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President's Message

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.redbubble.com/i/sticker/FUNNY-Quote-fun-and-games-until-the-bobbin-runs-out-by-SkillsTees/124342688.EJUG5>)

Happy Birthday, Fabulous Feather Princesses! Eighteen wonderful years of awesome appliqué have come and gone since our very first spectacular Feather Princesses guild meeting convened back on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at Jimmy B. Keel Regional Library, Rooms A & B! It was a fantastic day that we had anticipated for a long time. All 27 of us bright-eyed and bushy-tailed quilters were happy and full of energy—all ready to enhance our skills and to learn as much as we could about this amazing quilting artform called "appliqué." During the meeting as we sat on the edge of our seats, we were anxious, eager, hopeful, and a bit suspicious, too, about what was going to happen, what we would do, and what was about to come.

One thing for sure though, we were hungry and thirsty to make those stunningly breathtaking appliqué quilts (that we had seen pictures of in books and magazines and in person at quilt shows). So, we threaded our needles, learned every quilting tidbit that we could from national quilt teachers and from each other, and mastered a plethora of appliqué techniques. And ta-da, here we are today—creating stellar, award-winning, out of this world appliqué quilts similar to those we saw years before! "Yes," the past several years have been an amazing appliqué journey for us and the journey continues getting better and better! We're inspiring each other and perfecting our skills even more, as we have FUN and enjoy the quiltmaking process!

We're all familiar with the phrase, "It's all fun and games until the bobbin runs out." This quote sums up the frustration that many quilters experience when their bobbins run out of thread in the middle of a sewing project. It describes and epitomizes the disappointment an empty bobbin brings to an enthusiastic quilter, who is merrily stitching along the way, thinking she's making headway on her quilt, only to find out that she's actually making no progress at all, because that bottom thread in her sewing machine has run out. But you know what, Feather Princesses, this does not (will not) have to happen to us. Let's always keep our bobbins full of thread. Let's always be enthusiastic, fulfilled, and happy with our appliqué. Let's always get the appropriate and necessary quilting supplies to make our gorgeous appliqué quilts, continue learning specific techniques and excelling to create an array of different masterpiece appliqué quilts,

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August Guild Meeting

by Dorothy Johnson

Sport your glittering tiara and join us at Springhill Suites for our extravagant **Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Celebration**. Come and enjoy the exciting birthday festivities and traditions and revel in the precious fellowship of our elegant Feather Princesses! Thoroughly enjoy our gathering of charming, gifted, and talented members and quilting friends, as we celebrate another fabulous year of appliqué and each other.

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, renew your membership, and provide your emergency contact information.
- See our *Community Service Project Chair*, Princess **Shirley Williams**, to drop off your non-perishable food items for our Community Service Project.
- Enjoy a cup of delicious coffee or tea, and delectable regal fare so lovingly prepared by our *Hospitality Chair*, Princess **Linda Woytisek**, and other Princesses.
- Mingle, greet our guests and visiting friends, and then 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 Chair*, Princess **Linda Woytisek**, to turn in your "Blue, Pink, and White" fat quarters.
- *Guild Photographer*, Princess **Beverley Abenante**, to sign-in and photograph the quilts you will present during Show N Tell, and to get a photo taken of yourself for our new *FP 2023 - 2024 Membership Directory*.
- *Healing Hearts Chair*, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**, to turn in your *Healing Heart* blocks.
- *Newsletter Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, to place an ad in our newsletter, *The Plume*.
- *Retreat Chair*, Princess **Karen Benitez**, to register and/or make your final payments to attend our Feather Princesses 2023 Retreat.
- *Special Block Chairs*, Princesses **Shirley Williams**, **Jackie Tarr**, and **Carol Hibbard** to turn in your Special Anniversary Cupcake Block.
- *Sunshine/Birthday Chair*, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, to sign-up for the August birthday drawing.



August 9, 2023
Spring Hill Suites Marriott Tampa
Suncoast Parkway
16615 Crosspointe Run
Land O'Lakes, Florida 34638

- **Doors Open at 9 a.m.**
- **Porcelain Anniversary Celebration begins at 9:30 a.m.**
- **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 appliqué quilt projects.
- At 9:30 a.m. the *Porcelain Anniversary Celebration* will begin. The cupcake decorating that we previously announced is temporarily postponed; but please arrive by 9:30 a.m. any way to participate in the exciting games, and to enjoy the birthday festivities.
- At 10 a.m., we will have a retreat meeting in the hotel lobby; and we welcome all of our retreat attendees to join us.
- At 11 a.m., our guild meeting will begin with a brief presentation of business.
- At the lunch break, savor your delicious catered box lunch from Hungry Harry's BBQ or the lunch you brought from home and continue enjoying the special birthday treats.
- 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.
- Then be sure to enjoy the exciting August birthday drawing and door prize drawings, as you just might be a winner.

