



THE ARTISTRY of Quilts

QUILT SHOW 2026
FEBRUARY 27 & 28

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Countdown to The Artistry of Quilts, Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show 2026, February 27th and 28th, 2026!

Your Quilt Show committee is working hard. Get ready for a great show!

Now we need to have a full Boutique, Small Quilt Raffle quilts and Silent Auction baskets. If everyone makes at least one small quilt for the raffle, that would be fabulous. We've received some baskets for the Silent Auction. Get together with your quilt circle and come up with some fun basket ideas.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

Don't forget the deadline to enter your quilts is December 10th. That is in 6 weeks! Your quilt doesn't have to be finished by then; you have until Quilt Take-In on February 24th to finish your quilt. Just a picture of the quilt pattern and approximate quilt size is enough to register the quilt.

Don't forget to sign up for a volunteer spot at the quilt show. Many hands make the work light! You should have received an invitation email. If not, don't worry. You can sign up with MaryBeth Little at the guild meetings or send her an email.

Early Bird tickets will be available at the November meeting. \$12 (for BOTH days!!) Get a ticket for yourself, your family members and friends. They make great Christmas stocking stuffers.

Let's make this the best quilt show ever!

Eleanor Moland and MaryBeth Little
Chairpersons of the 2026 Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show

KEY DATES FOR OUR QUILT SHOW:

December 10, 2025	Wednesday	Deadline to turn in your Quilt Registration Form	
December 10, 2025	Wednesday	Deadline to turn in Ads for the Quilt Show Program	
January 28, 2026	Wednesday	Turn in your Challenge Quilt at general meeting	
February 24, 2026	Tuesday	8am - 11am	Quilt Take-In
February 24, 2026	Tuesday	8am – 1pm	Quilt Display Framework Setup
February 24, 2026	Tuesday	1pm – 7pm	Wall Build (Boutique, SQR, SA, UFO)
February 24, 2026	Tuesday	10am - 7pm	Judging, Quilt Hanging
February 25, 2026	Wednesday	9am - 6pm	Judging, Quilt Hanging
February 26, 2026	Thursday	9am – Noon	Judging, Quilt Hanging
February 26, 2026	Thursday	9pm – 7pm	East Hall Vendors move in
February 26, 2026	Thursday	Noon – 7pm	Quilt Hanging, Ribbon attaching
February 26, 2026	Thursday	Noon – 7pm	Committee Set-up (B, SQR, SA, UFO)
February 26, 2026	Thursday	Noon – 2pm	Wall Build (West Hall Vendors)
February 26, 2026	Thursday	2pm – 7pm	West Hall Vendors move in
February 27, 2026	Friday	9am – 10am	Building open to QS volunteers
February 27, 2026	Friday	10am – 5pm	Quilt Show
February 27, 2026	Friday	5pm – 6pm	Building open to QS volunteers
February 28, 2026	Saturday	9am – 10am	Building open to QS volunteers
February 28, 2026	Saturday	10am – 4pm	Quilt Show
February 28, 2026	Saturday	2pm	SQR and Silent Auction close
February 28, 2026	Saturday	3pm	Viewers' Choice award
February 28, 2026	Saturday	3:30pm	Opportunity Quilt Ticket drawn
February 28, 2026	Saturday	4pm – 7pm	Take Down
February 28, 2026	Saturday	5pm – 7pm	Quilt Return

All February dates above are at the Melbourne Auditorium.

QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES

Boutique (Marta Horlick, Mona Sieglitz)

We have had a request for port pillows that are used to wrap around the car's seatbelt by chemotherapy patients. There are a few different ways of making these and here I offer you a couple of tutorials.

*<https://frommycarolinahome.com/2015/05/20/port-softies-for-chemotherapy-patients/>

*<https://www.sparklesofsunshine.com/pink-ribbon-projects-easy-seat-belt-cover-tutorial/>

Another request we have had is for the microwave bowl cozies. In the past they have sold well at the boutique but this time around we only have a couple of them. Any help sewing these will be greatly appreciated.

*<https://www.lovelyandEnough.com/blog/2020/9/bowl-cozy-tutorial>

It is time to get sewing for the holidays! Here I am sharing with you some ideas of fun projects to sew for yourself and of course the Quilt Show Boutique! There is a little bit of everything here so I hope you have a great time looking through the listings.

Christmas Decoration -

*Santa's Belt Table Runner: <https://tarareed.com/santas-belt-table-runner/>

*Patchwork Christmas Tree Softie:

<https://teresadownunder.com/2011/11/18/patchwork-christmas-tree-softie/>

*Santa Inspired Pillow Cover: <https://blog.thermoweb.com/ho-ho-ho-a-santa-inspired-christmas-pillow/>

*Advent Bunting: <http://mackandmabel.blogspot.com/2014/09/advent-bunting-tutorial.html?spref=pi>

*Lightbulb Garland: <https://blog.thermoweb.com/christmas-fabric-lightbulb-garland-home-decor/>

