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## THE FEATHER PRINCESSES NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

*by Dorothy Johnson*

CONGRATULATIONS, Feather Princesses! Our Executive Board and I tip our tiaras to you for our recent magnificent quilt show. It was absolutely spectacular!

Two weeks have already passed since "Appliqué in Tampa Bay V - Fun in the Sun!" graced Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. It was a sensational show, with the most awesome presentation of stunning appliqué quilts, ever! Our quilt show guests, families, friends, and acquaintances came and loved what they saw. They were thrilled with our breathtaking quilts. They were in awe of our amazing quilting gifts, skills, and talents. So Feather Princesses, be proud of your stellar accomplishments, be pleased and satisfied with your resounding SUCCESS! We Applaud You!

Joanne, Ritu, Michelle, and I sincerely thank each and every one of you who contributed to the success of our show. Feather Princesses, you made it happen; and we will be forever eternally grateful to you for your commitment, dedication, and loyalty. We truly appreciate each and every leader who chaired a committee, we sincerely admire and cherish each devoted member who stepped up and supported our goals. All of our committees "ROCKED" and we could not have achieved this great feat without you! So, we send a very special shout out of THANKS to you all who made it happen!

Also, we are very grateful to our quilt circle and specialty appliqué group leaders who paved the way for the creation of our drop-dead gorgeous quilts. Over the past six years, they led us and guided us through, and shared and taught us new appliqué and quilting tips and techniques we needed to know, to complete our individual breathtaking quilts for the show. Also, they coordinated the construction of our stunning group quilts, a most popular segment of our show. They expended countless hours thumbing through books and patterns looking for just the right design for their group quilts, they scoured through tons of fabrics and left no stone unturned as they selected just the right ones, they created kits and divvied out the

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## March Guild Meeting

by Dorothy Johnson

Spring is the season of new beginnings. So, now that "Appliqué in Tampa Bay V – Fun in the Sun!" is history, let's start afresh, let's begin anew! With a spring in your step, joy in your heart, and a big beautiful smile on your face come and celebrate Spring and appliqué with us this coming Wednesday at our March guild meeting.

When you arrive, please be sure to:

- See our *Membership Chairs*, Princesses **Betty Jo Lecaroz** and **B. J. Weber**, to sign-in at our Welcome Table.
- Drop off your non-perishable food items for our *Community Service Project*.
- Enjoy a cup of delicious coffee or tea, and other delicious seasonal refreshments so lovingly prepared by our *Hospitality Committee*.
- 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 meeting room, be sure to see our:

- *Fat Quarter Exchange Chairs*, Princesses **Linda Woytisek** and **Emilie Monefeldt**, to turn in your **GREEN** fat quarters.
- *Guild Photographer*, Princess **Peggy Wattenbarger**, to sign-in and 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*.
- *Sunshine/Birthday*, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, to sign-up for the March birthday drawing.

Also:

- During Happy Hour sit, stitch, learn, and have fun with your talented Feather Princesses friends, as you work on your stunning appliqué quilt projects.

**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**  
 Springhill Suites Marriott  
 Tampa Suncoast Parkway  
 16615 Crosspointe Run  
 Land O'Lakes, FL 34638

- Doors Open at 9 a.m.
- Happy Hour begins at 9 a.m.
- Guild Meeting starts at 11 a.m.

- At 11 a.m., our guild meeting will begin with a brief presentation of business, including our Quilt Show Report.
- Next, be inspired with the informational program, "Converting Iron-On Embroidery Transfer Designs to Appliqué Patterns." We will take a brief look at the simple steps involved in taking an embroidery iron-on transfer design and changing it to an appliqué pattern. Be sure to listen and learn as our talented *Vice President*, Princess **Joanne Rodriguez**, guides us through this process, answers our questions, and shares valuable hints and tips with us.
- During Show N Tell, enjoy the amazing and astonishing Show Offs and be inspired with the very stunning appliquéed quilts and wallhangings made by our talented Princesses.
- Next, sit on the edge of your seat, as we conduct the exciting group quilt drawings. Cross your fingers and your toes, in hopes that you will win one of these striking quilted beauties.
- Then be sure to enjoy the exciting March birthday drawing and door prize drawings, as you just might be a winner.

Beautiful Feather Princesses, come and celebrate the artform that we so dearly embrace and love! Come, start afresh and celebrate new beginnings in appliqué!

We'll see you this coming Wednesday at the Springhill Suites Marriott Tampa Suncoast Parkway.

## March Program

by Joanne Rodriguez

Remember our great Christmas Luncheon at Mandola's Italian Kitchen? That was when we presented the "Chillin' With My Gnomies" Christmas Special Block and each Princess received a kit to make the block, to turn in by our July 12 guild meeting, when we will have our "Christmas in July" celebration. Time is marching on, and July is just four months away, so I hope you all are having fun with these little rascals, as you create your stunning and unique "Gnome" holiday block.

