



HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD GAZETTE

GUILD NEWS

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LS – LIFE SECTION

PORT ST. LUCIE QUILT SHOW FEB. 6TH AND 7TH!

MEETINGS AND QADM \$2 AND FOOD DONATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST 9:30 a.m.

PROGAM -THE VICE PREIDENT

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING CLASS MAY GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM MUST SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS - CALL DEBBIE SPRAGUE 561-9551-9958

DUES FOR 2026 - \$35 DUE

QADM – ~Quilt All Day MONDAYS’ (QADM): 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, FI 33467



Thank you, Jackie, for the great Treasurer’s report and update on the meeting with our CPA. Just a follow up for those that were not at the meeting here is a quick synopsis of her meeting. Our books are in great shape but going forward we need to reconcile events that have money going in and out. Going forward if you head a guild function or a fundraiser function, there is now a final reconciliation form you must turn in. The basic information needed: money collected, money you spent to hold the function, and the final answer of did you make money, break even, or lose money. See Jackie Blazok, our treasurer for the form. These forms will accompany our year end books when we turn them over to the CPA. We have now set up our banking account to take Zelle. **To Zelle to money to Hibiscus Quilt Guild use the following: HQGOSF@GMAIL.COM** *Barbara Vitale, Patricia Nugent, and Joan Bradshaw* were busy as usual and turned in 12 quilts to the guild. Just as a side note, these ladies at times turn in even more then 12 quilts! Now I am not sure if they sleep or eat but I do know these ladies rock.

The **raffle quilt** that we raffled off at the PSL Quilt Show is amazing. **Pat Carr pieced it and added the binding, and Joy Woodworth quilted it.** The talent that runs through this guild is amazing. Whoever wins this quilt is one lucky person



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I will not be at February's meeting as I will be attending the American Quilt Society (AQS) show in Daytona Beach. Christine Burch, our Vice President will be running the show. Currently open sewing is scheduled for the after-meeting activities, but a little birdy told me she has something special planned

Port St. Lucie Crazy Quilters Present:

QUILTING IN PARADISE 2026 QUILT SHOW

WHERE: MIDFLORIDA Event Center
9221 SE Event Center Place
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
www.midfloridaeventcenter.com



WHEN:

Friday, February 6, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 7, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



February 6th & 7th we will have a booth at the Port St Lucie Quilt Show.



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. I currently have 7 machines signed up for the program.

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.

For comprehensive details about the service work, please refer to the December newsletter.



April: You have had your machine serviced either at our March meeting with Tops or at your local Sewing Machine service center.

Now what? Join our **Hands-on Maintenance Class for Sewing & Embroidery Machines** to keep your equipment running smoothly until the next full service. Learn essential tips and tricks to clean, oil, troubleshoot, and care for your machine—whether you sew every day or just now and then. Perfect for beginners and seasoned stitchers alike! This class will be held at our April 2026 meeting by Dave Jordan with Laura's Sewing and Quilt Shop.



May: The mini class will include a kit. Just bring your lunch. Your kit will include enough EPP papers, a needle, thread and fabric to make TWO Grandmother Garden flowers. Sign-up ends in April so there is time to prepare the kits. For those that do not want to learn EPP feel free to work on your own project quilt program

See everyone at the March meeting. Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!

Debbie Sprague, President



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VICE PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

Okay, so hopefully by the time we get to our meeting this month, the weather will be past bone-chilling traditional fair freeze. It's typically my tradition to buy a jacket or sweater at the beginning of the fair and wear it during the cold snap but then finding it the next year is always a challenge that usually results in another purchase.

If you happen to have one or more sweaters you no longer need OR if you have an old favorite you don't wear anymore due to a stain, snag, hole or other defect (we all KNOW how they can shrink!), if it's 100% cotton (a MUST), find a fat quarter that compliments it and bring them to the February meeting. I actually picked up an XL cotton sweater at a thrift store for \$3 but then ended up using it for the last week of the fair. A quick wash and dry and it'll be ready for its originally planned (re)purpose.

I'll provide the insides (fusible batting and insul-brite) to make a wonderful hot-pad for your kitchen! I used to make these years ago, and finding a pair in Michigan I had gifted my folks reminded me of this fun project.

This will be a fast, easy project you can finish off in a snap then continue on to February's planned sewing program. I'll plan on

providing supplies for one hot pad per person.

Supply list:

100% cotton sweater (you can share!)

Cotton fabric to match

Typical sewing supplies including machine

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting!

Christine Burtch, VP

TREASURER'S NOTES

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES are due.

As you know, using your credit card to pay for guild items means we have to collect an additional 3.5% for merchant fees. Our guild can now accept Zelle payments. We can accept payments for any of these categories:

Membership. Staycation
Boutique. Piecemakers
Fundraising items. ETC.

**Our Zelle account
with our bank is
by our email**



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Jackie Blazok.



Minutes for
JANUARY 17TH 2026

Board Members

Present: President: [Debbie Sprague](#) Vice

President: [Christine](#)

[Burtch](#) Secretary: [Nancy](#)

[Damberg](#) Treasurer: Jackie Blazok

Members Present 17

Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m.

