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THE FEATHER PRINCESSES NEWSLETTER

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CHEERS
TO 20
YEARS

President's Message

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

Back in school many years ago, specifically in science class, we were taught that oxygen is invisible and cannot be physically touched in its normal gaseous state. We learned that it is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that makes up a significant portion of the earth's atmosphere. And while we could not see or feel it in its gaseous form, we knew it was "out there" and we learned that oxygen was necessary for life.

As needle artists, especially as quilters, we have learned that inspiration is the sole backbone of everything that we do. Just like oxygen, inspiration cannot be physically touched, but it is a vital and necessary part of what we make and how we create. We cannot see or touch inspiration, BUT it is "out there" and it plays a major role in every single appliqué quilt project that we stitch.

So, how does inspiration influence your creativity? What turns you on and gets you excited about appliquéing and quilting? What energizes you, gets your creative juices flowing, and spurs you on to start a new appliqué quilt project or to finish one you've already begun? Inspiration comes from many sources—a class, lecture, workshop, quilt book or pattern, fabrics, magazine or catalogue, guild meeting, quilt circle, or simply gathering with special quilting friends. It can come from a design on the wall or ceiling, a tile on the floor, or a piece of art work nestled on an end table.

The other day I received both a quilt magazine and a quilt catalogue in the mail at the same time, and literally felt as though I had won the lottery and hit the jackpot. Of course, my world came to a screeching halt. I stopped what I was doing, sat in my chair, and became totally immersed with inspiration. Honestly, I did not read every page of the magazine, nor did I order any quilting supplies or products from the catalogue. But I was so intrigued and inspired with what I saw on the pages—pictures of ready made quilts, books, fabrics, patterns, supplies, and more! And then there was also a plethora of valuable information regarding upcoming quilt shows, quilt challenges and competitions, and more. This divine inspiration got me all fired up, wanting to stitch! What more could a quilter want or ask?

So lovely Feather Princesses, as we celebrate appliqué and commemorate our guild's 20th Anniversary, let's always welcome and allow inspiration to flow, immerse our surroundings, and influence what we make and how we create it. Along with the process of appliquéing and making breathtaking

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August Guild Meeting

by Dorothy Johnson

Beautiful Feather Princesses, let your tiaras sparkle like never before at our illustrious 20th Anniversary Celebration! We "royals" will commemorate 20 glorious years of awesome appliqué, cherished friendships, and fabulous and fond memories this coming Wednesday at our upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration! Partake of this elegant occasion with us and bask, delight, and take pleasure in the lively, effervescent, high-spirited ambience of the Feather Princesses. Enjoy every special moment of the celebration, as we reflect on our many years of applique, and the joy and satisfaction of being a Feather Princess!

When you arrive, please be sure to:

- See our *Membership Chairs*, Princesses **Betty Jo Lecaroz** and **B. J. Weber**, to:
 - Sign in at our Welcome Table.
 - Renew your FP 2025–26 Membership.
- See our *Community Service Project Chair*, Princess **Mary Moody**, to drop off your non-perishable food items for our **Community Service Project**.
- Place the quilting supplies that you no longer want on the FREE table, to share with other Princesses who might need or want them.
- 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 **PINK** fat quarters.
- *Guild Photographer*, Princess **Beverly Abenante**, to:
 - Sign in and photograph the quilts you will present during Show N Tell.
 - Take an updated photo to include in our upcoming *Feather Princesses 2025 – 2026 Membership Directory*.
- *Healing Hearts Chair*, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**, to turn in your **Healing Heart** blocks.
- *Newsletter Chair*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, to place an ad in our newsletter, *The Plume*.
- *Special Block*, Princess **Winnie Miale**, to turn in your completed "Tiara" Special Blocks.
- *Sunshine/Birthday Chair*, Princess **Ritu Haldar**, to sign up for the August birthday drawing.



Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Springhill 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 starts at 10 a.m.
- Guild Meeting starts at 11 a.m.