*Christmas Cones: <https://www.halfyardsewingclub.com/projects/christmas-cones>



Tree Ornaments -

- *Pinwheel Ornament: <https://kikiverde.wordpress.com/2009/12/16/how-to-make-poinsettia-pinwheel-ornaments-a-tutorial/>
- *Quilted Tree Ornament: <http://rosmademe.blogspot.com/2012/10/stripped-bare-for-christmas-action-more.html>
- *Mini Mitten Tree Ornament: <http://orangebettie.com/2020/11/24/mini-mitten-christmas-ornament-free-sewing-pattern/>
- *Pentagon Star Ornament: <https://www.craftystaci.com/blog/pentagon-star-ornaments>
- *3D Hexagon Ornament: <https://wildolive.blogspot.com/2015/12/project-easy-3d-hexagon-ornament.html>
- *Stuffed Ball Ornament: <http://jenniferjangles.blogspot.com/2013/10/stuffed-ornament-and-stuffed-ball-toy.html>
- *Cinnamon Christmas Tree Ornament: <https://sewcanshe.com/sew-cute-cinnamon-tree-christmas-ornaments-free-video-tutorial-template/>
- *Angel Ornament: <https://blog.thermoweb.com/fabric-angel-ornaments-with-fleece-wings/>
- *Deer Ornament: <http://jenniferjangles.blogspot.com/2018/10/diy-deer-ornament.html>
- *Little Mouse Ornament: <http://jenniferjangles.blogspot.com/2018/10/little-mouse-ornament.html>
- *Chicken Ornament: <https://www.annwoodhandmade.com/chicken-ornament-free-sewing-pattern/>

Christmas Stockings -

- *Christmas Stocking with Cuff: <https://cluckclucksew.com/2010/12/tutorial-lined-socking-with-cuff.html>
- *Easy Quilt as You Go Stocking: <https://www.diaryofaquilter.com/quilted-christmas-socking-tutorial/>
- *Old Rose Scrap Angel Oversized Stocking: <https://www.tildasworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Scrap-Angel-Sockings.pdf>
- *Scrappy Spiral Stocking: <https://sewluxfabric.com/blogs/tutorials/scrappy-spiral-socking-tutorial>
- *Elf Christmas Stocking: <http://blondedesign.blogspot.com/2012/12/elf-christmas-socking-tutorial-pattern.html>

Gift Card Holders -

*Gift Card Holder: <https://www.sparklesofsunshine.com/fabric-gift-card-holder/>

*Gift Tag Gift Card Holder: <https://www.thatswhatchesaid.net/gift-tag-gift-card-holders/>

*Wallet Gift Card Holder: https://www.sewsimplehome.com/2020/11/make-your-own-fabric-gift-card-holder.html?utm_source=convertkit

*Christmas Gift Card Holder: <https://www.applegreencottage.com/christmas-gift-card-holder/>

*Curvy Gift Card Holder: <https://www.craftystaci.com/blog/curvy-fabric-gift-card-holder>

*Elf Shoe Gift Card Holder Ornament:
<http://jenniferjangles.blogspot.com/2018/11/giftcard-holder-ornement.html>

Gnomes -

*Christmas Gnome: <https://sewcanshe.com/christmas-gnome-free-sewing-pattern/>

*Gnome Lavender Sachet: <https://rufflesandrainboots.com/diy-felt-gnome-lavender-sachet/>

*Plaid Fabric Gnomes: <https://blog.thermoweb.com/plaid-fabric-gnomes-are-taking-over/>

*Mini Gnomes: <https://rufflesandrainboots.com/diy-mini-gnome-tutorial/>

*Gnome Mug Rug: <https://fabricartdiy.com/christmas-mug-rug-free-sewing-patterns/>

*Gnome Christmas Table Runner: <https://blog.thermoweb.com/gnome-christmas-fabric-table-runner/>

Hanukkah Gifts (Dec. 14 - Dec. 22, 2025) -

*Hanukkah Potholder: <https://blog.sulky.com/hanukkah-potholder-to-make-give/>

*Flame Free Menorah for Kids: https://weallsew.com/flame-free-fabric-menorah-for-little-fingers/?utm_source=weallsew&utm_medium=blog&utm_campaign=hanukkah linky 112021

*Star of David Mug Rug or Table Runner: https://weallsew.com/how-to-sew-a-star-of-david-hanukah-mug-rug/?utm_source=weallsew&utm_medium=blog&utm_campaign=hanukkah linky 112021

*Star of David Candle Box: <https://weallsew.com/hanukah-star-david-shaped-candle-box/>

*Dreidel Pillow with Pocket: <https://www.houzz.com/magazine/diy-make-a-darling-dreidel-shaped-pillow-with-a-pocket-for-surprises-stsetivw-vs~56613584>

*Dreidel Plushie: <https://www.cutoutandkeep.net/projects/hanukkah-dreidel-plushie>

*3-D Dreidel Ornament: <https://www.threadsmagazine.com/2018/11/21/sew-3-d-dreidel-free-pattern-included?epik=dj0yJnU9d01aSGtYnVNBRVFhbml2eWhnVINxNGdZeUt6NGtHMXEmcD0wJm49Q1Rac0JIWE4wZ0ozcm9DZmVNemJ6dyZ0PUFBQUFBFR1BwRFdF>

*Hanukkah Gnome: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FkFRbok-X6w>

Quilts -

*Chanukah Sampler Quilt:

https://www.favequilts.com/master_images/FaveQuilts/Holiday/Chanukah-Sampler-Quilt.pdf

*Gingerbread House Mini Quilt: <https://www.gathered.how/sewing-and-quilting/quilting/free-gingerbread-mini-quilt-pattern/>

*Home for the Holidays Mini Quilt: <https://www.craftystaci.com/blog/homes-for-the-holidays-mini-quilt>

*Santa Hat Mini Quilt:

<http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/801621/26745343/1450647188687/Santa+Hat+Mini+Quilt+Pattern.pdf?token=jFSAH0CJxkAZBIOEPu3fBh%2Bx4EE%3D>

*Holiday Ornament Mini Quilt: <https://weallsew.com/holiday-ornament-mini-quilt/>

*Mod Ornament Block/Mini Quilt:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_9AaWrWo8Yla2t3U2dQRU1xb2s/view?resourcekey=0-cLD2aql9QY3cm6B6yEYBJw

*Mini Charm Wreath Quilt: <http://sewlux.blogspot.com/2014/07/mini-charm-wreath-tutorial.html>

*A Merry Little Christmas Mini Quilt: <http://www.aurifil.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/A-Merry-Little-Christmas-Pattern.pdf>

When you turn in an item for the Boutique, please fill out a raffle ticket and put it in the ticket jar at the Quilt Show table during the general meetings. There will be a drawing in January. The more items you make for the Boutique, the more tickets you'll have in the ticket jar, so more chances to win a prize!

