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President's Message

by Dorothy Johnson

At one time or another, we all have heard the term "add-on." It basically means something such as an accessory or feature is added to something and then enhances it and improves it. An example is adding-on software to your computer to improve its performance and to allow it to perform other functions. So this month in the Feather Princesses, we'll have not one, but four opportunities we're adding-on for your enjoyment and to inspire you; and we genuinely hope you will partake of them all, to broaden your knowledge and enhance your appliqué skills and experience.

We are so anxious to see you at our October 13 guild meeting next Wednesday, as we add-on our most exciting meeting of the year. We can hardly wait to play with our Princess Pals and spend valuable time with each other. Our informative program will boast an inspirational presentation on the colors we use and enjoy during the Autumn season, especially the different colors of pumpkins. Our prolific *Vice President*, Princess **Joanne Rodriguez**, will lead us in discussion as we take a look at different colored appliquéd pumpkins, the significance of the various colors, and what they actually mean. And to round out the day, we will have our long awaited "Autumn Splendor Challenge;" and we are chomping at the bit to see the gorgeous appliqué quilts and wallhangings you all have made for this competition. We are all ready to "ooh, aah, and vote" for our favorites; and then cheer the winners on to victory.

In addition to our regularly scheduled **Crazy Wool Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting on Tuesday, October 19, we will add-on our exciting "Open House." At this Open House, our phenomenal leader, Princess **Jamie Crowe**, and the **Crazy Wool Quilters** welcome you to come and bring a friend (FP members and non-members alike), to see what this group is all about and to introduce you to the world of crazy quilting, appliquéing with wool and cotton, and then enhancing these with fine embroidery stitches, beads, trims, embellishments, and more. Each and every guest will receive a kit containing supplies to practice their stitches; and there will be fantastic fellowship, informative demos, door prizes, and surprises galore.

For our fun-loving Feather Princesses traveling to Lake Yale in Leesburg on Thursday, October 21, we will add-on our exciting "2021 Retreat." Almost four days of glorious fun, doing whatever we want to do, is more than we could ask for—it is a dream come true. This past year our dynamic leader, Princess **Karen Benitez**, has raised the bar and attended to every single detail, as she planned our most outstanding Retreat ever, for our wonderful members. Fabulous camaraderie, games, prizes, demos, gift exchanges, quilt shopping, and more are on the list of things to do. And please let's not forget the yummy root-beer floats and ice cream sundaes. Our dearly departed, Princess **Dot Young**, will be looking down and smiling on us for sure.

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Healing Heart Blocks and Fat Quarters

by Shirley Kasprzyk



Walk down the candy isles of any grocery store and you will see not just one shelf, but shelf after shelf of mouth-watering tasty candy.

For there is always quite an array of candies from which to select—hard candy, soft candy, candy with nut centers, candy with peanut butter, caramels, mints, chocolates, and more. And even though these candies are all different, they all contain one main ingredient—sugar, which makes them sweet and a favorite treat for all.

The same is true for our *Healing Heart* blocks and fat quarters. Each block is made from different-colored fabrics and each fat quarter comes from a different color way. BUT, in reality they're all the same because we give them to the recipients with sincere love from our hearts, which makes them sweet as well.

We stitch the blocks and give the fat quarters with love to express our concern and support, and to lift the spirits of our lovely Princesses, as they face challenging and difficult times. Our members are so generous in making the *Healing Heart* blocks and giving the fat quarters; and each one is greatly received and appreciated. The outpouring of love is phenomenal.

Princesses currently receiving the *Healing Heart* blocks:

- **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

Princesses currently receiving the *Fat Quarters*:

- **Sandy Davis** likes Civil War prints
- **Linda Inglis** likes navy and turquoise

You may mail your completed *Healing Heart* blocks and fat quarters directly to the recipients or bring them to our October 13 guild meeting and give them to our *Healing Hearts Chair*, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**, who will give them to the recipients.

The *Healing Heart Block and Fat Quarter Guidelines* are located on our Feather Princesses website, [Members Only](#) section > Healing Heart Blocks. We sincerely express our gratitude to you for lifting the spirits of our very special recipients.