Also at the Christmas Luncheon, we gave the Stitcher's Revolution Iron-on Embroidery Pattern #35, "Gnome Sweet Gnome," as a prize to several Princesses who correctly answered the Christmas trivia questions. So, if you received one of these patterns, **please bring it to our March 8 guild meeting to use during the program.** If you did not receive one of these patterns at the luncheon, more will be available at the guild meeting.

During the program at the March guild meeting, we will discuss these iron-on embroidery designs and how to convert them to appliqué patterns for our blocks. Some of you have already created your own "Gnome" design and finished the block. Yippee! But many of you are still designing and appliquéing your blocks, so we encourage and welcome input and support from you all who have used iron-on transfers in the past for appliqué.

I can hardly wait for our "Christmas in July" celebration, to see the whimsical "Gnome" blocks you all have created.

Merrily We Gnome Along!!!

## Tool Time

by Roni Hunt

Hello Princesses!! We survived our awesome quilt show...I think. It was wonderful and now we'll resume our normal schedules...whatever normal may be.

So now that it's Spring, let's SPRING into some new ideas and tools!! This month I'll bring the tool that didn't show up with me last month! It involves a hanger, and I must admit I have NO MORE WIRE HANGERS!!! (Just a little movie trivia madness).

So, I'll see y'all at the Springhill Suites (in Land O' Lakes, not in Spring Hill), on March 8th, for another amazing Feather Princesses guild meeting!

Bring your appliqué quilt projects to stitch, and feel free to bring any tool time ideas you have and want to share!!

## Membership Update

by Betty Jo Lecaroz and B. J. Weber

It is hard to believe our phenomenal quilt show, "Appliqué in Tampa Bay V – Fun in the Sun!," is over. If comments from fellow quilters and members of the community are to be believed, the show was a whopping success, showcasing the talents of our members. Our quilt show guests "oohed and aahed" in amazement of our creativity and talents, as they viewed our stunning quilts.

In fact, because of the show, we welcomed 17 new members to our guild. And we "oohed and aahed" as they became Feather Princesses members. Our guild is growing and we are ecstatic about that! So ladies, please welcome these new Feather Princesses at our exciting guild meetings, quilt circles, and specialty appliqué groups, as we share our love of appliqué with them.

New Princesses, strut your tiaras and thread your needles now, cause we're itching at the bit to stitch with you! Let the FUN begin!

- Ruth Alber
- Kathie Gorman
- Sandra Hoffman
- Cindy Holliday
- Pam King
- Melissa Labella
- Elaine Randall
- Karen Reitano
- Kate Santoro
- Linda Schropp
- Shani Sherry
- Janet Slee
- Shirley Smith
- Diane Vestal
- Mary White
- Krystal Woytisek
- Judy Zaritt



## March Birthdays

by Ritu Haldar

Waking up this morning to a bright and sunny day, I am sending huge birthday hugs and wishes to our wonderful members celebrating their birthday this month! That special day (which I humbly admit should extend another 364 days) when you enjoy your friends, family, and cake!

Please know you are loved! You are special and you are celebrated! Happy Birthday dear ones!



Dorothy Johnson - 3/2

Bobbie LeMay - 3/7

Jo Ann Smith - 3/14

Brigitte Kasm - 3/18

Lois Bretzlaff - 3/25

Sandy Davis - 3/28

## Community Service Project

by Shirley Williams

We thank you all for your continued support of the Feather Princesses Community Service Project this year. You have consistently made very generous donations to the various food banks in our Tampa Bay communities; and we are sincerely grateful to you for your unwavering generosity, love, and support.

The next few days will be busy for all of us, as holidays will happen, the time will change, and a new season will begin:

- Sunday, March 12 – Daylight Saving Time begins in the U.S.
- Friday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- Monday, March 20 – Spring begins
- Friday, April 7 – Good Friday
- Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

Speaking of Easter, it will be observed the Sunday (April 9) before our April 12 guild meeting. So for this holiday, let's do our part now to help feed the hungry people in our community. Let's be sure to bring our cash and food donations to our March 8 guild meeting, so they can be used and enjoyed during the Easter season. This will be our only opportunity to

## Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar



We extend a very special WELCOME to the month of March and our monthly gathering of quilty friends.

A super special “Welcome” and shoutout go to our new members who joined us at our fantastic quilt show and are with us for a year of fun, frolic and appliqué! We are so delighted to have you here and we so look forward to being friends and inspiring each other as we fun, frolic, and appliqué together!

Super Special Congratulations go to each and every Feather Princesses member on your awesome accomplishments, gorgeous quilts, and contributions to our fantastic quilt show! You are absolutely amazing and we have so much to learn from you!

