

# Around the Block

## 2010-2011 Officers

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**Audio/Visual:** Open

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**Challenge:** Esther Weiner

**City Hall Quilt Show:** Dawn Griffin

**Door Prizes:** Lillian Anthamatten

& Jeannie Billings

**Helping Hands:** Open

**Historian:** Open

**Hospitality:** Lou Gutsch

**Hospitality Co-Chairs:** Robbie Raynes

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**Newsletter:** Selena Foo

**Opportunity Quilt:** Linda Dozier

**Philanthropic:** Roberta Granville

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**Publicity:** Open

**Show 'n' Tell:** Cindy Burdeshaw

& Betty Rinkel

**Silent Auction:** Jeanne Brenner

**Sit 'n' Stitch Coordinator:** Marsha Walper

**SSQA Representative:** Caroline Collins

**Sunshine:** Gail Walker

**Trip Coordinator:** Marilyn Kelley

& Karen Skinner

**Web Master:** Heather Whitehead

**2010 Workshops:** Maureen Holz-O'Doogan

## In Living Color, Literally!

I made it to my sixties before I experienced a first, of sorts. Being freshly retired with more time on my hands, I agreed to stand in for some friends taking a much needed vacation. Forget about picking up the morning paper, retrieving the mail or watering the plants. My sole job was to tend to their pets. I have taken care of elderly parents, raised youngsters and done my share of babysitting as a teenager... so why not pet sitting?

Their pets do not bark, meow, chirp, hiss or snort. They bubble, gurgle, dart and attend school. You got it, FISH! These are not your customary goldfish, betas or pond koi. These darlings reside in a palatial salt water tank that holds over 100 gallons of temperature modulated water on a pump system that would rival the Panama Canal. Move over K-mart with your blue light specials...this tank's blue light is on a timer that casts its eerie blue hue through the window shades providing visibility two blocks away.

Then there is the food, specially packaged in a brine solution and frozen in individual punch out packets. Borrowing from species Homo Sapiens, there were custom developed treats that I rewarded whether they had been good or bad... for I could not tell the difference.

The tank was populated with creatures of various sizes, all with striking markings and shapes. But, the most amazing experience of my sitting was the absolute profusion of color. Heretofore, I thought coral was endangered, craggy and orange. This tank was filled with coral in yellows, pinks, purples, reds and oranges. At first glance, some looked like rocks, but upon close inspection, they moved and swayed in the current. The blue light provided the perfect medium to showcase their aura. The tentacles on the anemone swayed and glowed in mesmerizing fashion.

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## Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, bi-weekly or sometimes once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual project. Some groups meet at a specified location and work on a service project. We have several of both of these types of groups in our guild. If you are interested, please call Marsha Walper at 562-0681.

Meeting Time	Contact Person
Second Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Connie Beane
Lafayette Community Last Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Gertrude Shirley
McQuilters Tuesdays 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Ronald McDonald House	Carol Harrison
Big Bend Hospice Quilters Monday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Virginia Lewis
The Quilting Bees, Senior Center Monday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Katrina Jenkins
Havana Sit-n-Stitch 4th Saturday 1:00 p.m.	Martha Mitchell
Ladies of Leisure Every other Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Topi Henderson
Crazy Quilters Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 4:00 p.m. Monticello Library	Barbara Sheats
Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety Thursdays 7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Esther Weiner
Thimble Buddies 2nd Fridays, 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m.	Wendy Stone
Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Janice Parker
Sew for HOPE 1st Saturdays 9:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.	Cynthia Seyler
Sew for HOPE 2nd Tuesdays 1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.	Cynthia Seyler
Sew for HOPE 3rd Mondays 9:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.	Cynthia Seyler
Sew for HOPE 4th Wednesdays 1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.	Cynthia Seyler

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I came to understand that these were far more than "pets" to their owners. This was their prized possession, collected and cultivated over many years and at considerable expense. Lordy, Lordy, don't let anything happen on my watch!

So how do fish and quilters mesh (groan on that pun...)? They are hobbies. I never stopped to consider that other folks' hobbies provided a visual spectrum of colors or that they could be co-mingled and layered much like fabrics. In a quilter's world, the color palette is limitless. But upon reflection, I realized that bird lovers, stained glass artists, water colorists, photographers and even salt water fish enthusiasts have the same rainbow. The difference? Our hobby's end product lasts considerably longer, no two are the same and in many cases is not nearly as costly. So fellow quilters, pass go, collect your \$200 and go straight to the nearest quilt shop and buy yourself at least two (2) yards of vividly colorful fabric. It's a bargain.

*Shelley Bertels*  
2011 QU President

## Door Prizes

Door prize winners at the July guild meeting were Dawn Griffin, Cynthia Seyler, Esther Weiner, Dorothy Barr and Marge Norman. The amazing 'Christmas in July' grand prize basket donated by the Frayed Edges was won by Gail Chase.

