



Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee

Around The Block

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February 2016

Next Meeting: February 11th Social Hall at Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive,
Tallahassee Florida The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

2016 Officers:

President: Pam Doffek
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Awards: Marsha Walper
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Block Of Month: Wanda Crowe
Challenge: Stephanie Guttman,
Laura Keller
City Hall Show: Jennifer Colley,
Elizabeth Hawker
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Hackmeyer
Door Prizes: Lucy Patrick
Helping Hands: Stephanie Guttman
Library: Jeanne Brenner
Museum Show: Hattie Penne, Betty
Rinkel
Newsletter: Karen Skinner
Opportunity 2016: Geni Raines
Opportunity 2017: Karen Kunz
Philanthropic: Michele Hackmeyer,
Judy Rainbrook
Programs: Roberta Granville
Publicity: Kerry Cohen
Quilter's Treasure: Marsha Walper
Show & Tell: Linda Davis
Silent Auction: Karen Kunz
Sit&Stitch: Marsha Walper
Special Events: none
Sunshine: Jeanne Billings
Trip Coord: open
Web Coord: Jessica Duke
Welcoming: Sue Skornia
Workshops: Jeanne Benner

President's Message

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey about Block of the Month. We received great comments and Wanda Crowe and I will present some synopsis during our next general meeting. Remember turn in your 9-patch with or without the "what if" option. I'm excited to see everyone's blocks.

The directory is in the making and will be thinner and more useful. Make sure your dues are paid...last chance this month to make it into the directory. Smile for your picture!!

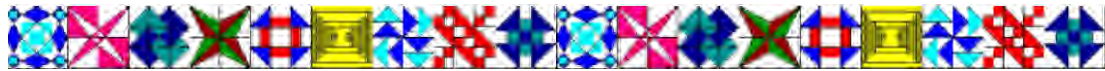
See you soon. Pam Doffek

Dues, Dues, Dues!



If you have not paid your 2016 dues yet please do so at the guild meeting, by mailing a check or via PayPal. Remember, dues are \$30.00 per year. Thanks a bunch! Susan Dickerson and Peggy Clark, Membership





Program Schedule for 2016 — from Roberta Granville

- February- Hearts for Valentine's Day
- March- Missouri Star Quilt Company Patterns
- April- Red Work and Other Embroidery
- May- Karen Stone, guest lecturer & Trunk Show
- June- Philanthropic- This is a change so that the challenge quilts can be presented in July

February 2016 Program — from Roberta Granville

This month our program will feature Linda O'Sullivan who will demonstrate appliqué methods. Of course, she will be showing us how to hand appliqué hearts which are symbols of Valentine's Day. Marilyn Kelly will present a pieced heart pattern.

If you don't have hearts, but would like to show how you symbolize love, bring any quilted items you'd like to show.

Many Thanks

Our sincere thanks to Susan Wallace who presented the January program. She provided a great many samples of One-Shape quilts which members thoroughly enjoyed. Her collection is one to be envied. Thanks to all of you who brought other examples and shared your quilts.

Thanks,
Roberta Granville

2016 Quilter's Treasure

Come to the Quilters Treasure table during the social time (6:30 - 7:00) at the February 11th meeting to buy tickets for this wonderful basket of quilt-related items.

At the meeting there will be a list of items in front of the basket so you can read about the treasures it contains.

Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for ten. There will be a drawing during the March 1th guild meeting to pick the winner.

There will be four Quilter's Treasure baskets for 2016. Tickets will be sold before guild meetings for three months and during the third meeting, a winning ticket will be picked.

Look for a new Quilter's Treasure at the April guild meeting!

Healthy Start Coalition of Tallahassee's "Wall of Angels"

Thank you to all of you who took a pattern at the Jan. meeting to make an Angel Block for the Healthy Start Coalition of Tallahassee's "Wall of Angels".

These blocks can be brought back at any meeting between now and the next few months. Tracy Coomer, with Healthy Start, will be attending our March meeting to say a few words about the significance of the Angel blocks, and also to show a quilt made by a member of the guild for their annual "Walk to Remember" in October of each year. These quilts are made with blocks provided by our guild members, and signed by members of families that have experienced the loss of an infant, or a pregnancy loss, and have obtained counseling through Healthy Start.

At the March meeting I will also have available, for those who wish to help, the pattern and instructions for signature blocks to be used in another quilt to be made later this year will be available.

Thanks for all of your help, and I would encourage each of you to find an opportunity to get involved with a philanthropic project of your choosing, or to help someone else that is collecting items for use in quilts around our community. There are many ways you can get involved!

Please call **Cheryl Willis** at 878-5751 with any questions about either of these two blocks for Healthy Start. And look for the table with the Angel Block patterns available, prior to the Feb. and March meetings to either pick up a pattern, or turn yours in.

