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President's Message

by Dorothy Johnson

A few days ago, as we listened intently to the various radio and television weather reports, it was very obvious that the meteorologists were extremely skilled in their profession, and that they were passionate about providing the most accurate forecasts and predictions regarding Hurricane Idalia. It was very apparent and crystal clear that they wanted to provide every single detail and nail down every single element related to the hurricane, to report to the public. They were obviously very committed and serious about their work and their predictions, and they strived to get them right. One local station even boasted that they provided hurricane coverage for 22 hours straight, just to ensure that the general public was kept informed regarding the hurricane and changes in its pattern.

This overt passion for accuracy and minute level of detail expressed by the skilled meteorologists reminded me of how passionate we Feather Princesses are about appliqué—when we create our breathtaking appliqué quilts, how we strive for accuracy in our quilting, how we commit to defining every single detail of the process, and how we learn specific appliqué and quilting techniques required to complete a specific kind of quilt project. It made me think of how we step up to the plate—and sometimes step outside of the box as well—to learn more techniques to incorporate, as we create our stunning quilts. It made me think of just how vitally important "learning" really is to the quilting process. And it made me realize that there's no getting around it. We quilters have to constantly learn and improve—by broadening our knowledge and enhancing our skills to stay abreast of the happenings in the quilt world.

So, how do we accomplish this task, you ask. Instead of stitching the same kind of appliqué quilts over and over again, we can make a personal commitment to learn more by tackling different kinds of appliqué, incorporating an array of different techniques. And we can also learn from each other, by attending our phenomenal guild meetings, quilt circles, specialty appliqué quilt group meetings, classes, and workshops. And then there are online quilt classes to enroll in, as well as inspirational classes taught at our local quilt shops. And always keep in mind the excellent classes that are offered at quilting academies. Lastly, we can also increase

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September Guild Meeting

by Dorothy Johnson

Our fun-filled Summer with family and friends is quickly coming to an end. Labor Day has already come and gone and the first day of school is here. We've registered for our classes, our books and other school supplies are at hand, and now it's time to begin another exciting year of quilting, now it's time to learn! So, let's get on the bus, Gus, go to school, put on our "thinking caps," and learn more about appliqué! Join us at our September guild meeting with joyful hearts and open minds ready to caress every ounce of knowledge that we can, about this spectacular art form that we so dearly love and embrace.

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, provide your emergency contact information, and pickup your new FP 2023-24 Membership card.
- See our *Community Service Project Volunteer*, Princess **Cheryl Haynes**, 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 "Red, Yellow, and Blue" 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 Volunteer*, Princess **Becky Gammons**, 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 ask questions about our upcoming Feather Princesses 2023 Retreat.
- *Sunshine/Birthday Chair*, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, to sign-up for the September birthday drawing.



September 13, 2023
Spring Hill Suites Marriott Tampa
Suncoast Parkway
16615 Crosspointe Run
Land O'Lakes, Florida 34638

- Doors Open at 9 a.m.
- Happy Hour begins at 9 a.m.
- Retreat Meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the hotel lobby
- Ways & Means Autumn Fabric Sale begins at 10 a.m. in the meeting room
- Guild Meeting begins at 11 a.m.

Also:

- During Happy Hour sit, stitch, learn, and have fun with your talented Feather Princesses friends, as you appliqué your stunning appliqué quilt projects.
- At 10 a.m., our **Retreat** meeting will begin in the hotel lobby. If you registered to attend the **Retreat**, then be sure to attend this meeting.
- At 10 a.m., our **Ways and Means Autumn Fabric Sale** will begin inside the meeting room. Pull out your cards, cash, and checks and get ready to have the most fun ever as you shop for fabrics, fabrics, and more fabrics, with the proceeds benefitting our guild.
- At 11 a.m., our guild meeting will begin with a brief presentation of business.
- Next, be inspired with the informational program, "Live on the Edge," presented by Princess **Dorothy Johnson**. **Dorothy** will:
 - Show pictures of quilts with stunning appliqué borders that are not straight, especially wavy, scalloped borders.
 - Show a YouTube video, explaining the process of making scalloped borders.
 - Lead us in a discussion and hands-on demo on how to select the fabrics and patterns to make the borders, and how to cut and stitch these delightful fabrics to make the borders.
- At the lunch break:
 - Savor the delicious lunch you brought from home.

