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### President's Message

*by Dorothy Johnson*

When we meet at our exciting guild meetings and other phenomenal guild activities, we Feather Princesses simply love to play "catch-up." We sit and chat with each other about every topic under the sun; and we tell what has transpired in our lives, since the last time we saw each other. We chat about the activities going on in our guild, we share info related to other guilds' and quilting organizations' activities; and we take out our phones, show pictures, and tell about our adult children, grandchildren, spouses, and more. We share info about ourselves and what is currently going on in our lives—such as our doctors appointments and travel plans. We take the time to let other Princesses know what we are doing; and to find out what is going on with them as well. So, to put it bluntly, we love each other, we value this precious time of fellowship, and we enjoy keeping up with each other and the activities going on in each other's lives.

With that said, we won't wait until our November guild meeting to tell you about our recently held "Fabulous Feather Princesses 2023 Retreat." We just can't keep it to ourselves any longer, so we will tell you about it now. For months as we planned the retreat, we billed it as "FABULOUS;" and I'm ecstatic to tell you that it lived up to its name. Our recently held retreat was FABULOUS! It was amazing, awesome, excellent, marvelous, spectacular, stupendous—it was very good—perfect in every way! From the moment we arrived at Lake Yale on Thursday, to the time we departed on Monday, every aspect and feature was executed with excellence; and every detail was very well planned and went off without a hitch! The five days were very well spent and there were no hiccups or disappointments along the way. The activities flowed like clock-work, and every activity on the agenda that was scheduled to happen did happen. Everything ran smoothly with no problems! This was our 13th Feather Princesses Retreat, it was our 12th Retreat at Lake Yale; and without a doubt, it was our VERY BEST RETREAT ever! Just ask any of the 25 eager Princesses who attended and they will tell you about the good times we had. The:

- Barn Quilt Workshop was excellent.
- Door prizes were exciting and well received.
- Games provided unlimited laughs and enjoyment.
- Gift boxes overflowed with delightful quilting tools and supplies

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## November Guild Meeting

by Dorothy Johnson

We are "deep" into Fall, sweet November is here, the aroma of pumpkin lattes is in the air, and we express our gratitude everywhere! So, come and celebrate appliqué and this cherished month with us and enjoy our exciting November guild meeting. Come in, get settled, sit back, relax and have fun as we continue saluting Autumn, and celebrate the month of November and the favored holiday, Thanksgiving.

When you arrive, please be sure to:

- See our *Membership Chair*, Princess **Betty Jo Lecaroz** to sign-in at our **Welcome Table**, provide your emergency contact information, and pick up your new 2023-2024 *Membership Directory*.
- 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 other refreshments 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 "Burgundy" fat quarters.
- *Guild Photographer*, Princess **Beverley Abenante**, 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.
- *Newsletter Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, to place an ad in our newsletter, *The Plume*.
- *Special Block Volunteer*, Princess **Vickie Miller**, to purchase a kit or to turn in your completed **Christmas Special Block**.
- *Sunshine/Birthday Chair*, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, to sign-up for the November birthday drawing.

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.
- From 9:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m., enjoy decorating your very own tasty and colorful Feather Princesses



belated birthday cupcake. See our talented members, Princesses **Becky Gammons** and **Linda Woytisek**, to get a cupcake, supplies, and instructions.

- At 11 a.m., our guild meeting will begin with a brief presentation of business.
- Next, be inspired with a continuation of the informative program we began at our October guild meeting, "Scarecrows," presented by Princesses **Joanne Rodriguez** and **Dorothy Johnson**.
  - A presentation of fun Fall scarecrow patterns will be shown; and we will discuss design techniques used to create these stunning Autumn appliqué quilt figures.
  - We will share another seasonal surprise which always accompanies the beloved scarecrows, the beautiful "sunflower." Listen and learn about appliquéing sunflowers in our quilts and the range of gorgeous colors that they come in.
- During the break, enjoy the delicious lunch you brought from home and the scrumptious Thanksgiving snacks provided by our very generous Feather Princesses.
- 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 November birthday drawing and door prize drawings, as you just might be a winner.

A chill is in the air and the holidays are here! So, come and have the most FUN and the very BEST time ever at this fantastic Thanksgiving celebration.

We'll see you this coming Wednesday!

(President's Message - continued from page 1)

- Gift and Christmas Ornament exchanges were fun and engaging.
- Informative demos were well presented and inspirational.
- Ice Cream Socials were yum-yum good. (We devoured ice cream treats and all of the fixin's three nights in a row.)
- Camaraderie, fellowship, and outpouring of genuine love were awesome.

So, during this season of gratitude, we are especially thankful to our dedicated *Retreat Chair*, Princess **Karen Benitez**, who did an outstanding job, and the other committed, diligent, and hard-working Feather Princesses who not only made our retreat possible, but who ensured its overwhelming success! And we sincerely appreciate and thank each and every Feather Princess who attended the retreat and supported it.

