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President's Message

by Dorothy Johnson

To paraphrase the words of our precious member, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, "The Feather Princesses Appliqué Guild is our happy place;" and we all know that no matter what happens in the world around us or in our personal lives, we can always find solace, peace, and contentment in our stitching and through the bonds and relationships we've established with other Princesses in our guild. The personal friendships we have formed with each other go far beyond that of just being fellow guild mates. We are soul mates; and not only do we share our appliqué knowledge and quilt expertise with each other; but we also sometimes share the most intimate details of our lives—our successes and victories, and our challenges, shortcomings, and failures.

So as we give thanks this Thanksgiving, let's of course be grateful for our wonderful guild. But let's also be grateful for each other. Let's give thanks for the gifts and talents that each Princess brings to the table; and let's be grateful for the invaluable inspiration that we all share. Let's express our gratitude for the unwavering love that permeates among us; and let's appreciate every single act of kindness, warmth, and goodwill. And to add to that, let's continue being patient and understanding with each other. Let's help and support each other. As we give thanks, let's lift each other up and encourage and help each other learn more about this art form (appliqué) that we all embrace and so dearly love; and let's help each other achieve our personal goals and objectives. Because when one of us wins, we all win. When one of us shines, we're all right there in the limelight with that precious Princess being celebrated.

Right now there is so much news and talk about the shortages we are facing here in our country and around the world—food, paper, plastic, rubber, automobile parts and computer chips to name a few. And we're not denying that some of these items are in short supply and hard to get. BUT let's be mindful that there has never been nor will there ever be a shortage of kindness, love, and respect here in the Feather Princesses. Although we all think differently and have different methods and ways of appliquéing and quilting, we make a commitment and strive every single day to love each other unconditionally, to support each other, and to "be there" for each other. No matter what shortages come and go, we Feather Princesses will always honor and hold each other in the highest esteem; and we will never ever run out of the invaluable kindness, love, and respect that that we have for each other.

Our wonderful officers, Princesses **Joanne, B. J., Jamie, and I** are extremely thankful for you; and we wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving, filled with many ABUNDANT BLESSINGS!

We will be BLESSED to see you at our November guild meeting this coming Wednesday!

November Guild Meeting

by Dorothy Johnson

Let's take a deep breath of crisp air and settle into November. With the holidays before us, let's get a great head start on the fabulous festivities at our exciting November guild meeting. There's so much to enjoy this month, so let the good times begin with the Feather Princesses, at the Carrollwood Recreation Center this coming Wednesday. Bask in the fabulous fellowship of our lovely Feather Princesses friends and celebrate the art form that we love so dearly, APPLIQUÉ!

When you arrive at the center, 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* and pick up a **2021 -2022 Membership Directory**, if you did not already receive one.
- 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 our meeting room, be sure to see our:

- *Fat Quarter Exchange Chairs*, Princesses **Janet Kiene** and **Pat Yucatonis**, to turn in your **CHRISTMAS** 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.
- *Show Offs Chair*, Princess **Shirley Pettaway-Green**, to sign-in the quilts you will present during Show N Tell.
- *Special Block Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, to turn in your "Ugly Sweater" block or to pick up a kit.
- *Sunshine*, Princess **Laura O'Connor**, to sign-up for the November birthday drawing.

At 9:30 a.m., get a jump on your holiday shopping at our exciting **Ways and Means Committee Sale**, chaired by our phenomenal *Ways and Means Committee*. See the many quilting and sewing related items (books, fabrics, patterns, and more) donated by the lovely family of our late member, Princess **Dot Young**. Sort through the wide selection of goodies and supplies, find a special quilting treat for yourself and for a friend, then make your purchases, and support our guild. But most of all, have FUN shopping!



Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Carrollwood Recreation Center
3515 McFarland Road
Tampa, Florida 33618

Doors Open at 9 a.m.

Happy Hour begins at 9 a.m.
Way and Means Committee Sale
Begins at 9:30 a.m.

2022 Retreat Meeting begins at 10 a.m.
Guild Meeting begins at 11 a.m.

Also:

- During Happy Hour sit, stitch, learn, and have fun with your talented Feather Princesses friends, as you appliqué your stunning Autumn appliqué quilt projects.
- At 10 a.m., attend the Retreat meeting in the lobby of the recreation center, to discuss our *2022 Retreat*.
- At 11 a.m., our guild meeting will begin with a brief presentation of business.
- 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 appliquéd quilts and wallhangings made by our talented Princesses.
- Then be sure to enjoy the exciting November birthday drawing and door prize drawings, as you just might be a winner.
- Be inspired with our informative program, "Using Flannel and Plaid Fabrics In Our Appliqué." See lovely samples of these fabrics and learn how to use them when appliquéing with cotton and wool fabrics.

