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President's Message

by Dorothy Johnson

There's just something different and special about celebrating Christmas as a child. As youngsters growing up back during the 1950s and 60s, my playmates and I did not have access to computers or to big box stores. They had not been invented yet. So shopping for Christmas and selecting those perfect gifts was not the same process that it is today. Way back then, our time was mostly consumed with studying, playing, and doing home work; but, when the Sears Roebuck Catalog/Wish Book arrived in the mail, our world came to a screeching halt and our attention shifted to that catalog. We studied it every day, turned and dog-eared the pages, scoped out the different dolls, games, and other toys that were available; and then we made our selections. We marked each and every item that we wanted, as a hint to our parents, so they would know what to purchase and give to us on Christmas day. We had joyful spirits and our hearts overflowed with happiness, love, and peace.

Fast forward to 2021, as adults let's continue allowing joy to permeate our spirits—not only at Christmas; but all year through. Let's continue being grateful for ALL of the Blessings bestowed upon us—our precious families, fabulous friends, and wonderful quilt guild. And regardless of the circumstances in our lives, good or not so good, let's always express our sincere love to others by sharing unlimited joy and peace from our hearts. Let's always be happy about appliqué and thrilled with the important role it plays in our lives.

Speaking of sharing, our lovely member and *Special Events Chair*, Princess **Janet Prueitt**, has shared her love and talents with our guild by coordinating our very first off-site guild meeting/luncheon; and she has done an excellent job. Thank you, **Janet!** Our Christmas Luncheon will be truly spectacular this coming Wednesday; and **Joanne, B. J., Jamie,** and **I** look forward to seeing you there. Be sure to arrive at Mandola's Italian Kitchen promptly at 11 a.m., so you can get a seat. And, in line with the theme "Joyful Spirits - Ugly Sweater," please come and experience the joy of Christmas and the love in our hearts and in our guild. If you have an ugly sweater (or any sweater), please wear it, as there will be an "Ugly Sweater" Competition and everyone in attendance will get the opportunity to vote on the sweater they like best.

Also, our prolific committee chairs, quilt circle leaders, and specialty appliqué quilt group leaders have been hard at work, coming up with new ideas and appliqué quilt projects to share with you in the new year. So in 2022, be sure to mark your calendars for each and every Feather Princesses activity or event, and commit to attend them, because you will not want to miss a single

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December Guild Meeting/Christmas Luncheon

by Dorothy Johnson

Change is good; and sometimes life is more fun and interesting when we do things just a little differently. So at the suggestion of one of our lovely Princesses, for the first time in our Feather Princesses 16 year history, we will have an off-site guild meeting. Our **December Meeting/Joyful Spirits Christmas Luncheon** will not be held at our regular meeting place, the Carrollwood Recreation Center. Instead, it will convene at:

Mandola's Italian Kitchen
14703 N. Dale Mabry Highway
(Market Place North Plaza II)
Tampa, Florida 33618
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
11 a.m.

Remember to travel lite, as there will not be enough space for our sewing supplies (or for us to sew) in our seating area. BUT, on this very special occasion, we will celebrate the day with special wishes, sweet surprises, and the most joyous gifts straight from our hearts. Having the meeting/luncheon off-site, we are charting new territory; and we are truly excited about the new experience of meeting at Mandola's. So, again we thank Princess **Janet Prueitt** for a job well done! And beautiful Feather Princesses, we thank you for your flexibility and willingness to try something new.

The restaurant will open at 11 a.m.; and we may go in at that time, claim our seats in the designated area, and then place our orders. As we wait to be served, we will proceed with an abbreviated version of our regular guild meeting. And as you fellowship, mingle, and enjoy the company of the Feather Princesses, be sure to see our:

- *Fat Quarter Exchange Chairs*, Princesses **Janet Kiene** and **Pat Yucatonis**, to turn in your WHITE TONE ON TONE fat quarters.
- *Healing Hearts Chair*, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**, to turn in your Healing Heart blocks and fat quarters.
- *Special Block Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, to turn in your completed "Ugly Sweater" block.
- *Special Events Chair*, Princess **Janet Prueitt**, to get a ballot to vote for your favorite "Ugly Sweater."
- *Sunshine Chair*, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, to sign-up for the December birthday drawing.

When we finish eating lunch, we will continue with the fun-filled meeting and enjoy the following activities:

- Fat Quarter Exchange
- Christmas Special Block Drawing
- December Birthday Drawing
- Door Prize Drawings
- Ugly Sweater Competition

Unfortunately we will not have "Show N Tell" at the luncheon, obviously because we don't want to take a chance of soiling our quilts with food. So our exciting "Show N Tell" will resume next month at our January 2022 guild meeting.

Our **Joyful Spirits Christmas Luncheon** will be spectacular, as we usher in the Christmas Holiday with Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace! So if your schedule allows, stay for the entire luncheon and enjoy this glorious Holiday experience.

We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you!

Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar

Our guild family is our joy and our strength. We send our love, healing intentions and hugs to our Princesses. Please know that your guild family is here for you and offers you our love and support.



Please reach out and a friend will be up for an adventure to a wonderful, magical quilt shop with a holiday discount for your shopping pleasure! It will lift your spirits and perhaps inspire your next creative project.

We await your return to our guild mini-groups and meetings. It is a small way for us to be together and create something beautiful! We're sending hugs and love to each and every one of you!

- **Kathy Bixby**
- **Jeanne Casiglia**
- **Sue Gillespie**
- **Terry Montaldo**
- **Karen Nick**

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one. And in our monthly guild meetings, I will start presenting the "President's Pass," and pass along and share tidbits of quilt-related info with you, that I have come across during the month. It might be information about a new fabric line, a new quilt book, something going on in the quilt world—it could be anything. So I encourage you to enjoy the "President's Pass" and learn from it, too!

