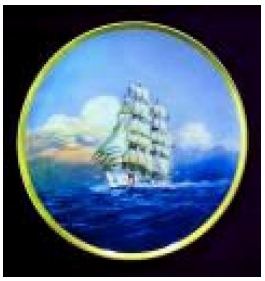

Lake Miona Quilters

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – March 2017

February was a busy month for us. Our Business Meeting was longer than we prefer since we had to work on our budget and set our dues for the upcoming year. Our dues for 2017 was lowered to $20.00 for the year. Please forward your registration form and check to Marie Nappi. Remember, to be a member in good standing you have to attend six full meetings a year so be sure to sign in every Tuesday. We also have a 'Meet and Sew' on the last Saturday of the month which does not count as a required meeting.

Beverly Riley presented a very informative demo/technique program for the Chapter. I think we all came away with some old 'tried and true' ideas and some new ones. Keep up the good work Bev.

The Hoedown was on the 18th of February. I want to thank the ladies who worked at the Polo Grounds to make the day a success. A number of the Guild Chapters donated twenty-seven quilts for the raffle. Unfortunately, the weather forced us to close down early. Our own Rosa Barber and dee Burns were lucky winners of quilts. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative at next year's Hoedown.

Thirty-four ladies went on our Annual Retreat at Lake Yale. We learned to make a biscuit basket, a project bag and a roll-up tote. The food was good but best of all was the camaraderie between us. We had some of our new members join us this year and we got to know them better. We did miss some members who could not make it but hopefully they'll join us next year. Sandy Plunkard and Ellen Miller kept our muscles flexible and provided us with laughter at the same time. The Retreat Committee did a great job.

March is almost here. Will it come in like a lion or a lamb? We'll just have to wait and see. February is going out like a lion.

<u>Officers</u>

President – Nancy Wildzunas

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Secretary – Ellen Miller

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Blotto – Cathy Bluemling

Charity Committee – Bev Riley

Demos/Techniques – Bev Riley

Display Case Committee – Doris Woodward

Historian – Janet Nappi

Hospitality Committee – Nancy Oberliesen

Lake Miona Bi-Laws Officer – Betty Knudson

Marketplace 2018 Committee– Gale Walsh

Membership Officer – Marie Nappi

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Nominating Committee – Rosa Barber

Out and About Committee – Ann Boudrot

Program Committee – Marie Nappi

Retreat Committee – Nancy Wildzunas

Ruler Lending Library Committee – Ronnie Steiner

Sister Chapter Committee – Helen Kumpfmiller

Sunshine Committee – Carol Goldman

UFO Challenge Committee – Beth Dombek

<u>Guild Representatives</u>

Program/Guild rep – Ruth Mazurski/Beth Dombek

Showcase 2019 Committee – Joyce McKee

Webmaster Liaison – Doris Woodward

Blotto Committee – Cathy Bluemling, Mary Ann Caggiano

Can't wait to see the completed log cabin blocks that Audrey Temmer presented for our February-March Blotto contest. Wonder who will be the lucky quilter to take home the blocks?

Joyce McKee will present the "spool block" for our March-April Blotto. Great chance to practice our ¼ inch seams! Joyce will provide the strips for the background and extra fabric for sashing for the winner. Sounds terrific! Thanks, Joyce!

Charity Committee – Bev Riley, dee Burns-advisor, Ellen Miller, Judy Norris, Kathy Wink

We have come up with several ideas to fulfill our charity obligations for the year. These ideas are being presented to the Board and we will then bring them to you, the membership, for approval. We have one that will be continual for the entire year and some that will happen occasionally. We will then be able to also do any charities that come up during the year if we want. Our ideas will be presented at the March business meeting.

Demos/Techniques – Bev Riley, Lynn Otwell, Joyce Doig

Binding Your Quilt will be the subject of our next Techniques get-together. We will discuss several ways to apply the binding, how to turn corners, and what to do when you get to the end of your binding. We will also discuss various tools we can use with bindings. We will meet in our usual place on March 21st.

Display Case Committee – Doris Woodward, Sandy Plunkard

"Love Is In The Air" and in our February display case! Thanks to Michele Butson and Bev Jahn for sharing their hearts with us. The teddy bear was adorable.

The March display case will be filled by Joyce Doig and Beverly Riley. Can't wait to see where their creativity takes them.

As a reminder, if you are unable to take care of the display case for the month you chose it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Call Doris or Sandy should you have any questions.