Join us as we celebrate our spectacular harvest of appliqué! Come out to our exciting November guild meeting, savor each and every BLESSING, and spend the day with us!

Carrollwood Recreation Center Mask Mandate

by Dorothy Johnson

The Carrollwood Recreation Center management requires that we wear our masks when we enter the Carrollwood Recreation Center.



So, please wear your mask when you come to our November 10 guild meeting.

November Program: Using Flannels and Plaids In Our Appliqué

by Joanne Rodriguez

Ladies, it goes without saying—we Feather Princesses absolutely LOVE our fabrics. We will buy fabrics at any quilt shop and at any time. Sometimes we select specific colors for a particular appliqué project; while at other times the color or the texture of the fabrics do not matter. We just adore fabrics, we hoard them, and we use them to create our most challenging, fun, and impressive appliqué quilts. Cottons, batiks, flannel, fleece, and wool are all on our fabric radar when it comes to appliqué—we can use them all. And now that we are knee-deep into Fall and cooler temperatures are here, flannel quilts will take center stage. Before long we all will wrap up in our flannel quilts and cozy up in front of the fireplace. So let's think about flannel quilts for a few minutes and how we use flannel and plaids fabrics in our quiltmaking this time of year.

I will start by saying that "we have come a long way, baby" in making flannel quilts. Do you remember the old flannel quilts from 15 or 20 years ago, where we stacked layers of fabrics, sewed them, and then cut them around the edge to get a ragged effect? Oh my goodness, what a chore that was! But you know what, quilting with flannels has changed over the years; the quality of flannel fabrics has significantly improved, and now we use it for appliqué as well as patchwork. Striking appliqué quilts are now made from flannels and plaids, using cottons and wools as their counterparts. At our guild meeting this coming Wednesday, as we explore the topic of using flannel and plaids in our appliqué quilts, let's think on these points and be ready to discuss them during our program:

- The durability of flannel and its shrinking and pillage
- To wash or not to wash flannel
- How to prepare flannel for appliqué (use starch or not)
- Using flannel for a background or for appliqué pieces
- How to tear or cut flannel and plaid fabrics to prevent stretching or distortion
- Pinning and pressing flannel fabrics - to steam or not to steam
- Appliquing cotton fabrics on flannel
- Appliquing wool fabrics on flannel
- Tools to use when cutting/stitching flannel
- Seam allowance to use when stitching flannel
- Batting to use when making flannel quilts
- How to quilt appliqué quilts made from flannel

Also, we will look at actual samples of appliqué on flannel and plaid fabrics. So if you have quilts made from flannel or plaid fabrics, be sure to bring them for us to see.

At our November guild meeting, cotton fabrics will take a back seat as we focus on flannels and plaids in our appliqué. Let's be inspired and motivated to use these fabrics (especially in our seasonal appliqué projects), as we broaden our knowledge and enhance our skills using different kinds of fabrics when we appliqué.

I'm looking forward to exploring this exciting topic with you during our informative program.



Poem submitted by Princess Jamie Crowe



Healing Heart Blocks and Fat Quarters Too

by Shirley Kasprzyk

We have added our dear members, Princesses **Diane LaCombe** and **Laura O'Connor**, to the list of our lovely *Healing Heart* block recipients.



Ready or not, the holidays are here. So let's talk about our favorite past-times—the activities we engage in and the things we most like doing this time of the year. Next to spending precious time with the special people who are near and dear to us, we Feather Princesses love creating with our hands and gifting our beautiful creations to those we care about and love. Whether it be a quilt, wallhanging, table runner, pillow, or an ornament we are gratified just by using our hands, stitching, and making other people happy.

So with that said, let's give the gifts from our hands. Let's appliqué some stunning *Healing Heart* blocks for the lovely recipients on our *Healing Hearts and Fat Quarter* lists. During this holiday season, let's use our hands, stitch some beautiful blocks, and give the gorgeous 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.

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

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 November 10 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.

Membership Update

by Annette Kocsis, Lorraine Masten, and Donna Montieth

We were happy to welcome 36 lovely Feather Princesses members to our exciting October 13 guild meeting. The radiant Autumn decorations, colorful pumpkins, and buckets of tasty treats were appreciated by all upon arrival.

We were pleased to welcome one returning member, Princess **Donna Lillibridge. Donna**, we are thrilled that you are back in the guild with us; and we can hardly wait to sit and stitch with you.