If you missed any of our previous Quilt Show Newsletters, you can click on the links on Page 25 to see them. They are full of Boutique ideas and tutorials.

CHALLENGE

Challenge Quilt (Cindy Heinig)

The kits are still available and will be at the general meetings for \$3 each (please bring correct change if you can!).

Challenge Quilts will be turned in at the January 2026 general meeting so we can vote on them. The quilts will be displayed at the quilt show. Winners will be notified the week of the quilt show.

Door Prizes (Diana Whitson)

We are still looking for donations for Door Prizes.

Have you ever purchased a gadget or fabric where later you wondered, "Why did I buy that? I'll never use it."? Or someone gave you something sewing related that you had the same question? Here's your chance to donate that item for a Door Prize. Someone else may just LOVE that said item. You can give your donation directly to me or place on the Quilt Show table at our Guild meeting. Thank you in advance for your donations.



Publicity (Melissa Tabboula)

Our Quilt Show Flier is available on our SSPM website. Please share it on your websites, Facebook and Instagram pages, with your friends, and on your neighborhood bulletin boards.



<https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/quilt-show>

Want a flyer to post at your favorite restaurant? Maybe your hair or nail salon?

Just contact me Melissa Tabboula, Publicity Chairperson

Opportunity Quilt Tickets (Kathy Caldes, Denise Peeler)

The Opportunity Quilt will be on display at our general meetings between now and February 2026 and will be on display at our local quilt shops as well.



If you want to buy tickets for a chance to win this lovely quilt, the tickets are \$1 each and 6 tickets for \$5. We are encouraging each of our SSPM members to make a \$10 donation and receive 12 Opportunity tickets.

Tickets will be available at the local quilt shops and at our general meetings at the Quilt Show table.

If you would like to try to sell some tickets to a large group that you belong to, we can provide you with tickets on consignment.

Pre-Sale (Early Bird) Tickets (Sharon Tunis, Jody Rosenhauer)

Early Bird tickets are now available. You can buy a physical ticket at our general meetings and at any of our local quilt shops. You can buy a virtual ticket from our website.



Early Bird tickets are \$12 per adult and are available until 1 day prior to the quilt show. Tickets are \$15 at the entrance to the quilt show. Either kind of ticket will get you into the quilt show both days.

Early Bird tickets are now available at the following quilt shops:

Quilts & Lace
7720 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne
321-622-8602

Stitches and Sweet Tea
1301 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119
386-872-4020

Sweet Time Quilting
11638 US Hwy 1, Sebastian
772-388-1700

Sew N Quilt Co
1585 N Nova Rd, Holly Hill, FL 32117
386-310-7070

Quilting Folks
6420 3rd St, Suite 101, Rockledge
321-253-3882

Sewing Garrett
949 Beville Rd, Daytona Beach, FL 32119
407-831-6488

Jackie's Quilt Shop
249 Crockett Blvd, Merritt Island
321-208-8510

Seaside Sewing & Quilts
3693 US 1, Edgewater, FL 32141
386-402-899

Sew Much Fun
2945 W New Haven Ave, Melbourne
321-768-2060

Quilt Display (Diana Marchand)

Calling all able-bodied quilters, their spouses, relatives and friends! We're looking for people who like to assemble things, dress them up, and tear them down.

For our 2026 quilt show we'll be setting up the Quilt Display framework on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 using our usual PVC pipes and connectors. We'll also have a team build the walls for other areas in the auditorium, such as the Boutique, Silent Auction, Small Quilt Raffle, and Vendor booths in the West Hall, also using PVC pipes and connectors.

We also want some people to help hang the quilts after they are judged, between that Tuesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon, which includes going up and down a short 3-step ladder.

And, after the quilt show ends on Saturday afternoon, we'll need some people to take the PVC structures apart, and some help getting those supplies back to our guild storage unit.

If you can help with one of the areas mentioned above, please contact me so I can get you on the list. We'll have a short meeting in mid-late January to discuss logistics.

407-450-6128 (doesn't text), diana.marchand@gmail.com



Quilt Registration (Kathie Medley)

If you are planning to enter a quilt in our 2026 quilt show (and we hope you are!), the Quilt Registration Form and Entry Rules can be found at the end of this newsletter.



You can print a copy of the form and drop it off at the Quilt Show table at the monthly SSPM general meetings, or you can fill out the online form, which is now available via our SSPM website:

<https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/2026-quilt-show>

The deadline to enter a quilt into the show is December 10th. The quilt doesn't have to be finished until the day before Quilt Take-In Day, which is Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

For instructions on making a hanging sleeve, and where to attach your quilt label, see page 31 of this newsletter.