Princess **Karen** and her wonderful Retreat Committee have already started planning our 2024 Retreat; and not to be redundant, but it promises to be FABULOUS as well! So, when the registration for our 2024 Retreat begins early next year, do not hesitate to sign-up! Make sure your name is at the top of the list.

Princesses **Joanne, Ritu, Michelle**, and I wish you and your lovely families a Happy Thanksgiving! May your cornucopias be filled with fabrics and may you enjoy every single BLESSING from above!

## Cupcake Decorating at Our November Guild Meeting

by Becky Gammons and Linda Woytisek

Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall, a beautifully decorated cupcake is best of all!

Feather Princesses the time has finally arrived to show off your creative cake decorating skills by decorating cupcakes. So be sure to come to our November 8 guild meeting and decorate a Feather Princesses belated birthday cupcake, to continue commemorating our guild's 18th birthday.

We are baking French Vanilla cupcakes to tickle your tastebuds and we will provide one cupcake per Princess, and a variety of colorful frostings and tips for each table. If you have additional tools that you find useful, please feel free to bring them to this meeting to use.

We will begin decorating the cupcakes promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:55 a.m. We will have a fantastic time, so please come, participate, and have fun with us, as

## November Fat Quarter Exchange

by Linda Woytisek

(Excerpt taken from [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burgundy\\_\(color\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burgundy_(color)))

Burgundy is a dark red–purplish color and the color burgundy takes its name from the Burgundy wine in France. When it comes to burgundy, this color transcends from Autumn right into the Holiday Christmas season. From radiant burgundy leaves falling from the trees to brilliant sparkling burgundy clothing, home decor, gifts and more, burgundy is front and center this time of year.

In our appliqué and quilting, burgundy plays well with just about every color on the color wheel and it is a great substitute for the traditional red color in many of our festive Holiday quilts. So, as we continue creating our striking seasonal wallhangings and quilts, let's be sure to include the color burgundy to get a totally different and surprising effect.

The **Fat Quarter Exchange** fabric selection for November is "**Burgundy**." So, make the time now to select radiant burgundy fabrics from your stashes, and then bring them to our November 8 guild meeting; and take a chance to win a bundle of these. Win some of these sumptuous fat quarters; and then enjoy every single moment as you create your stunning new appliqué quilts. Play with burgundy fabrics and have a great time, using this magnificent color!

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

Thanks so much and we'll see you and your gorgeous "**Burgundy**" fabrics this coming Wednesday at our fat quarter table.



we continue our guild's 18th anniversary celebration and also as we exercise our creative prowess, by decorating a cupcake.

Judges will be on hand to critique the decorated cupcakes, based on creativity and workmanship. And at the end, you may eat your cupcake or hold on to it and carry it home with you.

Best wishes to you all!



## November Program "Scarecrows" Continued, and "Sunflowers," Too!

by Joanne Rodriguez  
(Excerpt taken from <https://www.thefactsite.com/facts-about-scarecrows> and <https://thanksgivingpoint.org/the-history-of-scarecrows> and <https://www.almanac.com/plant/sunflowers/>)

In October, we went to the pumpkin patch and found several scarecrows there. So this month, we will continue exploring scarecrows as we enjoy the Autumn Harvest Season. Did you know that scarecrows:

- Were originally made to do exactly what their name suggests: scare off crows and other birds that might ruin the farmers' crops.
- Have been around longer than you might think—the first scarecrows known to history were made about 3,000 years ago!
- Were first made by the Egyptians to protect their wheat fields, especially along the Nile River.

At our November 8 guild meeting, we will be inspired with a presentation of fun Fall scarecrow patterns; and we will discuss design techniques used to make these stunning Autumn appliqué quilt figures. And, we will be inspired as we discuss how these Fall symbols are stitched in our quilts—how they are appliquéd—their stringy golden hair, happy cheerful faces, and clothing—denim overalls, floral, plaid, and patchwork shirts, and heavy black boots.

Also, we will share another seasonal surprise which always accompanies the beloved scarecrows, the beautiful "sunflower." Listen and learn about appliquéing sunflowers in our quilts and the range of gorgeous colors that they come in. The sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) is an annual plant with a sizeable daisy-like flower face. Its scientific name comes from the Greek words *helios* (sun) and *anthos* (flower). The flowers come in many colors (yellow, red, orange, maroon, brown), but they are commonly bright yellow with brown centers that ripen into heavy heads filled with seeds. Sunflowers make excellent cut flowers, and many attract bees, birds, and butterflies.

Sunflowers are heliotropic, which means that they turn their flowers to follow the movement of the sun across the sky from east to west and then return at night to face the east, ready again for the morning sun. Heliotropism happens during the earlier stages before the flower grows heavy with seeds.