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- Continue enjoying the **Ways and Means Autumn Fabric Sale**, find awesome bargains, and make even more purchases.
- See our *Special Christmas Block Chair*, Princess **Maria Nunez**, to purchase a kit for the gorgeous **Special Christmas Block**.
- During Show N Tell, enjoy the amazing and astonishing Show-Offs and be inspired with the very stunning appliquéd quilts and wallhangings made by our talented Princesses.
- Then be sure to enjoy the exciting September birthday drawing and door prize drawings, as you just might be a winner.

Fabulous Feather Princesses, the first day of school is always fun, right? We get to meet our teachers, we make new friends, and most of all we learn something new. So come and have the most FUN and the very BEST time ever at this fantastic meeting and first day of school.

We'll see you this coming Wednesday in Home Room, at our Feather Princesses September 13 guild meeting!

September Fat Quarter Exchange

by Linda Woytisek

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.google.com/search?> and <https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2010/01/color-theory-for-designers-part-1-the-meaning-of-color/#:>)

As kids of yesteryear and adults today, one staple item in our toybox was and continues to be a box of Crayola Crayons. Now that coloring and coloring books have gained a resurgence in popularity, as a means of restoring calm, more adults own a box of crayons now than ever before. Whether the box contains 8, 16, 24, 32, or 64 pieces, the primary colors are guaranteed to be there. And since the introduction of Crayola drawing crayons by Binney & Smith back in 1903, more than 200 distinctive colors have been produced in a wide variety of assortments; but the colors red, yellow, and blue continue to take center stage. Also, since the introduction of fluorescent crayons in the 1970s, these standard colors have been complemented by a number of specialty crayon assortments as well.

Primary colors include red, yellow, and blue, and they cannot be mixed from other colors. They are the source of all other colors; and the common meaning of these primary colors are:

- **Red** – Passion, Love, Anger
- **Yellow** – Happiness, Hope, Deceit
- **Blue** – Calm, Responsible, Sadness

Ways & Means Autumn Fabric Sale

by Michelle Barry and Joanne Rodriguez

Princesses! Here's announcing the Ways & Means Committee FABRIC sale at our September 13 guild meeting. These are the fabric remnants and yardage that were not sold at our Quilt Show Boutique; and boy do we have a lot of wonderful leftovers.



The sale will be held from:

- 10 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
- During the lunch hour
- After the meeting is over

We will accept cash, credit card, and check. So grab your wallets and come to the September meeting to get a bargain on fabric. All proceeds will benefit the Feather Princesses guild.

The **Fat Quarter Exchange** fabric selection for September is "Primary Colors." So, let's go to our stashes, select splendid **Red**, **Yellow**, and **Blue** fabrics, and then bring them to our September 13 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 appliquéd quilt. Play with these fabrics and have a great time, using these magnificent colors!

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 "**Red**, **Yellow**, and **Blue**" fabrics this coming Wednesday at our Fat Quarter Table.



September Program: "Live on the Edge"

by Dorothy Johnson

So, you're creating a gorgeous quilt and you're as happy as a bee! You've appliquéd the quilt blocks and added the sashing—ta-da, and the quilt top is complete. At least you think so—until you stand back, look at it, and ponder—does it need a frame, should it have a border?

Borders provide a special touch to the overall design of a quilt, while providing a frame for a quilt, and also while providing an opportunity to easily enlarge a quilt. There are countless numbers of border designs out there—patchwork and appliquéd; and usually the design of the border is determined or influenced by the design of the quilt top. A border can be a simple strip of fabric or it can be an intricately appliquéd addition with a totally different shape. At any rate, the border can be anything you want it to be. You, the quilter, are the boss!

At our September 13 quilt meeting, we will "live on the edge" and take a brief look at quilts with different kinds of appliquéd borders that are not straight, specifically scalloped and wavy borders; and we'll actually try our hands at stitching a simple wavy border. It will be a fun exercise and we hope you will participate with us. We will provide the fabrics and we ask you to bring the following basic supplies:

- Appliquéd needles
- Thimble, if you use one
- Pins
- Appliquéd thread in a neutral color
- Scissors for cutting, trimming, and clipping fabrics

After this hands-on demo, we hope you will have a broader perspective and outlook about quilt borders, especially borders with edges that are not straight.