Whether for children or for adults, Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year. So let's be grateful, happy, and joyful, with peaceful hearts overflowing with our love for others—and for our appliqué.

Merry Christmas, Feather Princesses, and Happy New Year!

December Fat Quarter Exchange

by Janet Kiene and Pat Yucatonis

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/collections/tone-on-tone-fabric#:~:text=Set%20the%20tone%20for%20a,must%20if%20you%20love%20color!>)

We're telling our ages here and that's okay. During our early years of quilting back in the 80s and 90s, we used the old familiar staple, "muslin," for the background in many of our quilts. Sometimes it was referred to as "ecology cloth." This tight-weave natural-colored Perma-Press muslin is slightly heavier than most muslins; and it served our needs quite well, as our options were few and it was all we had at the time. But then fast forward a few years; and the miracle cloth, "tone-on-tone" fabrics surfaced and came into our lives. And WOW, what a difference it made in our quilting. Our quilts and quilting evolved, improved, and forever changed.

Tone-on-tone fabrics are unique blender fabrics that combine patterns with backgrounds of the same color for richness and depth in our quilt projects. Sometimes called "Tot" fabric, these prints and batiks are a must if you love color! And "white" tone-on-tone fabrics are the best, as they serve as the perfect backdrop for many of our gorgeous appliqué designs, as well as the most desirable complement for some of our appliqué pieces.

So, the *Fat Quarter Exchange* fabric selection for December is **WHITE TONE-ON-TONE FABRICS**—in any texture (prints, stripes, checks, plaids, and more). So, get some white tone-on-tone fat quarters and then bring them to our December 8 Christmas Luncheon; and take a chance to win a bunch to add to your fabric stash. Winning a bunch of these white tone-on-tone fabrics will inspire the lucky winners to use them as the background squares in their next gorgeous appliqué quilts.

The *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 with your white tone-on-tone fabrics at our fat quarter table.

December/January Community Service

by Shirley Williams

I hope you all had a fabulous Thanksgiving weekend, spent with your family and friends.

As you know, our December guild meeting/Christmas Luncheon will convene at Mandola's Italian Kitchen. Since it is a public restaurant, bringing food donations will not be appropriate. We may of course, still collect the cash donations; and I will deliver these donations to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Carrollwood.

Our January 12 guild meeting will be held at our new location, Reliant Family Church, located at 3457 Kenyon Avenue in Tampa. This building will provide us with four times the meeting room space that we currently have, so we will be able to start bringing food donations again. There will be a table set up in the lobby to accommodate these donations. Princess **Judy DenHerder** will deliver our January donations to First United Methodist Church in Zephyrhills. Thank you in advance Judy.

I hope to see you all this coming Wednesday at our upcoming Christmas Luncheon.

Membership Update

by Annette Kocsis, Lorraine Masten, and Donna Montieth

Our November 10 guild meeting was quite an Autumn celebration! We gladly welcomed 43 talented Princesses; and the colorful Fall and Thanksgiving themed table decorations consisting of acorns, leaves, pumpkins, and tasty treats were enjoyed by all. We distributed our *Feather Princesses 2021-2022 Membership Directories* to our members who had not yet received them; and our lovely members, Princesses **Terry Montaldo**, **Cheryl Haynes**, and **Prue Zombro** won the door prizes. We sincerely thank our beautiful Princesses who wore their name tags; and we lovingly urge all of our members to please wear your name tags to every guild meeting in the future. We love knowing who you are!

December Birthdays

Donna Douglas - 12/1
Karen Benitez - 12/2
Joanne Rodriguez - 12/7
Karen Pilon - 12/8

Shirley Williams - 12/13
Dianne Penney - 12/16
Carol Hibbard - 12/24
Maria Nunez - 12/24
Cathy Kessler - 12/25
Michelle Barry - 12/27
Sherry Southgate - 12/27
Cheryl Brown - 12/30
Nancy Monaghan - 12/30
Donna Montieth - 12/30
Sue Tanner - 12/31

The quote, "There is always room at the table for one more is so true; and the familiar quote, "There is always something to be thankful for" is true as well. Here in the Feather Princesses, we are abundantly Blessed; and love is extremely plentiful—enough to go around, with more to give. So at our November 10 guild meeting, we welcomed one more Princess to our stitching table. Our returning member, Princess **Mary Moody**, rejoined our guild; and we were so very grateful to have her back with us. Princess **Mary** is such a gifted quilter and she is so very special to us; and we are already threading our needles and getting ready to stitch with her.

Princess **Mary**, come and take your place, and sit at our stitching table!



Joyful Spirits Christmas Luncheon

by Janet Prueitt

We welcome you to our **Joyful Spirits Christmas Luncheon**. Come with merry hearts full of Happiness, Love, and Peace; and enjoy the very special Holiday festivities with our lovely Feather Princesses. Have fun and make treasured memories as you delight in the Christmas season; and savor every endearing moment with our awesome appliqué friends. Let's spread lots of cheer and make our spirits bright. We look forward to seeing you and a friend at our:

Joyful Spirits Christmas Luncheon

Mandola's Italian Kitchen
14703 N. Dale Mabry Highway
(Market Place North Plaza II)
Tampa, Florida 33618
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
11 a.m.

Mandola's is located on North Dale Mabry Highway, just south of Bearss Avenue, on the former site of Sweet Tomatoes, in the same strip center as Office Depot. It offers a separate dining area, giving us plenty of space to

socialize. The menu ranges from salads to pizza to traditional Italian fare. It is reasonably priced and has fast counter service. Individual checks are available.

To confirm your seat at Mandola's, please send an email to me at jeprueitt@gmail.com; and in the subject line type: Confirmation for Christmas Luncheon. So far, 31 beautiful Princesses have signed-up to attend, which is absolutely fantastic! If you would like to be a part of this gala event and have not already signed-up, then please contact me soon, as the luncheon will convene in just a few days!