No minutes available for December meeting, December minutes will be voted on at the February meeting.

Birthday basket presented for January birthdays.

Treasurer's report read by Treasurer Jackie Blazok. Motion to accept by Cindy Hislop, Second by Joy Woodworth, CPA requests more documentation when turning in money. **A form titled Guild Event Reconciliation was passed out to all members. More forms are available upon request.** All money from an event has to be turned in within 45 days of end of event,

Block of the month, only 2 blocks this month. The winner of Block of the Month for January was Eleanor Yura. The winner of the Block of the Month entry drawing was Eleanor Yura.

Beginning in March we will do Block of the Month differently. If you want to participate in Block of the Month you will need to pick up a Fat Quarter provided by the guild. Everyone will use their Fat Quarter as their focus fabric and make a block of their choosing. Your block must be 12.5 inches square. When you turn in your block it will be measured. If it is not the correct size you will not be entered into the drawing. It was recommended that we try this for 6 months to see how it is accepted.

February block of the month is Four Part Strip Block to be done in Tropical colors. Door Prize winner was Margaret Bandy Round Robin Row by Row show and tell. Five members presented their rows. Next month's row instructions will be emailed to the participants.

The President's Drawing winner was Michelle Kay.

[Debbie Sprague](#) announced that she will not be here in February. There will be an open sew after the meeting.

At the March meeting TOPS machine service will be servicing sewing machines if you want to have your machine worked on contact [Debbie Sprague](#) There is still room for more machines.



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At the April meeting Dave from Laura's will be there to talk about keeping your serviced machine up and running. He may also be bringing fabric to sell. Healthy Mothers sent the guild a thank you letter.

Debbie will have an English Paper Piecing class after the meeting in May. You have to sign up for the class.

Piecemakers continue working on quilts and delivering the finished quilts. Last Monday we started working on some Panel quilts. [Cheryl Petenbrink](#) is accepting donations of flannel fabric for making burpees and baby blankets. We received a donation of small quilts from the West Palm Beach Women's Club. Jeannette has pens for sale for \$3. Cindy Hislop is collecting membership dues. In order to keep getting the newsletter you need to pay your membership dues by the February meeting. Checks can be mailed; make sure they are made out to Hibiscus Quilt Guild. Winner of the Membership drawing was [Joan Bradshaw](#). Members thanked [Debbie Sprague](#) for the gifts given in December. Michelle Kay reported that we are getting ready for the Port St. Lucie Show. Set up is Feb. 5 with the show on Feb 6 and 7. We will have a raffle quilt that was made by Pat Carr and quilted by Joy Woodworth. The quilt was shown. It is a beautiful quilt. Meeting closed at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
[Nancy Damberg](#), Secretary

ENGLISH PAPER PIECING CLASS

MAY AFTER GENERAL MEETING
MUST SIGN UP FOR THE CLASS
- CALL DEBBIE SPRAGUE
561-9551-9958

PIECEMAKERS



FROM JEANNETTE SMITH

On January 29th I delivered quilts to Trustbridge. They advised they could use PATRIOTICE ONES. Unfortunately, I have only 2. We do need to replenish our supply.

We have panels and fabric available to all members; just call me to arrange pickup at 561-436-2083.

PATRIOTIC QUILT SIZE IS 42 X 58

THANKS LADIES FOR THE HELP!

ROUND ROBIN - Debbie Sprague
-561-951-9958

PIECED TEAM #1

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

2 Paper Pieced Team #1

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

*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.



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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.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

LINDA BUTLER 2/3

LINDA DYMON 2/3

CHERYL PETENBRINK 2/13



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Hi Ladies!

surprisingly cold – BRRRR!

Stay in time can be used to **SPRING CLEAN** our sewing rooms! And it would be great to replenish the Boutique inventory!

Yes, the Boutique needs things and we are open to receive all those extra goodies that are either duplicates or no longer needed!! Thanks to all of you for helping the guild with your donations!

Jackie Blazok
561-965-6195

BLOCK OF THE MONTH-

Starting in March, Block of the Month is changing.

- This is on a trial basis for six months
- March through August I will be providing you with an FQ per month to use within your block. The FQ fabric will be the same for every month, so if you win more than one month, you will be able to put the blocks together from each win. You will get a sampler of blocks with uniformity throughout the six months.
- Now here is the great news...you get to pick the 12-1/2" unfinished block of your choice. The only requirement is you must prominently use the provided FQ in your block...again uniformity. You can piece, applique, paper piece, etc. whatever you want just to be sure to use somewhere

within the block your provided FQ fabric. BUT BUT BUT you cannot use the same block twice or more within the next six months. Each block within the BOM period MUST BE DIFFERENT.

- Blocks will be measured 12-1/2" unfinished
- You start with one FQ; the only way you can get your next FQ is to enter your block in the BOM drawing during the meeting.
- What happens if you make your block for one month, but then you cannot attend? Good news, use it for the next meeting you can attend! As there is no specific block per month the blocks can be used anytime.