We thank Princess **Michelle Barry** for assisting us by distributing the new Feather Princesses **2021-2022 Membership Directories** and Princess **Betty Jo Weber** for continuing the distribution of the membership cards/new name tags.

We also thank all of our wonderful members who wore their name tags to the meeting; and we urge those who did not remember, to please wear them next time. We are still relatively new at this and putting more names and faces together is important to us. We look forward to greeting you at our fabulous November 10 guild meeting.



November Tool Time

by Roni Hunt

So many tools, so little time. This month I'd like to share an unusual tool for the sewing room. It's a shadow box. Be sure to come to our Feather Princesses November 10 guild meeting to see how to incorporate this item into your sewing area. I think you'll be surprised. Sometimes we need help thinking outside the box. I know I do!!!

Our lovely member, Princess **Winnie Miale**, also found a great tool holder at Walmart for \$5!! I am going to hunt one down for the meeting!

The holiday season is quickly approaching. I've decided to be nice to me and not stress myself out with making presents that I should have completed in August! So, this year I intend on enjoying the Feather Princesses gatherings and enjoying the season without sewing deadlines.

Question: *Is November 1st too early to start decorating for Christmas??* I'm asking for a friend.

See you at the meeting!! Gobble! Gobble!

We're Moving On Up!

by Dorothy Johnson

We Feather Princesses are moving on up - uh, south, that is. After meeting at the Carrollwood Recreation Center for the last five years, we will begin meeting at our new home in January 2022:

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.

The church is located exactly 2.1 miles south of the Carrollwood Recreation Center; and after our November 10 guild meeting, we will caravan down to the church, to show you where it's located. So if you would like to go and see, please plan to drive down there with us.

To share our history with you, back during the Fall of 2016 when we determined we could no longer afford to pay the rent at The Carrollwood Cultural Center Studio (where we had met for 10½ years), we had no idea where we would meet. But thanks to our dear member, Princess **Betty Jo Lecaroz**, we were able to secure the meeting room at the Carrollwood Recreation Center. Because **Betty Jo** is a resident of Original Carrollwood (where the recreation center is located), she met with the Original Carrollwood management and paved the way for us to meet there. She diligently served as our Rental Coordinator—ensuring the main meeting room was available to us each and every month, providing the floor plan/set-up each month to the management to ensure the tables and chairs were arranged appropriately to comply with our guild meeting activities, and ensuring the payment was made each month for our use of the building. Thank you, **Betty Jo!**

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** and the Original Carrollwood management for allowing us to feel so much at home and carry on with our appliqué.



Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar



This beautiful month of November when we celebrate being together, gathering with family and friends, giving thanks for all our blessings big and small, we want to keep our dearest Princesses in our hearts who need our special love and kindness.

To those who are in need of a little extra tender loving care, please know that your quilting friends are with you in spirit to send you healing thoughts and love for your speedy recovery.

Our wish for you this month is for healing hugs, love, and kindness that are being sent your way. We hope you will feel better, return to our table, and share your gifts as soon as you are able.

Until then, we are with you and here for you and sending you healing thoughts!

- **Kathy Bixby**
- **Sue Gillespie**
- **Terry Montaldo**
- **Meredith Wilmath**

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.

Thanks so much for your making our dynamic Show N Tell so inspirational and fun!

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](#)
- [FP Quilt Show Challenge Guidelines](#)

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.

Our 2022 Retreat

by Dorothy Johnson

Our recently held 2021 Retreat at Lake Yale was absolutely fabulous. Our *Retreat Chair*, Princess **Karen Benitez**, attended to every single detail and she did not disappoint. We thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the Retreat; and now we're already looking forward to planning the next one.

So we will have a Retreat meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 10 a.m. in the Carrollwood Recreation Center lobby, to start planning our 2022 Retreat. At the meeting, we will:

- Present and review different location options/venues for the Retreat
- Discuss the benefits and amenities of each
- Vote and decide on the location of our 2022 Retreat

If you plan to attend our next FP Retreat and have ideas/suggestions to hold the Retreat at a particular location or venue, then please bring the info about it and be ready to present the details and answer questions.

After we discuss all of the information presented for each possible location/venue, then we will vote to determine the site of our 2022 treat (the site receiving the most votes casted by our members who will attend the Retreat.)