To see the Lunch menu, you may go to: <https://mandols.com>menus>Florida Menu>.

NEW INFORMATION! In addition to the array of wonderful prizes and surprises, we will have an exciting Ugly Sweater Competition during the luncheon. If you would like to participate, go ahead and wear your ugliest sweater for the contest. Everyone at the luncheon will get a chance to vote on their favorite sweater; and we will tabulate the votes and award a very nice prize to the winner!

Buon Appetito! See you there; and remember to wear your sweater with flair!

Stellar Quilt Exhibit: Museum of Fine Arts St. Petersburg

by Sandi Snow

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

The stellar quilt exhibit "Pieced & Patterned" will be on display for just a little while longer. So be sure to go and see it before it ends in late January:

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 appliquéd 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. ==>

Christmas Special Block - "Ugly Sweater"

by Michelle Barry

Back in September we presented the **Christmas Special Block**, "Ugly Sweater," and we passed out the kits. Each kit contains a Christmas cotton background square, the pattern, and easy to follow instructions, at the bargain price of \$1 per kit.

We welcome all of our talented Feather Princesses to participate and make this *Christmas Special Block*. 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.

If you have not finished your block, please complete it and turn it in, to be eligible for the drawing. You may give your completed *Christmas Special Block* to me at our Dec. 8 Christmas Luncheon, when the drawing will be held. And as always, the number of winners will be determined by the number of completed blocks turned in.

The drawing will be so exciting; and we can hardly wait to see who the lucky winner will be! We look forward to seeing you and your "Ugly Sweater" block at the luncheon.

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 to do list for the holidays. Visit the museum and see these treasured pieces of art, that have been preserved and passed down through the generations.

As 2021 Ends and 2022 Begins

by Dorothy Johnson

Christmas is just around the corner, so let's talk about gift wrapping. A while back an article appeared in the newspaper about the practice of wrapping gifts; and it stated that because of the abundance of gift bags in all shapes, sizes, and colors, and because of our hectic schedules and lack of time to get everything done, gift wrapping is becoming a lost art here in our society. Even though there is a massive array of beautiful wrapping paper available to us in all colors and themes for all seasons, we Americans are choosing to quickly and simply put our gifts in bags, rather than taking the time to get boxes or containers and wrapping our gifts in them with pretty wrapping paper. Because of the time element involved in wrapping presents, the majority of our American population just does not have the desire to wrap gifts any more.

Just like wrapping gifts, making stunning award winning appliqué quilts is a labor-intensive process as well. It takes time and does not go fast at all. BUT, the rewards of completing an appliqué quilt far out weigh the disadvantage of the time involved to make it. Making appliqué quilts allows us the colossal opportunities to:

- Pursue , express, and master our creative interests
- Meet other quilters and make friends with people who enjoy the same craft/hobby that we do
- Take classes and learn from the experts
- Create award winning appliqué quilts
- Share our knowledge and expertise with other quilters

So to conclude, let's not ever stop wrapping our gifts and creating striking appliqué quilts. As the year 2021 comes to an end and 2022 begins, let's continue investing our valuable time in the art form that we embrace and so dearly love; and produce award winning appliqué quilts. And one way we can do that is to attend our wonderful quilt circles, bring our appliqué quilt projects, and use every single moment to stitch and make progress on our quilts. If we consistently do that, before long we will have completed stunning award winning appliqué quilts to share with the quilting world!

NOTES:

- The former **Plumquat Quilt Circle** has a new name. Effectively immediately this circle is now called the **Plum Creek Quilt Circle**.
- The **Woolers and The Cotton Pickers Quilt Circle** will not meet at the Regency Park Branch Library on December 15; but they will go directly to Seven Springs Golf & Country Club for their Annual Christmas Luncheon, beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- The **Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle** will not meet this month.
- The **Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle** will not meet this month.

- Effective January 2022, **The Woolers and Cotton Pickers Quilt Circle** will merge with our **Crazy Wool Quilt Group**. This new specialty appliqué quilt group, the "**Crazy Wool Applique and Cotton Pickin' Stitches**," will be led by Princess **Jamie Crowe**, and will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at Regency Park Branch Library, located in New Port Richey.

After we finishing wrapping our Christmas gifts, we look forward to seeing you at these phenomenal quilt circles:

Woolers and Cotton Pickers Annual Christmas Luncheon

Seven Springs Golf & Country Club
3535 Trophy Boulevard Trinity, Florida 34655
(727) 376-0039 (country club)
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
11:30 a.m.
Contact: Princess Sandy Davis

Plum Creek Quilt Circle

New Tampa Library
10001 Cross Creek Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33547
(813) 273-3562 (library)
Thursday, December 16, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Princesses Becky Gammons
and Shirley Kasprzyk

And when we put away the wrapping paper and the New Year is here, we'll see you at these exciting quilt circles:

Plum Creek Quilt Circle

New Tampa Library
10001 Cross Creek Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33547
(813) 273-3562 (library)
Thursday, January 20, 2022
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Princesses Becky Gammons
and Shirley Kasprzyk

Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3562 (library)
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Sweet Darling Quilts
26240 Wesley Chapel Boulevard
Lutz, Florida 33559
(813) 994-2994 (shop)
Friday, January 28, 2022
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contacts: Princesses Karen Conter
and Cathleene Tokish

Healing Heart Blocks and Fat Quarters, Too

by Shirley Kasprzyk

We have added our dear member, Princess **Karen Conter**, to the list of our lovely recipients receiving fat quarters.

With Christmas just around the corner, turn on the TV any time of the day and a Christmas movie will be showing. The movie channels boasts quite the lineup of holiday themed flicks this time of year. So, while we're sitting there watching the tele, let's multi-task, be even more productive, and make good use of the time by stitching adorable *Healing Heart* blocks. The blocks won't take long to stitch; and by the time a movie (or two) is over, we can finish a block and a delicious cup of hot cocoa, too.