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And as we approach the end of this month, we won't be packing our pails and buckets with tasty Halloween treats. But instead, on Friday, October 29, we'll pack our sewing bags full of yummy quilting supplies and head on over to the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library for our exceptional add-on, our stellar **Hawaiian Appliqué Group** meeting. Our talented leader, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, is bubbling over with enthusiasm and joy; and she is ready for the task of leading us and teaching us all about Hawaiian appliqué. We will enhance our knowledge and begin making breathtaking and colorful Hawaiian appliqué quilts, as **Ritu** leads us through every single step of the process—coordinating fabrics, selecting designs and patterns, and perfecting our cutting and stitching skills. The FUN is about to begin!

Here in the Feather Princesses, our October calendar is full of add-ons—valuable opportunities to enhance and improve how we hone our craft and appliqué. So go ahead and take a few minutes to carve your pumpkins, then celebrate Fall with us and experience each and every one of these wonderful opportunities we have in store for you. Happy, happy Autumn!

Feather Princesses 2021 - 2022 Membership Cards/Name Tags

by Dorothy Johnson

Our new Feather Princesses 2021 – 2022 membership cards/name tags are ready; and we began distributing them at our August guild meeting.

If you did not already pick up your card, be sure to see our lovely *Secretary*, Princess **B. J. Weber**, at our exciting October 13 guild meeting. She will be happy to help you.

Show Offs/Show N Tell

by Shirley Pettaway-Green

Our phenomenal guild meetings would not be complete without our awesome Show N Tell! We are so inspired each and every month by the breathtaking appliqué quilts you bring to show. It is one of the highlights of our meetings.

So if you bring a quilt to Show Off, please be sure to see me to sign-up on the Show N Tell list. (As we streamline our guild meeting processes, the sign-up list will no longer be at the *Membership* table.) And after you sign the list, please see our beautiful *Guild Photographer*, Princess **Beverly Abenante**, to get a photo taken of your quilt(s), so she can include a picture of your appliqué masterpiece in the meeting photos she distributes after each meeting.

October Fat Quarter Exchange

by Janet Kiene and Pat Yucatonis

(Excerpts taken from <https://www.cancer.org/involved/fundraise/making-strides-against-breast-cancer/make-a-pink-ribbon-lapel-pin.html>; <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>; and <https://www.nj.com/healthfit/2021/10/heres-why-october-is-breast-cancer-awareness-month.html>)

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer; and this year it runs from Friday, October 1 through Sunday, October 31. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and throughout the year, people wear pink ribbons to honor survivors, to remember those lost to the disease, and to support the progress being made to defeat breast cancer.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in October 1985, when the American Cancer Society and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries formed a partnership. Former first lady, Betty Ford, helped raise awareness as a breast cancer survivor herself. She was diagnosed when her husband, former President Gerald Ford, served in the White House, shedding more light onto the issue.

The initial goal of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was to give women the facts about breast cancer and early detection methods, so that they could stay on top of their breast health and prevent cancer. The movement eventually grew so that medical organizations, government agencies, and nonprofits worked with survivors during the month of October on fundraising initiatives for research, education for women on the importance of regular screening for breast cancer via mammograms, and other early detection methods.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Fat Quarter Exchange fabric selection for October is PINK and PINK FLOWERS. So go to your fabric closets and drawers now, select some gorgeous pink floral fat quarters; and then bring them to our October 13 guild meeting and take a chance to win a bunch to add to your fabric stash. As you never know, you just might win a bundle containing just the right pink fat quarters you've been looking for.

Guidelines for the Fat Quarter Exchange are located on the Members Only section of our website.

Thanks so much and we'll see you this coming Wednesday at our fat quarter table.

2021 - 2022 Membership Directory

by Dorothy Johnson

Our new Feather Princesses **2021–2022 Membership Directory** is ready; and we will begin distributing it at our October 13 guild meeting. To get a copy of the directory, please be sure to see our lovely *Graphics Art Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, at the meeting. She will be happy to help you.

Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar



A change in season brings us hay rides, pumpkin spiced lattes, and a chance to send our dear Princesses extra hugs and care. As our dearest take some time to heal and mend, know that we are here for you and we look forward to having you back at the table stitching with us again. Looking ahead, we want you to enjoy many days filled with appliqué and precious friends. We send our love and strength to each of you and we eagerly and anxiously await your return!