To our members who are under the weather, please know you are always near and dear to us. You are in our minds and in our hearts. We send you healing thoughts, our love, and support. Please reach out and we will be there!

Sending hugs to each of you and looking forward to sewing together again really soon!

- Dee Anderson
- Michelle Barry
- Karen Benitez
- Jamie Crowe
- Trudy Flynn
- Ritu Haldar
- Nancy Hale
- Roni Hunt
- Cathy Kessler
- Betty Jo Lecaroz
- Terry Montaldo
- Chris Sudberry
- B. J. Weber

collect these precious donations before Easter gets here. So, please fill your bags with non-perishable food items and bring them to our guild meeting this coming Wednesday.

Princesses **Jamie Crowe** and **Roni Hunt** will deliver our donations to the Port Richey Salvation Army, located in Port Richey, Florida. We sincerely thank them for their dedication and service, and we truly appreciate you for your generosity, love, and for making the lives brighter, of the less fortunate people in our communities, during this special holiday season.

Thank you Feather Princesses!

## Healing Heart Blocks and Fat Quarters, Too

by Shirley Kasprzyk  
(Excerpts taken from <https://theconversation.com/how-much-candy-do-americans-eat-in-a-whole-year-173956>, <https://www.chutters.com/blog/13-things-to-know-about-jelly-beans>, <https://www.thehealthyjournal.com/faq/what-are-the-original-jelly-bean-colors#:~:text=What%20Colours%20are%20jelly%20beans,orange%2C%20pink%2C%20and%20purple.>)

Isn't it funny just how much we Americans enjoy and love our candy? It seems no matter the holiday or season of the year, somehow candy makes its grand appearance and takes center stage. It is reported that "the average American consumes an estimated 8 pounds of candy annually, with children eating even more. On a typical day, 1 in 4 eat at least some candy and almost all of us do it once a year."



At Halloween, who can resist the colorful candy corn? And then at Christmas, we devour all sorts of soft and hard candies, filled with nuts, creams, and a variety of different fillings. Valentine's Day brings chocolates of every kind to sooth our palettes; and then Spring and Easter favor us with those delightfully yummy jelly beans. Jelly beans were originally a Christmas tradition; and before people started to realize their likeness to the easter egg, jelly beans were a treat often indulged during the Christmas holidays.

Jelly beans became popular as an Easter basket filler in the late 1930s and now jelly bean manufacturers make 16 billion jelly beans for Easter alone! Basic jelly beans (sometimes also called "pectin beans" because their gel-like centers are flavored with fruit pectin) come in nine colors—red, black, white, green, yellow, brown, orange, pink, and purple. Typically, the bean has the same flavor and color in both the candy center and the sugar shell.

The *Healing Heart* blocks that we make have a likeness to jelly beans, as we make them in a variety of colors as well; and we enjoy creating them. Currently we are stitching blue, yellow, and burgundy fabrics to make gorgeous blocks and we are collecting Civil War prints, too. Here in the Feather Princesses we appliqu  stunning *Healing Heart* blocks for the lovely recipients on our *Healing Hearts* list; and we give these to express our concern and support, and to honor the lovely ladies in our

guild who experienced a life threatening illness or the loss of a spouse or child. Just like with the jelly beans, we appliqu  heart designs in all colors, we make lovely *Healing Heart* blocks, and we give beautiful fat quarters to lift the spirits of our lovely Princesses, as they face challenging and difficult times. And let's be honest, while we're stitching, we eat a few jelly beans along the way, too!

Princesses currently receiving the Healing Heart blocks:

- **Maria Nunez** likes blue
- **Laura O'Connor** likes burgundy
- **Barbara Roberts** likes blue and yellow

Princesses currently receiving the Fat Quarters:

- **Sandy Davis** likes Civil War 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 March 8 guild meeting and give them to our lovely *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.

### Information Now Located on: [www.featherprincesses.org](http://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 NEW password for the Members Only section is located on the bottom of page 1 in the 2022-23 FP Membership Directory.

## March Fat Quarter Exchange

by Linda Woytisek and Emilie Monefeldt

(Excerpts taken from <https://www.google.com/search?q=the+color+green,https://www.verywellmind.com/color-psychology-green-2795817,https://www.colorexplained.com/color-green-meaning-of-the-color-green/,andhttps://www.empower-yourself-with-color-psychology.com/color-green.html>)

Are you kicking off the new season by starting a fresh floral appliqué project in your quilting garden? Have you decided on the type of appliqué quilt you'd like to create and grow? Have you selected the seeds (design or pattern) and tilled the soil (prep-work by hand or machine) and the gardening tools (sewing/quilting supplies) you will need? Oh, and have you thought about the flower or garden bed (blocks) and how you will arrange it (stitch and lay them out)? All of these are important factors to consider, as you start your new appliqué project in your Spring quilting garden; but let's be sure to remember the most important points of all—the gorgeous fabrics and the colors you will use, too.