This Holiday season, let's stitch as we watch some delightful movies, appliqué some stunning *Healing Heart* blocks for the lovely recipients on our *Healing Hearts* lists, and select some gorgeous Fat quarters, too. And let's give these to express our concern and support, and to lift the spirits of our lovely Princesses, as they face challenging and difficult times.

Princesses currently receiving the *Healing Heart* blocks:

- **Judy Denherder** likes landscape prints
- **Cheryl Haynes** likes blue and green
- **Annette Kocsis** likes green
- **Diane LaCombe** likes teal and blue
- **Maria Nunez** likes blue
- **Laura O'Connor** likes burgundy
- **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
- **Karen Conter** likes Halloween prints

Feather Princesses you have always been and continue to be so generous in making the *Healing Heart* blocks and giving the fat quarters; and each one is greatly received and appreciated. Your outpouring of love is phenomenal; and we sincerely thank you.

You may mail your completed *Healing Heart* blocks and fat quarters directly to the recipients or bring them to our December 8 Christmas Luncheon 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.



Revised Reimbursement Policy

by Dorothy Johnson

To better serve you and reimburse you in a more timely manner for purchases you make for our guild, our *Executive Board* has revised our guild's Reimbursement Policy. Effective immediately, when you submit the Feather Princesses *Reimbursement Form* (available on our website) for repayment, please:

- Do not mail the form and your receipts to our *Treasurer*, Princess **Jamie Crowe**. Because of the current (slow) service provided by the US Postal Service, please turn in the form and receipts to Jamie at either our monthly guild meetings, quilt circles, or specialty appliqué group meetings.
- When you turn in the form and receipts, be aware that **Jamie** will not be able to immediately write your reimbursement check. She will write the check and give it to you at the following month's guild meeting.

We sincerely thank you for your compliance with these revised guidelines. If you have questions, please let me know.



Thanks So Much

by Princess Diane Keeperts

Feather Princesses, you all are the best! I express my sincere appreciation for all of your heartfelt condolences upon Terry's death.

My family and I are grateful for the love and care you extended. I plan to return to our meetings in January.

Thanks so much to you all!



Turkeys Gone Wild - How FUN Was That Little Turkey Block to Make?

by Jamie Crowe

Hello **Woolers and Cotton Pickers** and **Crazy Wool Appliqués!**

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon convening at Seven Springs Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, December 15 is going to be spectacular! Along with a delectable Holiday meal in a beautiful setting, we will have a drawing for the Crazy Wool Appliqué Group turkey blocks, "Turkeys Gone Wild."



How FUN was that little turkey block to make? All of the new embroidery stitches and embellishments just added to the charm of the block. I have already seen some of the completed blocks; and I am really amazed at how each of you made your blocks so different and unique.

We extend our very best wishes and good luck to each of you gifted and fun-loving Princesses who participated in making the turkey block. I have additional kits available, if you want to make more—just let me know. There is time to make another block or two, as a few days still remain before the drawing takes place on December 15.



Members of the Crazy Wool Appliqué Group at their Open House

Woolers and Cotton Pickers Annual Christmas Luncheon

by Sandy Davis

We look forward to having a jolly good time at our Annual Christmas Luncheon this year. On Wednesday, December 15, please come and celebrate Christmas with us at Seven Springs Golf & Country Club. We cordially invite all of our beautiful Feather Princesses to enjoy this gala affair—so come one, come all!

Woolers and Cotton Pickers Annual Christmas Luncheon

Seven Springs Golf & Country Club
3535 Trophy Boulevard Trinity, Florida 34655
(727) 376-0039 (country club)
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
11:30 a.m.

Contact: Princess Sandy Davis

In addition to the scrumptious holiday lunch, back by popular demand we will have our exciting gift exchange (non-quilt related gift, \$20 maximum, please). We've had so much fun in the past exchanging gifts, as it made our luncheons complete—unwrapping the stunning Christmas packages and revealing the lovely gifts inside. So, we've decided to have fun with this exciting exchange again this year. (Participation in this activity is optional—if you bring a gift, you will receive a gift.)

If you would like to attend this magical holiday event and have lunch with us, please:

- Call me (727-255-1766) by Monday, December 6, to confirm, so I can add your name to the headcount.
- See me on Wednesday, December 8, at our Feather Princesses Christmas Luncheon to pay (\$25 per person).

We really look forward to celebrating Christmas with you and all of our dear Feather Princesses friends this year.

Thanks so much and Merry Christmas.

Information Now Located on: www.featherprincesses.org

Click on the links below to access the following information:

- [Previous Month's Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Healing Heart Blocks Guidelines](#)
- [Fat Quarter Exchange Guidelines](#)
- [Other Florida Quilt Shows](#)

NOTE: The password for the Members Only section is located on the bottom of page 1 in the NEW Membership Directory passed out at the October meeting.

We're Cheering Loud and High

by Dorothy Johnson

We CONGRATULATE two off our very talented members, Princesses **Lorraine Masten** and **Nancy Monaghan**, for their excellence in quilting and needlework. And we're cheering loud and high for their impeccable quilts that won ribbons at the Quilters Workshop of Tampa Bay Quilt Show, "Rock Around the Block," recently held here in Tampa.

Princess **Nancy's** gorgeous quilts that won ribbons are:

- "Christmas Eve" - was awarded 1st Place in the Art Pictorial Category, Best Reflects Theme of Show, and Viewer's Choice.
- "Pineapple Farm" - was awarded 2nd Place in the Medium Pieced Category and Best Home Machine Quilting.