Fabulous Feather Princesses, we're 18 years old now! We've reached the age of adulthood; so come out and party with us! Our 18th Birthday Party will be a royal celebration, as we begin our new year on a very high note—embracing appliqué and learning, loving each other, and having the most FUN and the very BEST time ever. Come and enjoy every moment of this very gala affair with us!

We'll see you this coming Wednesday at our Feather Princesses *Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party*.

August Fat Quarter Exchange

by Linda Woytisek

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.google.com/>)

At our fun-filled and joyous birthday party this coming Wednesday, we will exchange blue, pink, and white fat quarters—"blue and white" to commemorate our Porcelain Anniversary and "pink" to salute our distinguished Feather Princesses Appliqué Guild.

According to our trusted online authority, Google:

- The color blue represents both the sky and the sea and it is associated with open spaces, freedom, intuition, imagination, inspiration, and sensitivity. Blue also represents meanings of depth, trust, loyalty, sincerity, wisdom, confidence, stability, faith, and intelligence.
- Pink is a light red hue and it is typically associated with love and romance. It is often described as a feminine color, perhaps due to associations people form during early childhood. "Girls' toys" are usually pink and purple, while "boys' toys" are often red, yellow, green, or blue."
- White is the lightest color and it is achromatic (having no hue). It is the color of objects such as snow, chalk, and milk, and is the opposite of black. White objects fully reflect and scatter all of the visible wave lengths of light.

The *Fat Quarter Exchange* fabric selection for August is "Blue, Pink, and White" fabrics. So, let's go to our stashes, select fabrics in these splendid colors, and then bring them to our August 9 guild meeting; and take a chance to win a bundle of these. Win some of these sumptuous fat quarters in blue, pink, and white; and then enjoy every single moment as you create your stunning new appliqué quilt. Play with these fabrics and have a great time; and plan your next stunning appliqué quilt project, using these magnificent colors from our Porcelain Anniversary Celebration.

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 "Blue, Pink, and White" fabrics this coming Wednesday at our fat quarter table.

August Community Service Project

by Shirley Williams

As we celebrate our Feather Princesses 18th birthday, we will heap tons of love on each other, which is admirable and good! But let's take it a step further by expressing our love and support to the hungry people in our community as well. Let's share food from our cupboards and cash from our pockets, to ensure that the less fortunate people do not go hungry this month.

Feather Princesses please know that we are providing a tremendous and very worthwhile service to our communities. The local food banks, churches, and other support organizations are sincerely grateful for receiving our monthly cash and food donations, as they help feed the many hungry families in our areas. So, we thank you again for supporting our *Community Service Project*.

This month our donations will go to Metropolitan Ministries, located here in Tampa; and Princess **Sandi Snow** will deliver these donations for us. Over the years, we have donated to Metropolitan Ministries several times; and they have always been very grateful and thankful for our generosity, kindness, and love.

So Feather Princesses, we thank you again for expressing your love and helping to ensure that the less fortunate people in our communities do not go hungry.

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and surpass and accomplish our goals. Let's keep that appliqué bar "high!"

Instead of worrying that our bobbins might run out (that we just might not be able to cut muster and create the beautiful appliqué quilts that we desire), let's focus on the more positive phrase, "May Your Bobbin Always Be Full." Let's approach and engage in appliqué with all of the vim and vigor we can get. Let's embrace it with our utmost confidence and assurance, believing and knowing without a doubt that we can accomplish each and every quilting goal, succeed, and excel. This new year, let's continue making those impressive and remarkable appliqué quilts. Let's ensure that our bobbins are always full and will never run out!

Princesses **Joanne, Ritu, Michelle**, and I wish you another marvelous year of appliqué!

August Birthdays

By Ritu Haldar

Happy Birthday Feather Princesses! This is our guild's glorious 18th year of appliqué, and here's to many more!

August is the eighth month of the year in the Gregorian, Julian, and Roman calendars. So, we send Happy Birthday wishes to our wonderful friends with a birthday this month. You are special indeed! We hope your birthday is memorable in every way! Here are our heartfelt wishes for you:

- May this be your best birthday ever, starting with the best slice of the most delicious cake you've ever eaten!
- May it start with the best gift you've ever received!
- May it be the best day ever, filled with a million wishes from your friends and loved ones!
- May you win that gorgeous Birthday Basket at our August 9 guild meeting!