Today, pesticides and more technologically advanced scarecrows (reflective ribbons, noise guns, etc.) are used in fields to protect crops. But scarecrows live on in our front yards as Autumn decorations and in festivals for competitions. And they also live in our appliqué quilts. The best thing about scarecrows is that they can be whatever you want them to be—in a plaid shirt and overalls, a pumpkin head, a painted burlap sack face, in a full suit and tie, dressed as your favorite TV character. The possibilities are endless!

## The Autumn Florida Quilt Show Season Is About to End

by Dorothy Johnson

What a wonderful Autumn Florida Quilt Show Season we have had this year? Remarkable shows from all over Florida have convened—Jacksonville, Palatka, Clearwater, Spring Hill, and Ocala. But it is about to end, as one more show will convene next week in Leesburg; and then the season will be over until January.

So, plan to have some fantastic fun at the 40th Annual FANTastic Quilt Show and get ready to feast your eyes on some of the most gorgeous quilts ever, created in all styles of quilting, and incorporating all types of quilting techniques. Attend this remarkable show and see the stellar quilted artistry of other gifted and talented quilters.

Feather Princesses let's go, meet, and support the Lake County Quilters, and make new quilting friends!

## "40th Annual FANTastic Quilt Show"

Lake County Quilters Guild of Florida

The Venetian Center

1 Dozier Circle

Leesburg, Florida 34748

Friday, November 10 – Saturday, November 11, 2023

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



## November Community Service Project - Drawing for Door Prizes

by Dorothy Johnson, Joanne Rodriguez, Ritu Haldar, and Michelle Barry

With Thanksgiving coming just a couple of weeks after our November 8 guild meeting—and because we will not be able to collect food donations at our December 13 Guild Meeting/Christmas Luncheon convening at Mandola's Italian Kitchen, our November guild meeting will be the only opportunity we will have to donate non-perishable food items to our **Community Service Project** this Holiday season. So, we (the FP Executive Board) hope that you, all of our beautiful members, will make substantial food donations at our November guild meeting, to help feed the hungry people in our communities.

So, the door prize drawings will operate just a little bit differently at our November guild meeting, as the door prizes will be tied to the non-perishable food items that we all donate. Every member and guest who attends the guild meeting will not automatically be eligible to enter and win a door prize as usual. But rather, only our members/guests who bring non-perishable food items for our **Community Service Project** will be eligible. Only the names/numbers of our ladies who donate food items will go into "the hat" for the door prize drawings.

Princesses, your food donations will qualify you to participate in the November 8 guild meeting door prize drawings. So, please use this time, now through November 8, to gather food items from your pantries, and/or to purchase items; and then bring them to the meeting.

Princesses, also please be advised that at our November 8 guild meeting:

- Our *Community Service Project Chair*, Princess **Shirley Williams**, will stand at the food tables to receive your food donations and to give you a ticket, to enter in the door prize drawings.
- Each person who donates non-perishable food items will be given one (1) ticket only, whether they donate one (1) item or 100 items. And "yes," we, the Executive Board, realize that some Princesses will donate more than others. However, we are limiting the number of tickets to one (1) per person so that when Princess **Shirley Williams** receives the food items from you all as you arrive at the meeting, she will not have to spend valuable time and get "bogged down" counting multiple food items donated by several people, and then having to count and distribute multiple tickets to them to enter in the drawing. With that said, it is our hope that each member will bring a minimum of at least 2 or 3 food

items, even though each person will receive only one (1) ticket for the drawing, regardless of the number of items they bring.

- Our *Community Service Project Chair*, Princess **Shirley Williams**, will still collect cash donations as usual, if you want to donate cash. However, in our efforts to encourage all of our members to donate food in November, only the Princesses and guests who bring non-perishable food items will be entered in the door prize drawings.
- Our *Membership Chair*, Princess **Betty Jo Lecaroz**, along with our *Community Service Project Chair*, Princess **Shirley Williams**, will conduct the door prize drawings at the end of our November guild meeting.

Feather Princesses let's all keep in mind that this process is about "giving, not receiving." We are genuinely excited about sharing with the less fortunate people in our communities; and we thank you in advance for your generosity, love, and support to help feed them at Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing you and a fabulous friend at our marvelous November 8 guild meeting.



## November Community Service Project

by Shirley Williams

We thank you all for your continued support of the Feather Princesses Community Service Project this year.

If you can believe it, the Holidays are upon us once again. This time of year we especially enjoy our family gatherings filled with love and happiness, not to mention all of the delicious goodies. Unfortunately though, this is not the case for everyone in our communities. Even in this day and age, there are still so many hungry people in our area. So, before you come to our November 8 guild meeting, please take a moment to look through your pantries and select some non-perishable food items to donate and share.

There will be plenty of space on the tables (along side the windows) in our meeting room for your donations.