Hospitality Committee – Nancy Oberliesen, Kathy Boonstra, Barb Ebmeyer, Sandy Kizer Elaine Kent, Betty Knudson, Ronnie Steiner

Erin Go Bragh time for the wearin' o' the green. We are asking everyone to wear green!

Membership Committee – Marie Nappi

If you wish to remain a member in good standing, you must turn in your registration form along with your dues to Marie Nappi by Tuesday, February 28th, 2017. Please make your check payable to Lake Miona Quilters in the amount of $20. Anyone who has not paid their dues by that date will be dropped from the rolls and the next person on the waiting list will be welcome to join the Lake Miona Chapter. Remember that attendance at six meetings per year is a requirement for continued membership.

Out and About Committee – Ann Boudrot, Pat Francese

- Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 Rainbow's End Quilt Shoppe in Dunedin, Florida
  8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Rainbow's End is one of the largest quilt shops in Florida with 20,000 bolts of fabric and everything else a quilter could want or need. This is a favorite shop to visit so don't miss out. A signup sheet has been started and is available at all of our Chapter meetings. Cost of the trip is $20 due when signing up. Lunch is on your own and there are several restaurants within walking distance of the shop. We will have menus for a couple of popular restaurants at our meetings for you to check out. Please contact Ann or Pat by email, phone, or at the meeting if you would like to sign up.
- Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 Freedom Point at The Villages
  We are welcome to visit Freedom Point in the afternoon after our Tuesday Chapter meeting. We will gather in the Lake Miona Rec Center parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and break up into groups to drive over. We will make an announcement if there is any change in the plans.

Program Committee – Marie Nappi, Ronnie Steiner

Guild Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – "Sprouting and Growth of New Leaf Stitches" Kari Carr
@ Laurel Manor Rec Center – 7:00 p.m. (hosting chapter: Manatee)

Classes

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – "Sidewalk Café" taught by Kari Carr
@ Churchill Rec Center – 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. — Class size limited to 22 Cost $45
Bring your lunch

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 – "Snap It Project Bag" taught by member, Sue Poquette,
@ Sea Breeze Rec Center – 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Class size limited to 18 Cost $10

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – Alex Anderson will present three lectures
@ New covenant United Methodist Church, 3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages
9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.) (See flyer at QGOTV.org)

Beginning Quilting taught by Karen Deviney
Class will meet for three consecutive Tuesdays (March 7, 14, 21)
@ Eisenhower Rec Center 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Price $30.00 check payable to Karen Deviney – Class size limited to 10 – bring a snack (See flyer at QGOTV.org)

Registering for Classes

For the most current status on the classes, contact Kris Loffler (352-750-3562). Give the registration form to either Marie Nappi or Ronnie Steiner with your fee and receive your supply sheet. Please fill out your form completely and have Marie or Ronnie sign it. Check the Bulletin Board too.

Program Committee Sponsored Activities

- **Meet Alex Anderson** on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 (see flyer on page 10)
  Participate in three interactive lectures: Beautifully Quilted,
  Scrap Quilting—Stash Attack, and Studio Solutions
  Following is the schedule

9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Beautifully Quilted
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Light Refreshments
10:45 a.m.-12:00 noon	Scrap Quilting-Stash Attack
12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.	Chance drawing
1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	Studio Solutions
2:45 p.m.	Book Signing

- **Art Quilt Bee**
  First & third Saturdays of each month @ Captiva Rec Center. 9:30 a.m. – noon.
  Contact katcampau.kc@gmail.com

- **Sundays at Sterling - open sew and socialize**
  Sundays @ Sterling Heights Rec Center 11:30 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
  Always call before you go to make sure there have been no changes (352) 753-4510

Retreat Committee – Nancy Wildzunas

Our 2017 Quilting Retreat at Lake Yale was a huge success! Nancy and her Committee did an amazing job! It seems each retreat tops the one before it! Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, classes, and let's not forget the yummy snacks. We even got in some exercise led by Ellen Miller and Sandy Plunkard. Rosa Barber, Yvonne Brownlie and Joyce McKee were happily surprised to win terrific door prizes! Here are some of the photos taken by our roving photographer.