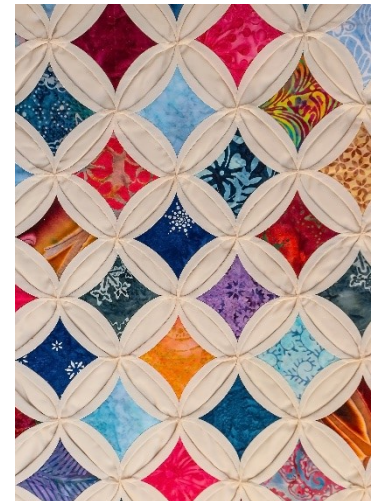
The following is from Diana Whitson's speech at our July general meeting:

WHY SHOULD I ENTER A QUILT IN THE SHOW?

The number one reason people attend a quilt show is to see quilts. Without your quilts we would have no show! We want lots of quilts and a variety of styles to showcase our beautiful quilts. The quilter receives great satisfaction in showing his or her quilts.

MY QUILT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.

I hear this all too often! A good quilt show exhibits a wide range of quilting skills. If all the quilts exhibited were expert perfect quilts, one might feel she could NEVER measure up. A quilter needs to stand in front of some quilts and think, "This is nice...I could do this." She needs to know others struggle to master the art. We can't all be ribbon winners, and many of us will never win a ribbon. However, it's nice to have someone tell you how pretty your quilt is. At one quilt show I was near one of my quilts when I overheard a couple of ladies saying, "I can't understand why this quilt didn't get a ribbon." That made me feel good and encouraged. There are many quilts worthy of ribbons, but don't receive them. If you REALLY don't want your quilt judged, you can enter it in the Display Only category.



SHOULD I HAVE MY QUILT JUDGED?

Yes, as long as you have the right attitude. The prime reason for entering your quilt should not be to get a ribbon. What does that ribbon mean? It's one person's opinion on that day. The critique from the quilting expert judge will indicate areas where you have mastered a skill and areas where more practice is needed. You can learn and grow from constructive criticism.



READY FOR JUDGING.

Your quilt should be in the correct category. (If you are unsure of the right category the 'Take In' people can lead you.) Also, your quilt should be:

Clean, free of odors: no musty smell, fabric softeners, pet odors, or cigarette smells.
Free of loose threads and lint.
No dog or cat hairs

WHAT THE JUDGE LOOKS FOR

She will consider design, technique, workmanship, skill level, and creativity.
Overall appearance
Square...lies flat
Borders straight...binding uniform and filled in...nicely mitered corners
Design and color composition
Piecing or appliqué skills
Quilting skills...density, uniform stitches, tension, design starts and stops
Art quilts may have different criteria

ALL THIS BEING SAID, WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU ENTERING YOUR QUILT/S IN THE QUILT SHOW!

Silent Auction (Ginny Rosensteel)

We had 34 silent auction baskets at our 2024 quilt show, so we are hoping for at least that many this year.

You can make a basket to donate to the Silent Auction, or you can donate items for a basket. We need individual items to add to baskets to fill them out. (Please remember all items need to be new.) We need Quilting/Sewing items: Rotary cutters & Blades, Rulers (all sizes), Scissors, Pins, Needles, Marking Pens/Pencils, Thread, Embroidery Floss, Seam Rippers, Purple Thangs --- You get the idea! Also, any great Patterns or Books.

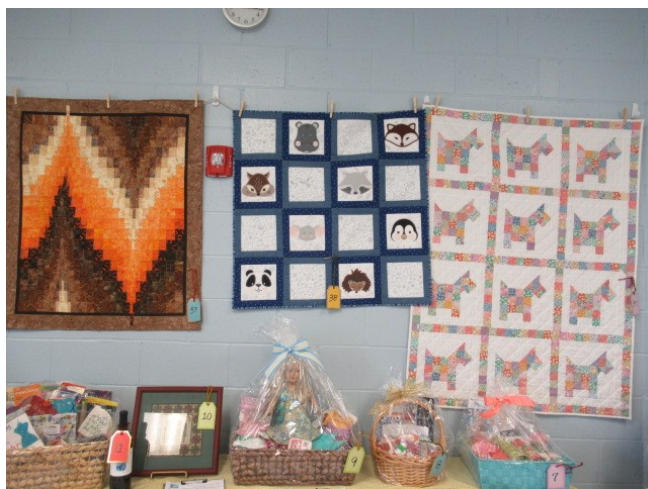
The baskets don't have to be filled with quilting items. Gift certificates are welcome, for example from your favorite restaurant. Ask your favorite business if they would like to donate a gift certificate to a good cause and let them know the publicity factor involved with our quilt show.

If you donate a basket, please provide a list of what is in the basket.

We'd also like some unique stand-alone items for the silent auction, such as small quilts, tote bags, handmade dolls and teddy bears.

And, of course, you are always welcome to donate cash to help purchase basket items and/or gift certificates.

We are collecting silent auction items from now until the quilt show. Come see us at our table at the SSPM General meetings.



Small Quilt Raffle (Catherine Schinella)

We are collecting small quilts for the raffle from now until the quilt show. We'd like to have at least 50 small quilts, so please consider making a small quilt to donate to the raffle.

This is a great time to try out new techniques and skills that you've been thinking about. It allows you to do them on a small scale.

The requirements are easy: Quilts can range in size between 11" and 24" on a side, but no larger than 24" square. Add a small sleeve on the back for a little dowel hanging rod. And put your name on the back of the quilt (people will want to know who made it).