We anxiously look forward to seeing you at the meeting and celebrating you! We extend Happy Birthday wishes to the following lovely Feather Princesses:

Shirley Kasprzyk - 8/1

Betty Jo Weber - 8/1

Kathie Gorman - 8/3

Betty Jo Lecaroz - 8/5

Peggy Wattenbarger - 8/15

Patricia Yucatonis - 8/17

Jamie Crowe - 8/18

Gwinn Downton - 8/22

Krystal Woytisek - 8/28



August Hospitality

by Linda Woytisek

Young or old, everyone loves a great birthday party; and we Feather Princesses are no exception! We absolutely love getting together and celebrating at any time of the year, but especially every August at our birthday. So, gather with us this coming Wednesday as we celebrate our illustrious guild and 18 years of fun-filled appliqué. Come and party with us and have a sensational time! We are beyond excited and we hope you are too! We can hardly wait!

And when you come, feel free to bring your favorite birthday treat to share. If you have a special birthday dish or snack that you enjoy, please share it with us Princesses. We would love to taste your favorite birthday treats—fruit, veggies, chips/dips, cookies, breads, brownies, and more. Whatever treat you like, I'm sure we will like it, too!

Feather Princesses, Happy, Happy 18th Birthday!

Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar



Happy 18th Birthday dear Feather Princess Friends! Let's stop and take a moment to reflect and acknowledge how wonderful it is to be Feather Princesses and to have each other—friends who love appliqué and friendships that last a lifetime! That is what our wonderful quilt guild is about; and we hope you know in your hearts that as we celebrate our 18th year, you are loved and appreciated more than ever! We are here for you in BIG fun ways and small gestures of caring and kindness.

Please reach out and let us know how we can be there for you. A cup of coffee or a trip to get a scoop of ice cream can work wonders! Here's a toast to your good health, our beloved appliqué friends!

- Dee Anderson
- Becky Gammons
- Brigitte Kasm
- Cathy Kessler
- Janet Kiene
- Bobbie LeMay
- Terry Montaldo
- Joanne Rodriguez
- Pat Yucatonis

Healing Heart Blocks - Amendment to Guidelines

by Dorothy Johnson

Here in the Feather Princesses, we appliqué stunning Healing Heart blocks for the lovely recipients on our Healing Hearts list. 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. We lift the spirits of our lovely Princesses, as they face challenging and difficult times.

As we continue supporting our lovely members who experience the loss of precious loved ones and face extenuating health issues and circumstances in life, our Feather Princesses Executive Board has recommended that going forward, we continue making and giving only Healing Heart blocks to lift the spirits of our members during the healing process; and that we will no longer give fat quarters to the recipients.

It is the Board's opinion that the *Healing Heart* blocks makes a greater impact to the recipients, during the healing process as they grieve from personal losses and recover from critical health issues.

Again, we thank you for your support and for continuing to express your unwavering love to our precious *Healing Heart* block recipients.

Healing Heart Blocks

by Shirley Kasprzyk

What a sweet time and momentous occasion our *Feather Princesses Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party* will be! Food, fun, and fellowship will reign, with games and prizes galore! Yummy cupcakes will satisfy our palettes, along with other delectable treats in store. For now though, let's talk about those delicious cupcakes—tasty yellow and chocolate mini-cakes, slathered with goeey sugary frosting, all ready for us to guzzle down—Yum, Yum, what a special treat!

Because of the obvious health concerns, we don't eat cupcakes every day. But it's okay to enjoy them on special occasions. And at our upcoming birthday party, devouring these special goodies will certainly lift our spirits and make us happy, too! They will make our tummies feel better and we will enjoy them for sure! And when we think of it, the same is true for our *Healing Heart* blocks.

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Tool Time

by Roni Hunt

Happy 18th Birthday, Feather Princesses!!!!

From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of our wonderful Feather Princesses a Happy Birthday! With bated breath, I am excited and anxiously looking forward to another amazing appliqué-filled year together!



This month as we celebrate our anniversary with cupcakes and glitter, we will look back and reflect on all of the informative and inspirational Tool Time presentations we've had during the past couple of years. And we'll keep the party going, continuing to focus on appliqué, while celebrating the most important tool of all in our sewing kit. We will celebrate each other! After all, what would we do without every single Feather Princess? No programs, no meetings, no quilt shows, no retreats, no snacks, no fellowship. After being a member for three short years (that flew by so fast), I know that you have all become such an important tool in my sewing kit and I treasure you all.

Without each precious member, where would we be? Who would we call with a question about this fabric or that fabric? Does anyone have this pattern? Does anyone know where I can find this pattern?