We always need suggestions for door prize items. If you know of an item we should have as a prize, by all means, let us know.

*Jeanne Billings and Lillian Anthamatten*  
Door Prize Chairpersons

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## Upcoming Programs ...

### August – Pam Doffek presents:

Fabriholic Dreams: How I organized my fabric collection and lived (and you can too.) After 35 years of fabric collecting, I got organized and so can YOU. In this 1 lecture/demonstration hear what it took to get motivated, learn 3 simple ways to fold **ALL** your fabrics so you know at a glance how much you have in a stack, and hear a wonderful poem based on Hamlet's great soliloquy.

### September – TBA

If you have any ideas or would like to suggest a future program subject or presenter, please call or email Michele Haekmeyer, program chairperson.

*Have you hugged your sewing machine today?*

**"BY HAND XVII"  
 QUILTERS UNLIMITED -  
 CITY HALL EXHIBIT  
 JULY 12 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**  
 Chair: Dawn Griffin  
 email [GriffinDD@aol.com](mailto:GriffinDD@aol.com)  
 Co-Chair Jennifer Moore email:  
[jennfsulaw@comcast.net](mailto:jennfsulaw@comcast.net).

**July 12** - Entries hung and City Hall Show opens - volunteers needed 10:00 - 11:00 am.

**Aug 19** - 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Reception at City Hall (volunteers needed and goodies donated).

**Sept 13** - 10:00-11:00 am, Exhibitors must pick up their entries at City Hall.

## Quilter's Unlimited Financial Report

June, 2011

### Cash in bank

Checking	10,400.13
CD	8,807.97
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>19,208.10</b>
Total Receipts - Nov 2010-June 2011	13,832.97
Total Expenses- Nov 2010-June 2011	(11,714.08)
Net	2,118.89

If you would like a copy of the latest Statement of Activities and Expenses

please email Cheryl Gratt @ [cgratt@aol.com](mailto:cgratt@aol.com)

## Don't forget to make your August Block of the Month!

Thanks to Martha Tilden for taking care of the Raffle Block last month when I was out of town.....and also for everyone's participation.

The block for August is "Happy Trees".....for a change instead of green trees, pastels are suggested on light backgrounds! No wonder they're HAPPY trees!!! See you then.....

*Mona Snowden*  
 2011 Block Raffle Chair

## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **August 27th**

Please submit materials to  
 Selena Foo via email at

[qutlhnews@gmail.com](mailto:qutlhnews@gmail.com)

or call me at 668-5727.

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***Diamonds Are a Girls  
Best Friend***

***Capital City Quilt Show***

**Dates to Remember**

August 18 – Opening Night Reception  
5:30 – 7:30

Exhibit Dates : August 19 to November 6

We will have Rack Cards/Post Cards at the Guild meeting on August 11 please use these to invite friends and relatives.

We have posters that are available for advertising the show – please e-mail me before the Guild meeting if you know of merchants or other businesses that would be willing to display one.

Opening Night Reception is a really nice affair. Remember to put this on your schedule and please bring a finger food with you --- this can be either a sweet or savory – but keep it bite sized. Doors will be open at 4:45 so we can arrange our goodies on the tables.

Finally, the volunteer sign-up boards will be at both quilt turn in day and at the Guild meeting so please bring your calendars!

Thank you,  
*Chary Root*  
[rootmom12@gmail.com](mailto:rootmom12@gmail.com)

**Quilter's Unlimited Website**

Karen Skinner will be resuming duties as the Guild's Webmaster.

1) A Website-related Committee is being developed. We need:

- Someone else with website construction and management experience to become the webmaster back-up as well as "webmaster-elect" – willing to rotate into the webmaster position eventually.
- A Photographer – someone who is willing to take good digital photos at Guild Meetings, and if needed, at other Guild events. This person must be able to rename image files to help with identification of the subject of the image. This person must work with the webmaster on file sizes, and transmission of the files (e.g., via e-mail if small, or manual transfer via a jump-drive if large or many.