Cindy Heinig taught a class after the general meeting on September 24th that would make a popular Small Quilt Raffle quilt. You might consider making one for yourself and another one to donate for the quilt show. Here are some samples from her class that have been donated to the Small Quilt Raffle:



Special Exhibit (Eleanor Moland)

Each quilt show newsletter we are showcasing some of Kestrel Michaud's artistic quilts. This month we have "Bremen Town Musicians" which won First Place in the Art/Innovation category at Indiana Heritage Quilt Festival, Bloomington, Indiana in March 2025, and First Place in the Animal category at Road to California, Ontario, California in January 2025. [Congratulations, Kestrel!!!](#)



Kestrel Michaud 
Fine Art Quilting
& Fabric Illustration

our Special Exhibit for [The Artistry of Quilts](#) Quilt Show

"Bremen Town Musicians"

This quilt has literally traveled the world:

Sainte-Marie-aux-Mines, France
Seoul, Korea
Sedbergh, England
Melbourne, Australia
Brno, Czech Republic
Labastide, France



Social Media (Eleanor Moland)

Be sure to follow Seaside Piecemakers on Facebook so you can see updates about the quilt show. Be sure to “like” each post and “share” it on your Facebook page. Then ask your friends to share it, too.



Last show we had folks fly in from all over the country to meet Kestrel because they saw posts about it on Facebook. Every share helps promote the show, even to your out-of-town friends!

<https://www.facebook.com/SeasidePiecemakers>

Sponsors (Sheri Whala, Jill Brown)

Sponsor Ads are how we defray the cost of printing our Quilt Show Programs. For our 2024 quilt show, we were able to get the programs printed in color, and we'd like to do the same this time, if we can get enough sponsors, especially business card-sized ads.

We are still looking for your help in getting more Sponsor Ads. Please think about asking your favorite restaurant manager, handyman, beautician, manicurist, pool care specialist, etc. to advertise in the program. You can tell them that it's a great way to get their name and services in front of the thousands of people who attend the show.

Advertising prices are a bargain:

-  \$30 for a business card-sized ad
-  \$100 for a half-page ad
-  \$200 for a full-page ad



Contact Sheri Whala or Jill Brown if you'd like to borrow a copy of the 2024 Quilt Show Program to show to a potential advertiser.

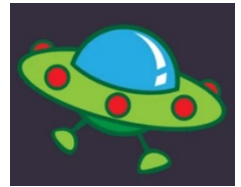
The form for requesting an ad in the Quilt Show Program is on page 35 of this newsletter and on our website:

https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/files/ugd/2ed5bf_78c514ff8b694d93a38df8d120cbd46a.docx?dn=Sponsor%20Contract.docx

Checks should be made out to “Seaside Piecemakers Inc.”, and sent to Quilt Show, Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show, P.O. Box 372761, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

The deadline for placing and paying for an Ad is December 10th.

UFO Table (Area 51 UFO's) (Karen Windsor)



If you have a UFO (Un-Finished Object / Project) in your sewing room that you are no longer interested in, please consider donating it to our UFO committee. These items will be made available for sale at the UFO table at our 2026 quilt show.

The focus for this area will be strictly on unfinished projects you don't want to complete and those new kits and new paper piecing patterns with papers that you don't want to start. Any unfinished quilt, wall hanging, table runner, or placemats will be appreciated. Please include the pattern with the partially finished project and the remainder of the fabric to complete the item.

We probably all have unfinished projects that are pushing 10 years old. If you don't think you'll ever finish it, think of the space you'll free up in your sewing room by donating it to the UFO Table.

You may turn in your donations at any guild meeting between now and the show.

Vendors (Eleanor Moland)

Here's a sneak peek at some of the vendors we have lined up for our quilt show:



- 108 Sharp will be there to sharpen your scissors and knives
- Sew Modern Chicky will be bringing her fun assortment of modern fabrics
- Quilts and Lace will have a wide array of sewing machines and fabric
- Sew Fabulous will once again have her fun quilting T-Shirts and fabric
- T-Beads.com is coming with a huge array of beads, jewelry, and jewelry making supplies
- Quilting Folks will be bringing Berninas and more
- Sew Much Fun will be bringing her fun fabric and kits and machines
- Creations by Helen will be bringing fabric, ribbon, panels and more
- Fiber Fusion Studios will once again be bringing her rope bowls and more

Plus more!!!! You'll hear about them next month.
You are going to love the vendors halls!

Volunteers (MaryBeth Little, Zinda Dills)

Have you had a chance to sign up to volunteer at the quilt show?

We're now using SignUp, a web-based program that will allow you to see all of the volunteer positions available and also show you who has already signed up so you can work with your buddies!



In early September each member should have received an invitation to join the website. Their email address is mail@signup.com

Simply click the link in the email and follow the simple directions to choose the volunteer positions that interest you. You can sign up for as many positions as you like! You will receive a confirmation email, as well as a reminder a few days before the show!

If you can't find that email, or if you're a new member since then, please email me at mblittle5@verizon.net so I can get a new invitation email sent to you.

I will be at the guild meetings with my computer to assist those that have any difficulty. Feel free to email me at mblittle5@verizon.net with any questions.

Which Category Does My Quilt Belong In ?

This section in our Quilt Show Newsletter is where we show examples of quilts and which category they belong in. This month we are highlighting **Miniature Quilts**: Quilt must be a small version of a full-size quilt. A miniature quilt is not the same thing as a small quilt; it cannot be a single block.

A miniature quilt has just as many pieces as a full-sized quilt, but they are tiny.

The maximum block size is 4 inches square. No side of the quilt can be longer or wider than 24 inches. The sum of all 4 sides cannot exceed 96 inches. A photo should look like a full-sized quilt if enlarged, including the binding.



