chosen by your next teammate for February's row.

*February through April will be a January repeat. Receive your selected 8" block, make 6 blocks to complete the 48" row, and sew it on the previous rows.

Please email me your group preference & your 8" block selection: Paper-Pieced, Pieced, or No-Preference

For example:

Debbie Sprague

Paper Pieced

Monastery Windows 8" block

A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR THOSE THAT WANT A CHANCE TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE

Ø By June 2026 meeting, if you complete your SIMPLE ROW BY ROW QUILT and donate the **finished quilt*** to Piecemakers, your name will go in for a \$50 gift certificate. During June's meeting, one lucky winner will walk away with a gift certificate from one of our local quilt shops.

*Completed quilt: The quilt has been quilted, and the binding has been added. All Piecemakers will need to do is add the Hibiscus quilt label to the quilt donation.

Let the fun begin,

Debbie Sprague -561-951-9958

debbie.sprague@aol.com

PAPER PIECED:

- **All Those Squares! ...8" Paper Piecing!**
- **Duck Tracks ...8" Paper Piecing OR Regular Piecing! < JANET COLE**



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- [End of the Day](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!
- [Five Pointed Star](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!
- [Flyfoot 2](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!
- [Geometry](#) ...8" and 4" Paper Piecing!
- [A Japanese Garden](#) ...8" Paper Piecing! < SHELLY YARRINGTON
- [Lone Eagle Airplane](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!
- [Monastery Windows](#) ...8" Paper or Regular Piecing! <DEBBIE SPRAGUE
- [Navy Squares](#) ...8" Part Paper Piecing!
- [Nonesuch](#) ...6", 8" or 12" Paper Piecing! or REG. Piecing
- [Not Too Fussy!](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!
- [Pinwheel 5](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!
- [Sky Rocket](#) ...8-1/2" Paper Piecing!
- [Star Squares](#) ...8" Paper Piecing! < MICHELLE KAY
- [Twisting Spools](#) ...8" Paper Piecing! < MARY MOORE
- [Waste Not](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!
- [Wonky Spools](#) ...8" Paper Piecing!

- [Simple Rings](#) ...8" < ELEANOR YURA
- [Southern Belle](#) ...8"
- [Tam's Patch](#) ...8"
- [Windows](#) ...8"

HEADS UP – GET A JUMP START ON THE 2026 STAYCATION!

2026 Staycation Small Quilt Swap

2026 Staycation is a two-day event. To show off our talents, we will be holding another Small Quilt Swap. The swap will be held following our General Meeting the last day of 2026's Staycation. This means even members not attending the Staycation but going to the General Meeting can participate. A "Thank You" gift will be given to all participants. Feel free to reach out to me at 561-951-9958 or debbie.sprague@aol.com for any questions.

Here are the rules, please read carefully as there are a couple changes from previous swaps

PIECED:

- [Autumn Tints 2](#) ...8" < CHRISTINE BURTCH
- [Bouncing Betty](#) ...8" < LORNA OHL
- [Bouquet](#) ...8"
- [Cotton Reels](#) ...8" < STACY RYERSON
- [Diamond Panes](#) ...8"
- [Double Cross](#) ...8"
- [Indian Star](#) ...8" < NANCY DAMBERG
- [Miller's Daughter](#) ...8"
- [Next Door Neighbor 2](#) 8" < CINDY HISLOP
- [Nonesuch](#) ...6", 8" or 12" Paper Piecing! or REG. Piecing
- [Northern Lights](#) ...8"
- [Pinwheel 4](#) ...8"
- [Planned Patchhood](#) ...any size!
- [Raggedy Bricks](#) ...any size, really :o)
- [Roman Square](#) (size up to you!)
- [Sickle Variation](#) ...8"

1. Make a small quilt using these three fabric colors: **BLACK / WHITE / AND YOUR FAVORITE COLOR**

2. Your small quilt can be any shape, as long as the outer dimensions are no smaller than 72" and no bigger than 96". For example, an 18x18-square small quilt will equal 72", a 24x24-square quilt will equal 96", and an 18"x24" oblong quilt will equal 84". Starting in 2026, we will measure the quilts to verify they meet the small quilt size requirements. Please measure your quilt before submitting it; I don't want to disqualify it.

3. Small Quilts must be completed before the event, as they will be displayed all day Friday through the General Meeting Saturday. If you cannot attend the meeting, please give the quilts to Jeannette Smith during QADM or to me.