Also:

- At 9 a.m. during Happy Hour sit, stitch, learn, and have fun with your talented Feather Princesses friends, as you stitch your stunning appliqué quilt projects.
- At 10 a.m., attend the informative Retreat Meeting in the Springhill Suites Hotel lobby, to discuss plans for our upcoming 2025 Lake Yale Retreat.
- At 11 a.m., our guild meeting/celebration will begin with a brief presentation of business, special presentations, and committee reports.
- At 12 Noon, our festive anniversary luncheon (catered by Chicken Salad Chick) will be served. Enjoy each and every delicious morsel of the royal fare and cherish the Feather Princesses special fellowship.
- See our *Treasurer*, Princess **Michelle Barry**, to make final payments to attend our 2025 Lake Yale Retreat.
- After lunch, see the breathtaking quilts, wallhangings, and blocks entered in the "Princess Feather" Challenge and then vote for your favorites.
- During Show N Tell, enjoy the amazing and astonishing Show Offs, and be inspired with the very stunning appliqué quilts and wallhangings made by our talented Princesses.
- Then be sure to enjoy the exciting:
 - Drawing for the elegant "Tiara" **Special Blocks**.
 - Presentation of the "Princess Feather" **Challenge** entries and announcement of the winners.
 - August birthday and door prize drawings, as your name just might get drawn and you will be the winner.
 - Other special prize drawings.

WOW! What a GALA celebration this is going to be! It's PARTY TIME, Feather Princesses! So, let the good times begin!

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quilts, let's select designs that require us to learn new techniques, increase our knowledge, and enhance our skills, and improve the overall quality of the quilts that we make.

Just like with oxygen, we cannot see or touch inspiration. But it definitely touches and influences us in our appliqué and quilt making. Inspiration is certainly "out there." So as we begin a new year of stupendous appliqué here in the Feather Princesses, let's be open and accepting of different ideas, new quilting trends, and unusual and various ways of improving the quilts that we make. Let's be inspired!

Happy 20th Anniversary, Feather Princesses! Princesses **Ritu, Michelle, and I** are so inspired and we're tickled pink to learn, appliqué, and make stunning quilts with you this new year! We will see you and your glittering tiaras at the celebration!

Feather Princesses Display of Patriotic Quilts

by Dorothy Johnson

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

It's official, Feather Princesses! We are thrilled to announce that we have been asked to display an exhibit of patriotic quilts at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, in recognition of the semiquincentennial celebration of America's 250th birthday. Our stunning patriotic quilts will be displayed at the library on May 1 – July 6, 2026.



A patriotic quilt is a quilt, typically featuring red, white, and blue colors and star or stripe motifs, that expresses love and pride for one's country. These quilts are often made to honor veterans, celebrate national holidays like the Fourth of July, or simply to express one's love of Americana.

We welcome each and every Feather Princesses member to make a small quilt or wallhanging for this display. Each quilt:

We've Said It Before

by Beverly Abenante

We've said it before and we'll say it again. Beautiful Feather Princesses, we respectfully remind you that we esteem and love you unconditionally, and that we don't want you to change. We love you just the way you are. BUT, if you have modified the style of your hair or if your facial appearance has significantly changed in some way, you may update your photo for inclusion in our upcoming 2025–2026 Feather Princesses Membership Directory.

Just let me know if you want to do this—or not.

If you like your current photo in our directory, that's okay, we will include it in the new directory. But if you want to change it, be sure to see me at our awesome August 13 Guild Meeting, and I will be honored to take a new snapshot of you.

I look forward to seeing you, your glittering tiara, and your big, bright, beautiful smile this coming Wednesday! And continue being the beautiful person that you are!

- May be stitched incorporating any appliqué technique (needle turn, back basting, machine appliqué, freezer paper, raw edge – edges must be sewn down, etc.)
- May be made in any style (art, traditional, album, combo, modern, medallion, wool, etc.)
- Must consist of 60% appliqué.
- Must consist of three layers – top, batting, and backing.
- Must be quilted, edges bound, with a quilt label on the back.
- Must include one or more patriotic symbols (flag, stars, stripes, eagle, drum, bell, etc.)
- May be made in any color. Your patriotic quilt does not have to be red, white, or blue.
- Must be a minimum of 12 x 12 inches.
- Must not exceed a maximum of 36 x 42 inches.
- Must be turned in at our April 8, 2026 Guild Meeting.
- Will be returned to the owner at our July 9, 2026 Guild Meeting.

We also welcome you to join us at our upcoming **Team Legacy – Civil War Quilt Group** Meetings, where we will focus on making these remarkable quilts.

We look forward to you participating in this once in a life time project and having FUN with us, as you create your stunning patriotic quilt!