Come, learn, and have fun with us this coming Wednesday, as we "live on the edge" and explore quilt borders that are not straight.



Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar



Hello Dear Ones! We're sending healing, love, and virtual hugs to you all who are recovering from a procedure or resting up. If you receive a hug, then give a hug! If you get a call, give a call back! If you come across a delightful appliquéd pattern, call a friend and share your ideas. All of the above are forms of love and care!

Precious Feather Princesses, know that you are loved, cared for, and definitely have a buddy to call upon. September is here, pumpkin lattes are back, and Fall will soon be in the air. We're sending love throughout our illustrious guild, as we look forward to another beautiful season of appliquéd with you all!

We can hardly wait to see you and get a hug at our September 13 guild meeting!

- Dee Anderson
- Barbara Belcher
- Karen Benitez
- Trudy Flynn
- Becky Gammons
- Shirley Kasprzyk
- Janet Kiene
- Terry Montaldo
- Mary Moody
- Maria Nunez
- Joanne Rodriguez
- Pat Yucatonis

September Community Service Project

by Shirley Williams

It is more Blessed to give than to receive, so the good book says; and giving is so much fun, too! If you have never experienced this before, just give it a try. We guarantee you will sense the love, satisfaction, and warmth in your hearts, just by helping someone else. So let's thoroughly enjoy ourselves this Autumn season, by giving to the less fortunate and needy people in our local communities. Let's ensure that no one goes hungry as school begins and the holidays draw near. Let's share food from our cupboards and cash from our pockets, to ensure that the less fortunate people have food to eat this month.

In September our donations will go to St. Vincent De Paul, located in Lake O'Lakes. Princess **Cheryl Haynes** will collect the donations and Princess **Sandi Snow** will deliver these donations for us. We thank **Cheryl** and **Sandi** and we thank you for expressing your love and support, and for helping to ensure that the less fortunate people in our communities do not go hungry.

We are so grateful to you for your generosity!

Healing Heart Blocks

by Shirley Kasprzyk

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

Do you remember what your school colors were when you were in school years ago? If you do, do you remember what the colors represented and what they meant to you? School colors really are a BIG DEAL and school colors are important, as they represent a number of things—academic achievement, a specific area of study, school pride, membership in an honors society... or they can just be pleasing colors to the soul! The bottom line is that there is no “right answer” to what each color represents.



At every age, school colors and mascots unify centers of education. Most schools choose a combination of colors to represent the student body which clearly differentiates them from their rivals and other schools. To set themselves apart, schools get creative with the colors that represent them.

School colors are often found in pairs and rarely no more than trios, though some professional teams use up to four colors in a set. Common colors include orange, purple, blue, red, and green. Primary colors are a big hit—blue, red, and yellow—as well as green, orange and purple; and these are often paired with a fairly neutral color (black, brown, gold, white, etc.)

Here in the Feather Princesses, we appliqué stunning **Healing Heart** blocks for the lovely recipients on our **Healing Hearts** list and we select gorgeous fabrics, based on the recipients' color preferences, too. Just as stated above, there is no "right answer" to the colors the recipients choose and what each color represents. But

rather, their preferences are the colors that will be calming, lift their spirits, sooth their moods, boost their creative energy, and get them through the challenges they encounter in life.

So, we give the lovely blocks 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. We make the **Healing Heart** blocks using the colors that will make the recipients feel good and make them happy.

NOTE: Please note that our lovely member, Princess **Mary Moody**, is added to the **Healing Hearts** block list.

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

- **Laura Brooker** likes red and green
- **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 September 13 guild meeting and turn them in to Princess **Becky Gammons**; and she 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.

Tool Time

by Roni Hunt

Tools are everywhere! Some are made just for quilters, while other tools belong only in our sewing kits.

Last month at our phenomenal Feather Princesses Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party, our dear member, Princess **Annette Koscis**, delighted us with her method of using overlays for appliqué. Then our lovely member, Princess **Trudy Flynn**, regaled us with her now infamous “sewer” paper,



referring to a sewing item. We will revisit this unusual tool; and we're sure to have a few more laughs to go along with this “TOOL,” whether you are a quilter or a plumber!