Quilt Showcase (photos from 2024 Quilt Show)

This section of the newsletter is to showcase the quilts that were in our 2024 quilt show.

200-Pieced category (200C Pieced Large)



200-Pieced category (200B Pieced Large) (cont).



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Check back next month for more pictures of quilts from our awesome 2024 Quilt Show!

2026 SSPM QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Quilt Show Chairpersons	Eleanor Moland, MaryBeth Little
Secretary	Sharon Tunis
Treasurer	Julie Wolf
Award Ribbons	Eleanor Moland
Boutique	Marta Horlick, Mona Sieglitz
Café	Karin Jacobson
Challenge Quilts	Cindy Heinig
Design/Marketing	Eleanor Moland
Door Prizes	Diana Whitson
Hospitality	Nancy Deibner
Interior Signs	Reta Heob, Kristine Shoup
Judging	Kathy Gardze
Opportunity Quilt	Diana Marchand
Opportunity Quilt Tickets	Kathy Caldes, Denise Peeler
Pre-Sale (Early Bird) Tickets	Sharon Tunis, Jody Rosenhauer
Publicity	Melissa Tabboula
Quilt Display	Diana Marchand
Quilt Registration	Kathie Medley
Quilt Return	Patti Gamblin
Quilt Show Newsletter	Diana Marchand
Quilt Show Programs	Joanna Hause
Quilt Take-In	Donna Banta
Silent Auction	Ginny Rosensteel
Small Quilt Raffle	Catherine Schinella
Social Media	Eleanor Moland
Special Exhibit	Eleanor Moland
Sponsors	Sheri Whala, Jill Brown
UFO Table	Karen Windsor
Vendors	Eleanor Moland, Patty Crisp
Viewers Choice	Margie Cameron, Pam Nelson
Volunteers	Zinda Dills
White Glove	Bobbie Williams

Quilt Show Newsletters (Diana Marchand)

If you missed any of our previous Quilt Show Newsletters, you can click on the links below to see them. They are full of Boutique ideas and tutorials.



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SSPM Quilt Show 2026

February 27-28, 2026
Quilt Registration Form

Due
12/10/2025

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Quilt: _____

Quilted by: _____

Year Quilt made: _____ Size: width _____" length _____"

Quilt Description: (for Quilt tag – 35 words or less)

Design Pattern Source (please check one)

☐ Totally Original Design ☐ Pattern/Derivative of Pattern *

* Please list Book, Pattern, Designer, Teacher, Class, etc:

☐ I confirm this quilt is 3 layers (top, batting, backing) and has no false back.

Check here ☐ if you have been quilting for less than 3 years
AND this is your first Quilt Show entry.

In the event there are more entries than there is space to properly display them, some entries may be excluded. Please rate your entries in order of preference

Quilt is # _____ of _____ total quilts entered

- ✓ Make a copy of the completed form for your records.
- ✓ Send one form per quilt, with a **color** photo.
- ✓ Write your name, the quilt's name, quilt category, and the quilt's width and length on the back of the photo.
- ✓ Bring the completed form and photo to the monthly SSPM General meeting, or email it to: QuiltShow@SeasidePiecemakers.com or snail-mail it to: Seaside Piecemakers, PO Box 372761, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

By submitting this form, I understand and am abiding by the quilt show entry requirements. I also agree to abide by the decisions of the Quilt Show Chairs and the Judge and that they are final and binding and that Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. has no responsibility for same. I further understand that this entry gives Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. the right to use a photo of my quilt on their website and/or for the promotion of their quilt shows, but not for commercial use. I agree to permit Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. to display my entry at their show February 27 & 28, 2026. I understand that reasonable care will be taken to protect my item and that no responsibility for loss or damage is assumed by Seaside Piecemakers, Inc. or Melbourne Auditorium/City of Melbourne Parks and Recreation, while in their possession.

Signature _____

Date _____

"The Artistry of Quilts"

Quilt Categories

(See full description explanations on separate sheet. Check one category)

- ☐ **100** Display Only
- ☐ **200** Pieced
- ☐ **200-M Master** Pieced
- ☐ **300** Machine Appliqué
- ☐ **400** Hand Appliqué
- ☐ **500** Modern
- ☐ **600** Special Technique
- ☐ **700** Mixed Techniques
- ☐ **800** Miniature
- ☐ **900** Art Quilts

Note: Any category may be divided into size categories if warranted by the number of submissions

Techniques

(check all that apply)

- ☐ Beading
- ☐ Cathedral Window
- ☐ Crazy Quilting
- ☐ Hand Dyed
- ☐ Hand Embroidery
- ☐ Machine Embroidery
- ☐ Paint
- ☐ Trapunto
- ☐ Whole Cloth

Quilting Technique

- ☐ Hand Quilted
- ☐ Hand-Guided Machine
- ☐ Computerized Machine

Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show 2026 “The Artistry of Quilts”

Entry forms for the 2026 Quilt Show are now being accepted! You may turn in your entry form at any General meeting at the Quilt Show table,

or register online via the quilt registration form on our website:

<https://www.seasidepiecemakers.com/quilt-show/quilt-registration>

or email it to our quilt show email address:

QuiltShow@SeasidePiecemakers.com

or snail-mail it to: Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Guild, PO Box 372761, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

All entries must be accompanied by a [color](#) photo of the quilt.

The quilt does not need to be totally completed prior to submitting the entry and photo. We will be happy to take a photo of your quilt for you at the monthly general meetings, at the quilt show table.