We sincerely thank you for your unwavering generosity, love, and support to this project.

## Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar

Hello Dear Ones!

November has arrived! I am so excited for us to be together enjoying each other, lifting our spirits, sharing our love of fabric and projects and appliqué. This month heralds a wonderful time with family and friends. For those of us experiencing a loss or who miss having loved ones close enough to celebrate the Holidays, please remember that we love you and we are here for you! This Thanksgiving please know you are not alone.

We look forward to being together and seeing you at our monthly guild meetings. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, please come on over and spend a day with us. It would be lovely to see you again!

Happy Thanksgiving! We're so grateful for each of you!

- Dee Anderson
- Shirley Pettaway-Green
- Karen P. Hamilton
- Shirley Kasprzyk
- Janet Kiene
- Terry Montaldo
- Maria Nunez
- Joanne Rodriguez
- Krystal Weidman
- Linda Woytisek
- Pat Yucatonis



## Tool Time

by Roni Hunt

Happy month of Thanksgiving, Feather Princesses! I wish you all a wonderful Holiday month. This is the time to count our Blessings. Of course, when I count my Princesses—Blessings, I count you all twice!



I would like to clarify last month's Tool Time. Afterwards, when thinking about my presentation, I was not sure if I explained that I was demonstrating a little way to sneak in 10–20 minutes of sewing; and what you could accomplish in a short period of time. The little pumpkin I appliquéd was not done in one sitting; however, it was accomplished by a few minutes of stitching here and there. Please ask me any questions that you have about this.

After retirement I have discovered what is meant by "I don't know how I found time to work!" We are all so busy that sometimes our quilting is put aside. This month I found "10 Ways to Find More Time for Quilting" at: <https://www.wildplumlane.com/>. After reading this, maybe we all could find a new way to add to our quilting time.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Feather Princesses November 8 guild meeting!!

## November Hospitality - Mouth-Watering Holiday Treats

by Linda Woytisek

The electrifying birthday drawing and door prize drawings at the end of our monthly guild meetings always make for very special treats. We never know which lovely Feather Princess will be surprised and win the birthday prize each month, or the fortunate Princesses whose names will be drawn for door prizes. But what we do know is that surprises come in all shapes and sizes—and they can come at the beginning of our meetings, too.

So, now that November is here and the Harvest Season is upon us, it's time to charm and WOW each other with delicious treats at the beginning of our guild meetings—those mouth-watering Holiday delights and tasty tidbits—straight from our kitchens. Move over store bought goodies and make way for those delicious home made and oven baked delicacies. Princesses, you all are some of the best cooks ever, you really know your way around the kitchen. We thank you for bringing appetizing treats to our November 8 guild meeting.

If you have a favorite Thanksgiving/Holiday treat (store bought or home made) you would like to share, then please feel free to bring it for our November Hospitality. We can hardly wait to savor each and every bite!

Thank you so much for celebrating the Harvest Season in Feather Princesses style!

### 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](#)

**NOTE:** The password for the Members Only section is located on the bottom of page 1 in the NEW 2023–24 FP Membership Directory.



## Healing Heart Blocks

by Shirley Kasprzyk

So, how will you celebrate Thanksgiving this year? With only a few weeks remaining before the big day arrives, thoughts of gathering with family and friends and the Holiday fare you will serve and devour—delicious edibles and foodstuffs—come to mind. If you are planning to host a hungry crowd, then I'm sure you've already made a mental note of what you will serve. You've already thought about every single item on the menu—and who will provide it and prepare it. And you've already pondered how every single dish will play along and come together with the other festive treats and components of the traditional meal—the scrumptious ham and turkey, the yummy dressing or stuffing, the tasty vegetables, and the always delicious desserts.



Here in the Feather Princesses, we also pay close attention to every single detail, as we comfort our lovely members who experience a life threatening illness or the loss of a spouse or a child. We focus on lifting the spirits of our lovely Princesses, as they face challenging and difficult times. We start by writing encouraging notes of friendship and love to them, calling and expressing our sympathy to them, and simply being there for them in their time of need. Next, We appliqué stunning Healing Heart blocks for the lovely recipients on our Healing Hearts list; and we give the lovely blocks to express our concern and support, and to honor these lovely ladies in our guild who experienced a life threatening illness or the loss of a spouse or child. We ensure that all of our acts of kindness come together to completely and totally express our endearing love.

Princesses currently receiving the **Healing Heart** blocks:

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

Feather Princesses you have always been and continue to be so generous in making the **Healing Heart** blocks; 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 directly to the recipients or bring them to our November 8 guild meeting and turn them in to me, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**; and I will give them to the recipients. ==>

## November Birthdays

by Ritu Halder

November arrives reminding us about the glory of Mother Nature. Leaves change colors and inspire us to perhaps become painters, warm cider donuts tantalize our tastebuds, and of course, Thanksgiving allows us to come together to give "Thanks"—a holiday in which we are surrounded by family and friends. It is definitely the season to be grateful for the special people in our lives. I am so thankful for the tremendous opportunities our phenomenal guild offers—the support of our awesome appliqué friends and the joy of being together at our meetings, quilt circles, and retreats.