We will also have a surprise that was left behind at home last month and unfortunately did not get to our Birthday Bash!

Fabulous Feather Princesses, we look forward to seeing you at our exciting September 13 guild meeting. So, please do not forget to share any tools, thoughts, and ideas you have, to help us all along our quilting journey!

September Birthdays

by Ritu Haldar

Happy September Appliqué Sisters! How happy are we that we made it through the hottest summer on record here in our area and we survived a hurricane as well. But alas, cooler temperatures are on the horizon and the humidity is starting to go low. Ta-da, beach weather is back!

On that happy note, we usher in Big Beautiful Birthday wishes to our beautiful appliqué friends celebrating their special day this month. We wish you Cake, Wine, Hugs and Cheers. Let's celebrate you!

We extend Happy Birthday wishes to the following lovely Princesses:

Kathy Bixby - 9/13

Karen Conter - 9/14



Our Yearbook Committee Is On Its Way

by Beverly Abenante

School bells are ringing and the classes are back in session. The Yearbook Committee has met; and it is well on its way to putting together one of the finest yearbooks (FP Membership Directories) ever. So, if you would like to take a new photo of yourself to include in our new yearbook, be sure to see me at our September 13 guild meeting.

No lurking in the halls (ha! ha!); but I will hang out in our classroom before the meeting begins and then again after we eat lunch; 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 guild meeting this coming Wednesday. I will be happy to take a photo shot of you!



Membership Directory Cover Competition

by Michelle Barry

It's that time of year again when we will be getting the 2023-2024 *Membership Directory* ready for print in early October. We would like to use a Feather Princesses quilt as the cover design, as we have done the past several years.

We encourage and welcome our Feather Princesses members to submit photos of your completed appliqué quilt(s) to be on our cover! After all of the photos are submitted, I will select the final cover quilt:

- If your quilt was made from a commercial pattern, we will get permission from the pattern designer to put the quilt on the cover.
- Please provide the commercial pattern's name and designer, so we may ask that designer for permission to put the photo on our cover.
- If this is your original design, please let me know that also.
- If this is your own original pattern, we only need your permission to put the quilt on the cover.
- There are no restrictions on the size of the quilt.
- Please take your photos so that no shadows are on the quilt. Have lighting facing the quilt, not behind the quilt. (Try to not get fingers/hands in your photo!)
- Send your photo to me at:
mbarry@tampabay.rr.com

The deadline to submit your photo(s) is Saturday, September 16. Good luck to all!

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.

Report Cards

by Dorothy Johnson

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

A report card communicates a student's performance academically. In most places, the report card is issued by the school to the student or the student's parents once or up to six times yearly. (Wikipedia) It is a teacher's written assessment of a student's work, progress, and conduct, sent home to a parent or guardian. The purpose of a report card is to inform a child's parents of his or her academic progress during the school year. Many parents consider it the MOST important document that they receive from the school.

Here in the Feather Princesses, we don't issue report cards to our gifted members or their parents; BUT, our accomplished and talented Quilt Circle Leaders (teachers) do give their stamp of approval on every single quilt that our members make. As each quilt is created, our top-notch leaders share their knowledge and expertise with our members making the quilts, they demo and show various quilting techniques, and they follow-up to ensure that the appropriate techniques are used to yield the desired quilt results. And ta-da, the end result is totally awesome breathtaking quilts created by our brilliant members. The Feather Princesses who attend our phenomenal quilt circles are straight-A students and they all get an "A" in quilting and appliqué every single time.

So, if you want to be a straight-A student and get good grades (stunning appliqué quilts) too, then be sure to start the new school right, by attending our exceptional quilt circles. No Cs, Ds, or Fs here in our guild. All of our amazing members are straight-A students, who excel and strive for excellence! Because if they don't, maybe we just might issue report cards after all. Ha, ha!