Princesses, we love you and miss you; and we wish you a speedy recovery:

- **Beverly Abenante**
- **Jean Harrison**
- **Brigitte Kasm**
- **Barbara Kawczynski**
- **Betty Jo Lecaroz**
- **Terry Montaldo**

Our Fabulous 2021 Retreat

by Karen Benitez

Our 2021 Feather Princesses Retreat is just around the corner—less than two weeks away; and it will be here before we know it! We have worked very hard to make this a FABULOUS Retreat; and I sincerely thank everyone who pitched in and helped to make it happen and ensure its success!



At the Retreat, we will have lots of fun including some great presentations, mini classes, an on-site quilt shop setting up shop right in our sewing room, ice cream social, games, garage sale, gift exchange, Christmas ornament exchange, and so much more.

And to answer your questions and discuss any final concerns you might have, we will have an informative Retreat meeting on Wednesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. in the lobby of the recreation center, prior to our guild meeting. So be sure to come and join us.

2021 Retreat Princesses, the past year went by really fast; and now it's time for us to descend onto Lake Yale again to party. I wish you fun and safe travels, as you make your journey to Leesburg. I can hardly wait to see you there!!

Hand Quilting Group Meeting

by Meredith Wilmath

According to a recent AQS survey, hand quilting is a beloved craft that is alive and thriving in the quilting community. So join us at our exciting **Hand Quilting Group** meeting, as we focus on the amenities of hand quilting; and explore how we can use it to accentuate our exquisite hand appliqué.

We'll start by talking about the must-have hand quilting tools. Do you have any particular preferences? So what kind of needle do you like—sharp, embroidery, or straw? And what about your thimble? Do you like a plastic, leather, or a traditional quilting thimble? And how do you mark your quilt for hand quilting? Do you use templates, rulers, or stencils; or do you draw your design on free hand? And what do you mark with—a pen, pencil, or chalk? And to quilt, do you use a hoop or a floor frame, or no hoop at all?

If you already know how to hand quilt and are well versed in this technique and have perfected this skill, then come and show us how you hand quilt. And if you are just learning, then I will show you how I hand quilt. We'll

exchange ideas and information, and inspire each other to make the most even and consistent hand quilting stitches ever!

Hand Quilting Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Monday, November 1, 2021
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact: Meredith Wilmath

If you already have a hand quilting project in progress, please bring it along with your hand quilting tools. Or if you're just getting started, you may bring a:

- piece of fabric, sandwiched with your favorite batting and backing
- needle
- thread
- hoop

I'll bring some of my hand quilted quilts for you to see; and I hope it will inspire you to hand quilt some of your own. We'll see you on November 1.

ALOHA! Hawaiian Quilt Group

by Ritu Haldar

It is so wonderful to just be able to say Aloha, friends! I am so excited to be a part of this wonderful group of Hawaiian quilt enthusiasts. I hope all of you are excited to get together and plan our activities for our time together. I love Hawaiian appliqué and I hope you do too. In the spirit of this happy gathering, I welcome you all to our inspirational meeting which will convene the end of this month.

I would love for you to share your joy of Hawaiian appliqué and bring along a book, patterns, a block, wall hanging or a souvenir to the group meeting. We will plan our future projects and learn a technique or two. Some serious eye candy would be so welcome and inspiring.

Hawaiian Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmy B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273 3652 (library)
Friday, October 29, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Ritu Haldar

We are so looking forward to spending some time together and enjoying our love of all things Hawaiian.

Please bring your lunch, beverage and a sweater if needed.

Crazy Wool Appliqué Group Open House

by Jamie Crowe

Come one, come all to our first **Crazy Wool Appliqué Group Open House**. Bring a friend (it doesn't have to be a Feather Princesses member) and enjoy the day with us. We will have fun door prizes, beautiful samples of our crazy wool appliqué and embroidery, and very tasty delectable treats. Drop by and spend some time with us to see what the **Crazy Wool Appliqué Group** is all about and to see some of our stunning creations.

While you're there with us, we hope to inspire you to do embroidery on all of your quilts (not necessarily just on wool fabrics). So we will have a small kit for each of you to practice your embroidery stitches. as well. It will be FUN; so we welcome you to join this dynamic group and find out what you've been missing.

Crazy Wool Appliqué Group Open House

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
11211 Countryway Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33626-2624
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact: Jamie Crowe

To ensure that we have enough kits, we ask "you," our lovely Feather Princesses to RSVP by email at stitch0818@gmail.com by Friday, October 15, to let us know that you plan to come and bring a guest with you.

