



June 2021 Update

Hello Vivacious Feather Princesses,

With the busy schedules we all have, there is one question that most of us ask ourselves everyday—sometimes two or three times a day. And that question is, "What time is it?" We check the clocks in our homes—wall clocks, desk clocks, clocks on the microwave and oven; and then we also refer to the clocks on our cell phones, computers, in our cars, and more. Every single second is important and valuable to us, because we want to dedicate and spend every available moment of our time engaging in the art form that we so dearly love and embrace—APPLIQUE!



Throughout all of our lives, at some point, we all have needed more free time to do the things that we enjoy. Well, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, we all had 15 months of free time. And during that time off, we had opportunities to pursue other interests and responsibilities; BUT, now that normalcy is gradually returning, it's time to thread our needles and enjoy what we love the most and what we do the best. It's time to APPLIQUE!

So mark your calendars and set your clocks to come and join us at our marvelous in-person June guild meeting. And because our guild meeting is our "Happy Place," our *Sit and Stitch* leading up to the start of our guild meeting will now be called our "Happy Hour." (please, no alcoholic beverages — ha! ha!) The meeting info is:

Feather Princesses June Guild Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Carrollwood Recreation Center
3515 McFarland Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
Doors Open – 9 a.m.
Happy Hour – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meeting Begins – 11 a.m.

Happy Days are here again; and Janet, B. J., Betty Jo and I anxiously await to see you! We will be thrilled to see your beautiful smiling faces and stunning appliqué quilt projects again. So when you come on June 9, be prepared to revel in the spectacular CAMARADERIE, EXCITEMENT, and FUN you experience only at Feather Princesses meetings; and be sure to bring

the appliqué quilts and wallhangings you completed, while you were at home during the pandemic. Our magnificent Show N Tell will be like none other!

Also, PLEASE:

- Wear your Feather Princesses name tag.
- Bring an appliqué project to stitch during Happy Hour and the guild meeting.
- *Bring your own snack/lunch/coffee/beverage.* We will provide cold bottled water. As we gradually make our comeback, acclimate ourselves to our guild meeting processes, and continue following CDC guidelines, we will safely add refreshments back into the mix and serve them at our future guild meetings.
- Be sure to enter the *Mask Competition* and *Vaccination Card Drawing*. See the details below.

You Have to Be In It to Win It

Whether you are a fan of our state's lottery system and play often—or not, I'm sure you've heard the familiar saying, "You Have to Be In It to Win It." And that statement is so true. Sometimes we must be willing to take a chance in order to win a prize.

This certainly will hold true at our Feather Princesses June 9 guild meeting. While we are not advocating or promoting gambling, we welcome you to get on the band wagon with us, participate in these fun drawings, and take a chance to win a really neat prize.

NOTE: *All ballots must be entered by 11 a.m. when the meeting begins. No ballots will be accepted after 11 a.m.*

Mask Competition – During the COVID-19 pandemic, creativity really did abound, as people (some who had never sewn before) made masks in all colors and sizes, from a variety of different kinds of fabrics and materials. (And the shortage of elastic did not hamper their spirits or dampen their enthusiasm, either, as many improvised and found alternative solutions.) Some made plain masks, while others created more intricate masks. Some were sewn from basic cottons, while others were made with studded jewels, pearls, and diamonds. And then some masks were based on particular themes, such as favorite hobbies, pets, sports, etc. There was quite an array of masks out there; and now that we're slowly returning to normalcy, we're curious to see the types of masks you sported during the pandemic.

At our 2020 Retreat, our *Mask Competition* was very exciting, as we enjoyed seeing the different masks our Princesses brought; so we've decided to have a mask competition at our June 9 guild meeting. We welcome you to join in the fun and bring your prettiest and most unique mask to our guild meeting. (It may be handmade or store bought.)

- When you arrive at the meeting and get settled, go to the Mask Table to get a number assigned to your mask.
- Leave your mask there on the table, so everyone can see it as they

vote.

- Remove your mask from the table when the competition ends and the winner is announced, preferably at the end of the meeting.

Princesses, whether you bring a mask or not, please participate and vote. Pick up a ballot at the table and vote for your favorite mask. During our lunch break, we will tabulate the votes and then announce the winner of the mask that received the most votes.

Vaccination Card Drawing – We applaud all of our wonderful Feather Princesses who practiced safety measures during the pandemic and received both vaccinations. Now that we're getting together again, we'd like to play a game and give you the opportunity to win a fantastic prize.

- Before you come to the guild meeting, pull out your cell phone and take a picture of your **Vaccination Card**.
- When you arrive at the meeting, go to the Vaccination Card Table, show the photo of your card, get a ballot and write your name on it, then put it in the ballot box.

After our lunch break, a ballot will be drawn and one very lucky Feather Princess will win a nice prize.

Have FUN and best wishes to you all !