NOTE: *The Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle will convene at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library on Thursday, September 28, 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, September 21, 2023
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Contact: Princesses Becky Gammons
and Shirley Kasprzyk



Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Sweet Darling Quilts
26240 Wesley Chapel Boulevard
Lutz, Florida 33559
(813) 994-2994 (shop)
Friday, September 22, 2023
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Contacts: Princesses Karen Conter
and Cathleene Tokish

Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Thursday, September 28, 2023
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

Our Exciting 2023 Autumn Splendor Challenge

by Dorothy Johnson and Joanne Rodriguez

Well Princesses, Autumn is finally almost here. 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—just one month away! So, "chop-chop" Feather Princesses. Let's get moving (or should we say "let's finish stitching") our gorgeous Autumn quilts and wallhangings, because our exciting **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, be sure to set aside some time these next few weeks to add the finishing touches and complete your stunning Autumn wallhangings and quilts. Let's get busy 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 this challenge will soon be here. We'll see you and your awesome Autumn-themed quilts at our phenomenal October 11 guild meeting.

Our Fabulous Feather Princesses 2023 Retreat

by Karen Benitez

Retreat attendees, I hope you are all getting excited about our upcoming Retreat, convening Thursday, October 26 - Monday, October 30, 2023! Our plans are coming together quite nicely and I'm hoping everyone will have a wonderful time.

We will have a retreat meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 10 a.m., just prior to the start of our guild meeting, in the hotel lobby. So, if you are going to the retreat, please try to attend this very important meeting.

If you have not yet completed the questionnaire that I emailed to everyone, please either send it back to me or give it to me at our September 13 guild meeting. If you want to take a picture of it and text it to me at 925-895-8129, that will be okay, too.

Thanks so much to you all!



End of Summer Block Party

by Dorothy Johnson
(Excerpt taken from WIKIPEDIA, <https://www.google.com/search>, and <https://www.merriam-webster.com>)

A block party is a party in which members of a single community come together, either to observe an event of some importance or simply for mutual enjoyment. It's an outdoor public party put on by the residents of a city block or neighborhood; and the purpose of most block parties is to enjoy music, food, conversation, games, or dance in order to get to know others in the neighborhood.

So, mark your calendars now because we Feather Princesses we will have our second exciting "**End of Summer Block Party**" convening on Saturday, September 30, 2023. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves last year, so we decided to do it again! We will come together inside Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library to enjoy fabulous fellowship and marvelous camaraderie, and to work on our stunning appliqué blocks and quilts. And we will enjoy music, food, conversation, and dance too, if you like! It will be quite a spectacular party, filled with many good times and special memories too.

So plan to come and spend the day with us:

End of Summer Block Party
Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652
Saturday, September 30, 2023
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact: Princess Dorothy Johnson

Bring any appliqué blocks and quilts you want to work on. Our party will convene in Rooms C and D (combined), so there will be adequate space and tables for you to bring your quilts, quilt tops, and large pieces of fabrics to spread out, if you like.

Lastly, we will have a lunch/snack table, so please bring a delicious treat to share; and remember to bring a sweater or jacket. Also, we will bring cold bottled water to quench our thirsts.

We will end the long hot summer of 2023 in grand style by appliquéing at our **End of Summer Block Party**, inside the cool Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library. Come and join us one and all!

Special Christmas Block Presentation

by Dorothy Johnson

Brace yourselves for our gorgeous **2023 Special Christmas Block**, which will be presented by our talented member, Princess **Maria Nunez**, at our upcoming September 13 guild meeting. **Maria** has recently been very busy in Santa's workshop, designing this enchanting block and selecting fabrics; and we know you will enjoy making it.

So get ready to engage in the Christmas spirit, as you prepare to make this block. "Mums" the word for now though, as we cannot reveal the details at this time. BUT, we promise you will like the block and be inspired to make it.

Maria will begin distributing the kits at our September 13 guild meeting and she will distribute them at our October and November guild meetings as well, or until all of the kits are sold. There will be a minimal fee (cash only please) to cover the cost of the fabrics and the printing cost for the pattern and instructions.

The drawing for the adoral **Special Christmas Quilt Blocks** will be held at our exciting December 13 guild meeting. So, don't miss out. Pick-up your kits this coming Wednesday and get a head start on your holiday stitching!

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our quilt knowledge by attending quilt shows and sewing/quilting expos (see pages 13 and 14 of this newsletter) to attend classes, to see what other quilters are doing, and to see new tools on the market today.