Joy, Joy, Joy! What a crazy and exciting time we will have! So make your plans now to join us, cause we can hardly wait to see you there!



Wednesday, October 6
Traditional Appliqué Group Meeting

Wednesday, October 13
Feather Princesses October Guild Meeting

Tuesday, October 19
Crazy Wool Appliqué Quilt Group Open House

Wednesday, October 20
Woolers and Cotton Pickers Quilt Circle

Friday, October 22
Wooley Chicks Quilt Circle

2021 FP Retreat
Thursday, October 21 – Sunday, October 24

Monday, October 25
Art Quilt Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 26
Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Friday, October 29
Hawaiian Quilt Group Meeting

October Tool Time

by Roni Hunt

Good day, Princesses! I have a question. Have you ever seen the quarterly program on social media called FABFITFUN? Basically the manufacturers curate items they think you will enjoy for the season, packs the items in a box, and sends them to you. What could be more exciting than being the recipient of a package delivered by your favorite postal worker? I've seen these boxes and decided we need a FEATHERFABFUN box, just for us Feather Princesses!

I don't want to spoil the fun by giving away the particulars; but quarterly I will make a FEATHERFABFUN box. In this box we'll see some seasonal items to inspire and spark our appliqué journey. I'm really looking forward to the quarterly surprises; and I will present the first FFF box at our exciting October 13 guild meeting. I hope you are anxiously awaiting the big reveal as well!

Our Community Service

by Shirley Williams

I am very proud to introduce myself as the new *Community Service Chairperson*, and to be able to represent the Feather Princesses Appliqué Guild in our local community.

I think we all know the tremendous good that is done with our cash and food donations to local food banks. These donations can provide food that will keep one more family from being hungry, both adults and children.

When you look through your cabinets, please see if there are extra cans or boxes of non-perishable food items that you can donate. When you bring them to our October 13 guild meeting, you may place them on the empty table in the lobby.

Thanks so much for your cash and food donations.



Hillsborough County Library Policy

by Dorothy Johnson

With the great demand for library meeting room spaces here in our area, we are so excited and extremely grateful to have the opportunity to meet at the local libraries for our phenomenal quilt circles and specialty appliqué quilt group meetings. Therefore while we are at the libraries, we will make every effort to comply with the guidelines in place and do whatever is required, to remain safe, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

So when we meet this month at the Hillsborough County libraries for our meetings, please let's all remember that:

- We are allowed to eat only dry snacks in the library meeting rooms. We may sit and eat/drink other items for lunch in the vending area at each library.
- We have requested enough tables in the meeting rooms to safely practice social distancing. So if you can, please sit one or two people per table, as space allows.
- We should wear our masks, as they are required by the Hillsborough County libraries.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the guidelines or our meetings scheduled to convene at the libraries, do not hesitate to let us know.

When Was the Last Time?

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpts taken from <https://kidadl.com/articles/homecoming-quotes-for-high-school-military-and-church-homecomings> and <https://www.quoteagarden.com/homecoming.html>)

When was the last time you attended a high school or college homecoming game? Did you gather with close friends you grew up with or attended high school or college with? Did you see your former high school principal, teachers, or class instructors? Did you go to the homecoming dance?

Homecoming is an American tradition of high schools and universities all over this country, and it's named for the coming-home (so to speak) of the alumni of whichever institution is hosting it. Homecoming is typically held in late September or early October, though some schools celebrate in August after school starts. It is typically tied to a football game. Threading moments of love, joy, and happiness together, homecoming is the best way to reunite with our near and dear ones.

Homecomings were originally annual alumni football games organized by colleges and universities across the United States, in the 19th century. The event meant parades, speeches, rallies, the football game among universities and colleges, and of course, dances! Today, homecoming means gathering on a special occasion where people laugh and dance in joy. Homecomings are special celebrations organized by high schools, colleges, and universities for welcoming back former students.

In a way, our awesome quilt circles are similar to homecomings, as we connect with our quilting friends and celebrate our favorite art form—appliqué. Our dynamic leaders discuss topics and give speeches; and we rally around each other, support each others efforts and endeavors, and we cheer each other on to victory as we complete our prize worthy quilts. Our outstanding quilt circles are exciting and refreshing; and meeting our old friends and making new friends is the best part of all. We stitch, chat, laugh, and have a fabulous time!