November is also very special for our wonderful members who celebrate their birthdays this month! We extend the Happiest of birthday wishes to our special friends:



*Laura O'Connor - 11/1*

*Carm en Crum - 11/5*

*Judy Loving - 11/5*

*Shirley Pettaway-Green - 11/6*

*Carrie Greene - 11/9*

*Diane Keeports - 11/11*

*Sandi Snow - 11/12*

*Beverly Abenante - 11/26*

*Cheryl Haynes - 11/27*

*Barbara Roberts - 11/29*

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.

## Membership Update

by Betty Jo Lecaroz and B. J. Weber

Cooler temperatures, falling leaves, tasty pumpkin treats and other seasonal delights is what it's all about here in our Feather Princesses Guild this Autumn. Inspiration has been at an all time high, as we learned about scalloped and wavy borders and how to add them to our quilts. And studying scarecrows and focusing on their colors and appliquéing their individual components (their hair, faces, clothing, etc.) has been a hoot as well.

"Yes," the Autumn season has been a thrill here in our guild this year. But amid all of the wonderful seasonal pleasures, the best part of all, the ingredients that made it all worthwhile were our wonderful members. The Feather Princesses are awesome—absolutely the best! And we are ecstatic today to introduce our new member, Princess **Diane Vestal**, and our returning member, Princess **Melissa Labella**, to the Feather Princesses. **Diane** and **Melissa**, we are honored that you joined our appliqué guild and we look forward to stitching with you soon. So, please come and join us at our upcoming exciting quilt circles, specialty appliqué quilt group meetings, Holiday activities, and more.

Lovely Feather Princesses, please join us and cheer as we welcome **Diane** and **Melissa** to the Feather Princesses.

On another note, at our October 11 guild meeting, we distributed our new *Feather Princesses 2023 - 2024 Membership Directory*. And while most of you picked up a copy of the directory, a few of them remain. So, if you did not get your copy yet, you may:

- Ask another Feather Princess to sign and pick up a copy for you.
- Mail \$2 to our *Treasurer*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, (check only please, made payable to the Feather Princesses); and we will be happy to mail a copy of the new directory to you.

Also, if you lose or misplace your directory, you may get a replacement copy for \$5.

Thanks so much to you all; and continue enjoying Autumn. Happy, Happy Thanksgiving!



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## I Am Truly Grateful

by Dorothy Johnson

It's so amazing just how much we enjoy ourselves when we all get together; and I am truly grateful to you, Feather Princesses, for making that possible—for making our appliqué guild so much fun! No matter the activity, when we gather, we make fond and precious memories that last a life time. Unfortunately though, as time passes on, we sometimes forget some of the details of the neat and fun-filled activities we have enjoyed in the past.

But thanks to our talented member and Guild Photographer, Princess **Beverly Abenante**, that will never happen to me. I will always be able to recap our guild's amazing activities and special moments from years past. I will always be able to take a glance back into yesteryear.

I so appreciate the discs containing photos of our guild's past that **Beverly** so diligently prepared for me. And my heart was truly touched when she presented them to me at our October 11 guild meeting. Using the discs to easily look back at our previous activities and meetings will allow me to always keep the Feather Princesses first, front, and foremost in my mind.

Thank you so much Beverly (and Feather Princesses) for making this possible for me. This is a special gift that I will always treasure!





## Let's Talk Turkey

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.kshb.com/decodedc/where-did-the-phrase-talking-turkey-come-from>)

Gobble, Gobble, it's turkey time! Thanksgiving Day is about to come, so Let's Talk Turkey! And we're not referring to chatting with or about that 20-pound bird roasting in the oven. Today, the term 'talk turkey' means to discuss something frankly and practically. When someone 'talks turkey' they get to the point and the term often refers to settling a business deal. So Feather Princesses, let's be blunt and let's be frank—let's get to the point.

We all are goo-goo-gaga over appliqué and our stunning award-winning appliqué quilts are proof of that! We are Blessed to have so many accomplished quilters in our guild; and we are so very fortunate to have our fun-filled appliqué quilt circles—they are "the bomb!" They provide the perfect setting for us to gather to stitch and play. They are led by our most gifted and talented members; and they offer colossal opportunities for unlimited inspiration, and for us to grow, and learn about all aspects and topics related to quilting and appliqué. Our phenomenal quilt circles allow us the time to carefully stitch our quilts and produce some of the most striking and impressive works of art ever. They allow us the marvelous opportunity to cultivate new friendships and to cherish old ones.