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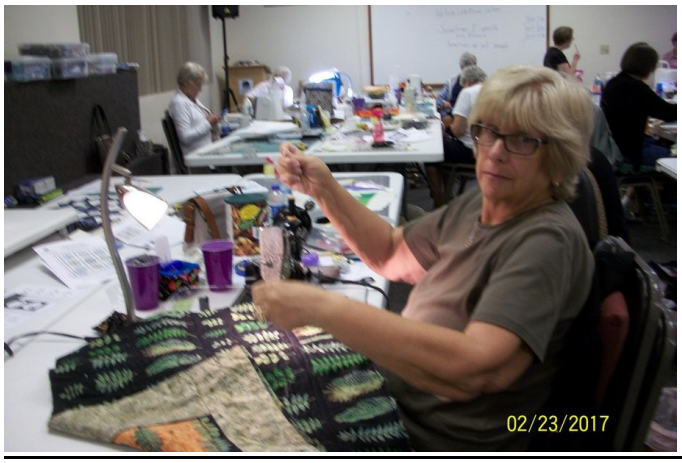
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A Cup of Coffee With Michele Butson

Since Michele has served as a past president of our chapter, many of you know her quite well. However it was my pleasure to have a fireside chat with her recently and get to know her a little better. Though I have to say that at last retreat we shared a table and had a few chuckles, didn't we Nancy O?

Michele is a native New Englander born and raised in the wee New Hampshire town of Woodsville. She was a child bride at nineteen and a mom almost exactly nine months post wedding reception. A good thing, you know how tongues can wag! Since that time she was a stay at home mom and home keeper. She and her husband are parents to two daughters and one son. Also they are grandparents to two boys and one girl.

They remain snowbirds despite many moves during their retirement. It's almost like they're playing Monopoly only with real houses. Let's see if I got the count correct....They've been in Vero Beach and owned two homes in Celebration. Then they migrated to The Villages and are presently on their sixth house here, having recently closed on number six. Actually, she informs me that they are on their second house in Vermont and prior to that there were four in New Hampshire. Presently they live in Grand Isle, Vermont on Lake Champlain. One wonders if she ever bothers to unpack the china! When do they trade up for a hotel, or go past Go for that matter? Is there $200 involved?

Michele has been sewing since her 4-H days and says that her mother still has her first handmade pincushion. (God Bless her mother, 93 and still independent and going strong). Her favorite part of the quilting process is piecing, though she does have a long arm quilting machine. However, due to many moves it's presently up north and she says she'd have to get out the manual and relearn its intricacies.

One of her other interests is belonging to the Mini Cooper Club. In fact, they participated in a cross-country rally in a two-seater Mini Cooper. Eight thousand miles in three weeks. She tells me that they have a new one ordered and it's on its way. Perhaps they wore out the rally car on the X-Country?

Mahjongg, card games, knitting and reading occupy her time when not sewing or driving across the nation in a wee, little car!

So, did I tell you a little something you may not have known about our Michelle? Hope so. She can be a bit shy, so walk right up and say ‘howdy’ to her.

April Showers and a new thumbnail sketch,
Donna Kudner

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 *Ash Wednesday*	**2**	**3**	**4** *9:00 a.m.—noon* *Art Quilt Bee @ Captiva Rec*
5 *11:30—3:50* *Sunday at Sterling @ Sterling Hgts Rec Center*	**6**	**7** *8:30—snacks* *9 am-Bus Mtg* *Blotto blocks due* *Lunch-Beef O'Brady* *2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.* *Beginning Quilting @ Eisenhower Rec Center* *7:00 pm* *Guild Meeting @ Laurel Manor* *presenter Kari Carr*	**8** *9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.* *"Sidewalk Cafe" by Kari Carr @ Churchill Rec Center*	**9**	**10**	**11**
12 *Daylight Savings Time begins* *11:30—3:50* *Sunday at Sterling @ Sterling Hgts Rec Center*	**13**	**14** *8:30—Trip to Rainbow's End* *UFO's* *Lunch-Lighthouse* *2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.* *Beginning Quilting - @ Eisenhower Rec Center*	**15**	**16**	**17** *St. Patrick's Day*	**18** *9:30 a.m.—noon* *Art Quilt Bee @ Captiva Rec Center*
19 *11:30—3:50* *Sunday at Sterling @ Sterling Hgts Rec Center*	**20** *First day of Spring* *International Day of Happiness* *Purim Starts*	**21** *8:30—socialize* *9 a.m. Demo-lunch: Panera* *1:00 p.m.* *Trip to Freedom Point* *2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.* *Beginning Quilting - @ Eisenhower Rec Center*	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** *8:30—11:30* *Meet & Sew @ Lake Miona Rec Center*
26 *11:30—3:50* *Sunday at Sterling @ Sterling Hgts Rec Center*	**27**	**28** *8:30—socialize* *9 am-UFOs* *Lunch-Cody's* *9:15—3:00* *Alex Anderson @ New Covenant United Methodist Church*				