So this month, plan to come home to our amazing quilt circles and experience the sensation of an old fashioned high school homecoming! Who knows, after we stitch our quilts, we just might hit the floor and dance!

Woolers and Cotton Pickers Quilt Circles

Regency Park Branch Library
9701 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654
(727) 861-3049 (library)
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Princess Sandy Davis

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Sweet Darling Quilts
26240 Wesley Chapel Blvd.
Lutz, Florida 33559
(813) 994-2994 (shop)
Friday, October 22, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contacts: Princesses Karen Conter
and Cathleene Tokish

Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3562 (library)
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

The Florida Quilt Shows Are Back

by Laura Brooker

After a long hiatus, the Florida Quilt Shows are back. YIPPEE! Phenomenal quilt guilds throughout our sunny state are putting their outstanding quilts on display for all to see. So no matter how full your Autumn schedule gets, be sure to pencil in these fantastic shows on your quilt calendar. Then go and support the guilds, see the gorgeous quilts their gifted members have made, and enjoy the fun-filled activities they have planned.

Quilt Exhibit - South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild
Sarasota, Florida
Now - January 3, 2022

Broward Quilt Expo - East Sunrise Quilt Guild, Inc., Southern Stars Quilt Guild, Coral Springs Quilters, Inc., West Broward Quilters Guild, Inc., South Florida Modern Quilt Guild, Ocean Waves Quilt Guild and Quilting in the Pines Guild, Inc.

Pembroke Pines, Florida
Saturday, October 23 - Sunday, October 24, 2021

Quilt Show - Country Road Quilters
Ocala, Florida
Friday, November 5 - Saturday, November 6, 2021

Quilt Show - Quilters' Workshop of Tampa Bay
Tampa, Florida
Friday, November 12 - Saturday, November 13, 2021

Quilt Show - Lake County Quilters Guild
Leesburg, Florida
Friday, November 12 - Saturday, November 13, 2021

Ignite your enthusiasm, spread some inspiration, and share the joy, love, and excitement with others. Invite your wonderful old friends and meet lovely new friends at these exciting quilt shows! You'll have a FABULOUS time for sure!

Our Exciting Annual Autumn Splendor Challenge

by Joanne Rodriguez

We've anxiously waited for quite a while; and now it's time for our exciting **Annual Autumn Splendor Challenge!** Come on Wednesday October 13 for a visual treat and enjoy seeing a plethora of vibrant Autumn colors in stunning quilts and wallhangings. Arrive early at the Carrollwood Recreation Center and be sure to pick up a voting ballot, when you sign-in at our *Welcome Table*.

Please remember:

- If you plan to enter the challenge, arrive at the Carrollwood Recreation Center with your quilt or wall hanging entry between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- See me, Princess **Joanne Rodriguez**, to check-in your entry, at the tables located along side the windows. I will assign a number to each entry as it comes in.
- Each entry should include a label, covered with a piece of fabric.
- Each entry should include an index card or piece of paper attached to the right hand corner of your quilt with a safety pin. On the card or paper, be sure to include the following information:

- "Quilt" or "Wallhanging" written at the top of the card.
- Pattern source or inspiration.
- The quilter's name; or state "quilted by the contestant."

- Feather Princesses members will view the quilts and vote between 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- During lunch, our members may continue viewing the quilts.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the program:
 - \$50 for the wallhanging that receives the most votes.
 - \$100 for the quilt that receives the most votes.

To see the *Autumn Splendor Challenge Guidelines*, go to the Members Only section of our Feather Princesses website.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you don't have an entry, you can still enjoy viewing all the beautiful wallhangings and quilts that our talented Feather Princesses have made.

Enjoy each and every quilt, as you could be inspired to start planning your entry for our *2022 Autumn Splendor Challenge!*

Last Call For AQS Daytona Beach

by Sandi Snow

In the past Feather Princesses you have represented our guild well at the American Quilter's Society Daytona Beach Quilt Show, winning prizes and ribbons galore for your amazing appliqué quilts; and the upcoming show should be no exception. After not being able to enter our quilts the past couple of years, we're sure you have stitched and created some mighty awesome prize worthy quilts to display in the upcoming show. So if you've been wondering whether to enter your quilts in the 2022 show, do not hesitate another minute, because the deadline to enter quilts is coming fast. This really is the last call.