Over the past 18 years we have grown into a community of appliqué quilting friends! Oh, sure we've had some bumps and challenges along the way. We've lost members and gained members; but we are right in the place where we need to be today. Each Feather Princess is so important to our guild's future.

As we commemorate 18 magical years together, let's party, and recognize and celebrate each beautiful Princess as a special tool in the Feather Princesses Appliqué Quilt Guild sewing kit!

who experienced a life threatening illness or the loss of a spouse or child. We lift the spirits of our lovely Princesses, as they face challenging and difficult times.

Princesses currently receiving the *Healing Heart* blocks:

- **Laura Brooker** likes red and green
- **Carol Hibbard** likes aqua and teal
- **Maria Nunez** likes blue
- **Laura O'Connor** likes burgundy
- **Barbara Roberts** likes blue and yellow

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AUGUST CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 2
Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Wednesday, August 9
FP August Guild Meeting
"Porcelain Anniversary
Celebration/18th Birthday Party"

Tuesday, August 15
Crazy Wool Appliqué and
Cotton Pickin' Stitches

Wednesday, August 16
Team Legacy – Civil War Quilt
Group Meeting

Thursday, August 17
Plum Creek Quilt Circle

Tuesday, August 22
Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Friday, August 25
Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Princesses, You Are Lovely!

by Beverly Abenante

Not only are we Princesses getting wiser and more talented as we enhance our appliqué skills; but we are becoming more beautiful and graceful as time goes on as well. Princesses, you are lovely! So let's update your photos for inclusion in our new *Membership Directory* to show what a gorgeous group of ladies we are!



As always, I will take pictures at our upcoming August 9 guild meeting; and I'd love to take a new photo of you to include in our new *Feather Princesses 2023-2024 Membership Directory*, which we will distribute at our October 11 guild meeting. So, if you have not taken a new photo lately, please see me at our meeting this coming Wednesday. I will be happy and honored to take a photo of the "lovely new you!"

Delays and Disappointments - Annual Membership Renewal

by Dorothy Johnson

Lately, we've all heard about (and might have even experienced) delays in air travel. From the recent reports on TV, flying from one destination to another has become a hassle, and very frustrating to say the least. For well-meaning folks who travel by air and want to get from point A to point B, it's extremely disappointing and frustrating when delays pop up.



So, when it comes to your appliqué do not experience a delay or gap in your exciting Feather Princesses membership! Be sure to pay your dues to remain an active guild member—to have access to our website, to receive our informative newsletter, *The Plume*, and to attend our exciting guild activities (guild meetings, quilt circles, specialty group meetings, and special events).

If you have not renewed your Feather Princesses 2023-2024 membership, be sure to do so by August 9, at the cost of \$45 for the new year. Our lovely *Membership Chairs*, Princesses, **Betty Jo Lecaroz** and **B. J. Weber**, will gladly accept your membership dues payments at our August 9 guild meeting. So, be sure to bring your debit/credit cards, cash, and/or checks (made payable to the Feather Princesses). And if you write a check, please write "Membership Dues" on the Memo line of the check.

Also, if you want to renew your FP membership, but cannot attend our guild meetings, you may mail your check to our lovely Treasurer:

Michelle Barry
1813 Staysail Drive
Valrico, Florida 33549

This new year, do not experience a delay or gap in attending our exciting Feather Princesses meetings, activities, and events. Please remember that you must renew your membership dues by our August 9 guild meeting to participate in our guild activities and to be included in our new *Feather Princesses 2023-2024 Membership Directory*.

Welcome Back, Feather Princesses

by Dorothy Johnson

As our new year of appliqué begins, we are excited and we are thrilled. As our previous year came to a close last month in July, we were happy and pleased that we accomplished our goals and checked off a few of the items on our FP "to do" list. During 2022-23, we continued bouncing back and recovering from the pandemic, we found a new fun guild meeting place, Springhill Suites, we presented our very dynamic and outstanding quilt show, "Appliqué in Tampa Bay V - Fun in the Sun," and we hosted national quilt teacher, Margaret Brewster Willingham, who taught us her way of stitching "reverse appliqué." Indeed, it was a busy and fun year for us all.