Of all the colors of Spring, and when it comes to making appliqué Spring quilts, green is probably the most popular and versatile color used. It is flexible and adaptable to just about any appliqué quilt design or pattern around. Green is universally associated with nature, linked as it is to grass, plants, and trees. It also represents growth and renewal, being the color of Spring and rebirth. In spiritual terms, the color green implies beginnings, new growth, vibrant health, and other ideas connected with life. Green is the color of nature, growth, freshness, energy, and fertility. Also, it is the color of prosperity and abundance, of finance and material wealth; and it relates to the business world, to real estate and property.

The *Fat Quarter Exchange* fabric selection for March is **GREEN**. So, gather your **GREEN** fat quarters in all shades and textures and then bring them to our March 8 guild meeting; and take a chance to win a bundle of these. Plan your fresh floral appliqué projects in your Spring quilting gardens, with all hues and shades of beautiful and striking green fabrics.

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 and your **GREEN** fabrics this coming Wednesday at our Fat Quarter Table.

## Dinner With the Teacher

by Joanne Rodriguez

Quote from [nofusskitchen.com](https://www.nofusskitchen.com) - "My favorite thing to make for dinner is reservations."

Our guest teacher, Margaret Brewster Willingham, from Eye of the Beholder Quilt Designs will be here with us from Sunday, April 9 (Easter) to Wednesday, April 12. And during that time, we Feather Princesses will have the colossal opportunity to meet her and to spend valuable time with her—for four marvelous days. So, in addition to seeing Margaret in class and at the lecture/trunk show at our April guild meeting, please consider dining with us, as we welcome Margaret to Tampa and to our appliqué guild.

We will take Margaret out to dinner on Sunday April 9, Monday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 11; and we welcome you to join us on one or all three evenings. At our March 8 guild meeting, we will have a "Dinner Sign-Up" sheet for you to sign your name, to confirm the evening(s) you want to go out to dinner with us.

Spending this valuable time with Margaret will be extra special, so, let's make it a date! Let's go eat!!!!



## Our Fabulous 2023 Feather Princesses Retreat

by Karen Benitez

The time has come to start preparing for our fabulous 5-day 2023 Retreat at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, located in Leesburg, Florida. Once again, I am thrilled to serve as the Chair of our Retreat.



Those of us who attended the 2022 retreat were aware that the costs to attend this year's 2023 Retreat would be a bit higher (like everything else). However, be that as it may, our lovely retreat attendees still voted to go to Lake Yale again this year. So, Lake Yale it is, as it has all of the amenities needed for a successful retreat.

So, we have already begun planning another phenomenal retreat; we are currently in the midst of planning more games, demos/workshops and fun, fun, fun; and we'd love for you to join us from Thursday, October 26 to Monday, October 30. Linda from Clermont Sewing & Quilting (who joined us in 2021) will once again set-up her pop-up shop and favor us with her lovely fabrics!

The all inclusive prices for your 5-day stay at Lake Yale are:

**Single room** – \$570

**Double room** – \$470 per person

At our March 8 guild meeting, you may register and begin making payments (by cash, checks payable to the Feather Princesses, and/or credit/debit cards) to attend our 2023 Retreat. Also, please:

- Turn in a completed *Retreat Registration Form* to me with your payment. To get the form:
  - Go to our Feather Princess website and access the Members Only section
  - Enter the password located at the bottom of page 1 of our current *Feather Princesses 2022-23 Membership Directory*
  - Click on "2023 Retreat" in the right column
  - Scroll down, click on 2023 Retreat Registration Form, and then print the form

The final date to make a payment, as well as the last day to request a refund, is Wednesday August 9, 2023.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this year's fabulous retreat!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or text me at 925-895-8129, or email me at [nickoftimesbs@aol.com](mailto:nickoftimesbs@aol.com).

## Clothes to Kids, Inc.

by Dorothy Johnson

The marvelous Miniature Quilt Auction at our recently held quilt show was a phenomenal success! Our *Miniature Quilt Chair*, Princess **Dee Anderson**, along with our superlative *Auctioneer*, Princess **Laura York**, and Princesses **Michelle Barry**, **Betty Jo Lecaroz**, **Joanne Rodriguez**, and others WOWed our quilt show guests and made the day, auctioning all 40 of the stunning miniature quilts created by our gifted and talented members.