"Christmas Eve" made by Princess Nancy Monaghan

Princess **Lorraine** stated: "I've never thought of quilting as a 'competitive sport;' the joy of quilting is in the quiet hours of stitching and watching your project develop." Her breathtaking quilts that won ribbons are:

- "Bathwick" - A Karen Styles mystery quilt published in Quiltmania in 2019. It won a blue ribbon for best quilt from a kit. (Any quilts from kits or BOMs are ineligible for any other prizes.)
- "Around the World With Mary Manakee" - A pattern selected by Leslie Hickland (instructor at Bernina) available through the DAR. It won a blue ribbon for best large quilt, Best of Show and also Best of Show for custom quilting. That award went to the gifted long arm quilter, Lisa Arndt.



Princess Lorraine Masten with her award winning quilt, "Around the World With Mary Manakee."

What's Going On In Our Circles and Specialty Groups

by Dorothy Johnson

We take this opportunity to share some updates with you about the goings-on in some of our marvelous quilt circles and specialty appliqué quilt groups.

- In case you have not already heard, our dear member and leader of the **Woolers and Cotton Pickers**, Princess **Sandy Davis**, has decided to move back home to her native New York. During the first quarter of 2022, **Sandy** will return to the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York (brrr - cold country) to be with her lovely family. **Sandy** is one of our most dynamic leaders and dedicated members; and we are truly saddened that she is leaving us. BUT, we are ecstatic that she will be happy living with her family again.
- So Sandy's quilt circle, the **Woolers and Cotton Pickers** will join our **Crazy Wool Appliqué Group**; and the new combined specialty appliqué group will be called the "**Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton Pickin' Stitches**," led by our gifted member, Princess **Jamie Crowe**. The group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the Regency Park Branch Library, located in New Port Richey.
- We continue revitalizing and restoring some of our specialty appliqué groups that have not met since before the pandemic. So in January 2022, our **Baltimore Album Quilt Group** and our **Civil War Quilt Group** will merge and be reinstated as one specialty appliqué group, named **Team Legacy** (thanks to Princess **Jamie Crowe** for suggesting that name).
 - In the **Team Legacy** specialty appliqué quilt group, we will explore and make Baltimore Album Quilts made during the 1840s - 1850s; and Civil War Quilts made during the 1860s.
 - **Team Legacy** will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
 - Our very talented member, Princess **Roni Hunt**, will lead "**Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilts**," on the odd numbered months.
 - Yours truly will lead "**Team Legacy - Civil War Quilts**," on the even numbered months. The location of these meetings will be announced each month.
- In March 2022, our **Traditional Applique Group** will begin a new series, "Making Quilts Representing the Area of the Country You are From," led by Princesses **Cheryl Brown** and **Gwen Downton**. This promises to be a very inspirational and intriguing applique quilt project; and we welcome all of our talented Feather Princesses to come and participate in it.

January 2022 Guild Meeting

by Dorothy Johnson

We are so excited about starting a brand new year in our new meeting place, Reliant Family Church. New year's resolutions aside, it is so refreshing to start the new year in different surroundings. So we hope you will enjoy meeting at the church; and we hope you will be thrilled at the extra activities we will be able to do and have, because of the additional space in the sanctuary. So, let's have a positive outlook and let the good times roll for the Feather Princesses at Reliant Family Church. Come on Wednesday, January 12, check out the church building, and bask in the fabulous fellowship of our lovely Feather Princesses friends as we celebrate the art form that we so dearly love, APPLIQUÉ!

When you arrive at the church, be sure to:

- Drop off your non-perishable food items on the table in the lobby for our *Community Service Project*.
- See our *Membership Chairs*, Princesses **Annette Kocsis**, **Donna Montieth**, and **Lorraine Masten**, to sign-in at our *Welcome Table*.
- Enjoy a cup of delicious coffee or tea, so lovingly prepared by our *Hospitality Chair*, Princess **Cheryl Brown**.
- Then mingle, greet our guests and visiting friends, and introduce yourself to a Feather Princesses member you do not already know.

As you make your way around the sanctuary, be sure to see our:

- *Fat Quarter Exchange Chairs*, Princesses **Janet Kiene** and **Pat Yucatonis**, to turn in your fat quarters.
- *Guild Photographer*, Princess **Beverly Abenante**, to photograph the quilts you will present during Show N Tell.
- *Healing Hearts Chair*, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**, to turn in your *Healing Heart* blocks and fat quarters.
- *Newsletter Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, to place an ad in our newsletter, *The Plume*.
- *Quilt Show Gift Basket Chairs*, Princesses **Karen Benitez** and **Linda Pazdzinski**, to sign-up to donate items or a basket for our Quilt Show.
- *Show Offs Chair*, Princess **Shirley Pettaway-Green**, to sign-in the quilts you will present during Show N Tell.
- *Sunshine Chair*, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, to sign-up for the January birthday drawing.

Also:

- During Happy Hour sit, stitch, learn, and have fun with your talented Feather Princesses friends, as you appliqué your stunning Winter appliqué quilt projects.
- At 10 a.m., attend our *Quilt Show Committee* meeting in the sanctuary, to continue planning our 2023 Quilt Show.
- At 11 a.m., our guild meeting will begin with a brief presentation of business.

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Reliant Family Church
3457 Kenyon Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33614

Doors Open at 9 a.m.

Happy Hour begins at 9 a.m.

Quilt Show Meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Guild Meeting begins at 11 a.m.

- At 12 noon, take a break and enjoy your lunch or snack. (Be sure to bring your own lunch. We will provide cold bottled water.)
- During Show N Tell, enjoy the amazing and astonishing Show Offs and be inspired with the very stunning appliqué quilts and wallhangings made by our talented Princesses.
- Then be sure to enjoy the exciting January birthday drawing and door prize drawings, as you just might be a winner.
- Also, be inspired with our informational program, "Your Quilting Schedule" and learn how to schedule time to execute each and every step of the quilting process, as you make your stunning quilt.