At this season of the year, we pause to reflect on the many Blessings bestowed upon us. So, it goes without saying that we are extremely grateful for our dynamic quilt circles—not only at Thanksgiving, but all year through. And we are sincerely thankful to you for attending and

supporting them. We express our deepest appreciation to you for coming, creating, learning, producing, and sharing your profound expertise, knowledge, and skills with us. And we thank you for your fervent enthusiasm, too!

Let's make it real—We thank you for keeping appliqué and quilting alive! THANK YOU!

**NOTE:** *The Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle will convene at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library on Thursday, November 30, 2023, 10 a.m.*

We'll see you and a special friend 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, November 16, 2023

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Princesses Becky Gammons and Shirley Kasprzyk



### Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

2902 W. Bearss Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33618

(813) 273-3652 (library)

Thursday, November 30, 2023

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

## The Granddaddy of Them All - Quilt Entry Deadline Quickly Approaching for the AQS 2024 Paducah Quilt Week

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.americanquilter.com/aqs-quilt-contests#important-dates> and <https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/event/homepage>)

Talented Feather Princesses, once again it's time to compete with other gifted quilters from all over the world. The Granddaddy Quilt Show of Them All, the AQS Paducah Quilt Show, will convene in just five months from now. So, it's time to enter your striking quilts into this show, as the deadline is coming up soon, on Thursday, November 9.

The quilt show info is:

2024 AQS Paducah Quilt Week

Schroeder Expo Center

415 Park Street

Paducah, Kentucky

Wednesday, April 24 – Saturday, April 27, 2024

So chop, chop, Ladies! Make the final stitches on your quilts and enter them today! As always, it will be a fabulous show, so make sure that your award-winning quilt is displayed in it. And enjoy the semi-finalist and award-winning quilts, special quilt exhibits from around the world, workshops and lectures with the best instructors, and a huge vendor Merchant Mall, too.

To see the Quilt Show Contest Rules, complete guidelines, and other quilt show info, go to: <https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/aqs-quilt-contests/>.

## "Light the Way" - Feather Princesses 2023 Special Christmas Block

by Maria Nunez



Throughout the year, reindeer play and frolic in the forests; but at Christmas time, they "Light the Way" as they travel with Santa to bring good tidings and joy to children all over the world. At our September guild meeting, we

presented our adorable 2023 Christmas Special Block, "Light the Way." The kit consists of an adorable reindeer adorned with seasonal holiday flowers and more, cheerfully and energetically prancing about in the fields, in preparation for Christmas Eve. As this enchanting figure springs about, consider appliquéing him on a lovely teal background of flora, using luscious cotton fabrics from your stashes.

If you purchased a kit, we hope you will have fun as you follow the easy instructions included in the kit, and stitch this stunning block. The kits are available for \$2 each (cash only please); and you may see our lovely member, Princess Vickie Miller, to purchase a kit at our exciting November 8 guild meeting.

We hope you will have fun as you follow the easy instructions included in the kit, and stitch this stunning block. To make the block, please use the background fabric provided, plus quality cotton quilter's fabric from your stashes for the pattern pieces, to complete the block.

Remember to turn in your completed block to me, Princess **Maria Nunez**, by our Feather Princesses December 13 Guild Meeting/Christmas Luncheon, 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 [mnunez7@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mnunez7@tampabay.rr.com) or 813-468-3810. Thanks so much and Merry Christmas to you one and all!



## "Light the Way" - Our December Guild Meeting/Christmas Luncheon

by Dorothy Johnson

What cherished memories we make when we spend special times with our lovely families and friends at Christmas? They are precious moments indeed that we esteem, treasure, and hold on to. They are wonderful times that we hold dear to our hearts and remember forever. Well, get ready to experience these times at our upcoming December Guild Meeting/Christmas Luncheon, "Light the Way." Come and bask in the magnificent joy and love of Christmas, and the exceptional warmth and happiness of the Feather Princesses. Come and have the best time ever, as you salute appliqué and savor the marvelous spirit and joy of Christmas. The info for this gala event is:



### Feather Princesses December Guild Meeting/ Christmas Luncheon

Mandola's Italian Kitchen  
14703 N. Dale Mabry Highway  
(Market Place North Plaza II)

Tampa, Florida 33618

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

10:45 a.m.

The clock is ticking faster than ever before and the days really are flying by. Lately it seems we've spent the bulk of our time turning the pages on our calendars. But amid the busyness, let's slow down and take some time to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year—let's "Light the Way" and celebrate Christmas!

Help us round out what has been one of our busiest years ever here in the Feather Princesses. Let's give our needles (and our fingers) a break and have some marvelous fun. So, gather with us at our exciting December Guild Meeting/Christmas Luncheon to celebrate! The atmosphere will be electrically charged, our spirits will be high, and special fun, gifts, goodies, and prizes will be in store.

It will be fabulous and it will be fun and memorable, too! Merry Christmas to you all!