Also at the show was a representative from the charity benefitting the funds from the auction. The Clothes To Kids *Development and Marketing Coordinator*, Ms. Daniella Altamura, came and spoke briefly about the organization and its mission to cloth needy children in our local communities; and



she thanked our guild for selecting Clothes to Kids as the recipient of the auction proceeds.

At our upcoming March 8 guild meeting, Daniella will come and join us to accept our gift to Clothes to Kids, Inc.; and she will tell us about the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, the upcoming Clothes to Kids 21st Birthday Celebration, convening on Thursday, April 20, in St. Petersburg. She will also share info regarding a tour of their Tampa store, as they would like us to come and see the facility, so they can show us exactly how they serve the shoppers and where the donations go.

If you have questions or want to learn more about Clothes to Kids, Inc., be sure to see Daniella at our March 8 guild meeting. She will be happy to answer your questions and share additional info regarding the amazing services Clothes to Kids provides.

## Team Legacy – Baltimore Album Quilt Group

by Roni Hunt

Hi Princesses! Now that our quilt show is over, it's time to see if you'd like to join our wonderful group of sewists. This year in our phenomenal **Baltimore Album Quilt Group**, we will begin planning a 9-square quilt. I hope you will join us in exploring the world of Baltimore Albums and what developed from this style of quilting.

### Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library  
2902 W. Bearss Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33618  
(813) 273-3652  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Contact: Princess Roni Hunt

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting group meeting, as we welcome all of our talented Princesses to attend.

I will bring the patterns and books from which you may select your block patterns. And I remind you to bring some paper to take notes, a bag lunch, and probably a sweater as well.

Thank you, Princesses! I am anxious and enthusiastic to explore this new quilting adventure with you!

## 2023 Spring Special Block

by Shirley Williams

It's coming! We can hardly wait to present our adorable *2023 Spring Special Block* to you. We will reveal this very special Spring design at our March 8 guild meeting; and we hope you will have fun as you follow the easy instructions included in the kit and stitch this stunning block. The kits to make the blocks will be available for purchase at the guild meeting, at the bargain price of \$2 each, cash only please.

## Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group

by Ritu Haldar

Aloha friends!

Can you believe it is time for our quarterly **Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting? It's coming soon:

### Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library  
2902 W. Bearss Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33618  
(813) 273-3652 (library)  
Friday, March 31, 2023  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Ritu Haldar

Please bring the following supplies with you:

- One white colored fat quarter
- One red colored fat quarter (not orangish red but more like wine/ burgundy red) **PLEASE NOTE: batiks or cotton accepted**
- Portable Appliqué Sewing Kit
  - needles
  - threads
  - scissors
  - paper-cutting scissors
  - basting thread or glue
- Lunch
- Sweater

I am so looking forward to meeting again, as we will be ready to have a ton of fun stitching, not to mention designing our beautiful quilt together!

See you then and there!

To make the block, please use the background fabric provided, plus any additional quality quilter's cotton fabric (in colors of your choice) from your stash to complete the block.

Remember to turn in your completed block to me, Princess **Shirley Williams**, by our Feather Princesses May 10 guild meeting, when the drawing will be held. The number of winners will be determined by the number of completed blocks turned in.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at [swilliams110@verizon.net](mailto:swilliams110@verizon.net) or 813-892-2431.



## You Are AWESOME - You Are the BEST!

by Dorothy Johnson

One of my favorite quilt shops located in another state is situated in an old Victorian styled home, with a delightful front porch. And on any given day when the weather is nice, the local quilters congregate on the porch to quilt, stitch, relax, have fun, and to enjoy each other's company. It's makes for such a warm and comfy feeling to drive into the shop's parking lot on a lovely Spring day and see the quilters stitching there.

Most of us sewists and stitchers embrace and love the artform of quilting so much, that we will gather in just about any building or structure to stitch our favorite craft—and with our favorite friends—in homes, churches, community centers, library and hospital meeting rooms, quilt shops, patios, porches, and more.

And after meeting for many years to appliqué with our fabulous Feather Princesses friends, I've learned that it's not where you meet, but rather, it's who you meet with. Yes, we always want to ensure that we meet in a safe and comfortable environment; but it's who you meet with that's important. It's who you spend your valuable time with, it's who you share your innermost thoughts and ideas with, it's who you learn from and who learns from you. So, even though I truly adore the front porch at the quilt shop I mentioned in the paragraph above, it does not compare or come close to the loving and fun-filled atmosphere of our quilt circles convening at our local library meeting rooms and quilt shops.

We Feather Princesses know how to have a good time, no matter where we meet! Appliqué is "KING," or should I say "QUEEN;" and we thoroughly enjoy ourselves when we get together to stitch! It makes for big bright beautiful happy smiles and a great day filled with stitching!

Princesses, we can hardly wait to see you this month at Sweet Darling Quilts and at Jimmy B. Keel Regional Library for our awesome quilt circles! You are AWESOME, you are the BEST!