The show will convene in Daytona Beach on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – Saturday, February 26, 2022; and the deadline to submit your entries is Friday, October 15, 2021. So chop, chop—get busy now and enter your quilt! We are already planning to see you and the ribbons hanging on your quilts at the show. CONGRATULATIONS!

See the website (<https://www.quiltweek.com/contest/>) for the info on how to enter your quilts.

Christmas Special Block

by Dorothy Johnson

The **Christmas Special Block, "Ugly Sweater,"** was presented last month, and kits were passed out. Each kit contains a Christmas cotton background square, the pattern, and easy to follow instructions, at the bargain price of \$1 per kit.

As you make the block, please be as creative as you like. You may use Christmas-themed fabrics from your personal stash for the appliqué pieces; and you may add embellishments such as embroidery, beads, ribbons, trims, buttons, etc. if you like.

Over the next two months, you may turn in your completed *Christmas Special Block* to Princess **Michelle Barry**. The drawing will be held at our December 8 guild meeting. And as always, the number of winners will be determined by the number of completed blocks turned in.

So don't delay, if you haven't picked up your kit yet, get it at our October 13 meeting and start stitching—because December 8 will be here before you know it.



Congratulations, Judy!

by Dorothy Johnson

With our highest esteem, honor, and pride we CONGRATULATE our very gifted and talented member, Princess **Judy DenHerder**. **Judy** won the *Best Hand Workmanship Award* for her stunning wallhanging, "Parrots," at the recently held Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, held in Oaks, Pennsylvania, September 16 - 19, 2021.

Judy has scaled new heights and set a new standard; and we are overjoyed with her success! Her dedication, passion, and perseverance helped her achieve this stellar award; and her hard work truly paid off. Her pursuit of excellence and her dedication and enthusiasm have truly inspired us. The fruit of her labor is really sweet; and we applaud her for this phenomenal achievement!

Judy, you are our shining star and we are in awe of you! We hope you will continue climbing new heights of success; and may your future in the quilt world continue to be bright. May you have many more years of success and higher achievements. You have made us proud!



Quilt Exhibit - Museum of Fine Arts St. Petersburg

by Sandi Snow

(Excerpt taken from <https://mfastpete.org/>)

The stellar quilt exhibit "Pieced & Patterned" is here:

PIECED & PATTERNED

AMERICAN QUILTS, C. 1800–1930
Now - January 23, 2022

This exhibition features more than thirty extraordinary quilts whose design, materials, and craft reflect the complexity and richness of American life, from the brash first decades of the republic through the trauma of the Great Depression. "Pieced & Patterned" is drawn from private collections. It includes superb examples of this quintessentially American art form, ranging from early appliqué textiles to boldly graphic bedcoverings of the early modern era.

Museum of Fine Arts St. Petersburg

255 Beach Drive N. E.
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701
(727) 896-2667

Museum Hours:

Sunday: 12 Noon - 5 p.m.
Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday-Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CAFÉ HOURS: The Museum of Fine Arts Café is temporarily closed.

STORE HOURS: The Museum of Fine Arts Store is temporarily closed, but is open online.

So Princesses, be sure to put this exciting activity on your Autumn to do list. Visit the museum and see these treasured pieces of art, that have been preserved and passed down through the generations.



Linda Simons - 10/07
Karen Hamilton - 10/11
Linda Inglis - 10/11
Jean Harrison - 10/23
Linda Rhodes - 10/26
Linda Pazdzinski - 10/28

October Birthdays

by Ritu Haldar

Fall has arrived! It brings pumpkins, hay rides, cider, apple picking, Halloween, and moderate temperatures. The most important milestone however, is that October brings birthday greetings to our treasured Princesses. Your birthdays bring us a celebration of you, as beautiful friends with generous spirits and creative hearts. We love our quilting buddies and all of your amazing talents and stunning applique creations.

Here's wishing you the very happiest birthday ever. We wish each of you joy filled celebrations with family and friends. Happy pumpkin season, cider donuts, and birthday wishes by the bushels!