You can enter multiple quilts in the quilt show, but no more than 2 quilts in any Quilt Category (i.e. “100” thru “900”). See Entry Limits below.

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CATEGORIES

100 DISPLAY ONLY: These quilts will NOT be judged.

200 PIECED: Piecing is the main technique used.

200-M MASTER PIECED: Piecing is the main technique used, and quilt maker has won a 1st place ribbon in the Pieced Category on any quilt in any prior SSPM quilt show.

300 MACHINE APPLIQUE: Machine appliqué is the main technique used.

400 HAND APPLIQUE: Hand appliqué is the main technique used.

500 MODERN: Fits the Modern Aesthetic. Modern quilts may use bold colors and prints, be of high contrast, have graphic areas of solid color, use improvisational piecing, be minimalistic, have expansive negative space, and have alternate grid work. (Alternate gridwork is arranging your quilt in an unconventional or unexpected manner, for example blocks of varying sizes, or blocks that are placed off-center.)

600 SPECIAL TECHNIQUE: A quilt where 1 special technique is predominantly used to develop the design of the top, such as cathedral window, crazy quilting, hand-dyed, hand embroidery, machine embroidery, silk ribbon embroidery, paint, trapunto, whole cloth.

700 MIXED TECHNIQUES: A quilt where 2 or more major construction techniques are used to develop the design of the top, (for example: half pieced, half embroidered). Does not include quilting technique.

800 MINIATURE: Quilt must be a small version of a full-size quilt. A miniature quilt is not the same thing as a small quilt. A miniature quilt has just as many pieces as a full-sized quilt, but they are tiny. The maximum block size allowed is 4 inches square. No side of the quilt can be longer or wider than 24 inches. The sum of all 4 sides cannot exceed 96 inches.

900 ART QUILTS: Quilt must be the quilter's *original design*. Elements can't be taken from a published or copyrighted pattern, and must be your original design. Any technique may be used, but it must be 3 layers and quilted, NOT mounted.

Depending on the number of quilt entries in any category, the category may be divided into small, medium, large and/or extra-large.

QUILTING TECHNIQUES

This refers to the predominant method of quilting the quilt.

HAND QUILTED: Hand quilting must be the dominant technique.

HAND-GUIDED MACHINE QUILTED: The quilt must have been quilted in a hand-guided fashion, whether on a domestic sewing machine, a mid-arm machine, or a long-arm machine. With this method, the machine quilts and you either guide the movable machine head over the fabric, or you move the fabric under the stationary machine head.

COMPUTERIZED MACHINE QUILTED: The quilt must have been quilted by a computerized machine, with the stitching being guided automatically by the machine. This includes domestic sewing and/or embroidery machines, mid-arm machines and long-arm machines. Included in this category is stitching “in the hoop” on an embroidery machine.

Quilt Registration Requirements

This is a Members ONLY show. The quilt maker must be a member of Seaside Piecemakers, however the quilt may have been quilted by a non-member. Only SSPM members are eligible for awards. If a quilt top was made by more than 1 person, all persons who made the quilt top must be current SSPM members. Only 1 quilt maker per quilt may be awarded a ribbon. A quilt may be awarded a separate ribbon for quilting (ex. longarm quilting, hand quilting).

Entries - Must have been completed after **January 1, 2022** and may not have been entered in a previous Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show. **All entries must be comprised of three layers** (quilt top + batting + backing fabric, i.e. bed quilts, lap quilts, wall-hangings.) **No quilts with false backs** can be entered; the quilting stitch must penetrate all layers through to the back. The quilt must be quilted, not tied. NO entry can exceed 112 inches in width. All entries must be display-ready, clean, and free of odors, stains, pet hair, etc.

Registration Form - One form per entry must be completed, no more than **2** entries per person per category, and numbered in order of preference (1, 2, 3 ...) in case we end up with more quilts than we have room to display. A color photo of the entry must accompany each form. The item in the photo doesn't have to be finished but must be recognizable by color and pattern used. Photographs will not be returned. The back of the photo must have the following information:

- Quilter's name
- Name of the quilt
- Quilt Category
- Width and Length of the quilt (and orientation, if not obvious: ex. portrait or landscape)
- Order of preference, if entering more than 1 quilt in the show

If emailing in your photo, the email must include the above information.

Entry Limit - All entries should be numbered in order of preference (e.g. 1, 2, 3 ...), with 1 being the highest preference. If more quilts are entered than there is room to display, the quilts of lowest preference will be eliminated from this show.

Excluded from our show: We will not accept: Framed or mounted quilts, tied or un-quilted quilts, yo-yo quilts, biscuit quilts, garments, dolls, purses, home décor items (i.e. table runners, placemats, tree

skirts, pillows, bed runners), quilts with glitter or other attachments or embellishments that might come off or be transferred to another quilt when quilts are stacked on tables for judging.

Label - Each quilt must have a fabric identification label on the back of the quilt with the owner's full name and the quilt name, preferably sewn on the lower left-hand corner of the quilt back. Any reference to the quilt maker on the front of the quilt must be covered with a piece of fabric hand-basted over that reference.

Sleeve - All quilts wider than 20 inches must have a 4 inch wide sleeve at the top on the back of the quilt. On long quilts, the top of the sleeve must be no more than 90 inches from the bottom of the quilt, so that the quilt does not touch the ground when it is hung at the quilt show.