**NOTE:** *The Plum Creek Quilt Circle is cancelled in March and will not meet on the third Thursday, as usual.*

### Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Sweet Darling Quilts  
26240 Wesley Chapel Boulevard  
Lutz, Florida 33559  
(813) 994-2994 (shop)  
Friday, March 24, 2023  
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) 273-3652 (library)  
Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

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work, and they ensured that each Feather Princesses member played a part and contributed toward the creation of their outstanding quilts. It was a real team effort!

As we all continue resting and recovering from our show, let's keep in mind that March is National Quilting Month and Saturday, March 18, is National Quilting Day. And for all of you history buffs out there, here's a tidbit of information that you might want to know. The National Quilting Association started National Quilting Day back in 1991; and since then it has grown into a global celebration for all quilt lovers and makers. So Feather Princesses, let's get on board, get our groove on, and celebrate quilting this month, too. Come to our exciting March guild meeting, attend our phenomenal quilt circles and specialty appliqué group meetings, participate in a fun-filled shop hop, and go out and attend a quilt show! Make appliqué and quilting your number one priority this month, have fun, and enjoy it this month more than ever before.

Thank you so much Feather Princesses! We'll see you this coming Wednesday!

## Other Upcoming Quilt Events

by Dorothy Johnson

The month of March is jam-packed and chock full of exciting quilt shows. From one tip of our state to the other, talented quilters are showcasing their incredible quilted works of art.

Enthusiasm and exhilaration are at an all time high, as quilters throughout Florida are getting out, hitting the roads, and going to see what other gifted quilters are doing—and how they are doing it.

So Feather Princesses, let's not miss out on all of the action and excitement. Now that our show has come and gone, let's go and attend these other upcoming quilt events, see breathtaking quilts, have a grand old time, and support our quilting sisters in other dynamic guilds here in our state!

### **Emerald Coast Quilt Show** **Flying Needles Quilt Guild of Niceville, Florida**

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds  
1958 Lewis Turner Road

Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32547

Friday, March 3, 2023, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2023, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **Quilts in Paradise 2023 Quilt Show** **Friendship Knot Quilters' Guild**

Robarts Arena

3000 Ringling Boulevard

Sarasota, Florida 34237

Friday, March 3 – Saturday, March 4, 2023

<https://friendshipknotquilters.com/>

### **Original Sewing & Quilt EXPO**

RP Funding Center

701 W Lime Street

Lakeland, Florida 33815

Thursday, March 16 – Friday, March 17, 2023,

10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

[sewingexpo.com](http://sewingexpo.com)

### **Home Sweet Home Quilt Show** **The St. Andrew Bay Quilters**

Lynn Haven United Methodist Church

3203 Minnesota Avenue

Panama City, Florida 32405

Friday, March 17 – Saturday, March 18, 2023

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. both days

### **2023 Quilt Show**

#### **Creative Quilters Of Citrus County**

National Guard Armory

8551 W. Venable Street

Corner of US Highway 19 and W. Venable Street

Across from The Home Depot

Crystal River, Florida 34429

Friday March 17, 2023, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday March 18, 2023, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **Trenton Quilt & Artisan Festival**

Downtown Trenton

Saturday, March 25, 2023

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

[GilcrestDowntown.com](http://GilcrestDowntown.com)

### **Broward Quilt Expo**

Charles F. Dodge City Center

601 City Center Way

Pembroke Pines, Florida

Saturday, April 15 – Sunday, April 16, 2023

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. both days

[www.BrowardQuiltExpo.com](http://www.BrowardQuiltExpo.com)

## Margaret Willingham Workshops and Lecture/Trunk Show

by Joanne Rodriguez

Lovely Feather Princesses, it's March already! And our spectacular quilt show is behind us, so let's talk April workshops with national teacher and lecturer, pattern designer, and author, Margaret Brewster Willingham, of Eye of the Beholder Quilt Designs (EOB). Margaret will conduct the following two workshops and lecture/trunk show while she is here with us:

- **Workshop #1: "Added Dimension – Hand: Forget-Me-Not"**
  - Venue: SpringHill Suites Marriott Tampa Suncoast Parkway, 16615 Crosspointe Run, Land O'Lakes, Florida 34638
  - Date: Monday, April 10, 2023
  - Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Cost: \$75
- **Workshop #2: "Hand Appliqué with Trace, Baste, Snip & Stitch: Summertime Border"**
  - Venue: Carrollwood Recreation Center, 3515 McFarland Road, Tampa, Florida 33618
  - Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023
  - Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  - Cost: \$75
- **Lecture/Trunk Show: "Reverse Appliqué–Revealing Beauty"**

Get a glimpse into the interplay of color, pattern and design that Margaret uses; and gain an understanding of the techniques she employs – Trace, Baste, Snip & Stitch and Trace, Snip, Iron & Stitch, to create her reverse appliqué patterns by hand and machine. Be encouraged to trust your creative instincts as you quilt, adding a touch of elegance to your life.
- Venue: SpringHill Suites Marriott Tampa Suncoast Parkway, 16615 Crosspointe Run, Land O'Lakes, Florida 34638
  - **Date:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023
  - **Time:**
    - a. Guild meeting will begin at 11 a.m.
    - b. Lecture/Trunk Show will begin at 1 p.m.
  - **Cost:**
    - a. Admission is free to all currently paid Feather Princesses members.