August Fat Quarter Exchange

by Linda Woytisek

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

Let's be honest, every now and then all of us women like to hear a juicy piece of gossip, right? So WOW, do we have a really hot tale to share with you! The word on the street is that "everything is rosie" and we Feather Princesses are "tickled pink" that our exciting 20th Anniversary Celebration will soon be here. We are extremely enthusiastic, energetic, and oozing with inspiration because another fantastic year of appliqué is upon us; and we're itching at the bit to thread our needles with pink thread to appliqué our pink fabric pattern pieces.

As the mix between red's passion and white's purity, pink symbolizes love, nurture, and compassion. It evokes feelings of comfort, warmth and hope. Pink is also a sign of good health with the phrase "in the pink." So, we are extremely grateful for all of our precious members who are experiencing good health "in the pink;" and we extend our prayers and get-well wishes to our lovely Princesses who are recovering.

The **Fat Quarter Exchange** fabric selection for August is **PINK** in any shade, texture, solid, or print. So, go to your fabric closets and drawers right now, and start pulling your beautiful pink fat quarters to bring to our August 13 Guild Meeting for the exciting **Fat Quarter Exchange**. During the exchange, if you win a bundle of these splendid pink fabrics, you will certainly enjoy playing with them and planning your next stunning appliqué quilt, using these fabrics.

The pink fabrics will look absolutely delightful in your next appliqué quilt. And remember to throw in some pink fabrics in your Halloween and Christmas quilts too, as the color pink is showing up and making a big play in some of the new Holiday fabric lines this year.

The *Guidelines for the Fat Quarter Exchange* are located on the Members Only section of our website.

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

August Birthdays!

by Ritu Haldar

We're sending good wishes to you all! Here's to taking a vacation! Here's to being with family, my own and others! Here's to taking a break, resting our minds and our bodies. Here's to being surrounded by Summer flowers in full bloom, enjoying afternoons with the air conditioning on!!! Here's to thinking about family recipes and cooking them with family for friends!

Most importantly, "cheers" to all of you enjoying your birthday month. Celebrate from the 1st to the 31st—small celebrations including hugs to large celebrations involving cake!

Here's to you on your birthday! Cheers! Happy Birthday wishes to:

- **SHIRLEY KASPRZYK - 8/1**
- **BETTY JO WEBER - 8/1**
- **BETTY JO LECARÓZ - 8/5**
- **PEGGY WATTENBARGER - 8/15**
- **PAT YUCATONIS - 8/17**
- **KRYSTAL WOYTISEK - 8/28**

ALSO, we extend HAPPY wishes to our phenomenal Feather Princesses Guild for 20 glorious years of awesome APPLIQUÉ! And here's to many more!



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 2024-25 FP Membership Directory.

Library Update

by Mary Ann Vathy

After admiring all of the beautiful appliqué quilts, wallhangings, and blocks at our exciting August Guild Meeting/20th Anniversary Celebration, unfortunately we will not have the time (or the space) to display our library books at this month's meeting. So, please hold on to the library books you already have checked out and then return them at our September 10 Guild Meeting.

Next month, you may check out more appliqué and quilt books to get your creative juices flowing for the next stunning quilt you will make. So, look forward to browsing them and checking them out at our September meeting. Until then, enjoy the library books you currently have on hand an extra month.

Our library database is almost ready and it should be up and running by next month as well. So, this is something for all of us to look forward to.

Happy Reading, Feather Princesses! I'll see you at our celebration!

Sunshine and Shadows

by Ritu Haldar

Happy August Dear Feather Princesses!

August, glorious August is here—filled with steamy afternoons, fiery storms, beautiful sunsets, and glorious celebrations! Sounds familiar! Just like real life! This month we embrace all of it!



So, celebrate all of it! Come and join us as we honor each of you, beautiful Princesses who have made our guild what it is today. Call a special friend, spend time with us at Springhill Suites, and eat birthday cake!

To our lovely Princesses who have been under the weather, we hope you will feel better soon and we look forward to seeing you and getting a hug at our fun-filled birthday party:

- Karen Conter
- Trudy Flynn
- Ritu Haldar
- Nancy Hale
- Annette Kocsis
- Mary Moody
- Elaine Randall
- Joanne Rodriguez
- Chris Sudberry
- Pat Yucatonis



Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2 - No Frills Retreat

Wednesday, August 6

Scrap Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Wednesday, August 13

**Feather Princesses August
Guild Meeting/
20th Anniversary Celebration**

Tuesday, August 19

**Sew Happy Sit & Stitch in Pasco
Quilt Circle**

Wednesday, August 20

**Team Legacy - Civil War Quilt
Group Meeting**

Thursday, August 21

Combo Club Quilt Group Meeting

Friday, August 22

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Tuesday, August 26

Hawaiian Quilt Group Meeting

Thursday, August 28

Plum Creek Quilt Circle

If You Like Learning - Annual FP Membership Renewal

by Dorothy Johnson

If you like learning unfamiliar appliqué techniques that you've never tried before, attending classes and learning from top well known appliqué teachers, gathering with other talented quilters, and making spellbinding quilts, then our Feather Princesses Appliqué Quilt Guild is for YOU! Next year's agenda is already loaded with fun-filled meetings, enriching activities, and educational opportunities to fill your days! CREATIVITY and PRODUCTIVITY will reign and SUCCESS will abound!



So, if you would like to be a part of this exciting appliqué adventure and excel in your appliqué journey, be sure to renew your Feather Princesses 2025–2026 membership at the same bargain price of \$50 for this new year. (And of course, we are honored to offer free membership to our precious Lifetime members—90 years and older.) Our lovely *Membership Chairs*, Princesses, **Betty Jo Lecaroz** and **B. J. Weber**, will gladly accept your membership dues payments at our August 13 Guild Meeting. So, be sure to bring your debit/credit cards, cash, and/or checks (made payable to the Feather Princesses); and if you write a check, please write "Membership Dues" on the Memo line of the check.

If you would like to renew your membership but you are unable to attend our August 13 Guild Meeting, you may mail your payment (check only, please) to our lovely *Treasurer*:

Michelle Barry
1813 Staysail Drive
Valrico, Florida 33594

Another exciting year of fabulous appliqué awaits us at our illustrious Feather Princesses Appliqué Guild! Get ready, come, and be inspired with total appliqué education, excitement, friendship, and fun!

And remember that you must renew your membership dues by our August 13 Guild Meeting, to be included in our new *Feather Princesses 2025–2026 Membership Directory*.

Should I Bring a Gift? Healing Heart Blocks

by Shirley Kasprzyk
(Excerpts taken from <https://www.google.com>)



Often when we are invited to a party or special gathering of friends, the first question that pops into our minds is, "Should I Bring a Gift?" According to Google, generally it is a good idea to bring a small gift when we are invited to someone's home for a party or gathering, especially if it's a first visit or a special occasion. While it doesn't have to be extravagant, a thoughtful token of appreciation is a nice gesture.

At our upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration, there will be an abundance of gifts, prizes, and surprises—something for everyone. But the greatest gift of all that we can bestow upon our cherished Feather Princesses at our Anniversary Celebration is our gift of love—expressed through the adorable **Healing Heart** blocks we make for our precious **Healing Heart** block recipients.

Again, according to Google, the traditional gift for the 20th Anniversary is "China," and the modern gift is "Platinum." But for us delightful Feather Princesses, we will not give china or platinum. We will bring the gifts of stunning **Healing Heart** blocks to our special Princesses.

Here in the Feather Princesses, we lift the spirits of our lovely Princesses, as they face challenging and difficult times. 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 convey our endearing love through our appliqué.

Princesses currently receiving the Healing Heart blocks:

- **Barbara Belcher** likes red, white, and blue
- **Jeanne Casiglia** likes pastels
- **Mary Moody** likes blue and red
- **Laura O'Connor** likes burgundy

If you recently completed **Healing Heart** blocks that you have not turned in, please bring them to our August 13 Guild Meeting and turn them in to me, Princess **Shirley Kasprzyk**; and I will give them to the recipients.

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.

2025 Autumn Splendor Challenge

by Dorothy Johnson

With the sizzling temperatures that we're experiencing, it's a bit difficult to fathom that the official start of Autumn is just six weeks away. Yes, Autumn begins this year on Monday, September 22.

That means it really is time to buckle down and get serious about our upcoming **2025**

Autumn Splendor Challenge! October is coming fast! So "chop-chop" Feather Princesses. Let's get moving (or should we say "let's start stitching") our gorgeous Autumn-themed quilts and wallhangings, because in two months our exciting **Autumn Splendor Challenge** will convene at our highly anticipated October 8 guild meeting. The radiant orange, gold, green, brown, and burgundy fabrics are calling our names. They're anxious to leap out of our fabric stashes and appear in our beautiful Autumn appliqué quilts. These fabrics are ready to play!

