



HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD GAZETTE

GUILD NEWS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH**

STARTING AT 9:30A.M.

***Boutique Donations
accepted - last call
until New Year-
please cleanout
your want nots and
bring to the meeting***

**AFTER MEETING -
WALKING FOOT SEW-IN**

~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

What an amazing Staycation. For all those that missed it let me give you some highlights: 6 tables of fabric (most of it yardage) for pennies on the dollar, wonderful door prizes, most of them quilt kits, amazing talent in our Staycation small quilt swap, unbelievable food prepared by our own members, and great entertainment by Steve Leeds of Sam Weber and Friends. Michelle Kay and Christine Burtch, your work on our 2025 Staycation was amazing. Thank you!!!!

As everyone knows there is always a "yucky" part to being a President. So here is the "yucky" part. It was brought to our attention that a disgruntled member was telling members who had not made up their minds on going to staycation, that all you could work on was Piecemaker's items. This is the farthest thing from the truth, I have been going to these Staycations since we started them...about 10 years or more now. Staycations are always about sewing on your own work. If a rumor sounds kind of "if-y", please call us and let us set the record straight.

Ladies, be sure to check out our special Staycation Edition. We want you to see what you are missing.

Our general meeting was low key. We did give some highlights on upcoming activities we are planning this year into next year:

- **September: Walking Foot Sew-in
NEW MEETING DATE: September
27th**
- **October: Dave with Laura's sewing will
present a program**
- **November: no meeting**
- **December: Holiday Party, start of our
Row-by-Row Robin (see email)**



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- In talks with Tops Sew and Vacuum to present a program in 2026
- 2026 Staycation small quilt swap theme: Black, White, and "Favorite Color" for all other rules see email. 2026 Staycation dates are August 14-15, same place. As a side note, Lakes of Sherbrooke HOA let us have the space in 2026 for the same rate and terms we had this year. Thank you, Jackson!

Drum roll please: the winner for the Featherweight drawing was our own Kristie Jones!!!! Congratulations.

See you at our SEPTEMBER 27th meeting,
Debbie Sprague, President

PS I am trying to work out a program with Tops and Hibiscus, but I want to ensure I have enough members interested. Please let me know.

Tops is a certified dealer for the following brands:

Grace	Elan
Viking.	Singer
Brother.	Innova
Janome.	Bernina
Juki	Bernette
Handi Quilter	Pfaff
Husqvarna	



A NOTE FROM
OUR
TREASURER

Ladies,

I can no longer accept money without a paper trail. To make it easier, I have ordered the following envelopes for your ease. We are going to adapt

them for Hibiscus' use. Please, for your safety and mine, take a picture of the envelope the day you turn it over to ME AFTER WE BOTH SIGN OFF ON IT. PLEASE realize I am accepting money in all directions, plus collecting for the Boutique.

DO NOT COMBINE COMMITTEE MONIES.

Membership monies, Raffle monies, Piecemakers monies for top sales, Staycation monies, and craft show sales monies must be in separate envelopes. Remember, depending on what the monies are collected for, it impacts our sales tax reporting.

THANKS EVERYONE,

Jackie Blazok, Treasurer



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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

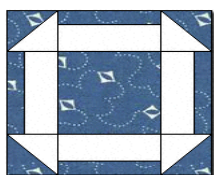
July Winner – Mary Moore

August winner – Debbie Sprague

SEPTEMBER 'S BLOCK

Hole in the barn door – White and blues

<https://www.quilterscache.com/H/HoleintheBarnDoorBlock.html>



HEART BLOCK REQUEST



JOAN BRADSHAW

15608 133RD Terrace N

Jupiter, FL. 33478



Minutes for
Saturday Aug 16, 2025

Board Members Present:

President: [Debbie Sprague](#)

Vice President: Christine Burtch,

Secretary: Nancy Damberg, Treasurer: [Jackie Blazok](#)

Member present 20; Guests 0

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

July minutes accepted as written, Motion to accept first by Jeannette Smith, Second by Jackie Blazok

Treasurer report for July 2025 by Jackie Blazok Motion to accept first by Shelly Yarrington, Second by Christine Burtch. Accepted

PHOTOS: Christine Burtch, Cheryl Petenbrink
Block for the month for July won by Mary Moore

Door prize won by Jill Kinney

Block of the Month prize won by [Debbie Sprague](#)

Block of the month for Sept will be Hole in the Barn Door, the colors are white and blue. Directions were passed out.

Next Round Robin will be Row by Row, rules were passed out. Let Debbie Sprague know if you want to participate. Email to follow.

Presidents drawing won by Veda Nathan

Past Presidents drawing won by Shelly Yarrington

Next year's Staycation will be on August 14th and 15th 2026. Rules for small quilt swap were passed out. Emails will also be sent out. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment we had on Friday so the question was asked if we want to have entertainment again next year.