- b. Guests and non-members may attend this event for a \$10 fee.
  - c. This fee may also be applied to Feather Princesses membership, if desired.
- For the workshop registration at our March 8 guild meeting, please note that:
  - I have the sign-up sheets for both of the workshops and I will accept your payments made by cash and check.
  - Our *Treasurer*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, will accept your credit card payments.
  - We gladly welcome Feather Princesses member payments and sign-ups until the workshops are filled to capacity, which is twenty students per workshop.
  - If spaces are still available in the workshops after our March 8 guild meeting, we will open the workshops to the public and will require full payment of \$75 for each workshop.
  - If necessary, our Feather Princesses members may make final payments to Princess **Michelle** no later than Friday, March 31, 2023.
- Patterns for the workshops MUST be pre-ordered NO later than Friday, March 17, 2023, so Margaret will have sufficient time to print, package, and mail them to us.
  - The April 10 Workshop pattern (Forget-Me-Not) is available in print or PDF digital download from [www.eobquilt.com](http://www.eobquilt.com).
    - a. When you access the EOB site, from top of the page click on MENU, click SHOP, then choose BLOCKS, and scroll to find Forget-Me-Not – Block 5/9, Victorian Flower Garden.
  - The April 11 workshop pattern, (Summertime Border Section – Kit #3) is specifically prepared and priced for our Feather Princesses guild, available at [www.eobquilt.com](http://www.eobquilt.com).
    - a. When you access the EOB site, from top of the page click on MENU, click SHOP, then choose KITS and scroll and find three kits from which you may choose.

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## "Chillin' With My Gnomies" Christmas Gnome Special Block

by Joanne Rodriguez

As most of you know, at our 2022 Christmas Luncheon, we distributed a **Christmas Gnome Special Block** kit, "Chilling' With My Gnomies" to each of you. And now that our quilt show is over, we will focus more on designing and making the blocks; and we thank you for participating. We hope you will learn and have fun as you design your special block and follow the easy instructions included in the kit to appliqué it.



The kit contains a:

- White and silver snowflake (13" x 13") background fabric square.
  - The background fabric square measures 13" x 13," allowing enough fabric for a generous seam allowance, resulting in a 12½" x 12½" square block (12 inches for the appliqué design, plus ½" seam allowance on each side of the block, to be trimmed by the winner.)
- Christmas red/black check fabric and green/black check fabric.

Please remember:

- When you finish appliquéing your block, please save your left-over fabric scraps, to share with other Princesses who want to make a block, and/or to share the scraps with the winners of the blocks, to use to finish their quilts, if they desire.
- Turn in your completed block and fabric scraps to Princess **Joanne Rodriguez** at our monthly guild meetings, March – July 2023.
- At our Feather Princesses July 12, 2023 guild meeting:
  - The drawing to win the blocks will be held at our "Christmas in July" Celebration.
  - We will display all of the completed blocks turned in, vote, and award a prize to the maker of the block that receives the most votes for the "Most Unique Appliqué Design."
- If you prefer to not make the **Christmas Gnome Special Block**, please return the kit to Princess **Joanne Rodriguez**, so another Princess may use it to make a block.
- If you have any questions, you may contact me, Princess **Joanne Rodriguez**, at [joannerod51@yahoo.com](mailto:joannerod51@yahoo.com) or (813) 264-1841.
- LEARN and HAVE FUN as you design and appliqué your adorable **Christmas Gnome Special Block**. Best wishes to you all!

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- b. Kit #3 is the border pattern, specifically added for our Feather Princesses Appliqué Guild workshop, convening on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.
- **Preparation:**
    - When you receive your pattern(s), please open and thoroughly read them, start gathering the supplies, and begin the preparations specifically required to the workshop you will attend.

- To ensure our students are properly prepared for the workshops, we will have a "Workshop Prep" session on **Thursday, March 16**, at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, for the students enrolled in both workshops. Attendance is optional, but highly recommended.

And for your convenience, this workshop information is also posted on our website, [www.featherprincesses.org](http://www.featherprincesses.org), Members Only section > Local Classes.