So over the next few weeks, be sure to set aside some special time to appliqué your stunning Autumn wallhangings and quilts. Get busy creating and finishing your unique wallhangings and quilts for the **2025 Autumn Splendor Challenge**. This year we hope to have a ton of gorgeous colorful and stunning quilt entries for you to see and rave about.

In the past, the winning entries captured impressive and strong Autumn themes and colors; and this year we welcome the same—your wallhangings and quilts that shout Autumn—school, leaves, pumpkins, harvest, football, Halloween, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, etc. (No daisies, please!) The list goes on and on and the guidelines are:

There will be three categories for this challenge:

- **Quilt, Wallhanging, and Pumpkin Category.**
- **Quilt Category** – Each quilt entered must measure 60" x 60" or larger in size.
- **Wallhanging Category** – Each wallhanging entered must measure any size smaller than 60" x 60".



Sample of Autumn Vibes Appliqué Pattern
by Angie Padilla Quilt Designs

- **Pumpkin Category** – Each piece must contain an appliquéd pumpkin and it can be a quilt or a wallhanging that complies with the dimensions listed above.
- The maker of each quilt will determine the category her piece will be entered in.

Each quilt or wallhanging submitted in the challenge must contain a minimum of 60% appliqué in the design.

All edges of the fabric pieces on each quilt must be sewn down by machine or hand. No raw edges will be accepted in our challenges, contests, or shows.

To clarify, fused quilts with edges sewn with a machine stitch of any kind or with a hand blanket stitch are allowed.

Entries must be complete and must include machine or hand quilting, a binding, and a label.

Quilts and wallhangings displayed in our previous Feather Princesses Quilt Shows may be entered in this challenge.

Quilts previously entered in this challenge may be entered again, except those that received a prize in a previous **Autumn Splendor Challenge**.

The deadline is our October 8 Guild Meeting, where the challenge quilts and wallhangings must be displayed during the meeting.

Feather Princesses attending this meeting will vote for their favorite challenge entry in the quilt, wallhanging, and pumpkin categories.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- \$50 to the maker of the quilt that receives the most votes.
- \$25 to the maker of the wallhanging that receives the most votes.
- \$15 to the maker of the piece with an appliquéd pumpkin 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! We'll see you and your awesome **Autumn Splendor** quilts at our October 8 Guild Meeting!

We All Have Been There

by Dorothy Johnson

We all have been there. At one point or another, we all have had a plan to do something, and then something unexpected happened, which prevented us from following through. It's called LIFE and it can be disappointing and frustrating at times to say the least! But let's not fret over unfortunate disappointments of the past. Let's look ahead to the future, embrace new opportunities, THRIVE and ENJOY!

ALAS, our Feather Princesses new year of appliqué is about to begin! How exciting is that? So, let's embrace a positive attitude, put a bright beautiful smile on our faces, thread our needles, and then come out and appliqué. Let's be HAPPY and vow to make very good use of our time and resources this year by attending our phenomenal quilt circles. Let's be even more productive and create stunning award-winning appliqué quilts as we gather with our talented quilting friends.

Also, now that school is starting, it's the perfect time to attend our quilt circles to:

- Advance, learn a new technique, and start a new quilt and/or work on our current quilt projects already in progress. So, let's research appliqué quilt patterns, pull out our fabrics, and begin stitching.
- Fellowship with other lovely Feather Princesses, experience the joy of appliqueing with them, and make new quilting friends.
- Share your knowledge and expertise with other Princesses by sharing valuable appliqué hints and tips and/or presenting a demo.
- Use the resources available at the libraries where we meet, such as tables and open spaces, to lay out your fabrics and quilts.

This new year of appliqué, let's make a commitment to attend our fun-filled quilt circles, and not fret over the ones we missed in the past. Let's make the time to enjoy every area of our lives, let's be HAPPY and create stunning appliqué quilts!

We will see you in August at these exceptional quilt circles:

Sew Happy Sit and Stitch in Pasco Quilt Circle

Regency Park Branch Library
9701 Little Road

New Port Richey, Florida 34654

(727) 861-3049 (library)

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contacts: Princesses Barbara Belcher, Winnie Miale,
and Dianna Shepard

Wooly Chicks Quilt Circle

Land O'Lakes Branch Library

2818 Collier Parkway

Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639

(813) 929-1214 (library)

Friday, August 22, 2025

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contacts: Princesses Karen Conter
and Cathleene Tokish

Plum Creek Quilt Circle

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

2902 W. Bearss Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33618

(813) 273-3652 (library)

Thursday, August 28, 2025

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Princesses Becky Gammons
and Shirley Kasprzyk

Community Service Project

by Mary Moody

Now that school is back in session for most children in our area, it is important for the kids to have access to meals, so they will be healthy and ready to learn. And as we already know, free meals and various food programs are available and are provided to some children, but not to all. So this month especially, we ask you to make substantial donations to our **Community Service Project**, to ensure that kids in communities have food to eat, as they return to school.