We're ready to start the new year; and we hope you are, too. So come out to our exciting January guild meeting at Reliant Family Church; and get a head start on your appliqué in 2022!



Our New Home - Reliant Family Church

by Dorothy Johnson

We Feather Princesses have had "a good run" at the Carrollwood Recreation Center; but now it's time to move on—it's time for us to go. So in January 2022, we will begin meeting at our new home:

Reliant Family Church
3457 Kenyon Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33614

Our monthly guild meetings will convene in the sanctuary of the Reliant Family Church building; and we will have about four times the amount of space that we currently have in the main meeting room of the recreation center. We are especially optimistic about having the extra space because in the hours prior to the start of each monthly guild meeting, we will be able to have multiple activities going on simultaneously.

The church is located exactly 2.1 miles south of the Carrollwood Recreation Center; and after our December 8 Christmas Luncheon, we will caravan down to the church, to show you where it's located. So if you would like to go and see it, please plan to drive down there with us.

The past five years have gone by really fast since January 2017, when we had our very first meeting at the recreation center. We've learned so much about appliqué, shared many happy times together, and celebrated many special occasions there. The Carrollwood Recreation Center was our "Appliqué Home;" and we will always be forever grateful for having had the wonderful opportunity to meet there. We express our sincere appreciation to Princess **Betty Jo Lecaroz** and the Original Carrollwood management for allowing us to feel so much at home and carry on with our appliqué.

Ask and Ye Shall Receive - Our Fabulous 2022 Retreat

by Dorothy Johnson

For several years we've dreamed of extending our Retreat stay at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center from 3 nights to 4 nights. Well, ask and ye shall receive!

So, now our wish has finally been granted. Our fabulous **2022 Retreat** will convene at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Friday, October 14 - Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 5 days and 4 nights. It's a Feather Princesses's dream come true; and we could not be more excited. In fact, we are down-right ecstatic to have the opportunity to stay at Lake Yale an additional day! That means we'll have more time for stitching!

So mark your calendars now and plan to attend our fabulous **2022 Retreat**. In February 2022, we will announce the cost per person to attend; and you may sign-up and



January Program

by Joanne Rodriguez

A few days ago I was playing a game on my phone. (I'm sure that none of you have done that.) Then I said to myself, "Turn this off and get going on that quilt!" Oh, which quilt should I do first? Can anyone tell me?.....yes the 60" x 60"!

This is where my schedule comes into play. I try to take about one hour each Saturday, sometimes more, and write down the tasks I must perform to get that component of my quilt finished, so I can move on to the next.

I like to schedule a few months in advance and try to make my time realistic to perform each task. Am I ready to sandwich my quilt? Do I have the backing? Do I have it in my stash? Or do I need to shop for it? Do I want to go to a quilt shop to get it? I think I'll see who might want to go along and schedule a convenient time and then put it on my calendar. "And of course we going to lunch."

I need to remember to bring my calendar so I can check what I need as far as the color and amount of fabric; and "yes," I write down that info along with swatches of my fabrics. I remember a few times at circles or specialty group meetings, a Princess would say "Oh I want to go to the quilt shop to get my thread, or my batting, or a new pair of scissors; or whatever; and I don't really care to go alone." So, usually you end up with a caravan.

What about after the piece is quilted? Do I have my binding? What style did I plan to use? What color? When I have these questions, I just look back in my calendar to the beginning of my plan for this project.

The minimum time on weekdays for me to work on my quilting is between two and eight hours. I know some of you may think some of these things are minor, but trust me, you will always have your day planned out and not stress your time away.

We are all so willing to help each other, which is why we have many educational circles and specialty groups. Please come, they're always informative, constructive and fun.

Are you finished with your 60" x 60" quilt? Great, now you can schedule your miniature quilt and then some UFOs; or take out the pattern you bought 3 years ago and start planning.

We'll see you at our January 12 guild meeting and talk about your quilting schedule.

begin paying at that time. The deadline to sign-up and make your final payment will be Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

Our awesome *Retreat Chair*, Princess **Karen Benitez**, has already started making plans for our **2022 Retreat**; and she promises that it will surpass our 2021 Retreat and be so much more exciting! So do not delay. Be sure to sign-up in February, because the **2022 Retreat** will be fabulous—it will be our best Retreat yet!

January Birthdays

by Ritu Haldar

To our wonderful friends who celebrate a birthday in the new year, may 2022 be wonderful, celebratory, and filled with new adventures! May those adventures be made special by the friendships you honor and treasure. Here's a birthday toast in your honor!

Happy Birthday to:



2023 Quilt Show Gift Basket Sign-Ups

by Karen Benitez and Linda Pazzdzinski

At our November Feather Princesses quilt guild meeting, we, the Gift Basket Committee, advised that sign-ups for our quilt show gift baskets will resume at our January 2022 guild meeting. We would like everyone who has already signed up to donate either individual items for the baskets or whole baskets, to visit with us at the signup table to review your selections and confirm if you'd like to make any changes.

We sincerely appreciate your donations to the baskets; and we look forward to seeing you at our January 12 guild meeting!



Princess Becky Madasz and the Feather Princesses at the East Meets West Quilt Group meeting.

Hawaiian Quilt Group Meeting

by Ritu Haldar

Aloha friends! A wonderful time was had by our **Hawaiian Quilt Group** at our meeting back in late October—loads of beautiful books, patterns, and amazing talent. It was a pleasure to spend that Friday together with the talented Princesses and learn this beautiful appliqué technique.

The info for our next meeting is:

Hawaiian Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmy B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273 3652 (library)
Friday, January 28, 2022
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact: Ritu Haldar

We are planning wonderful activities for our next exciting meeting; and we will share more information about it in early January. We are so anxious to get together; and as always, we gladly welcome our lovely Feather Princesses, with ALL skill levels. After all, it is never too late to fall in love with something new!