Woolers and Cotton Pickers - Annual Christmas Luncheon

by Sandy Davis

We look forward to having a jolly good time next month at our awesome December quilt circle and Annual Christmas Luncheon. On Wednesday, December 15, please join us at 10 a.m. at the Regency Park Branch Library in New Port Richey for fabulous fellowship; and then at 11:30 a.m., have a wonderful time with us at the Seven Springs Golf & Country Club for our Annual Christmas Luncheon. We cordially invite all of our lovely Feather Princesses to enjoy this gala affair with us—so come one, come all! If you cannot attend the circle but want to attend the luncheon, you may go directly to the Country Club at 11:30 a.m. and meet us there.

Woolers and Cotton Pickers Quilt Circle

Regency Park Branch Library
9701 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654
(727) 861-3049 (library)
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Contact: Princess Sandy Davis

Woolers and Cotton Pickers Annual Christmas Luncheon

The 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

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Crazy Wool Appliqué Group Meeting "Turkeys Gone Wild" Quilt Block

by Jamie Crowe

All you Crazy Wool Princesses, boy do we have a special turkey treat for you! At our November 10 guild meeting, for your enjoyment we will present the cutest little 6-inch appliqué turkey block, "Turkeys Gone Wild." And at our next exciting **Crazy Wool Group** meeting, we will distribute a kit to our lovely Princesses who attend.

Crazy Wool Appliqué Group Meeting

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
11211 Countryway Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33626-2624
813-273-3652 (library)
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Contact: Jamie Crowe

The "Turkeys Gone Wild" kit contains the pattern, fabric background square, and instructions to make the block; and we ask you to provide small pieces of wool to appliqué your turkey block and some floss to embroider it.

Participation in this project is optional; BUT, this block is so cute, so we know you will want to make it. We encourage you to have fun as you stitch the block and embellish it as you like. And when you finish making it, you may turn in your completed block to me by Wednesday, December 15.

We will have a drawing at the exciting **Woolers and Cotton Pickers Christmas Luncheon** at the Seven Springs Country club, to see who the lovely turkey is who wins the blocks! You may make as many blocks as you like. The more blocks you make, the more chances you will have to win!

And back by popular demand, at the luncheon we will have our exciting gift exchange (non-quilt related, \$20 maximum per gift, please). We've had so much fun in the past exchanging gifts, as it made our luncheons complete, unwrapping the stunningly wrapped 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.)

I will present the Christmas Luncheon Menu and the cost of the luncheon at our November 10 guild meeting; and you may start signing up at that time to attend the luncheon, so I can add you to the headcount.

Payment for the delicious luncheon will be due at our Feather Princesses December 8 guild meeting/Christmas Luncheon. So please mark your calendars and let me know by then if you will join us at our luncheon at the Country Club. If you cannot attend our guild meeting, you may contact me at **(727) 255-1766** to confirm. We really look forward to celebrating Christmas with all of our dear Feather Princesses friends this year; so please come and enjoy the festivities with us.

November Fat Quarter Exchange

by Janet Kiene and Pat Yucatonis

Thanksgiving Day is almost here and Christmas is just around the corner. And even though most of us thoroughly enjoy Christmas, just knowing that it is only a few weeks away is very concerning to us. For with an ever growing list of things to do (shopping, cooking, entertaining, attending religious services and cultural events to name a few), sometimes there just is not enough time for us to get everything done.

But after the 2020 Christmas we had last year during the pandemic, we all can use an extra jolt of Christmas spirit this year. So this time around, we deserve to enjoy our lives and do whatever makes us happy during this joyous holiday season. And regardless of how we choose to spend our time during the holidays, the one thing that always brings a smile to our faces is our appliqué—and having the time to do it. So this year amid the hustle and bustle and very busy times, be sure to tuck away some stitching time just for yourselves. Have your fabrics, needle, and thread ready to make a few stitches (or a lot) whenever the opportunity presents itself. Or attend a holiday class or workshop to make an appliqué Christmas quilt. And if you're making a particular Christmas quilted item for yourself or a gift for a friend, be sure to use the prettiest and most radiant Christmas fabrics ever.

So, the **Fat Quarter Exchange fabric selection for November is CHRISTMAS FABRICS**—any color or texture (solids, prints, stripes, checks, or plaids). Take a few minutes to select some breathtaking Christmas fat quarters from your extensive fabric stash; and then bring them to our November 10 guild meeting and take a chance to win a bunch to add to your fabric stash. Just having a wide selection of beautiful Christmas fabrics is the boost and incentive we all need to tackle that Christmas quilt we've been thinking about.

The guidelines for the *Fat Quarter Exchange* are located on the [Members Only](#) section of our website.