Recap of rules

* Rule #1: block must contain somewhere within it some of the FQ fabric I provided. The fabric must be used so it is prominently used within the block. In case of lost FQ, see Rule #5

* Rule #2: your choice of 12-1/2" block pattern. Any pattern and any technique can be used. Please attach a paper with the name of the block on your block.

* Rule #3: Once you use a block pattern, it cannot be used again within the BOM trial period.

* Rule #4: Sorry ladies, blocks will be measured. A 12-1/2" unfinished block must measure at least 12-1/2" unfinished, if you have a block that can be cut down great, if you can't then I can't accept it. Bigger is better, but to "cut down to 12-1/2" it will mean the block's visual integrity will not be jeopardized. If the cutting down destroys points, it just won't work.

Rule #5: If you lose your FQ, you may get a replacement FQ at the cost of \$5.00

If you will not be at the February meeting but want to start making your own block with the provided FQ, send me a self-address and stamp envelope and I will mail you your first FQ. Send it to Jackie Blazok,



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1959 Kudza Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Ladies, since I run the Boutique, Debbie Sprague, President will be helping me measure the blocks, log in your block name for the newsletter, and hand out FQ's for the following month.

Any questions, call me, Jackie Blazok, 561-965-6195

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

PIECEMAKERS CONTINUED

Property Manager - Cindy Hislop
561-309-3467

Tax Letter Request

JANUARY 2026 BLOCK



Won by Eleanor Yura

FEBRUARY 2026 BLOCK

FOUR PART STRIP BLOCK



[Quilter cache.com](http://Quiltercache.com)



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Email Request to hggosf@gmail.com

Web Mistress - Joy Woodworth
561-523-5284

Workshop - Debbie Sprague
561-951-9958

address: hggosf@gmail.com

2026 Calendar of Events

General Meetings: January thru December - third Saturday. Of each month unless notified by Email or Newsletter

2026

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

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

March 19-21 – Original Sewing & Expo-Lakeland, Florida

Sewingexpo.com



In the Memo section of your Zelle, please include a description of what you are paying for. Things like Membership 2026, Staycation 2026, Boutique February Meeting, etc.

STAY WARM DOWN THERE.

IT'S 23 DEGREES NOW IN MARYLAND BUT WE SAW MINUS ONE THE 2ND OF FEBRUARY



JAN - BRRRRRR

Our Zelle account with our bank is by our email



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02/04/26

Cash Basis

HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

Profit & Loss

January 2026

	Jan 26	Jan 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Guild Non-Taxable Income		
BOA interest income	0.05	0.05
Membership Dues	745.00	745.00
Newsletter postage	25.00	25.00
Raffle quilt-general	10.00	10.00
Total Guild Non-Taxable Income	780.05	780.05
Taxable Income		
2026 PSL Quilt Show INCOME	100.00	100.00
Boutique Sales	208.00	208.00
Craft show Sales	40.00	40.00
Merchant fees	0.31	0.31
Piecemakers Sales	123.00	123.00
Total Taxable Income	471.31	471.31
Total Income	1,251.36	1,251.36
Expense		
Donation		
Charitable Contributions	100.00	100.00
Total Donation	100.00	100.00
Guild Committee Expenses		
piecemakers		
Fabric/Material	59.58	59.58
Total piecemakers	59.58	59.58
Staycation - Retreat Expense	25.00	25.00
Total Guild Committee Expenses	84.58	84.58
Guild Overhead Expenses		
Storage Unit	-260.00	-260.00
Total Guild Overhead Expenses	-260.00	-260.00
Insurance GL	315.00	315.00
Licenses & Taxes		
Sales Tax	108.64	108.64
Licenses & Taxes - Other	61.25	61.25
Total Licenses & Taxes	169.89	169.89
PSL Quilt show	500.00	500.00
Total Expense	909.47	909.47
Net Ordinary Income	341.89	341.89
Net Income	341.89	341.89

Income \$1,251.36: \$.05 Interest; \$745 Membership; \$25 Newsletter Postage; \$110 PSL Raffle Tickets & Presales; \$208 Boutique; \$40 2025 Craft show sales; \$123 Piecemakers Sales; .31 Merchant fees;

Expenses \$909.47: \$100 Donation; \$59.58 2-bolts Fabric for BOM; \$25 2025 Staycation reimbursement; <\$260> Storage Unit Credit; \$315 General Liability Insurance; \$108.64 Sales Tax; \$61.25 PBC Annual Report; \$500 Petty Cash for PSL Quilt Show

Year to Date Profit or Loss: Profit of \$341.89



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Balance Sheet

02/04/26

As of January 31, 2026

Cash Basis

	Jan 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BANK OF AMERICA xxx8096	10,425.03
BOA Savings	6,001.28
Total Checking/Savings	16,426.31
Total Current Assets	16,426.31
TOTAL ASSETS	16,426.31
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
**Restricted Fund Juniors	230.00
**Restricted Memorial Fund	94.65
Unrestricted Net Assets	15,759.77
Net Income	341.89
Total Equity	16,426.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	16,426.31