## November Calendar

**Wednesday, November 1**  
Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

**Wednesday, November 8**  
Feather Princesses November Guild Meeting

**Thursday, November 16**  
Plum Creek Quilt Circle

**Thursday, November 30**  
Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle



### Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

by Cheryl Haynes

Sniff the aroma of pumpkin spice bread baking or the turkey roasting in the oven. WOW! Thanksgiving is almost here - a time to be loved and shared by all. We anxiously look forward to celebrating this glorious Holiday with our loved ones. So in November, our exciting Tuesday Sit and Stich Quilt Circle will not meet on our regularly scheduled day, the fourth Tuesday of the month, as we will be at home getting ready for the Day of Thanks. But we will meet on the last Thursday of the month, November 30 (the Thursday after Thanksgiving); and we will continue celebrating the season and having good times with you, our beloved Feather Princesses.

**NOTE:** Our next Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle will convene at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 10 a.m.

#### Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library  
2902 W. Bearss Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33618  
(813) 273-3652 (library)  
Thursday, November 30, 2023  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

### Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group

by Betty Jo Lecaroz and Jackie Tarr

We wish you and yours a Blessed Thanksgiving; and we hope you will find some quality time to stitch amid this busy season. Our hearts and minds are filled with the joy, peace, and love of Christmas. And as the season quickly approaches, we are focusing more and more on our Christmas scrap appliqué quilts. Appliqué trees, reindeer, Santa, gifts, wreaths, and more all fit the bill; and we are itching at the bit to stitch them. So, if you have an inkling to play with gorgeous Holiday scrap fabrics and then cut and stitch them into delightful Christmas designs, then come and play with us at our December meeting.

#### Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

2902 W. Bearss Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33618

(813) 273-3652 (library)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Contacts: Princesses Betty Jo Lecaroz and Jackie Tarr

This will be our last group meeting of 2023; so, let's "do it up" in style! Let's all come out and have a fabulous time! We will continue exchanging gorgeous Holiday fabrics, and we will also focus on Christmas themed appliqué patterns that lend themselves to scrap fabric quilt designs. So, if you have some of these patterns, please bring them. Also, if you have Christmas scrap appliqué quilts already made, please bring any that you have for Show N Tell.

And lastly, remember to bring your lunch or a snack, and your jacket or sweater as well. We look forward to seeing you and your lovely scraps on Wednesday, December 6.



May you be happy and savor every single Blessing on Thanksgiving Day! Our hearts will glow when we see you and your gorgeous appliqué quilt projects at our Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle on Thursday, November 30. In addition to your appliqué quilt projects, remember to bring your lunch and a sweater or a jacket.



## Crazy Wool Appliqué Quilt Group

by Barbara Belcher and Winnie Miale

Our Autumn-colored wool fabrics are playing together quite nicely and having the best time ever, as we continue stitching our Fall wool appliqué projects. And our cotton fabrics are having a swell time, too! And as much as we are enjoying this spectacular extravaganza of Autumn appliqué and stitching, we will take a break this month from the adorable pumpkins, leaves, and acorns to prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday with our families and friends. So, our dynamic **Crazy Wool Appliqué Quilt Group** will not meet in November. But stay tuned because we will meet next month on Tuesday, December 19, at our festive Christmas Luncheon.

### Crazy Wool Appliqué Quilt Group Christmas Luncheon

Sioux City Steakhouse  
8515 Little Road

New Port Richey, Florida  
(727) 845-7347

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 11 a.m.  
Contacts: Princesses Barbara Belcher  
and Winnie Miale

Come, experience the joy of Christmas, and celebrate with us. At the restaurant's alluring and inviting environment, we will embrace a wonderful time of warmth and fellowship, as we make precious memories to store in our hearts forever! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for delicious Holiday cuisine and good times with the Feather Princesses.

And be sure to contact us and let us know (by Wednesday, December 13) if you plan to attend, so we can add your name to the headcount at the restaurant.

## A Quiet Star in Our Guild

by Michelle Barry

At our September guild meeting, some amazing quilts were shown by our members. A couple of quilts made by Princess **Vickie Miller** really stood out for their beauty and workmanship.

But did you know that one of the quilts **Vickie** showed, "English Rose," was in an article in the Summer 1999 *American Quilter Magazine*?

It seems that Mary Lou Schwinn, AQ Editor, saw **Vickie's** quilt in Paducah, admiring the quilt because Mary Lou had used the same fabric (in a different color) in a quilt of her own making. Mary Lou asked **Vickie** to write an article

## Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilt Group

by Roni Hunt

Our **Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilt Group** is grateful to have so many talented Feather Princesses joining us. When we met in September, we started our next project, where each of us began creating a wallhanging or table topper, starting with a center 18-inch block. If you would like to join us in this project, it's not too late, as we have just begun. It will be an ongoing venture that we will continue designing and creating in 2024.