How to make, and attach, a quilt hanging sleeve:

1. Start with a strip of fabric that is 9" tall and the same width as the quilt.
2. Fold under both short side edges about 1/4", wrong sides together, and sew a straight or zigzag seam to hem the folds.
3. Next, fold the strip lengthwise, right sides together, aligning the long raw edges. Sew together along the raw edges with a 1/4" seam allowance. Press the seam open. Turn the fabric tube right sides out.
4. Center and pin the top edge of the tube to the back of the quilt, just below the binding (or at 90 inches above the bottom of a large quilt), with the tube's long seam hidden against the quilt back.
5. Use a whipstitch to sew the top edge of the tube to the quilt back. Be careful not to stitch through to the front of the quilt.
6. Pull the bottom edge of the sleeve up about 1/2" and crease the sleeve at that position, then pin the sleeve to the quilt back along that crease.
7. Whipstitch the bottom of the sleeve to the quilt back along the crease. This will allow the sleeve to be more 3-dimensional in order to give the hanging rod some room, and to keep the front of the top of the quilt from bowing out when the quilt is hung.
8. Finally, whipstitch the back of the short edges of the sleeve to the quilt back. This will make sure that the hanging rod goes through the hanging sleeve, rather than behind it.

Storage - While the quilts are stored at the venue, they will be handled with great care. However, we will not be responsible for any special treatment or particular method of storage.

Quilts for sale – We will not have quilts for sale at this quilt show. If a member wishes to inform the public that her quilt is for sale, she can attach a business-sized card to the quilt after it is hung. This will be a private sale between the seller and the buyer. This sale is not connected to the Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show.

Ribbons – First, Second and Third Place Ribbons, and Honorable Mention ribbons, may be awarded in each category. Display Only quilts are not eligible for judged awards.

There will be additional awards for quilting technique. Ribbons for quilting will be given in the Special Awards category (see below). A quilt entered in any quilt category (except for Display Only quilts), may be held to be judged for a quilting technique award. The quilt may or may not be in ribbon contention for the category in which it was entered.

Special Awards –

- Best of Show
- Best Wool Applique
- Best Pictorial
- Judge's Recognition
- Best First Time Entry in a Quilt Show (beginner quilters only, i.e. quilting 3 years or less)
- Viewers' Choice

First, Second and Third Place ribbons may be awarded in each of the following quilting technique categories:

- Hand Quilted
- Hand-Guided Machine Quilted
- Computerized Machine Quilted



Seaside Piecemakers is proud to announce our upcoming quilt show. This is a show that quilters in our region look forward to attending. We have a special national award-winning guest artist, Kestrel Michaud, who will be sharing her amazing quilts. We had nearly 2000 attendees at our last show.

We would like to invite you to place an ad in the program. Each attendee receives a program. May I suggest you include a coupon in your advertisement so you can track your results! Please provide a PDF of your ad. Additionally, we have Sponsorship Opportunities that include much more. See the Sponsorship page for details.

Program Ad Prices:

- \$200 for a full-page ad – 4 3/4" x 7 1/2"
- \$100 for a half page ad - 4 3/4"x 3 1/2"
- \$30 Business Card

Our program fills up fast. The deadline for ads is **December 10, 2025**.

Thanks for your consideration. I look forward to working with you.

Sheri Whala
slwhala@hotmail.com
303-550-0922



Sponsorship Opportunities:

Golden Sponsor - \$500

- Full Page ad in a prominent place in the program
- Multiple sponsorship announcements daily
- Multiple, prominent Facebook feature postings leading up to the quilt show
- Logo prominent on Seaside Piecemakers Website Quilt Show Page
- Logo prominent on Seaside Piecemakers Website Quilt Show Sponsors Page
- Inclusion in website and Facebook ads after receipt of payment and signed agreement
- Logo included in our monthly Quilt Show newsletter
- Silent Auction Basket Donation Signage (a sign will be placed on one of the baskets)

Silver Sponsor - \$250

- Half page ad in our program book
- Two sponsorship announcements daily
- At **least two** Facebook feature postings, once during the quilt application time frame, and once in January/February leading up to the show
- Logo on Seaside Piecemakers Website Quilt Show Page
- Logo on Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Show Sponsors Page
- Inclusion in website and Facebook ads after receipt of payment and signed agreement
- Silent Auction Basket Donation Signage (a sign will be placed on one of the baskets)

Proud Sponsor - \$100

- Business card ad in the program
- One daily sponsorship announcement
- Name listed on Seaside Piecemakers Website Quilt Show Sponsors Page
- Silent Auction Basket Donation Signage (a sign will be placed on one of the baskets)



Ads and/or Sponsor Contract

Circle your selection and enter the appropriate fee in the appropriate Ads or Sponsorship Total column.

Please note that the cost of an ad is included in the Sponsorship Fee.

Program Ads	Price	Ads Total	
Full Page	\$200		
Half Page	\$100		
Business Card	\$30		
Sponsorship: Ads are included			Sponsorship Total
Golden Sponsor – full page ad +	\$500		
Silver Sponsor – half page ad +	\$250		
Proud Sponsor – business card ad +	\$100		
	Total		

Please email a copy of this contract, your ad, and a copy of your logo for web ads to **quiltshow@seasidepiecemakers.com**. Web sponsorship ads will begin upon receipt of checks. Please send checks along with a copy of the completed contract to: Quilt Show, Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 372761, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

The Deadline for receipt of both your check and emailed ad is **December 10, 2025**.

For More Information Text: Sheri Whala 303-550-0922

The signed contract and check are due by **December 10, 2025**.

Sponsor signature:

Seaside Piecemakers signature:

Date: _____

Date Received: _____