Our prolific **Hawaiian Quilt Group** and I wish you a very Merry Christmas, and joyful celebrations with family and friends!



Have a Merry Christmas

by Laura Brooker

Have a Merry Christmas and a bright and Happy New Year. Then start 2022 right, by attending the following quilt shows:

Quilt Show
Ladies of the Lakes Quilters Guild of Lakeland, Inc.
Lakeland, Florida
Friday, January 21 - Saturday, January 22, 2022

Marketplace 2022
Quilters Guild of the Villages
The Villages, Florida
Friday, January 28 - Saturday, January 29, 2022

Quilt Show
Vero Beach Quilt Guild - Sunbonnet Sue
Vero Beach, Florida
Friday, January 28 - Saturday, January 29, 2022

For more detailed information about these quilt shows, see "Other Florida Quilt Shows" on our Feather Princesses website.

January Calendar

Wednesday, January 5
Traditional Appliqué Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 12
Feather Princesses January Guild Meeting

Tuesday, January 18
Team Legacy Quilt Group - Baltimore Album
Quilt Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 19
Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton Pickin' Stitches
Quilt Group Meeting

Thursday, January 20
Plum Creek Quilt Circle

Tuesday, January 25
Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Wednesday, January 26
East Meets West Quilt Group Meeting

Friday, January 28
Hawaiian Quilt Group Meeting

Monday, January 31
Art Quilt Group Meeting

East Meets West Quilt Group Meeting

by Becky Madasz

(Excerpt taken from <https://zenstitching.ca/blog/2020/5/8/what-is-boro-stitching>)

Appliquing and making Japanese styled quilts is so much fun; and I am really looking forward to our next exciting meeting. We will continue our discussion on fabrics, patterns, threads, tools, and techniques used to create Japanese styled quilts. And we will also begin our study of "Boro."

The recent trends for patching and mending our clothes have derived from the Japanese country crafts 'boro' and 'sashiko'. For some, these terms are interchangeable, however, they fall into two distinct categories. Derived from the Japanese word "boroboro," Boro when translated literally means "tattered or repaired." This technique combines layers of fabric and running stitches, combining bits of old cloth to patch and mend textiles. These fabrics were made by repurposing carefully saved garment pieces and other handspun and indigo-dyed fabrics in order to extend their use.

We welcome all of our lovely Feather Princesses to join us at this inspirational meeting:

East Meets West Quilt Group Meeting

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
11211 Countryway Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33626-2624
813-273-3652 (library)
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact: Becky Madasz

So come, bring your Japanese-styled appliqué quilt project to stitch, and learn more about "Boro" and how we can incorporate it into our appliqué and quilting.

Oh, and please remember to bring your lunch and a jacket. I'll see you on January 26.

Let's Start Thinking About Our Miniature Quilts

by Jamie Crowe

I am really excited about serving along side Princess **Dee Anderson** on our *2023 Quilt Show Miniature Quilt Auction Committee*. **Dee** has some wonderful ideas in store to aide us in creating the cutest and most adorable miniature quilts ever; and I can hardly wait to get started making my little appliqué beauty. As we've prepared for our upcoming Miniature Quilt Overview and Miniature Quilt Workshop, we've focused on some guidelines and hints that will be helpful as we create our mini quilts.

So listed below are some points that I will share with you now. After you read these, I hope you will start thinking about your miniature quilt and how you will make it. Also let's start thinking of questions to ask during the Miniature Quilt Overview at our January 2022 guild meeting—and maybe jot them down, so we won't forget them.

- What is the maximum size allowed for miniature quilts at our 2023 Quilt Show Miniature Quilt Auction?
- What is the minimum number of blocks you may have in a miniature quilt?

T or F: The miniature quilt can be long and narrow like four blocks in a long row.

T or F: The miniature quilt must be a smaller version or duplicate of a bed-sized quilt.

T or F: You can reduce or increase a quilt block to fit the miniature quilt block size requirements.

T or F: For every mini quilt you make to donate to the auction, you must turn in a *Quilt Entry Form* with a picture of the miniature to our *Quilt Show Chair*, Princess **Dorothy**.

Our Feather Princesses 2023 Quilt Show

by Dorothy Johnson

Each month as we turn the page of our calendars, Our Feather Princesses Quilt Show gets closer and closer. "Appliqué in Tampa Bay V - Fun In the Sun" will convene Friday, February 17 - Saturday, February 18, 2023; just about 14 months away. So let's not stress or worry about it. Instead, let's remain cool and calm and enjoy this time, as we stitch and complete our gorgeous appliqué quilts for the show.



At each monthly guild meeting since September, we have presented an overview of a different aspect of our quilt show; and so far we have reviewed the following:

- *Quilt Entry Guidelines* and *Quilt Entry Form*;
- *Quilt Challenge Guidelines* for each of our Quilt Show Challenges (TIME, Fun in the Sun, Special Blocks, and Autumn Splendor);
- *Gift Basket Guidelines*.

The information we presented for these is posted on our Feather Princesses website. We will not present an overview at our Christmas Luncheon on December 8; but we will present our *Miniature Quilt Auction* overview at our January 12 guild meeting.

Please remember that you may begin submitting your *Quilt Entry Forms*. The guidelines and form are located on our Feather Princesses website. Please print a *Quilt Entry Form* for each quilt you will enter in the show. Then complete the form(s), attach a photo of your quilt(s), and bring them to our guild meeting each month, and turn them in to me.

Also, sign-ups for our quilt show gift baskets will resume at our January 2022 guild meeting. We would like everyone who has already signed-up to donate either individual items for the baskets or whole baskets to see Princesses **Karen Benitez** and **Linda Pazdzinski** at the sign-up table to review your selections and confirm if you'd like to make any changes.