As our new FP year, 2023-24 approaches, we are thrilled at the prospect of the many opportunities that await us. There will be:

- new appliqué quilt books to read, new quilt patterns to design and study
- appliqué/quilt classes and workshops to attend
- more quilt circles and specialty appliqué quilt group meetings to attend
- more appliqué techniques to master
- valuable quilt info, expertise, and knowledge to share
- more and more stunning appliqué quilts to create

We are happy to boast that 2023-24 is going to be a spectacular year here in the Feather Princesses; and we sincerely thank each and every one of you who renewed your membership and will make it happen. We welcome you back with open arms and lots of love, with the hope that we all will have a fun and successful new year of appliqué. And as we gather at our guild meetings, quilt circles, specialty appliqué quilt group meetings, and other fun guild events, we remind and thank you for keeping the following guidelines and policies in mind:

- Our Feather Princesses guild activities (guild meetings, quilt circles, specialty group meetings, special events, etc.) are open to all paid Feather Princesses members to attend.
- Our visitors, friends, and guests may attend two meetings/activities (including special events) before joining our guild.
- Selling (by individuals) is not allowed at our Feather Princesses guild activities (guild meetings, quilt circles, specialty group meetings, special events, etc.)
- Advertising items or services for sale (by individuals) is not allowed at our Feather Princesses guild activities

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Our Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party

by Dorothy Johnson, Joanne Rodriguez, Ritu Haldar, and Michelle Barry
(Excerpt taken from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Porcelain#Production> and <https://www.southernliving.com/home/what-is-porcelain>)



Marvelous Feather Princesses, we "royals" will commemorate 18 glorious years of awesome appliqué, cherished camaraderie, and fabulous fellowship this coming Wednesday at our upcoming Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party! Partake of this elegant occasion with us, and bask and delight in the lively, effervescent, high-spirited ambience of the Feather Princesses. Gather with us and savor each and every delicious bite of Feather Princesses Sisterhood!

Speaking of porcelain, it is a ceramic material made by heating raw materials, generally including kaolinite, in a kiln to temperatures between 1,200 and 1,400 °C (2,200 and 2,600 °F). The manufacturing process used for porcelain is similar to that used for earthenware and stoneware, the two other main types of pottery, although it can be more challenging to produce. It has usually been regarded as the most prestigious type of pottery due to its delicacy, strength, and high degree of whiteness. It is frequently both glazed and decorated.

According to Southern Living, "Porcelain is more expensive than regular china because making porcelain truly is an art form. Devising the mix of kaolin and other ingredients, shaping a plate to a delicate edge or sculpting a figurine, glazing it, firing it, and creating a gorgeous, nearly translucent, durable piece is incredibly difficult.

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Creative Appliqué Quilt Group

by Peggy Wattenbarger

Formerly known as the Appliqué Design Quilt Group, we changed our name to the **Creative Appliqué Quilt Group**. Our first meeting (which convened on July 26) was very successful; and now we're looking ahead to meeting again. We have not yet established a regular meeting date; but, our next meeting will convene on Friday, September 1, 2023.

Creative Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Friday, September 1, 2023
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Princess Peggy Wattenbarger

We will weave multiple colors together to create an interesting background, as shown in my sample; and I will bring this sample to show at our August 9 guild meeting.



The materials list is based on my sample. You will create a piece that is approximately 20" x 21". At our September 1 meeting, you will need to bring two sets of fabrics:

- The first set is the vertical set of fabrics. I used 4 different fabrics from light to dark as shown on my next sample. →
- Fabric requirements for the **vertical** pieces, also light to dark: →
 - 3 fabrics – 6" x 40"
 - if using fat quarters – 12" x 20"
 - 1 fabric (center fabric) 3" x 40" or 6" x 20"
- Fabric requirements for the **horizontal** pieces (5 fabrics total) →
 - 4 fabrics – 6" x 40" or If using fat quarters (12" x 20")
 - 1 fabric (center fabric) – 3" x 40" or if using fat quarters (6" x 20")
- You will also need a piece for backing, a little bit larger than the finished piece, 22" x 22". This can be cotton, no stick interfacing, something you can fuse your weavings onto.

Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton-Pickin Stitches

by Jamie Crowe

It's been a while since our last meeting, so we're "chomping at the bit" to see you soon. Mark your calendars now, so you can come and stitch with us this month!

NOTE: Please note that this meeting begins at 11 a.m.

Crazy Wool Appliqué and Cotton-Pickin Stitches Quilt Group Meeting

Starkey Ranch Theatre Library
Cultural Center – Heron Room
12118 Lake Blanche Drive
Odessa, Florida 33556
(727) 815-7126 (library)
Tuesday, August 15, 2023
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Jamie Crowe

We welcome all of you, our gifted and talented Feather Princesses, to come and have fun with us. You may bring any cotton or wool appliqué quilt project you are working on or need help with; and I will be happy to assist you.

The days are flying by at record speed. Summer is half over, and Autumn will soon be knocking at our door. So, if you have any Summertime quilt projects to wind up, be sure to bring them to this meeting. Also bring any Autumn-themed projects you would like to make, to get a head-start on stitching them. We're going to have a fantastic time at this meeting! So, come and play with us!