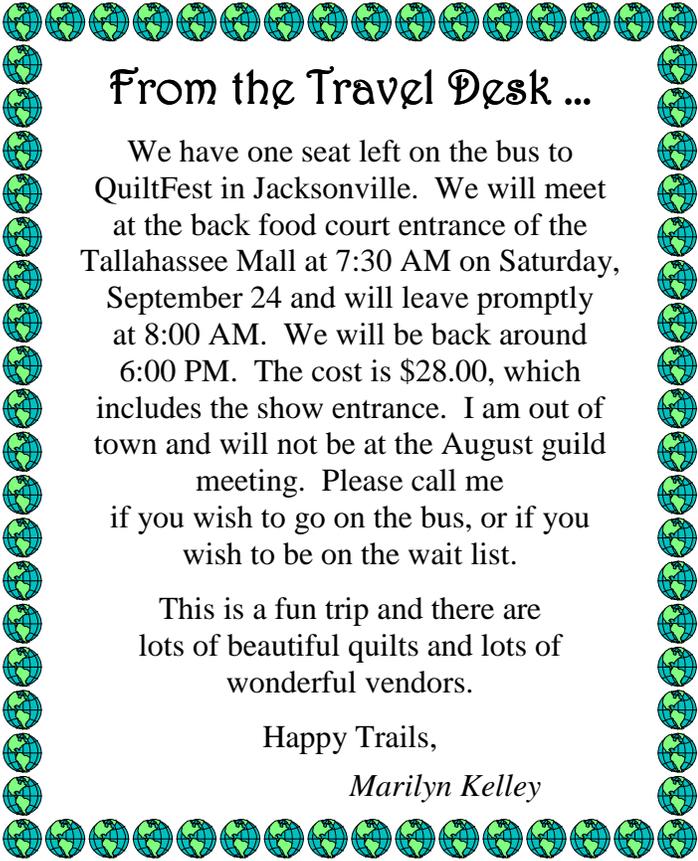
Advisors as to web content and editing.

Please contact Karen Skinner at [webmaster@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:webmaster@quilttallahassee.com) or at the Guild Meeting to discuss your interest and capabilities.

2) The website will be non-accessible for a few hours at some unspecified date in the near future, while major website file changes are made.



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## From the Travel Desk ...

We have one seat left on the bus to QuiltFest in Jacksonville. We will meet at the back food court entrance of the Tallahassee Mall at 7:30 AM on Saturday, September 24 and will leave promptly at 8:00 AM. We will be back around 6:00 PM. The cost is \$28.00, which includes the show entrance. I am out of town and will not be at the August guild meeting. Please call me if you wish to go on the bus, or if you wish to be on the wait list.

This is a fun trip and there are lots of beautiful quilts and lots of wonderful vendors.

Happy Trails,

*Marilyn Kelley*



## LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch Reminder to ALL:

You are very welcome to attend the LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch. The group meets from 2:00pm until 5:00pm on the last Saturday of each month at the LaFayette Park Community Center. This is a great opportunity for new members to get to know some other member. Remember, if we don't utilize this facility, we will lose the privilege of using it. The Lafayette Park Community Center is the perfect place to sandwich and baste your next quilt. There are plenty of tables and lots of space. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marsha Walper.

Upcoming dates are:  
August 27th & September 24th



## Sew for Hope Garage Sale Donations Needed

Our mission is to give a handmade quilt, afghan, or fleece blanket to each child who must stay at the HOPE Community Homeless Shelter

### What kind of Donations?

(Sew for Hope will keep fabric suitable for children's quilts)

**All types of fabric** – upholstery, drapery, craft panels, apparel, trims, quilting, etc.

**Sewing supplies** – fasteners & buttons, Velcro, elastic, sewing tools, patterns

**Yarn** – knitting supplies, crocheting, cross stitch, needlework materials

**Sewing machines** - sergers, irons, machine accessories, other craft tools

**Crafts** – scrapbooking, , jewelry making, cake decorating, decorative supplies

**Miscellaneous** - Books, patterns, children's craft items, paints, clay, baskets, ribbons, candle & soap making

**Where to take Donations**  
**Goodwill Attended Donation Center**

**Opened 7 days a week**

**8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**1108 W. Tharpe**

**At the corner of Tharpe and  
Old Bainbridge**

**Please mark all donations –  
“Sew for Hope”**

**Also tell the attendant “Sew for Hope”**

**Save the Date**

**Sew for Hope Garage Sale  
Saturday, October 8, 2011**

**8:00 a. m. – Noon**

**3357 Barrow Hill Trail**

**Killearn Lakes Area**

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*Selena Foo*  
*6239 Myrtlewood Court*  
*Tallahassee, FL 32312*

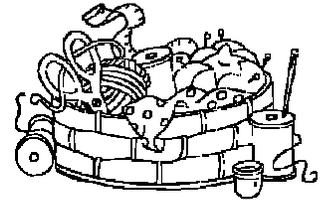
## *August 11th QU Meeting*

Don't Forget Your:

- \$\$\$ for Jacksonville Bus Trip
- Library Books
- Block of the Month Blocks
- Hand made Name Badge

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## *Dates to Remember*

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August 19	City Hall Quilt Show Opening Reception, 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.
August 27	Newsletter Deadline
August 27	LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch
September 8	Guild Meeting, 7:00pm
September 24	Newsletter Deadline
September 24	LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch

Meetings are held at Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road.  
The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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