Our November Community Service

by Shirley Williams

We all know the tremendous good that is done with our cash and food donations to local food banks. These donations provide food that will keep one more family from being hungry, both adults and children. And now that the holidays are here (particularly Thanksgiving), the need is even greater to feed hungry people in our communities.

So if you can, **please bring an extra food item, canned good, or box of non-perishable food to donate to our Community Service Project this month.** When you bring these items to our November 10 guild meeting, you may place them on the table in the Carrollwood Recreation Center lobby.

I sincerely thank you, Feather Princesses, for expressing your love and generosity by helping to feed the hungry people during this holiday season. May each of you be Richly BLESSED this Thanksgiving!

Traditional Appliqué Group Annual Christmas Brunch

by Cheryl Brown

For delicious tasty cuisine and a glorious good time of fellowship with the **TAG** Princesses, join us at our Annual Christmas Brunch. We will meet at First Watch in Oldsmar for a joyful holiday dining experience and then we will gather at Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library for our last exciting **TAG** meeting of the year. We're going to have a spectacular day with each other, celebrating the season. So come and partake of the festivities and have a wonderful time with us. We welcome all of our lovely Feather Princesses to attend; and if you like, feel free to bring a friend along with you as well.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021:

TAG Annual Christmas Brunch

First Watch
3691 Tampa Road
Oldsmar, Florida 34677
Phone: (727) 466-5040
10 a.m.

Menu: firstwatch.com

Traditional Appliqué Group Meeting

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
11211 Countryway Bld.
Tampa, Florida 33526
(813) 273-3652 (library)
12:15 - 3 p.m.

Come and spread some Christmas cheer with us. Please see me at our November 10 guild meeting to let me know you want to attend the exciting Brunch, so I can add you to the headcount.

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 gather 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.

We've Come Full Circle

by Dorothy Johnson

Since we resumed our Feather Princesses Quilt Guild operations back in June when we started meeting again, our goal has been to acclimate ourselves and return to our normal activities. Well, we're ecstatic and jumping for joy that we have come full circle with our dynamic quilt circles. (What a play on words?) We are thrilled to say that one-by-one, all four of our exceptional quilt circles have resumed operations and are up and running again!

- Back in June, we were so happy to gather with our phenomenal **Wooly Chicks**. We thoroughly enjoyed going back to Sweet Darling Quilt Shop, seeing our talented leaders, Princesses **Cathleene Tokish** and **Karen Conter**, sitting around the table, checking out each others projects, and stitching our own wool appliqué projects. It was as exciting as red hot summer fireworks bursting in air!
- And then in August, our exciting **Woolers and Cotton Pickers** came on board. It was such a special treat to go back to New Port Richey, see our gifted leader, Princess **Sandy Davis**, and meet at the Regency Park Branch Library again. (Whoever made the statement "You can never go home again" obviously had never stitched with the **Woolers and Cotton Pickers**.) We picked up right where we left off a year and a half before and had a great time of fabulous fellowship!
- Moving along in September, we were "besides ourselves" as our **Tuesday Sit and Stitch** Princesses assembled at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. We were (and continue to be) just a tad bit disappointed that we could not meet at our former meeting place, Barnes & Noble Carrollwood. But what the hay, we were all together again with our dynamic leader, Princess **Cheryl Haynes**, and we were tickled pink for that. It was so delightful to be together and have **Cheryl** at our side once again.
- And now that November is here, drum roll please. Our fun-loving **Plumquat Quilt Circle** will meet (for the first time in almost two years) at the New Tampa Library. We are elated and beyond happy to get together again and to welcome our two new talented leaders, the dynamic duo, Princesses **Becky Gammons** (our wool appliqué expert) and **Shirley Kasprzyk** (our cotton appliqué expert). And in addition to our new leaders coming on board, the quilt circle will meet at a different location and the circle's name will change very soon as well. As the former **Plumquat** Princesses return and new Princesses attend this circle for the first time, we can hardly wait for the fun and good times to begin.

Before the pandemic began in March 2020, we had four fabulous quilt circles; and then for 15 months we had no quilt circles. But we are extremely grateful today that we have all of our quilts circles back again. How ironic it is that this phenomenon would happen during the month of November—the time of gratitude and giving thanks. We truly appreciate all of our gifted leaders and our talented members who hung in there with us during the pandemic

and who support our quilt circles and keep them going strong now. We have definitely come full circle. We're all together again; and we are so extremely thankful for that!