- Paper backed fusible Interfacing—enough for both horizontal and vertical sets. Most interfacing is 20" wide. You will need a minimum of 96 inches, if you don't make mistakes.

Irons and ironing boards will be provided.

This will be a fun and inspirational meeting; and we look forward to seeing you there.

A detailed supply list will be included in the **Creative Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting reminder.

Team Legacy – Baltimore Album Quilt Group

by Roni Hunt

A while back at the inaugural meeting of our **Team Legacy – Baltimore Album Quilt Group**, we Feather Princesses decided to make appliqué blocks of our choosing from the book, *Baltimore's Country Cousins Album Quilt Patterns*, by Susan McKelvey. It took some of us a while to complete the blocks, but we're done!! We met in July, put the names of those who completed a block in a drawing to select the winner of our Baltimore Album blocks. And now with all the trumpets and fanfare we will present the blocks to Princess **Betty Jo Lecaroz** at our Porcelain Anniversary Celebration. Congratulations to **Betty Jo!!**

We thank you all who attended our July **Baltimore Album Quilt Group** meeting. We learned and had fun as we perfected stitching the sharp points on our leaves and we shared our favorite stitching methods with each other. We had so much fun, but unfortunately we ran out of time and didn't get the chance to make our berries. But we will work on them at our September 20th meeting, as mastering the berries will be our schoolhouse skill for that month; and more details will be forthcoming in the September issue of *The Plume!* So, please stay tuned.

We look forward to seeing our accomplished Feather Princesses on Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Bring some paper to take notes, a bag lunch, and probably a sweater as well.

Team Legacy – Baltimore Album Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3672

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Princess Roni Hunt

Thank you, Princesses! I look forward to our continued Baltimore Album Quilt journey!



Team Legacy - Civil War Quilt Group

by Dorothy Johnson

We love studying and creating stunning appliqué quilts similar to those made during the Civil War era. We adore the reproduction fabrics in the myriad of colors that were used in the quilts. And we revere the designs, patterns, and styles of these quilts. To put it simply, we are in awe of Civil War quilts.

So, if you like making Civil War quilts, we welcome you to come and join us at our upcoming meeting. We will learn and have fun, too!

Team Legacy – Civil War Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652

Wednesday, August 16, 2023
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Princess Dorothy Johnson

At this meeting, we will continue stitching our dainty 4-inch "Dear Jane" blocks. And as a special bonus, we will start our group's new appliqué quilt project, "The Circuit Rider's Quilt" – An Album Quilt Honoring a Beloved Minister, Reverend George C. Warvel. A group of church women from his Germantown circuit congregation made and presented this quilt to him as a gift during the Civil War in 1862. At our meeting, free kits will be available, if you would like to participate and make a block or two, as we study and learn more about this cherished quilt.

We welcome each and every gifted Feather Princess to attend this meeting and to learn more about Civil War quilts along with us.

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(guild meetings, quilt circles, specialty group meetings, special events, etc.)

- To advertise items or services for sale, you may pay to place an ad in our monthly newsletter, *The Plume*. (See Princess **Michelle Barry**.)

We value you and we thank you—for the gifts and talents that you bring to our FP table; and we wish the very best to you in our new year!

Welcome Back, Feather Princesses!

Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group

by Betty Jo Lecaroz and Jackie Tarr

Feather Princesses, we're all looking forward to our upcoming *Porcelain Anniversary Celebration*, convening this coming Wednesday, August 9th. So, in honor of this very auspicious occasion, be sure to come out and enjoy the festivities with us!

Our August 2 **Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting was a whopping success; and we sincerely thank every lovely Feather Princess who brought their scrap quilts and projects for Show N Tell. Getting a good look at the quilts that other Princesses are making is becoming one of the wonderful perks of our meetings. So, after seeing the gorgeous scrap quilts, we all were inspired to move ahead and progress on our individual scrap appliqué projects as well.

Our next exciting **Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting will convene in just a few weeks on the first Wednesday in September; and we welcome you all to come:

Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

2902 W. Bearss Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33618

(813) 273-3652 (library)

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contacts: Princesses Betty Jo Lecaroz and Jackie Tarr

At our September 6 meeting, we will:

- Show how to introduce embroidery stitches to some of our scrap appliqué quilt blocks.
 - And as an extra feature, our very talented member, Princess **Shirley Williams**, will show her quilt top made using a drawing, with the raw edge pieces stitched down, and with embroidery embellishments.
 - And as another bonus, our very gifted member, Princess **Betty Jo Lecaroz**, will bring a drawing and present a demo as well.
- Focus on designs and/or scrap fabrics for the upcoming holidays.