June Birthdays

Blow out the candles, cut the cake, barbecue on the grill, or have a clam bake. To our lovely Princesses celebrating a birthday during the month of June, have great summertime fun, make merry, and have a ball on your special day. Go to the coast for a wonderful beach getaway, shop at your favorite boutique, or have a delightful lunch with your closest and dearest girlfriends. The sky is the limit when it comes to exciting ways to celebrate. Just remember to relax, pamper yourselves, and do whatever makes you happy. Let your birthday be the magnificent beginning of another fantastic year! You are very special and you are loved! Have a Happy, Happy Birthday!



Annette Kocsis – 6/06
Anne Klockowski – 6/09
Diane Kummelman – 6/14
Dee Anderson – 6/15
Meredith Wilmath – 6/16
Ritu Haldar – 6/16
Becky Madasz – 6/21
Becky Gammons – 6/25
Lize Blignaut – 6/29

Sunshine and Shadows

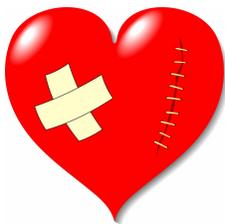
Hurricane season is on the radar this month; but bright Feather Princesses sunshine is on the way as well. The rainy season is officially here; and

we're taking out our umbrellas, but we're also paving the way for those bright rays of sun light and extraordinary good times that await us. Our infectious smiles are radiating from ear-to-ear and our spirits are lifted and beaming up high. So this month, let's feel good, enjoy ourselves, and be happy!



But first let's make sure that all is well. To our beautiful Princesses who feel a bit under the weather right now, we're sending heartfelt wishes to you for a speedy recovery. We hope your strength will be renewed and you will feel more energized than ever before—so you can pick up your needles and thread and stitch again. And we're predicting a forecast that each of your Summer days will be sunny and bright! ALWAYS remember that we sincerely care and deeply love you.

- Michelle Barry
- Roni Hunt
- Terry Montaldo
- Peggy Wattenbarger
- Pat Yucatonis



Healing Heart Blocks

Sitting on the front porch or the lanai, sipping a tall glass of cold iced tea, and devouring a delectable sweet treat makes for a delightful summer day. Add some striking quilters cottons in the colors listed below, along with a basket filled to the brim with must have sewing and quilting notions and your favorite applique heart patterns; and then you are all set and ready to play. Amuse, entertain, and inspire yourself as you create the most stunning and unique Healing Heart blocks ever. Appliqué a gorgeous *Healing Heart Block* for each of our lovely Princesses who experienced a life threatening illness or the loss of a spouse or a child; and then witness the satisfying joy and pleasure in their eyes, as they assemble these beautiful blocks and create one-of-a-kind, breathtaking appliqué heart quilts. After receiving your stunning blocks, they will have delightful and happy summer days, too.

Princesses currently receiving the *Healing Heart* blocks are:

- Sandy Davis likes Civil War colors
- Judy DenHerder likes landscape prints
- Cheryl Haynes likes blue and green
- Annette Kocsis likes green
- Maria Nunez likes blue
- Barbara Roberts likes blue and yellow
- Anne Szabo likes blue, pink, and red

You may mail your completed *Healing Heart* blocks directly to the recipients or bring them to our June 9 guild meeting and give them to our *Healing Hearts Chair*, Princess Shirley Kasprzyk, who will give them to the recipients.

The *Healing Heart Block Guidelines* are located on our Feather Princesses

website, **Members Only** section > **Healing Heart Blocks**. We sincerely express our gratitude to you for taking the time to make these beautiful blocks and to lift the spirits of our very special *Healing Heart* block recipients.

Our 2021-2022 Membership Renewal

Our membership renewal process is now open. The deadline to pay is Wednesday, August 11; and the guidelines are below:



- Currently paid Feather Princesses members **will not** have to pay dues to renew their membership for the new year (August 2021 – July 2022) – **Your membership will automatically renew.** As we stated last year in the "Mid-May 2020" email update, dated May 22, 2020, "if we still are unable to meet, then the dues will be applied to the following year (2021–2022)." **So currently paid Feather Princesses, your membership dues have been applied to the new year 2021–2022;** and you all are set and ready to go. You do not have to pay dues (again) for the new year.
- For former Feather Princesses members who return to our guild, but did not pay dues in 2020–2021, the membership dues will be \$35.
- For new members who join our guild for the first time, the membership dues will be \$35.

An exciting year of fabulous appliqué awaits us at our illustrious Feather Princesses Appliqué Guild! So get ready, come, and be inspired with total appliqué education, excitement, and fun!

Meeting COVID Guidelines

by Janet Wachter

The CDC has lifted the masks and social distancing requirements for fully vaccinated adults. Because our meeting space is not large enough to accommodate social distancing, we cannot provide it. As a result, **we cannot invite unvaccinated members to attend.**

We are operating on the honor system. **If you are not vaccinated, we ask that you please not attend the meeting.**

For those who are vaccinated, we caution that there is a low risk of contacting COVID-19. Additionally, if you have an immune system issue, please consult with your doctor to learn if it is advisable for you to attend the June 9, 2021 meeting. Your health is your responsibility.