On another note, our **Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle** will convene on the fourth Friday of the month, November 26, as normally scheduled. So do your Christmas shopping early, enjoy Thanksgiving Day with your family, and then come to Sweet Darling Quilt Shop, and buy some quilting goodies at the sale, and then stitch with us on Black Friday. Never let it be said that we Feather Princesses would rather Christmas shop than get together and stitch. Ha! Ha!

We'll see you this month at these awesome circles:

Woolers and Cotton Pickers Quilt Circle

Regency Park Branch Library
9701 Little Road
New Port Richey, Florida 34654
(727) 861-3049 (library)
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Princess Sandy Davis

Plumquat Quilt Circle

New Tampa Library
10001 Cross Creek Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33547
(813) 273-3562 (library)
Thursday, November 18, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Princesses Becky Gammons
and Shirley Kasprzyk

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Sweet Darling Quilts
26240 Wesley Chapel Boulevard
Lutz, Florida 33559
(813) 994-2994 (shop)
Friday, November 26, 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, November 30, 2021
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes



November Birthdays

by Ritu Haldar

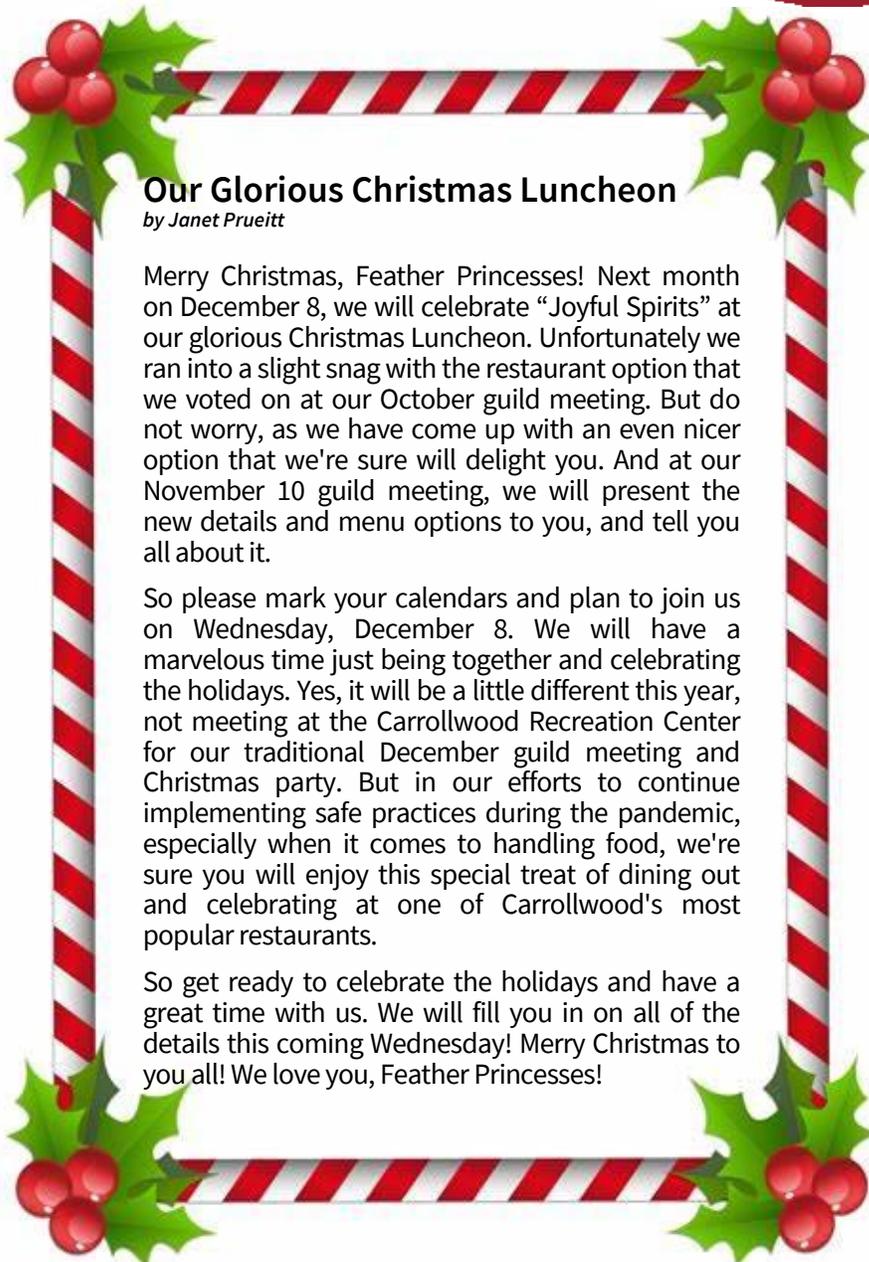
This beautiful month of November signals the beginning of our wonderful winter holiday season. It evokes warm and cozy colors, gatherings, a sense of community, and the wonderful feast of Thanksgiving. It also brings us birthday celebrations of our dear friends who share this month with each other, their families, and this heartfelt season of giving.