Come and bring your bag of scraps, ideas, and scrap quilts for all to see!

Our Fabulous Feather Princesses 2023 Retreat

by Karen Benitez

Hello beautiful Feather Princesses!

The months are flying by and we are getting closer to our wonderful **Feather Princesses 2023 Retreat**, convening at:



Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

39034 County Rd 452

Leesburg, FL 34788

Thursday, October 26 – Monday, October 30, 2023

We now have 24 attendees registered and I hope you're all getting excited. I know I am!

As a reminder, if you have not yet paid in full, our August 9 guild meeting is the deadline for payment or for a refund, if you are no longer able to attend.

If you will not attend the August 9 guild meeting, please mail a check for your balance to me before August 9th:

Karen Benitez

7741 23rd Street

Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Also, we will have our first retreat meeting at our August 9 guild meeting, 10 a.m., in the hotel lobby. Please plan to be there if possible.

Our Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party - continued from page 7)

Just like making porcelain, creating stunning appliqué quilts is truly an art form as well. We carefully design or purchase our patterns, select top-quality quilting fabrics and supplies, execute the appropriate techniques to get the desired results and appearance of our quilts. It's a detailed oriented process for sure, but worth every single moment of commitment, dedication, and time to create our cherished and stellar quilts.

Our Feather Princesses 18th Birthday celebration will be about appliqué, porcelain, and the cupcakes! So join us at this royal event and imperial celebration. It will be the talk of the town and you will have fun and enjoy yourselves for sure.

18 years of APPLIQUÉ – Yippee!

Our Exciting 2023 Autumn Splendor Challenge

by Dorothy Johnson and Joanne Rodriguez

Subtle signs of Autumn are starting to surface everywhere. So that means it really is time to buckle down and get serious about our exceptional and exciting **2023 Autumn Splendor Challenge!** October is coming fast! So, "chop-chop" Feather Princesses. Let's get moving (or should we say "let's start stitching") our gorgeous Autumn quilts and wallhangings, because in about two months, our **Autumn Splendor Challenge** will convene at our highly anticipated October 11 guild meeting. The days of Summer really are flying by fast; and our radiant orange, gold, green, brown, and burgundy fabrics are calling our names. They're anxious to get out of our fabric stashes and stitched into our beautiful appliqué quilts. These fabrics are ready to play!



So over the next few weeks, let's reserve some special time to appliqué our stunning Autumn wallhangings and quilts. Let's get busy creating and finishing our unique wallhangings and quilts for the exciting **2023 Autumn Splendor Challenge**. We all love to "ooh and ahh" over Autumn-themed quilts; and this year we hope to have a ton of gorgeous colorful and stunning quilt entries for you to see.

Winning entries in the past have been those which captured impressive Autumn themes and colors; and this

year we welcome the same—your wallhangings and quilts that sing Autumn—school, leaves, pumpkins, harvest, football, Halloween, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, etc. The list goes on and on; and the guidelines are simple and are located on the Members Only section of our Feather Princesses website > [Members Only](#) > Challenges.

In addition to the challenge guidelines, please keep in mind that:

- Wallhangings can be of any size, from miniature to 60 inches.
- Quilts must measure 60 inches or larger.
- The maker of each quilted piece may decide if her entry is included in the wallhanging or quilt category.
- We will vote for our favorite wallhanging and quilt at our FP October 11 guild meeting.
- We will award a prize of \$25 to the maker of the wallhanging that receives the most votes; and award a prize of \$50 to the maker of the quilt that receives the most votes.

We extend our very best wishes to each Feather Princesses member who completes an entry for the challenge, including adding the quilt label! So, if you have not already started making a stunning quilt for this exciting challenge, get busy and start creating your winning challenge entry today.

Pull out your calendars and start counting the days, because Autumn is on its way. We'll see you and your awesome Autumn-themed quilts at our phenomenal October 11 guild meeting.

(Healing Heart Blocks - continued from page 5)

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 August 9 guild meeting and give them to me, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**; and I will give them to the recipients.

The *Healing Heart Block Guidelines* are located on our Feather Princesses website, [Members Only](#) section, *Healing Heart Blocks*.

We sincerely express our gratitude to you for lifting the spirits of our very special recipients.



It's HOT!

by Dorothy Johnson

This Summer we all have heard the one recurring theme on the television weather forecasts, predictions, and reports. It's HOT! Okay, it's very HOT—the HOTTEST July on record, in fact. The temperature has been unseasonably warm and the most uncomfortable ever! Pair the HOT temperatures with the rain and humidity; and we all can agree that the weather has been rather miserable and almost unbearable at times.