The **September meeting will be on the 27th** which is not the 3rd Saturday of the month.

[Debbie Sprague](#) has been talking to TOPS Sew and Vac about a program to service sewing machines in 2026.

[Debbie Sprague](#) informed us that Temu does sell batting and a test order was successful. She was pleased with what she got.

Piecemakers: Jeannette Smith. Dave from Laura's will be at the October meeting.

No boutique in October. Wear a Halloween shirt.

Many thanks to [Cindy Hislop](#) for her class on making a Design board.

Piecemakers sell quilt tops for \$10, if you quilt the top you buy and donate it back to the guild you get to take another top for free.

Thank you to Michelle Kay and [Christine Burtch](#) for all their hard work to make Staycation a big success.

Membership drawing won by Debbie Sprague The Birthday basket was passed for anyone who had a birthday in August.

The meeting closed at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Damberg, Secretary



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We continue to work on items for the November 1st craft show.

We have many pet mats, but always use more. We are in need of table runners, Christmas or Fall/ Thanksgiving, also some candle mats.

It was decided to make small quilts that could be used for childrens playmats. I have made a couple for friends and they love them.

This past month we were once again fortunate to receive some very nice donations.

As always there was some that we could not use, so it was added to the boutique stash and some passed on to others that could use it;

Hibiscus Quilt Guild will have an article in the upcoming publication put out by Trustbridge Hospice, to whom we donate quilts. Attendance at QADM has been very light, people are still away, hopefully our numbers will grow in the coming weeks.

We have been getting quilt tops ready to be quilted. If you have some free time on a Monday please join us - bring your machine and help us finish some items for the craft show or quilts for donation.

Thank you

Jeannette Smith
 Piecemakers' Chair

Instructions for the Row by Row Robin...starts in December, sign-up closes in October.

PHOTOS: Christine Burtch, Cheryl Petenbrink

ROW BY ROW ROBIN

Row by Row Robin with Quilt Cache 1-pin 8" block list

Signed up:

PIECED TEAM #1:

1. Cindy Hislop, Next Door Neighbor 2
2. Nancy Damberg, Indian Star
3. Stacy Ryerson, Cotton Reels
4. Christine Burch, Autumn Tints 2
5. Eleanor Yura, Simple Rings

PAPER PIECED TEAM #1:

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

PIECED TEAM #2:

- 1.

PAPER PIECED TEAM #2:

- 1.

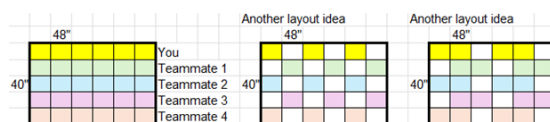
A SIMPLE ROW BY ROW ROBIN

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 the same

quilting level 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



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to do is add the Hibiscus quilt label for the quilt donation.

- 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

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

➤ 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

Let the fun begin,

Debbie Sprague
debbie.sprague@aol.com

561-951-9958

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

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.



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

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, & PURPLE

By Jane Doe

The Garden District Quilt Pattern....(9) 21-1/2" blocks to make a easy peasy quilt, want the pattern email Debbie Sprague



Michelle Jones	9/3
Eleanor Yura	9/4
Diane Davis.	9/29



THE BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN FOR DONATIONS AND SALES!

PLEASE CLEAN OUT YOUR SEWING EXTRAS AND DON'T WANTS and bring to our September meeting!

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

Thanks

Jackie Blazok

In July a roadside cache of fabric was discovered by a friend of the Guild. It was a major cleanout of a home. Plastic bags were on the curb for pickup by the trash company. But, temptation paid off



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for the Guild! Loads of fabric and craft stuff!
 Parliamentarian - Eleanor Yura
 561-966-2377 C: 561-385-0287

A few of our industrious members,
 Stacy, Shelly, Michelle and Christine
 rushed into action to collect for the
 Guild.

As if that wasn't enough they had to
 wash and dry most of the fabric!

Kudos! Ladies A great effort !

As a result, the Guild collected quite a
 bit of money (awesome) at Staycation!
 And only 20 members attended!
 Checkout how much was made in this
 month's Treasurer Report!

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

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

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

OCTOBER Paper pinwheels – Cream and fall
 flower fabric

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

NOVEMBER Patience Corners – Cream and Wine

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

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

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

2025 Calendar of Events

General Meetings: January thru
 December [except August] 9:30am -
 11:00am, followed by a program

Sept 18 **Bus Trip to Jacksonville
 Show** in Ocala crq-ocala.org (#317)

Sept 18-20 **Quiltfest** in
 Jacksonville www.QuiltFestJax.com (#
 312)

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

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



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Oct 19-23 **Quilt Retreat** in
Sebring thequilteddragonflyllc@gmail.com
(#308)

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

Nov 6-9 **Stitching Retreat** in
Middleburg sallyxstitch@mindspring.com
(#315)

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
(#315)