Feather Princesses, we hope your birthdays are a joyous celebration of you and all the gifts that you are blessed with as you share your special day with all whom you love! Here's a birthday toast to each of you on your special day! Happy Birthday and Happy Thanksgiving, too!

Happiest of birthday wishes to :



Janet Wachter - 11/1
Laura O'Connor - 11/1
Carmen Crum - 11/5
Judy DenHerder - 11/5
Shirley Pettaway Green - 11/6
Carrie Greene - 11/9
Diane Keepports - 11/11
Anne Szabo - 11/11
Darlene Leoosh - 11/12
Sandi Snow - 11/12
Beverly Abenante - 11/26
Cheryl Haynes - 11/27
Barbara Roberts - 11/29



Our Glorious Christmas Luncheon

by Janet Prueitt

Merry Christmas, Feather Princesses! Next month on December 8, we will celebrate "Joyful Spirits" at our glorious Christmas Luncheon. Unfortunately we ran into a slight snag with the restaurant option that we voted on at our October guild meeting. But do not worry, as we have come up with an even nicer option that we're sure will delight you. And at our November 10 guild meeting, we will present the new details and menu options to you, and tell you all about it.

So please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesday, December 8. We will have a marvelous time just being together and celebrating the holidays. Yes, it will be a little different this year, not meeting at the Carrollwood Recreation Center for our traditional December guild meeting and Christmas party. But in our efforts to continue implementing safe practices during the pandemic, especially when it comes to handling food, we're sure you will enjoy this special treat of dining out and celebrating at one of Carrollwood's most popular restaurants.

So get ready to celebrate the holidays and have a great time with us. We will fill you in on all of the details this coming Wednesday! Merry Christmas to you all! We love you, Feather Princesses!

Interesting Conversation Around the Dinner Table

by Jamie Crowe

There's one thing for sure, we live in the "information age;" and we're always being bombarded with facts, figures, and numbers—sometimes beneficial and useful to us; and at other times not.



And always during the holiday season, there's a plethora of details for us to consider and take in. So what about Thanksgiving? What are some topics about this national holiday that are pertinent and relevant to us. Let's take a look see and ponder these questions:

- How many turkeys are prepared for Thanksgiving in America each year?
- About how many pumpkin pies are consumed every Thanksgiving?
- What turkeys actually gobble?
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, how much does the heaviest turkey on record weigh?
- Which U. S. President made Thanksgiving a permanent national holiday?

These questions have absolutely nothing to do with appliqué or quilting. However, because most of us Princesses will cook and prepare a Thanksgiving meal and entertain our families and friends, these questions will give us something to think about and make for some very interesting conversation around the dinner table.

Have a Joyous Thanksgiving Day!

Our Phenomenal Ways and Means Committee Sale

by Joanne Rodriguez, Michelle Barry, Karen Benitez, and Dorothy Johnson

At our upcoming November 10 guild meeting, our *Ways and Means Committee* will have a phenomenal sale (with the proceeds benefitting our guild) of some really neat sewing/quilting supplies, donated by the lovely family of one of our sweetest departed members, the late Princess **Dot Young**. So please come and support the fabulous Feather Princesses *Ways and Means Committee* in this fundraising event.

Be sure to shop for yourself and your best quilting buds, as there will be an amazing assortment of quilting goodies, including the following:

- frenzies of fabrics
- thickets of thread
- yields of yardage
- tremendous tools
- fabulous fat equivalents
- bands of books
- wads of wool
- trysts of triangles
- furries of felt
- ready rulers
- gobs of grab bags
- designer decorations

And so much more.....

Also at our fundraiser, we will auction the following items:

- Two vintage sewing containers. (One is metal, based on a "Singer" theme, with a bead handle; and the other is wooden decoupage with a metal handle. Each box has a different unique shape.)
- A beautiful burgundy metal sign that reads "A Feather Princess Lives Here" (A special gift given to each Feather Princesses member at our guild's 10th Anniversary Celebration in August 2015.)
- A large umbrella adorned with a vintage sewing theme, "Pattern Ladies."
- A desk-sized Ott Lite in good condition.



Tickets will be available (5 tickets for \$1 donation).