We will not meet in November; however, we will join the **Team Legacy - Civil War Quilt Group** in December to celebrate the Holidays! And we gladly welcome all of our lovely Feather Princesses to join us! We will meet on Wednesday, December 20, and the itinerary is:

We'll do some Christmas shopping (wink-wink) at:

**Rainbow's End**  
1080 Kapp Drive  
Clearwater, Florida 33765  
10 a.m.

Then we'll have a Holiday lunch at:

**The Lucky Dill**  
33180 U.S. Highway 19 North  
Palm Harbor, Florida 34684  
11:30 a.m.

After lunch, we will end our adventure by Christmas shopping (wink-wink) at:

**MK Quilts**  
38565 US Highway 19 North  
Palm Harbor, Florida 34684

If you would like to participate in any or all of the stops on our Christmas Holiday Adventure, please contact Princess **Dorothy Johnson** via email by Wednesday, December 13, so we can make the reservations. We hope you all will join us at our exciting and fun-filled Christmas outing. Santa has already said that you may purchase whatever you want at the quilt shops!

about how she used that fabric in "English Rose" to get her dimensional appliqué; and **Vickie** complied.

Titled "Illusions—Using Fabrics to Create Dimension in Appliqué," **Vickie** explained how she selects fabric to use as dimensional appliqué. Eight closeup pictures of "English Rose" were included in the article.

So, "kudos" to **Vickie** for her exemplary quilt and having an article written about it in *AQ Magazine*!

## Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

by Karen Conter and Cathleene Tokish

Thanksgiving Day is coming and we're looking forward to spending time with family, flipping back and forth between football games and the iconic Macy's parade, and eating a delicious feast. And this year, our celebration will extend throughout the entire Thanksgiving weekend. So, Sweet Darling Quilt Shop will be closed for the weekend; and therefore our **Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle** will not meet on the day after Thanksgiving (the 4th Friday), as usual. We wish you a special Thanksgiving with your loved ones; and as you enjoy the weekend, we hope you will continue stitching your delightful cotton and wool Holiday gifts and appliqué quilt projects.

Looking ahead into the month of December, the **Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle's** regular meeting day will fall on Friday, December 22, just three days before Christmas. So, as we continue preparing for Santa's visit, we will not meet that day either. But alas, we will meet on the 5th Friday, December 29. So, make a note on your calendars now and then plan to join us.

**Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle**  
Sweet Darling Quilts  
26240 Wesley Chapel Boulevard  
Lutz, Florida 33559  
(813) 994-2994 (shop)  
Friday, December 29, 2023  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Contacts: Princesses Karen Conter  
and Cathleene Tokish

We love you, Feather Princesses, and we wish you much joy and happiness this Holiday season. We can hardly wait to see you and your appliqué quilt projects on December 29.

Enjoy the precious Blessings of Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you all!



## Central Florida Holiday Hot Pad Shop Hop

submitted by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from the Florida Register, November - December 2023)

Swap your treasured recipes for mouth-watering Holiday treats with family and friends, get your grocery shopping done early, or call to make reservations for Thanksgiving dinner! And then mark your calendars to attend the exciting Central Florida Holiday Hot Pad Shop Hop," scheduled to convene Friday, November 17 – Saturday, December 2, 2023. Participate and receive fabric and a pattern kit at each store. And remember that the prizes include \$50 and \$75 Shopping Sprees!

The participating shops are:

- A Quilting Palette – Lady Lake  
[www.aquiltingpalette.com](http://www.aquiltingpalette.com)
- Beyond the Stitches – Crystal River  
[www.beyondthestitches.com](http://www.beyondthestitches.com)
- Nana's Quilt Shop – Brooksville  
[www.nanasquiltshop.com](http://www.nanasquiltshop.com)
- Piece by Piece – Mount Dora  
[www.piecebypiecequilts.com](http://www.piecebypiecequilts.com)
- Sew-Mini Things – Mount Dora  
[www.sewminithings.com](http://www.sewminithings.com)
- The Sewing Studio – Lady Lake  
[www.sewing.net](http://www.sewing.net)
- The Sewing Studio Fabric Superstore – Maitland  
[www.sewing.net](http://www.sewing.net)

### Guidelines:

- Passports cost \$7 prior to the start of the Shop Hop, and \$8 during the Shop Hop
- Only 1 passport per person is allowed
- Passports are non-refundable
- Participants must be 9 years old or older
- Participants must be present to have their passports stamped
- Participants must have a stamp from all participating shops to be eligible for the Grand Prize drawings
- Winners have 30 days from the end of the Shop Hop to claim prizes

If you don't get the chance to go and participate in the fun-filled Shop Hop before Thanksgiving, then wait and check it out the week after Thanksgiving.

No matter what, do not miss it. Do not let this fantastic Shop Hop pass you by. It's going to be SPECTACULAR!