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)

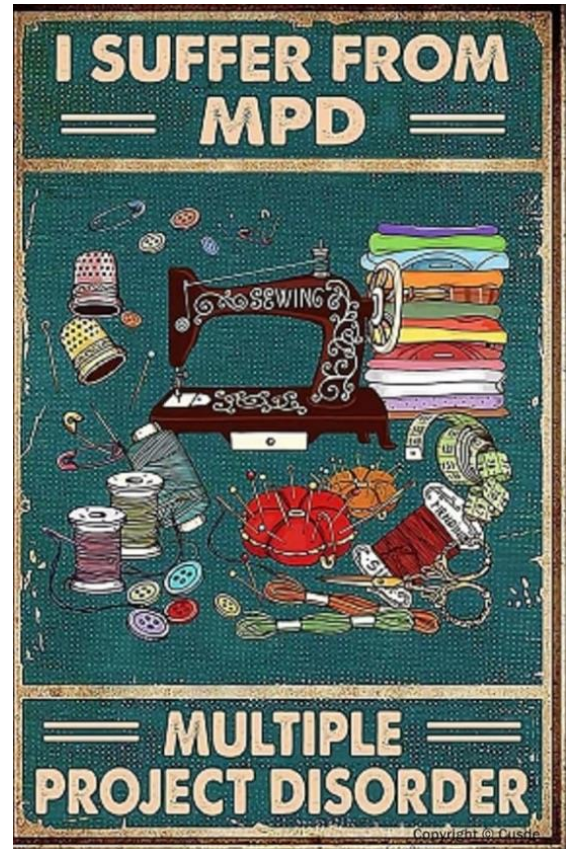
Programs following meetings:

OCTOBER: Dave Jordon from Laura's
Sew and Vac of West Palm Beach will
give a presentation and Piecemaker's
will be working with the walking foot .

NOVEMBER:

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

DECEMBER: *Holiday Party*





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Cash Basis

HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

Profit & Loss

August 2025

	Aug 25	Jan - Aug 25
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
BOA checking	0.00	629.76
Guild Non-Taxable Income		
BOA interest income	0.00	0.08
Membership Dues	0.00	1,420.00
Newsletter postage	0.00	10.00
Raffle quilt-general	120.00	480.00
Staycation - Retreat Income	0.00	635.00
Total Guild Non-Taxable Income	120.00	2,445.08
In house fundraiser income	80.00	451.00
Resticted		
Piecemaker's	0.00	255.25
Total Resticted	0.00	255.25
Taxable Income		
Boutique Sales	622.00	2,788.91
Craft show Sales	0.00	54.00
Merchant fees	0.00	3.10
SFQE Sales	0.00	2,130.00
Total Taxable Income	622.00	4,976.01
Total Income	822.00	8,757.08
Expense		
Bank Charges	0.00	-15.10
Donation		
Charitable Contributions	0.00	100.00
Total Donation	0.00	100.00
Dues and Subscription		
Subscription	0.00	97.90
Total Dues and Subscription	0.00	97.90
Fundraising Expense	320.00	614.52
Guild Committee Expenses		
membership Expense	0.00	35.00
newsletter	0.00	20.00
piecemakers		
Fabric/Material	0.00	696.80
piecemakers - Other	0.00	-145.00
Total piecemakers	0.00	551.80
Staycation - Retreat Expense	0.00	616.79
Website - Webpage	204.00	204.00
Total Guild Committee Expenses	204.00	1,427.59
Guild Overhead Expenses		
Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	-10.00
Total Guild Overhead Expenses	0.00	-10.00



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August 2025

Cash Basis

	Aug 25	Jan - Aug 25
Licenses & Taxes		
Sales Tax	0.00	392.08
Licenses & Taxes - Other	0.00	61.25
Total Licenses & Taxes	0.00	453.33
Professional Expenses	0.00	350.00
Total Expense	524.00	3,018.24
Net Ordinary Income	298.00	5,738.84
Net Income	298.00	5,738.84

Treasurer's Report by Jackie Blazok, Treasurer

Income: \$822.00: \$120* Raffle Quilt; \$622**Boutique

*TOTAL TICKETS SOLD ON FEATHERWEIGHT \$480

** TOTAL BOUTIQUE SALES YEAR-TO-DATE \$2,788.91

Expense: \$524.00: \$204. Website/Webpage; \$320 Fundraising

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Balance Sheet

09/04/25

As of August 31, 2025

Cash Basis

	Aug 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BANK OF AMERICA xxx8096	12,005.83
BOA Savings	6,000.62
Total Checking/Savings	18,006.45
Total Current Assets	18,006.45
TOTAL ASSETS	18,006.45
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Restricted Fund Juniors	230.00
Restricted Memorial Fund	94.65
Unrestricted Net Assets	11,942.96
Net Income	5,738.84
Total Equity	18,006.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	18,006.45