Thank you Feather Princesses. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at: [joannerod51@yahoo.com](mailto:joannerod51@yahoo.com) or 813-264-1841.

## The All Florida Shop Hop

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from *The Florida Register*, March-April 2023.)

The All Florida Shop Hop is an amazing quilting event like no other! It brings together sewing and quilting enthusiasts from across Florida and neighboring states; and it provides a little something for everyone. If you like sewing or quilting (and tell me a Feather Princess who doesn't), then you'll thoroughly enjoy yourself at this shop hop.

The event will convene March 1 - April 30, 2023; and each participating store offers the exclusive Shop Hop fabric and fun giveaways. Participants must have their passport stamped at each store they visit to qualify for additional prizes.

To ensure your maximum shop hop enjoyment, be sure to:

- Visit any of the participating stores to get the *All Florida Shop Hop Magazine*. It features everything you need to know to enjoy the Shop Hop.
- Go shopping and check out the 2023 custom-designed fabrics, exclusively designed by QT Fabrics, sold only at Shop Hop stores during the event.
- Enjoy the unique personality of each Shop Hop store. Discover the secrets and special items the individual stores have.
- Collect free quilt blocks. Each store has created a unique 4" quilt block capturing the fun and creativeness of sewing and quilting.

The quilt blocks are only available to those who participate in the Shop Hop.

- **Regional Quilt Blocks** – Collect the stamps from all stores in a Region to get a free 6", on-point quilt block to commemorate your accomplishment. (You must turn in your passport to receive Regional quilt blocks. You'll receive one block for each region completed.)

## March Calendar

Wednesday, March 8

Feather Princesses March Guild Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton-Pickin Stitches Quilt Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 15

Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilt Group Meeting

Thursday, March 16

Margaret Willingham Workshop Prep Session

Friday, March 24

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Tuesday, March 28

Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Friday, March 31

Hawaiian Quilt Group Meeting

- **State Quilt Block** – Purchase a commemorative 8" state block at participating stores or online. Or, collect stamps from all stores in the All Florida Shop Hop and turn in your Passport to receive a FREE "I Finished Florida" state block.

This Shop Hop will last for two months; but do not put it off, do not delay. Figure out your plan of action and start organizing your road trips, so you can hit each and every shop, in each and every region of our state.

To see the complete list of all 60 participating shops, go to: <https://allfloridashophop.com/stores/>.

## Florida Spectacular Shop Hop

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from Florida Register, March - April 2023)

The Florida Spectacular Shop Hop will convene Friday, March 17 – Saturday, April 1, 2023; and it will be SPECTACULAR indeed!

There will be a coordinating Quilt Block Give Away, prizes, \$50 and \$75 shopping sprees, and more.

So, mark the dates on your calendars now, and plan to visit each and every one of these nine amazing quilt shops:

- **A Quilting Palette**, 732 S. US Highway 441, Lady Lake, Florida, 352-751-0405, [www.aquiltingpalette.com](http://www.aquiltingpalette.com)
- **The Sewing Studio Fabric Superstore**, 9605 US Highway 17-92, Maitland, Florida, 407-831-6488, [www.sewing.net](http://www.sewing.net)
- **Beyond The Stitches**, 979 N. Suncoast Blvd., Airport Plaza, Crystal River, Florida, 352-794-3289, [www.beyondthestitches.com](http://www.beyondthestitches.com)
- **Nana's Quilt Shop**, 18851 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, Florida, 352-796-0011, [www.nanasquiltshop.com](http://www.nanasquiltshop.com)
- **The Sewing Studio at Lady Lake**, 918 Bichara Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida, 352-753-0219, [www.sewing.net](http://www.sewing.net)

- **Sew-Mini Things**, 3820 N Highway 19-A, Mt. Dora, Florida, 352-483-0082, [www.sewminithings.com](http://www.sewminithings.com)
- **Sew Together**, 700 N. Main Street, Wildwood, Florida, 352-330-2483, [www.sewtogetherquilting.com](http://www.sewtogetherquilting.com)
- **The Quilt Place**, 11601 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Suite 104, Orlando, Florida, 321-632-3344, [www.thequiltplace.com](http://www.thequiltplace.com)
- **Tomorrow's Treasures**, 6122 S. W Highway 200, Ocala, Florida, 352-690-1915, [www.ttquilts.com](http://www.ttquilts.com)

The **Shop Hop Guidelines** are:

- Passports cost \$7 prior to start of Shop Hop, \$8 during Shop Hop.
- Only 1 passport per person.
- Passports are non-refundable.
- Participants must be 9 years old or older.
- Participants must be present to have your passport stamped.
- Participants must have stamp from all stores to be in Grand Prize Drawings.
- Winners have 30 days from the end of Shop Hop to claim prizes.