Here in the Feather Princesses, our amazing quilt circles have been (and continue to be) HOT this Summer, too! Our eager Princesses have attended our inspirational circles, started new appliqué projects, and forged ahead with their appliqué and quiltmaking. They are increasing their appliqué knowledge, honing their skills, learning new techniques, and gladly sharing their expertise and quilt knowledge with other Princesses (the frosting on the cupcake).

So, the next time you hear a forecast about the HOT temperatures, remember that our exciting quilt circles are HOT this Summer as well. But unlike the weather, our remarkable quilt circles are fun and exciting, and we absolutely love attending them. They are not uncomfortable at all!

NOTE: *The Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle will convene at Barnes & Noble Carrollwood on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 10 a.m.*

We'll see you this month at the following quilt circles:

Plum Creek Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Thursday, August 17, 2023
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Contact: Princesses Becky Gammons
and Shirley Kasprzyk

Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Barnes & Noble Carrollwood
11802 N. Dale Mabry Highway
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 962-6446 (store)
Tuesday, August 22, 2023
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Sweet Darling Quilts
26240 Wesley Chapel Boulevard
Lutz, Florida 33559
(813) 994-2994 (shop)
Friday, August 25, 2023
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Contacts: Princesses Karen Conter
and Cathleene Tokish



Row By Row Experience 2023

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from <https://rowbyrowexperience.com>)

August is here, the clock is ticking, and the days of Summer will soon be over. So, before any more time gets away, be sure to make plans to participate in the "Row By Row Experience 2023." Enthusiastic quilters from all over our land are hitting the road to partake of this exciting and fun event; and Princesses, it's time for us to put the petal to the metal and participate in this exciting and fun-filled Row By Row Experience 2023, too.

This year's theme is "Summertime;" it will convene now through Thursday, August 31, and the following Florida shops are participating. So, be sure to travel to each of these shops here in Florida and collect a free "row" pattern to stitch. What a sensational deal!

- AA White Sewing Center – Holiday, Florida
- Cotton Patch Quilt Shop – University Park, Florida
- Country Crossroads Quilt Shop – Orange Park, Florida
- Fabric Art Shop – Lake City, Florida
- Fabric Smart – St. Petersburg, Florida
- Inspire! Quilting and Sewing – Plant City, Florida
- Kathy's Quilt Studio – Titusville, Florida
- MK Quilts – Palm Harbor, Florida
- Stitches & Sweet Tea – Daytona Beach, Florida

The guidelines are:

- Every participating quilt shop is giving away a free pattern to make their shop's unique 9" x 36" row. Row by Row patterns are only available for free when you visit the shops in person, and kits can be purchased when you visit them virtually.
- Create a "Row by Row Quilt" with 8 different rows from 8 different quilt shops. Your quilt will tell the story of your travels and the great quilt shops you found along the way.
- From July 1 to September 30, every Row by Row shop will award one amazing prize! To win, be the first person to bring in a completed Row by Row quilt using 8 different rows from 8 different 2023 participating quilt shops. To be "completed," the quilt must be quilted, bound, and labeled. You can win at any participating shop, but each shop will have only one winner.

To get the list of all participating Row by Row quilt shops throughout the United States, go to: <https://rowbyrowexperience.com>.

About three more weeks of fun remain for the Row By Row Experience 2023. So, do not miss this awesome "Summertime" event! Get with your favorite quilting pals and plan a trip today!

Special Anniversary Cupcake Block

by Carol Hibbard, Jackie Tarr, and Shirley Williams

We are so looking forward to our **Feather Princesses Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party**. It will be quite the elegant and royal affair—fabulous festivities, delicious food, and unlimited fun! So pull out your tiaras right now and do not let anything stop you from attending this spectacular guild event on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.



We love appliquéing blocks to commemorate the special occasions here in our guild. So, in preparation for our birthday party, we are appliquéing adorable little 6-inch "cupcake" blocks. We have distributed the complimentary kits, which contain the following:

- 7-inch background square
- Cupcake pattern
- Appliqué instructions

We hope you have appliquéed your dainty cupcake block, using fabrics in happy birthday colors from your stashes. If you have not started making your block, then we lovingly suggest that you "get a move on" and start stitching now, as the adorable cupcake blocks are due at our August 9 guild meeting.

At our birthday party, we will display all of the charming little blocks and then have a drawing; and the number of winners will be determined by the number of completed blocks turned in.

So, be sure to complete your cupcake block and turn it in to us, to be eligible for the drawing. We promise not to blow out the candle until you give us your block.

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](#)

NOTE: The password for the *Members Only* section is located on the bottom of page 1 in the 2022-23 FP Membership Directory.