3. Front-batting-backing, quilted, and edges bound



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4. Your quilt must have a Label on the back and needs to include:

**2026 Staycation Small Quilt Swap
BLACK, WHITE, & "YOUR FAVORITE
COLOR"**

By Jane Doe

For example:

**2026 Staycation Small Quilt Swap
BLACK, WHITE, & PINK**

By Jane Doe

The Garden District Quilt
Pattern....(9) 21-1/2" blocks to make
a easy peasy quilt



Kathryn Rahla.	10/6
Anna Mae Sweigart	10/20
Jerri White.	10/23
Lorna Ohl.	10/28
Jackie Blazok	10/31



WE WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR THE MONTHS
OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!

Thank all of you for your generous
donations and purchases!

Jackie Blazok



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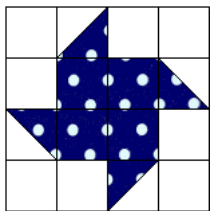
SEPTEMBER 'S' BLOCK

Hole in the barn door – White and blues



WINNER – NANCY DAMBERG

OCTOBER'S BLOCK



Paper pinwheels – Cream and fall flower fabric

<https://www.quilterscache.com/P/PaperPinwheelsBlock.html>

01/2025-12/2026 OFFICERS

President – Debbie Sprague
561-951-9958

Vice President - Christine Burtch
561-596-1896

Secretary – Nancy Damberg
419-345-6393

Treasurer – Jackie Blazok
561-965-6195

Historian – Mary Moore
973-479-9353

Anniversary Chairman - Michelle Kay
561-294-0547

Christine Burtch
561-596-1896

Block of the Month –

Jackie Blazok
561-965-6195

Boutique - Jackie Blazok
561-965-6195

SFQE Committee:
Jeannette Smith
561-436-2083

Debbie Sprague
561-951-9958

Fund Raising Chairman - Michelle Kay
561-294-0547

Membership - Cindy Hislop
561-309-3467

Newspaper:
Jan Smirnow
561-591-2797

Parliamentarian - Eleanor Yura
561-966-2377 C: 561-385-0287

Piecemakers
Jeanette Smith, chair 561-436-2083

Anna Mae Sweigart - Logger of items
480-369-9079

Property Manager - Cindy Hislop
561-309-3467

Tax Letter Request

Email Request to hggosf@gmail.com

Web Mistress - Joy Woodworth
561-523-5284

Workshop - Debbie Sprague
561-951-9958

2025 BLOCKS OF THE MONTHS

NOVEMBER Patience Corners – Cream and Wine

<https://www.quilterscache.com/P/PatienceCornersBlock.html>

DECEMBER ~~Mr~~Mr. Roosevelt's necktie – White and black

<https://www.quilterscache.com/M/MrRooseveltsNecktieBlock.html>



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2025 Calendar of Events

General Meetings: January thru December
[except NOVEMBER TBA) 9:30am -
11:00am, followed by a program

Oct 10-11 **Quilt Show** in
Riverview/Brandon [Info Here](#) (#315)

Oct 15-18 **Applique Event** in Utah [info
here](#) (#316)

Oct 19-23 **Quilt Retreat** in
Sebring thequilteddragonflyllc@gmail.com (#3
08)

Oct 22-23 **Debbie
Wendt Lecture/Workshops** in
Melbourne SeasidePiecemakers.com (#317)

Nov 6-9 **Stitching Retreat** in
Middleburg sallyxstitch@mindspring.com (#3
15)

Nov 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Leesburg (#313)

2026

Feb 6-7 **Quilt Show** in Port St. Lucie [info
here](#) (#314)

Feb 27-28 **Quilt Show** in Punta Gorda [Info
here](#) (#313)

Feb 27-28 **Quilt Show** in
Melbourne www.SeasidePiecemakers.com (#3
15)

Mar 6-7 **Quilt Show** in
Naples [naplesquiltersguild.org/quilt-
show/](http://naplesquiltersguild.org/quilt-show/) (#315)

March 14-15 **Quilt Show** in Venice (new
dates) www.vaqq.org (#306)

Programs following meetings:

NOVEMBER:

MEETING LOCATION CANCELLED DUE TO
CHURCH OF HOPE CONFLICT. NEW
LOCATION TBA

DECEMBER: **Holiday Party**



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