As you have supported our other quilt show committees, we know we can count on you to support the **Miniature Quilt Auction** by making one or more miniature quilts to donate at the show. Remember that all of the proceeds from the auction will benefit a very worthwhile charity here in our area.

If you have questions about any aspect of our 2023 Quilt Show, please do not hesitate to ask. We will be happy to answer them for you and provide the information that you need.

Our Awesome 2023 Quilt Show Miniature Quilt Auction

by Dee Anderson

Our Miniature Quilt Committee is gearing up for a banner year in 2022. As you know, we're asking each Feather Princesses member to make a miniature quilt to donate to our awesome **2023 Quilt Show Miniature Quilt Auction**, with the proceeds benefitting a local charity here in our area. And while a few of our most dedicated Princesses have already finished making their miniature quilts, several of us have not. But not to worry, because next year we will focus on "all things miniature." In Feather Princesses style we will come together, help each other, and complete our miniature quilts in time for our show.

- We had a very productive Miniature Quilt Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 1. We reviewed the current *Miniature Quilt Guidelines* and planned the Miniature Quilt Overview and the Miniature Quilt Workshop.
- We will present the Miniature Quilt Overview at our Feather Princesses January 12 guild meeting. During this presentation, we will:
 - Review the *Miniature Quilt Guidelines*
 - Inspire you to make the most stunning appliqué Miniature Quilts ever
 - Show a variety of Miniature Quilt samples
 - Answer your important questions
- We will conduct our Miniature Quilt Workshop during the February **Traditional Appliqué Group** meeting at:

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
10 a.m.

At the **Miniature Quilt Workshop**, we will:

- Review the *Miniature Quilt Guidelines*
- Show even more Miniature Quilt samples
- Share Miniature Quilt designs and patterns
- Show appropriate fabrics and quilting tools useful in making Miniature Quilts
- Answer your important questions

So, please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our informative Miniature Quilt Overview and **Miniature Quilt Workshop**. If you stick with us, we promise you will complete a Miniature Quilt in time for our 2023 Quilt Show.



Our Newsletter Advertisers

by Dorothy Johnson

With the February 2022 issue of *The Plume*, we will begin including ads (both business and personal) again. Any business (quilt-related or not) may place a yearly ad in our newsletter; and any Feather Princesses member may place a personal monthly ad in the newsletter as well.

Our *Newsletter Ad Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, will coordinate the ads for us. So:

- If you know of a business that would like to place an ad in *The Plume*, please provide the following information to **Michelle**, so she can contact them and provide the various ad sizes and rates:
 - business name, mail address, telephone number, email address
- If you would like to place an ad in *The Plume* at \$5 per month, please see **Michelle** at our guild meetings, so she can provide the *Newsletter Ad Form* to you (to fill out and then return to her).

We look forward to filling our newsletter with both business ads and your personal ads; and **Michelle** and our *Executive Board* sincerely appreciate you supporting our newsletter in this effort.

So Many Good and Exciting Things: Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton Pickin' Stitches

by Jamie Crowe

Hello Princesses! The new year is bringing so many good and exciting things our way—a spectacular new meeting place with plenty of room and great lighting; space for multiple activities, and a place for coffee and treats. I can hardly wait to meet there at Reliant Family Church!

Another exciting thing coming our way is a new specialty appliqué group, that I will lead. It is a combined group consisting of the **Woolers and Cotton Pickers Quilt Circle** and the **Crazy Wool Appliqué Group**. The name of the new combined group is, drum roll please... "**Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton Pickin' Stitches**." Don't you just love saying that? The group meeting info is:

Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton Pickin' Stitches

Regency Park Branch Library
9701 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654
(727) 861-3049 (library)
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
10 a. m. - 3 p. m.
Contact: Princess Jamie Crowe

The Regency Park Library is only a forty-minute drive from the Carrollwood Recreation Center. So come and enjoy this lovely drive; and bring a friend to keep you company.

If you have already learned to do embroidery, that is fantastic; and we encourage you to continue coming and stitching with us. But if you have never done

Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilts

by Roni Hunt

(Excerpts taken from <http://www.baltimorequiltlady.com/history.html>)

Baltimore Album Quilts originated in Baltimore, Maryland, in the 1840s. They have become one of the most popular styles of quilts and they are still made today. They were a style of quilts found from New Jersey to South Carolina and as far west as the Mississippi River; and they were recognizable by their fabrics and designs.

The Album Quilts were made in Baltimore for or by someone living in Baltimore; and most of them were made between 1846–1852. Block designs, maker's signatures, and fabrics determined if a quilt was truly a Baltimore Album Quilt. Also, Baltimore Album Quilts had certain distinguishing style blocks, elaborately appliquéd with floral wreaths, baskets of flowers or fruits, monuments, cornucopias, patriotic designs, eagles with the American flag, birds and butterflies.

We are very anxious indeed to begin our study of Baltimore Album Quilts with you. So, please plan to join us:

Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilts

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
11211 Countryway Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33526
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
(813) 273 3652 (library)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact: Roni Hunt

We will have Baltimore Album books and patterns to inspire and give you ideas. If you already have a Baltimore Album Quilt in progress, then please bring it to this meeting and share it with us.

Spend the day with us and remember to bring your lunch and jacket; and have a wonderful time as we explore Baltimore Album Quilts.

embroidery before, then we extend a very special invitation to you to join this awesome group of ladies. In this exciting new group, we will learn new ways to embroider and embellish our wool and cotton quilts and wallhangings.

At our January 19 meeting, we will discuss making miniature quilts for our 2023 Quilt Show Miniature Quilt Auction and learning more embroidery stitches. So bring your projects, practice fabrics/wool, floss or pearle cotton, and general sewing and marking tools. And don't forget your lunch. If you have an idea that you want to discuss and need help with, feel free to bring that too.

This is my favorite season; and I want each of you to know that you are loved and appreciated by me and our Lord and Savior!