In the fast paced world that we currently live in, learning and staying abreast of what's going on is vitally important in just about every facet of our lives. We simply cannot rest on our laurels. We cannot be so satisfied with what we already know and have achieved, that we make no further effort to learn more. We have to continue acquiring knowledge and we gotta have fun along the way. September is here, school is back in session, so it's time to dive in and learn! Pick up a new quilt book or magazine today; and go for it, ladies!

The bells are ringing, so Princesses **Joanne, Ritu, Michelle** and **I** are headed to class now. We love you and we look forward to seeing you at our September 13 guild meeting.

Creative Appliqué Quilt Group

by Peggy Wattenbarger

We Creative Appliqué Princesses ushered in this month with bright smiles and tons of creative energy. We met on September 1, tackled our assignment, and accomplished our goals for the day. We were inspired as we selected our dark and light fabrics, cut the strips, fused them and cut them again, and then began the weaving process! Ta-da! It was fascinating to see the woven backgrounds take shape. We were in awe, for sure!

And now we are very eager to show off our stunning work. We want you to see what we accomplished. So, Creative Appliqué Princesses, please bring your woven backgrounds to our September 13 guild meeting, for all to see.

Looking ahead, there is so much more to explore in our dynamic group, and we can hardly wait to continue and learn more. So come and join us at our next spectacular meeting:

Creative Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

2902 W. Bearss Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33618

(813) 273-3652 (library)

Monday, October 23, 2023

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Princess Peggy Wattenbarger

As always, this will be a fun and inspirational meeting; and we look forward to seeing you there. We will announce the details at our September 13 guild meeting.

Thank You To All of Our Lovely Feather Princesses

by Joie Wilson

I am a new Feather Princesses member and I am still learning everyone's name... But all of you have been so very welcoming; and, I anxiously look forward to our exciting guild meetings.

I truly enjoyed our Feather Princesses Porcelain Anniversary Celebration/18th Birthday Party back in August; and I thank you for the charming blue and white gifts and the fabulous fabrics. Proof again that you make every effort to make all of us feel welcome! The ginger jar and the art piece are stunning; and they will all find a special place in my home, where I do have quite a bit of blue and white decor.

The last few months before my Mom passed I had recently moved, was building a new house, and was just meeting new friends. Mom always asked me if I joined a

Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group

by Ritu Haldar

Aloha friends!

Can you believe it is time for our quarterly **Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting? It will convene:

Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

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Friday, October 20, 2023

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Ritu Haldar

Please bring the following items to this meeting:

- Your red-on-white Hawaiian appliqué block you are working on
- Any ideas for layout and borders
- One red and one white 6" x width of fabric, washed and prepared for borders (We can begin envisioning the layout.)

PLEASE NOTE: *batiks or cotton fabrics will be accepted*

- Portable Appliqué Sewing Kit
 - needles
 - threads
 - scissors for cutting fabric
 - scissors for cutting paper
 - basting thread or glue
- Your favorite Hawaiian appliqué pattern, any size
- Lunch
- Sweater

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

We're keeping our Lahaina community in our hearts! ♥♥

We'll see you on Friday, October 20, at our next meeting!

quilt group yet. The ladies at Nana's Quilt Shop in Brooksville suggested that I look up the Feather Princesses. So I was smart enough to listen to my Mom and visit the guild! So my beautiful Mom is the reason I joined the Feather Princesses. She was a quilter who did all kinds of needlework; and she inspired me to do the same.

Thank you, Lovely Feather Princesses!

Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group

by Betty Jo Lecaroz and Jackie Tarr

Isn't it simply amazing how little scraps of beautiful fabrics excite us! It is very obvious that it doesn't take much to make us "Scrappy" Princesses happy, as we get together each month, comb through big bags and containers of fabrics, and find just the right piece(s) to incorporate into our appliqué quilt projects. This process is so much fun; and it is definitely "a thrill" that each and every one of our lovely Princesses should experience and enjoy.

So, make plans now to attend our next exciting **Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting. It will convene in just a few weeks on the first Wednesday in October; 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, October 4, 2023
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contacts: Princesses Betty Jo Lecaroz and Jackie Tarr

At our October 4th meeting, we will:

- Continue exchanging beautiful scraps of fabric, especially Autumn fabrics. So, if you have Fall fabric scraps to share, be sure to bring them.
- Look at Autumn-themed appliqué patterns that lend themselves to scrap fabrics. So, if you have some of these patterns, please bring them as well.
- Study and become inspired with ready made Fall scrap appliqué quilts. Please bring any that you have for Show N Tell.