We provide a tremendous and very worthwhile service to our communities. The local food banks, churches, and other support organizations are sincerely grateful for

receiving our monthly cash and food donations, as they help feed the many hungry families in our areas. So, we thank you for making your generous donations and for supporting our **Community Service Project**.

Hunger relief organizations and food banks often rely on consistent donations to meet the needs of their communities this time of year. So, donating non-perishable items like canned fruits and vegetables fruits, protein sources, as well as cereal, pasta, and rice, is a great way to contribute.

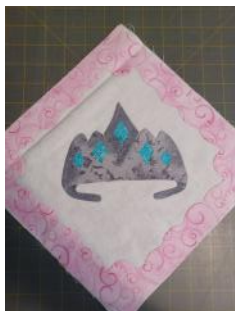
This month Princess **Sandi Snow** will deliver our donations to:

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"Tiara" Special Block

by Vici Miller

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



Lovely Feather Princesses, in just a few days we will celebrate our guild's 20th anniversary. YES, 20 years of glorious applique and quilt making! And to commemorate this auspicious occasion, we are making **"Tiara" Special Blocks**, as a symbol of our commitment, dedication, and love to this art form and to our

appliqué quilt guild.

As we anxiously look forward to seeing all of the elegant **"Tiara" Special Blocks** made from the kits provided, we lovingly remind you to keep the following info in mind:

- The deadline to turn in your completed **"Tiara" Special Block** is Wednesday, August 13, at our 20th Anniversary Celebration, when the drawing for the blocks will be held.
- If you have already completed your **"Tiara" Special Block** and turned it in, that is wonderful! CONGRATULATIONS!
- If you are still creating your fabulous **"Tiara" block**, be sure to finish it and turn it in to Princess **Winnie Miale**, at our August 13 Guild Meeting.
- You must turn in your completed block to be eligible for the drawing.
- The number of winners will be determined by the number of completed blocks turned in.

Oh what FUN we will have, seeing all of the glittering **"Tiara" Special Blocks**, having the drawing, and awarding the blocks to a winner. So, we extend our very BEST WISHES to each and every one of you who completed a stunning block!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (507) 581-3241 or send an email to vmllr7637@gmail.com.

Thanks so much!

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Metropolitan Ministries
2002 N. Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33602

Feather Princesses, we thank you again for expressing your love and ensuring that the less fortunate children and adults in our communities do not go hungry.

Our Fabulous 2025 Lake Yale Retreat

by Dianna Shepard

Gorgeous Feather Princesses, only two months remain until our fabulous **2025 Lake Yale Retreat** convenes—JOY, JOY, JOY! And we anxiously look forward to seeing you there, having the very best time ever, as we sit and stitch, play, and have FUN with you!

The retreat details are:

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2025 – Monday, October 20, 2025

LOCATION: Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, 3904 County Road 452, Leesburg, Florida 34788

COST: Single Room: \$580
Double Room: \$480 per person

We will have a Retreat Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Springhill Suites Hotel lobby, prior to the start of our August 13 Guild Meeting/20th Anniversary Celebration. If you are registered to attend the Retreat, then please attend this meeting. We will discuss details related to the Retreat, including the:

- Retreat quilt block and kit
- Retreat activities
- Retreat demos

And if you have other fun ideas for Retreat activities, please share them at this meeting with our wonderful *Retreat Committee*. We would love to hear from you.

If you want to attend the Retreat and have not already registered, you may register and pay in full at our August 13 Guild Meeting:

- Prior to our August 13 Guild Meeting, please go to our Feather Princesses website.
- Login with the password located at the bottom of the first page of our 2024–2025 *Membership Directory*.
- Click on **Retreat**.
- Print the *2025 Retreat Registration Form* and fill it out.
- Turn in your completed *2025 Retreat Registration Form*.
- Pay to attend the Retreat. We accept cash, check, or credit/debit card.

The deadline to pay to attend the Retreat is Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at our August 13 Guild Meeting.

Our **2025 Lake Yale Retreat** will be FABULOUS and FUN! So, do not delay! Register and sign up today!

