



HIBISCUS QUILT GUILD GAZETTE

STAYCATION 2026

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A HEARTY thank you to all who helped and participated in our 2026 I Loved our Staycation this year!

From the Setup and Cleanup Crews who did a wonderful job to the mini classes to the prizes and small quilt swaps, from the wonderful food to the fantastic entertainment, I do believe a fun time was had by all!

I learned some fun tips during Debbie Sprague's class on a fabulous bowl made from two 10 inch squares, and Michelle Kay taught us a terrific trick in making a Puss in the Corner block out of a four match! I passed out supplies to make skid-preventing pads for those pesky runaway pedals.

Each participant in the small quilt swap not only received a stunning quilt, but we also were each gifted two heart themed fat quarters and \$20 in gift certificates for the Quilted Peacock which were put to good use the weekend following Staycation at a special event - I hope everyone got a chance to go to the Quilted Peacock as, in addition to her always unique stock, she also had amazing discounts on fabric and even half-priced kits!

This year's theme for the small quilt swap was "Black and White and ...", and next year's theme will be "Two Fabrics". I've already gotten three sets of two fabrics - I've been very inspired by this theme! Now just to narrow down the pattern options...

As always, nobody went hungry! We had a plethora of food. Thank you to Deborah Howe for all the dish washing - your efforts did not go unnoticed - and all those wonderful ladies who kept the kitchen in line and food table stocked. Michelle and I would also like to thank everyone for bringing in the food and supplies.

Friday brought an incredible experience: entertainment by Juilliard-trained violinist Sammy Weber, who began his life-long love

THANK YOU'S



SAMMY WEBER

Jerri and I want to thank you so much for your hospitality. The women in your group are lovely and it was a pleasure to perform for all o you. Thank you for the presents you gave us and thank you for the pictures. One of the quilts is already on our bed and the other is in the living room.



**THANK YOU ALL -WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!
JERRI AND SAMMY**



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of music at the tender age of just 3 years old. He began professional training at 8 and entered Juilliard at only 12 years old. We reveled to selections from Fiddler on the Roof and The Wizard Oz, among other offerings. He also played the trumpet, much to our delight, and both he and his wife, Jerri, joined us for dinner, after which we were treated to lovely chocolate banana nut bread that his wife made.

While we do have intentions of hosting Staycation again next year, the venue has yet to be chosen as we will no longer have access to our traditional venue. Thank you, Debbie Sprague, for providing us with your clubhouse all these years. It's been a delightful location. All members will be kept informed as we make decisions moving forward.

Happy stitching!

Christine Burtch

Thank you to Christine, Michelle and Debbie,

I had a great time! I enjoyed the demonstrations, the food, the entertainment, the prizes and most of all the people! It was great to spend time with my friends, old and new. It was wonderful! I'm so glad I got to come.

Love, Jerri

Staycation was wonderful as always, this year. Thank you, Michelle and Christine, for doing such a great job. I loved the mini classes!

Cindy

Thank you, Christine and Michelle, I had a great time. You both do such an amazing job. I also want to thank Nancy Damberg, for a great job on the Piecemakers fabric sale.

Debbie

Michelle and Christine –

Thank you, thank you for the wonderful job in putting this year's staycation together!! I really enjoyed it! You two are amazing!!

Janet

BEFORE – DID ANYONE TAKE A PICTURE OF AFTER?



LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF HARD WORK AND THOUGHT WENT INTO THE PREPARATIONS! KUDOS TO THE WORKERS!



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SMALL QUILT SWAP



Made by Debbie Sprague; won by Joy Woodward



Made by Jackie Blazok; won by Christine Burtch



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JACKIE BLAZOK AND CHRISTINE BURTCH



Made by Christine Burtch; won by Jackie Blazok

SECRET PAL GIFTS



My Secret Pal gift from Linda Ursillo. She has even offered to teach this class! Mini Acrylic Paint class

DEBBIE SPRAGUE



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A FUN PROJECT COMPLETED



KAT RAHLE SHOWING HER DRAGON





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***START THINKING EARLY –
SMALL QUILT IDEAS FOR
2027 STAYCATION SMALL
QUILT SWAP!***

***THEME WILL BE: "Two
Fabrics".***

***Please note: there will be a slight
change in how to qualify for the
Small Quilt Swap prizes in 2027.
For full details, see you at our
September general meeting.***

**CHECK OUT FAVE.COM OR
QUILTERSCACHE.COM FOR IDEAS!**

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WE HAD A LOT OF FUN!