We can already see the leaves in radiant colors, gently falling from the trees; and a trip to the Pumpkin Patch is not far away. So come, play, and have fun with us on Wednesday, October 4, at our phenomenal **Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting. And remember to bring your lunch and a sweater or jacket, too!

September Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle Will Convene on Thursday This Month

by Cheryl Haynes

Unlimited fun, inspiration, and learning are at the core of our remarkable **Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle**. We strive to accomplish our appliqué and quilting goals, and we do not disappoint. We really work at our appliqué and we are committed to learning and incorporating all kinds of appliqué techniques with all of the vim and vigor we can get—to create all kinds of masterpiece appliqué quilts, and to ensure the very best results. And we are here for the long haul to continue focusing on appliqué, excelling, and creating our breathtaking appliqué quilts; and by golly that is what we're going to do!

So get your cotton and wool appliqué quilt projects ready and then plan to join us when we meet later this month. And call another Feather Princesses member, to come along with you, too!

Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Thursday, September 28, 2023
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Cheryl Haynes

Please note that just for this month, our **September Tuesday Sit & Stitch Quilt Circle** will convene on Thursday, September 28, because we could not secure a library meeting room on Tuesday. But please know that this circle will be just as much fun and just as inspirational on Thursday, as our wonderful quilt circles that previously convened on Tuesdays.

We look forward to seeing you and your stunning appliqué quilt projects on September 28.



Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilt Group

by Roni Hunt

Our first Baltimore Album Quilt project is in the bag! Everyone had fun creating the beautiful Baltimore Album appliqué blocks. Princess **Betty Jo Lecaroz** won the blocks and now she will complete the project in whatever way she desires. We can't wait to see **Betty Jo's** finished project.

Now that our first group project is in the books, we're on to project #2! Everyone had all the appliqué skills in the bag of tricks but didn't realize it! So now that we're confident Baltimore Album quilters, we are moving on to our next project. We will make a single block and then build on it to create to a wall-hanging or a table topper. So, please come and join us at our:

Team Legacy - Baltimore Album Quilt Group Meeting

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2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652

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

Contact: Princess Roni Hunt

Supplies you need to bring:

- 18-inch background fabric – I think I'm using muslin
- Your favorite tools to trace the pattern onto freezer paper
- Basic tools for appliqué such as paper and fabric scissors, needles, threads, straight pins

Fabrics will be available for you to select from for your block. We will also have freezer paper and a light box. Bring some paper to take notes, a bag lunch, and probably a sweater as well.

We look forward to seeing you at our inspirational meeting on September 20. The Baltimore Album Princesses and I look forward to our continued Baltimore Album journey!

If you have questions, please call me at (727) 741-6714 or send an email me to me at: ronihunt1@gmail.com.

Let's Celebrate National Jelly Roll Day

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from <https://myfavoritequiltstore.com/blogs/fabric-university/what-is-a-jelly-roll>)

When we appliqué, we Feather Princesses use a plethora of shapes and sizes of fabrics to cut and stitch to our background squares. We adore fat eights, we love fat quarters, we cherish layer cakes, and we truly treasure our delightful jelly rolls. Each of these fabric shapes have gained popularity in recent years; and each has its own place in our quilting stashes. But the jelly rolls are extremely popular right now, have taken center stage, and have earned a very special place in the quilting arena.



A quilting jelly roll is not a jam-filled cake; but rather it is a bundle of fabric strips 2½" wide by the width of the fabric (WOF), and they are usually cut from standard bolts measuring 44-45 inches. The name "Jelly Roll" was coined by Moda Fabrics to identify pre-cuts from its designer lines of quilting fabric; however, other fabric manufacturers have names for their bundles of strips, too:

- Island Batiks calls its strips "Island Strips"
- Hoffman Fabrics calls its strips "Bali Pops" and "Bali Poppy"
- Free Spirit Fabrics calls its strips a "Design Roll"
- Timeless Treasures calls its strips "Tonga Treat" and "Junior Tonga Treat"
- Riley Blake Designs calls its strips "Rolie Polies"

National Sew a Jelly Roll Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in September and this day encourages quilters to sew their jelly roll strips into lovely quilt projects. So take some time to select your colorful Jelly Roll, gather with your favorite Princess Pals on Saturday, September 16, celebrate **National Jelly Roll Day**, and have the very best time ever cutting and appliquéing different shapes from the 2½" strips into beautiful works of art! See your appliqué quilts come to life, cutting and stitching fabric pieces from these 2½" strips of fabrics.