"Princess Feather" Quilt Challenge

by Joanne Rodriguez

Our 20th Anniversary Celebration is just around the corner. And hopefully your "Princess Feather" quilt is complete. BUT if it isn't, that's okay. You still have a few more days to put the finishing touches onto your quilt challenge entry. You still have time to round the last corner of the binding on your quilt or wallhanging. Sew, finish your entry now, cover the quilt label with a piece of fabric, and then come to our fun-filled party and have a fantastic time! You never know, your challenge entry just might be a winner!



To recap, the challenge guidelines are:

- There will be three categories for this challenge:
 - **Quilt Category** – Each quilt must measure 60" x 60" or larger in size and must be quilted.
 - **Wallhanging Category** – Each quilt must measure a minimum of 24" wide and a maximum of 59" long and must be quilted.
 - **Quilt Block Category** – Each block must measure a minimum of 12" square and a maximum of 36" square, and it does not have to be quilted.
- The maker of each challenge entry will determine the category her piece will be entered in.
- Each quilt, wallhanging, or block entered in the challenge must contain:
 - a variation of the "Princess Feather" appliqué pattern
 - a minimum of 60% appliqué in the design
- Each quilt, wallhanging, or block entered in the challenge may be created based on any style of appliqué:

▪ Art	▪ Modern
▪ Album	▪ Scrap
▪ Combo	▪ Traditional
▪ Medallion	▪ Wool
- Each quilt, wallhanging, or block entered in the challenge may be made in any color(s).
- The edges of all fabric pattern pieces on each quilt, wallhanging, or block must be sewn down by machine or hand. No raw edges will be accepted.

- Fused quilts with edges sewn with a machine stitch of any kind or with a hand blanket stitch for example, are allowed.
- Challenge quilt and wallhanging entries must be complete and must include machine or hand quilting, a binding, and a label.
- Challenge quilt block entries must be complete and must include a paper label pinned to the back of the block.
- "Princess Feather" themed quilts and wallhangings displayed in our previous Feather Princesses Quilt Shows may be entered in this challenge.
- **The deadline is our Wednesday, August 13, 2025 Guild Meeting**, where the challenge quilts, wallhangings, and blocks must be displayed during the meeting.
- Feather Princesses members attending this meeting will vote on their favorite challenge entry in the quilt, wallhanging, and block categories.
- Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - \$50 to the maker of the quilt that receives the most votes
 - \$25 to the maker of the wallhanging that receives the most votes
 - \$15 to the maker of the block that receives the most votes

When you arrive at our August 13 Guild Meeting, please hold on to your challenge quilt entry until we announce further instructions.

We wish much success to each and every Feather Princesses member, as you compete in this challenge!



AQS 2027 Quilt Art Engagement Calendar

by Dorothy Johnson

(Excerpt taken from https://contest.americanquilter.com/?utm_campaign=7167018-Marketing%20Partner%20-%202025&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-87mBI8BBSY09FKGJ36GeQClvd0kTtQKnwycagBuXF-qVecGdhFX_tdZB1hZ7Xwhgyirxv4bDaCYQ84rG-pK8PXpE47A&_hsmi=370791852&utm_content=370791852&utm_source=hs_email)

[Email received from the American Quilter's Society, Sunday, July 13, 2025.]

Talented Feather Princesses, we have another tremendous opportunity to showcase our breathtaking quilts!

Submissions are now open for the **AQS 2027 Quilt Art Engagement Calendar!**

This weekly calendar celebrates the creativity, skills, and personal stories behind stunning quilts, and your quilt could be one of them.

What AQS is looking for:

- All quilting styles welcome — Traditional, Contemporary, Art quilts, Appliqué, and more.
- Locally recognized quilts — Please include the name of the Quilt Guild, State Fair, or other quilt show award details in your submission.
- Display-Ready Condition — Selected quilts must be available for professional photography before September 2025.

Also:

- There is no entry fee.
- Quilters/makers of the selected quilts will receive a complimentary copy of the 2027 Quilt Art Engagement Calendar.
- Quilters/makers are invited to be a part of the book signing event at AQS Quiltweek – Paducah.

Submit your quilt by August 30, 2025, to be considered for the 2027 edition.