We will gladly accept cash and checks at this sale. **No coins please**, as all sale prices are for dollar amounts.

The sale will convene at these times:

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- During our lunch break
- After the guild meeting adjourns

It's going to be FUN; so come and have a fantastic time shopping! We thank you in advance for supporting our **Ways and Means Committee** with this sale.

Last but by no means list, we sincerely thank our amazing volunteers, Princesses **Peg Jacques** and **Annette Kocsis**, for assisting us with the sale.

Share the Excitement, Joy, and Love

by Laura Brooker

Halloween has come and gone; and the holidays are here. So as you enjoy the seasonal festivities with the people most special to you, be sure to spend some time enjoying gorgeous breathtaking quilts as well. Phenomenal quilt guilds throughout our sunny state are putting their outstanding quilts on display for all to see. So amid the busyness of the Thanksgiving Day preparations, be sure to attend these fantastic quilt shows listed below. 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

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

Share the excitement, joy, and love of the holiday season with your special Princess Pals. Invite your wonderful quilting friends to go and enjoy these fabulous shows with you!

Christmas Special Block

by Michelle Barry

Back in September we presented the *Christmas Special Block*, "Joyful Spirit - 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.

You may turn in your completed *Christmas Special Block* to Princess **Michelle Barry**. The drawing will be held at our December 8 Christmas Luncheon. 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 November 10 meeting and start stitching.



November Calendar

Monday, November 1
Hand Quilting Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 3
Traditional Appliqué Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 10
Feather Princesses November Guild Meeting

Tuesday, November 16
Crazy Wool Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 17
Woolers and Cotton Pickers Quilt Circle

Thursday, November 18
Plumquat Quilt Circle

Monday, November 29
Art Quilt Group Meeting

Tuesday, November 30
Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Our 2023 Quilt Show: Awesome Miniature Quilt Committee

by Dee Anderson

Our awesome *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 for donation to the **Miniature Quilt Auction** at our 2023 Quilt Show, 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.

So let's get started. We have scheduled the following **Miniature Quilt** activities for the next three months:

Miniature Quilt Committee Meeting
(at the Traditional Appliqué Group Meeting)
Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
Wednesday, December 1, 2021 • 12:15 p.m.

After our **Traditional Appliqué Group's** Annual Christmas Brunch, as a part of the TAG meeting, we will have our first *Miniature Quilt Committee* get together at the Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library. We welcome you to come and serve on the committee with us, as we will:

- Review the current Miniature Quilt Guidelines
 - Plan the Miniature Quilt Overview and Presentation
 - Plan the Miniature Quilt Workshop

Miniature Quilt Overview and Presentation
(at the Feather Princesses January Guild Meeting)
Reliant Family Church
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 • 11 a.m.

- At our January 2022 guild meeting, we will:
 - Present an overview of 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

Miniature Quilt Workshop
(at the Traditional Appliqué Group Meeting)
Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 • 10 a.m.

As a part of the **Traditional Appliqué Group** meeting, we will conduct our *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 all three of these Miniature Quilt activities with us. If you stick with us, we promise you will complete a Miniature Quilt in time for our 2023 Quilt Show.

Our 2023 Feather Princesses Quilt Show

by Dorothy Johnson

Our 2023 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 time begin!



At our September guild meeting, we reviewed the:

- *Quilt Entry Guidelines*
- *Quilt Entry Form*

So now you may begin submitting your 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 forms, attach a photo of the quilt, bring them to our guild meeting each month, and turn them in to me.

At our October guild meeting, we reviewed the *Quilt 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
- **Autumn Splendor Challenge Blocks** - Quilts entered in our Annual Autumn Splendor Challenge

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!

At each of our guild meetings during the coming months, we will continue focusing on a different aspect of our Quilt Show. At our upcoming November 10 guild meeting, we will review our *Gift Basket Guidelines*. Our *Gift Basket Chairs*, Princesses **Linda Pazzinski** and **Karen Benitez**, have done an excellent job coordinating the details; and Princess **Karen** will make the presentation at the meeting on Wednesday. Some of the topics she will review are:

- Gift Basket themes
- Gift Basket sign-up
- Kinds of items for the gift baskets
- Who will donate the items
- When to donate the items
- Assembly of the baskets

We know we can count on you to support this project and donate items to our **Quilt Show Gift Baskets**. Remember that all of the proceeds from the *Gift Basket Auction* will benefit our Feather Princesses Education Program.

Stellar Quilt Exhibit: Museum of Fine Arts St. Petersburg

by Sandi Snow

(Excerpt taken from <https://mfaspete.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 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.

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.