Quilt Entry Deadline Quickly Approaching for the AQS 2024 Daytona Beach Quilt Show

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from <https://www.americanquilter.com/quiltweek/aqs-quilt-contests/>)

Okay, talented Feather Princesses! It's time to get our "competitive" groove on to compete with gifted quilters from all over the world. Let's finish our stunning appliqué quilts and enter them in the **American Quilter's Society 2024 Daytona Beach Quilt Show Contest**. So, chop-chop—let's thread our needles and finish the binding on our amazing quilts, as the quilt entry deadline is quickly approaching and will be here in just a few days, Thursday, September 21, 2023.

The quilt show info is:

AQS 2024 Daytona Beach Quilt Show

The Ocean Center
101 N. Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida 32118

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – Saturday, February 24, 2024

As always, it will be a fabulous show, so start planning now to attend it. Reserve a hotel room and start saving your FUN money today!

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



Sew Creative Expo 2023

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from *The Florida Register*, September - October, 2023 and flashsewandquilt.com)

Stop right now, Feather Princesses, and mark your calendars for the sensational sewing extravaganza convening in just a few weeks from now:

Sew Creative Expo 2023 Presented by Flash Sew & Quilt

The Charlotte Harbor Event & Convention Center
75 Taylor Street
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950
(941) 833-5444

Monday, October 2 – Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Attend this exciting event for three fabulous days of sewing, quilting, and embroidery; and then prepare for an extravaganza of learning, inspiration, and creativity!

- Attend classes and learn from top educators
- See the latest products
- Enjoy special events such as demos, lectures, trunk shows, and more

The Special Events include:

- Sewlebrity Meet & Greet with Guest Educators
- Lecture Trunk Show with Amanda Murphy
- Sewlebrity Panel Discussion, hosted by Master of Ceremonies, Richard Laible
- Grand Prize Drawings

Also:

- Over \$40,000 in prizes will be given away over the three days
- There will be amazing FLASH-LIGHT Specials

For more detailed information, to purchase tickets to attend this event, and to register for classes, go to <https://www.flashsewandquilt.com>.



The Holidays Are Coming, and So Are the Quilt Shows, Too

by Dorothy Johnson

Now that September is here, the holidays are coming closely behind and so are some fabulous quilt shows, too. The Autumn Florida Quilt Show Season is about to begin; and it's going to be fantastic—one for the record books. So, pull out your calendars, phones, or tablets and jot down the dates, so you won't miss a single show. Then go and enjoy each show, get your Fall time quilt fix and boost of inspiration, and become enlightened with the breathtaking quilts you will see and the exciting trends in quilting you will explore and discover!

"Sew Full of Whimsy" Jacksonville Quilt Fest

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
1000 Water Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Thursday, Sept. 14 – Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. all three days
www.quiltfestjax.com

"10th Annual Quilts by the River Quilt Show" Sponsored by Miss D's Quilts

Downtown Palatka
305 St. Johns Avenue
Palatka, Florida 32177

Friday, October 6 – Saturday, October 7, 2023
www.missdsquilts.com

"Quilting Under the Palms Quilt Show" Quilters Crossing Quilt Guild

Countryside Recreation Center
2640 Sabal Springs Drive
Clearwater, Florida

Friday, October 20, 2023, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
www.quilterscrossingguild.org

"Sew It Up – Quilt Exhibit & Craft Show 2023" Hernando Quilters' Guild

St. Joan of Arc Church – Parish Hall
13485 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, Florida 34609

Friday, November 3, 2023, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, November 4, 2023, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
www.hernandoquiltersguild.com

"2023 Quilt Show" Country Road Quilters of Ocala

Circle Square Cultural Center
8305 S.W. 80th Street
Ocala, Florida 34481

Friday, November 3 – Saturday, November 4, 2023
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. both days
<https://crq-ocala.org/>

"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
<https://lakequiltguild.com>