Fully vaccinated people are those who have received all of their COVID-19 shots two weeks prior to the group gathering. So, if you plan to attend the June 9, 2021 Feather Princesses meeting, being fully vaccinated means that you have already had both of your shots by May 26, 2021.

You may read the advisory for yourselves by clicking the [CDC website](#) link.

We are looking forward to a safe, productive, and joyful meeting!

Guiding Principles for Fully Vaccinated People

- Indoor and outdoor activities pose a minimal risk to fully vaccinated people.
- Fully vaccinated people have a reduced risk of transmitting SARS-CoV-2 to unvaccinated people.
- Fully vaccinated people should still get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
- Fully vaccinated people should not visit private or public settings if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
- Fully vaccinated people should continue to follow any applicable federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations.

Recommendations for Indoor and Outdoor Settings

Risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection is minimal for fully vaccinated people. The risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from fully vaccinated people to unvaccinated people is also reduced. Therefore, fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Fully vaccinated people should also continue to wear a well-fitted mask in correctional facilities and homeless shelters.

[Prevention measures](#) are still recommended for unvaccinated people.

Wooly Chicks Will Meet in June

by Karen Conter and Cathleene Tokish

We've got some fantastic news for you Princesses who love to do wool appliqué! Our exciting **Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle** will resume meeting this month at Sweet Darling Quilts. We've missed "The Chicks" so much; and we're beyond ecstatic to get together again. So gather up your patterns, wool fabrics, pearl cotton threads, and needles and then join us at our phenomenal quilt circle. The info is:

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle
Friday, June 25, 2021
Sweet Darling Quilts
26240 Wesley Chapel Blvd.
Lutz, Florida 33559
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
(813) 994-2994 (shop)

Contacts: Princesses Karen Conter and Cathleene Tokish

We're so anxious to see you and your stunning wool appliqué projects. So come, stitch, and have a ton of fun with us on June 25.

Our Fabulous 2021 Retreat

by Karen Benitez

Ladies, we are getting so close to our fabulous Feather Princesses Retreat at Lake

Yale Baptist Conference Center in Leesburg, Florida, convening Thursday, October 21 – Sunday, October 24. It is just a few months away until the retreat convenes; and only 2½ months until the deadline to register with your payment. I'm very excited about our 2021 Retreat and hope you are too!



Please be sure to refer to the March 23, 2021 Retreat email **OR** our Feather Princesses website, *Members Only* section > *Retreat* for all of the specifics. As a reminder:

- The cost for a single room is \$365 and a double room is \$290 per person.
- Now that we are resuming our guild meetings, we are offering the option to pay in installments, if you have not already registered and paid for the Retreat. You may make your payments (payable to the Feather Princesses) in installments at our June, July, and August guild meetings, with the final installment paid by August 11. Payments should be given to our *Retreat Chair*, Princess **Karen Benitez**, along with the *Retreat Registration Form*, found in the *Members Only* section of our Feather Princesses website.
- If you cannot attend our guild meetings this summer, the payment is due in one lump sum (payable to the Feather Princesses). It should be mailed to our *Treasurer*, **Betty Jo Lecaroz**, along with the *Retreat Registration Form* found in the *Members Only* section of our Feather Princesses website.
- **The deadline to pay to attend the Retreat or to request a refund is Wednesday, August 11.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send an email to me at nickoftimesbs@aol.com, call or text my cell phone at 925-895-8129. OR see me at our Feather Princesses guild meeting on June 9th!!! I certainly look forward to seeing you all. Yay!

For Some Genuine Quilt Inspiration

by Shirley Pettaway-Green

After being cooped up at home these past several months, it's time to get up, go out, see some fabulous quilts, and be inspired. So for some summertime enrichment, pleasure, and genuine quilt inspiration, be sure to check out these striking exhibits of quilts:

"Floridian Flavors: Character, Culture, and Cuisine"

Leepa Rattner Museum

St. Petersburg College – Tarpon Springs Campus

600 E. Klosterman Road

Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

May 4 – August 15, 2021

Tuesday – Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday: Closed

Adults – \$10

Seniors (62 and older) – \$8

Free for members, students with ID, children
17 and under, and active military.

"Masters of Appliqué: Tent Makers of Cairo"

Entel Family Gallery
Dunedin Fine Art Center
1143 Michigan Boulevard
Dunedin, FL 34698

June 18 – August 15, 2021

Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Tick Tock! Tick Tock! The countdown has begun, so wind your clocks and set them to alarm on Wednesday, June 9, because "It's Time to Appliqué!" Thanks so much; and we will see you at the meeting.

Love You All,
Dorothy