For more information, go to:

<https://contest.americanquilter.com/page/VrIDzEqZ>

Patriotic Kick-Off: Team Legacy - Civil War Quilt Group

by Dorothy Johnson

Ladies, we are rolling up our sleeves and getting ready to make some breathtaking patriotic quilts! So, come and attend our inspirational **Team Legacy - Civil War Quilt Group Meeting** on Wednesday, August 20, to get in on the fun. We **Civil War Quilt Group** Princesses are gathering our fabrics and matching threads, too, as we begin stitching our patriotic quilt designs in recognition of the upcoming semiquincentennial celebration, the 250th birthday of our great nation, culminating on July 4, 2026.

So be sure to join us at this exciting Kick-Off:

Team Legacy - Civil War Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

2902 W. Bearss Avenue

Tampa, Florida 33618

(813) 273-3652 (library)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Princess Dorothy Johnson

If you have never attended our Civil War Quilt Group Meeting before, it's okay. There is a "first time" for everything, right? We welcome you to come, no matter what. Or if you want to make a patriotic quilt but cannot attend this meeting, that's okay, too. Just let us know and we will be happy to assist you at another time, with whatever you may need or want.

At this meeting convening on August 20, we will focus on various patriotic designs and symbols and also Americana appliqué quilt patterns and fabrics. So:

- Please bring the pattern for the quilt you plan to make and/or patterns you would like to share with the group.
- And bring any fabrics you think will work for these quilts, that you would like to use as well.

We will have a remarkable adventure, as we delve into our nation's history, select appropriate fabrics and patterns for appliqué quilts, and then actually begin stitching them!

Thanks so much! We look forward to seeing you at our next exciting Civil War Quilt Group Meeting!

Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

by Ritu Halдар

Aloha friends!

Can you believe it is time for our **Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group** meeting? Well, it is time for us to meet again and we can hardly wait! Inspiration will abound and creativity will soar as we continue working on our exquisite Hawaiiana Appliqué Quilt masterpiece! We will have sew much FUN! So, come out and play with us as we put together this breathtaking wonder!

Hawaiian Appliqué Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact: Princess Ritu Halдар

So that you can participate, please bring the following items:

- Your red-on-white Hawaiiana appliqué quilt block, if you are still working on it.
- A sewing machine, so we can put together all of the blocks and attach the borders.

And "VOILA," we will be done!

And, so that we do not waste a moment of our valuable time, we will immediately start our next gorgeous project!

We will begin making a stunning two-colored Hawaiiana appliqué quilt block.

Please bring the following supplies:

- 1 – 20" white background fabric square
- 1 – 18" square of green batik fabric for the stems and leaves
- 3 – (light, medium, and dark) pink and purple fabrics for flowers, to share

PLEASE NOTE: *Batiks and/or cottons will be accepted.*

- Matching thread
- Portable Appliqué Sewing Kit – Pen, pencil, marking tools, needle, thread, scissors, paper scissors, basting thread or glue, and your favorite Hawaiiana Appliqué pattern.

Also:

- I will bring a Hawaiiana appliqué quilt pattern, as well.
- I will provide the template, and together we can figure the layout. So, be ready to stitch!

And so that you will be comfortable while you are inside the library, be sure to bring your lunch and a sweater.

This meeting will be a work session and we will spend a wonderful stress free day together sewing. I am so looking forward to meeting again, as we will be ready to have a ton of fun stitching, not to mention designing our beautiful quilt together!

Keeping our Hawaiiana spirits of Aloha in our hearts!

Combo Club Quilt Group

by Melissa Labella

We're having a very productive time making quilt blocks in our **Combo Club Quilt Group**, and we gladly welcome you to come and make some blocks, too!

This month, join us on the third Thursday, August 21, as we continue our exciting and fascinating quilt block journey, referencing the book "Alice's Wonderland" by Alice Caroline.

Combo Club Quilt Group Meeting

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
2902 W. Bearss Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33618
(813) 273-3652 (library)
Thursday, August 21, 2025
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Princess Melissa Labella

We will finish the last couple of "flying geese" blocks and then move on to piecing with templates, presenting blocks 49-56, plus two appliqué blocks of your choice.

Bring your completed blocks for Show N Tell, and/or whatever quilt project(s) you are working on; and then enjoy some Quilty camaraderie with us. The project you make will be yours to keep, so feel free to make a few blocks or all of them, make it monochromatic or from scraps. Do what makes you happy!

We are now meeting the third Thursday of each month, and it's not too late to join in the fun. Bring whatever you are working and come sit with like-minded quilting friends!

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at any time; and I will be happy to assist you. Thanks so much and we'll see you on Thursday, August 21!