Our Feather Princesses Quilt Show

by Dorothy Johnson

Our Feather Princesses Quilt Show, "Appliqué in Tampa Bay V - Fun in the Sun" will convene Friday, February 17 – Saturday, February 18, 2023. And what a show it will be! Our quilt show guests are anxiously awaiting our display of breathtaking appliqué quilts; and we will not disappoint. They will be in awe! Our gorgeous bed-sized quilts, exquisite wallhangings, and marvelous miniature quilts will fill St. Lawrence Catholic Church – Higgins Hall, along with our stunning vintage Opportunity Quilt. And we'll provide tons of shopping fun in our Quilt Show Boutique, mesmerize our guests with our phenomenal Gift Baskets, and enthrall everyone with our exciting auction of adorable miniature quilts. So let the good times begin—again!



At our September guild meeting, we reviewed the *Quilt Entry Guidelines* and the *Quilt Entry Form*; so now you may begin submitting your forms. The guidelines and form are located on our Feather Princesses website. Please copy or print a *Quilt Entry Form* for each quilt you will enter in the show. Then complete the forms, bring them to our guild meeting each month, and turn them in to me.

At each of our guild meetings during the coming months, we will continue reviewing a different aspect of our Quilt Show. At our upcoming October 13 guild meeting, we will take a look at the *Challenge Guidelines* for each of our Quilt Show Challenges:

- **TIME** - Quilts reflecting your perception of *Time*.
- **Fun in The Sun** - Quilts reflecting the theme of our Quilt Show, and to be considered to appear on the cover of our Quilt Show Program Booklet.
- **Special Blocks** - Quilts made from any Special Blocks drawings, *Healing Heart* Blocks, or Quilt Circle/Specialty Appliqué Quilt Group block drawings.

The Challenge quilts will be a spectacular addition to our amazing Quilt Show. so make sure that your beautiful and unique Challenge quilt is a part of it!

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- [Previous Month's Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Healing Heart Blocks Guidelines](#)
- [Fat Quarter Exchange Guidelines](#)
- [Annual Autumn Splendor Challenge](#)
- [Other Florida Quilt Shows](#)
- [FP Quilt Show Challenge Guidelines](#)

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What Color Is Your Pumpkin?

by Joanne Rodriguez

Have you ever stopped to think about just how much we are influenced by colors? From the colors of the clothes we wear, to the hues we select to paint and decorate our homes, to the shades of colors we include in our gorgeous appliqué quilts, colors play an integral role and important part of our lives and in everything we do. Last month when Summer ended and Autumn arrived, did you go to your closet and switch those bright summer outfits for your more radiant colored ones? And, when it comes to seasonal decorations, did you change the colors of your home decor? Did you swap the pillows, curtains, tablecloths, and linens to colors that sing "Fall?" And what about your massive stash of quilting fabrics? Did you pull out those illustrious shades of Autumn and start your Fall time stitching regime? If you nodded "yes" to either of these questions, then colors really do play a major and important role in your lives each and every day.

For example, darker shades of red, green, and blue dominate during the Winter months; and yellow and lavender are front and center at Easter and Spring time; while red, white, and blue lead the Summer parade. And then there is Autumn, the most astounding, exceptional, and stimulating season of them all, with radiant shades of orange (leading the pack), and breathtaking tints of gold, crimson, green, and brown following closely behind—all lined up and ready to take their distinctive places in nature's annual display and burst of color. So let's think about this for a moment. What colors are you incorporating into your daily lives this Autumn? Are you sticking with the tried and true traditional and favored orange, gold, dark green, and brown; or are you treading on new territory, thinking outside of the box, and testing lime green, teal, purple, pink, and more? If you've gone out shopping lately, I'm sure you've seen pumpkins in all shapes and sizes in a myriad of these fabulous colors.

So at our October 13 guild meeting, see how these marvelous colors are stepping up and taking their distinctive places during the Autumn season—especially in our appliqué quilts. Come and see how beautifully appliquéd pumpkins in pink, blue, teal, purple, red, yellow, bright green, and white are easing their way on to the Autumn stage and playing an integral part in our color choices. And let's take a look at the significance of each of these colors as well, during the Autumn season.

ENJOY our exciting October 13 guild meeting and then stay for the program, to tell us the color of your pumpkins. Bring a box of crayons or quilting marking pencils; and if you have any pumpkin or Autumn-themed appliqué quilts, be sure to bring them to share with us as well. We'll see you this coming Wednesday at the meeting!