2015 Opportunity Quilt winner

The Quilt was won by Ms. Livetra Paul. Congratulations!!!
The winning ticket was obtained during the Taloofoa Fest event in which the Guild participated.



2016 QU Quilt Challenge "At the Water's Edge"

Rules continued to be available for \$5.00. Please come to the table during the meeting and see Stephanie Guttman and Laura Keller. If you are unable to do so, please email or call us.

During the February meeting, please come see us if you plan on completing a Challenge Quilt. This will be our first call for a count.

Important Dates:

- Applications are due May 31, 2016
- Final update on quilt measurement revisions is June 9, 2016
- Challenge quilt judging is at the July 14, 2016 meeting
- Drop off date is July 16th at the Museum of Florida History

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Classes

Meet us at the Leon County Cooperative Extension Center on Saturday, March 5, for a day of sewing, learning, and having fun.

In the morning, build your own house and grow a tree block using your paper piecing skills. This traditional block will be taught by Marsha Walper, an excellent teacher and quilter. The house pattern will be provided for you in class.

Time: 9 AM to noon.

Class fee is \$20. All fees support the guild.

A demonstration of the Colorsplash pattern will be given by Jeanne Brenner in the afternoon. A fast and easy construction method to strip quilt this updated version of the classic Trip Around the World pattern.

Skills learned can be applied to many other patterns.

Class time: 1 PM to 4 PM

Class fee is \$20. All fees support the guild.

Contact Jeanne Brenner to register for classes or with any questions. jbqlts@aol.com

Interested in another Class??

Tips on Quilt Assembly -- Big Quilt, Small Sewing Machine

Karen Skinner gave a brief demo on this topic at the December meeting. The demonstration focused on ways to control or limit the bulk of the batting and backing when trying to quilt a quilt on a small-throat (domestic) sewing machine. If you are interested in having a half-day class to get some hands-on practice with the methods, along with a (slower) discussion of each method, please let Jeanne Brenner know so we can get a head count. If enough people are interested, we will work on locations and cost.

Pupils would need to bring sewing machines, and at least enough front, batting, and backing fabric, to work on a sample about the size of a place-mat. Larger sizes would be fine, as well.

Workshops

Karen K Stone is returning to Tallahassee this May.

Don't miss the lecture at the Temple at the regular QU meeting.

Karen K Stone workshops **are at capacity**. If you would like to be on the waiting list for either workshops, Little Things That Count or Loquat, please contact Jeanne Brenner.

jbqlts@aol.com

The workshops' **location has been changed** to Woodville Community Center, with a new start time of 10:15 a.m., at 8000 Old Woodville Road. It adjacent to the Woodville library building. [Previously, the classes were planned to be held at the Timberlane Church of Christ].

Photos and more information are on our QU web site.

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New Arrivals in the Library

Some new books available for check out this month are:

- *Affairs of the Heart* by Aie Rossmann
- *Beautiful Botanicals* by Deborah Kemball
- *Color Splash* by Piecemakers
- *Organizing Solutions for Every Quilter* by Carolyn Woods
- *Successful Quilting* by Linda Seward
- *Coats and Clark Quilting for Beginners*

As always, an assortment of other titles will also be on display for you to browse through at the meeting.

Jeanne Brenner

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Opportunities Abound

“Home And Heart” Quilt Exhibit at City Hall, by Quilters Unlimited
April 27 – June 20, 2016

Submit a quilt (traditional, art, scrappy, patchwork, applique, Sashiko, Trapunto, crazy, pieced, or ?) for the City Hall Show and listen to the accolades to roll in. How many times have you had an audience to impress, dazzle, (and possibly influence) with your creative endeavors? Submit a quilt and discover for yourself...

To be a part of it all:

1. Fill out an application
2. Submit the completed application with 2 photos of your work to the Show Chair or Co-chair by March 15th
3. Work on your masterpiece
4. Deliver your completed quilt to the City Hall Quilt Show Chair or Co-chair by the April Guild Meeting

The City Hall Show application can be found on the Q.U. website at

<http://quilttallahassee.com/guild-quilt-exhibits-other-shows-and-travel/city-hall-show/>

Alternatively, for paper entry forms call Jennifer Colley @ 850-661-6736, or Elizabeth Hawker call @ 352-359-1017 or email her at: wildduck@bellsouth.net).

Are you ready to impress?

2016 CITY HALL SCHEDULE:

March 15 Deadline -- Last chance to turn in Entry forms to Jennifer Colley or Elizabeth Hawker.

April 14 Deadline - Quilts with label and sleeve turn-in

April 26 Entries hung and City Hall Show opens – volunteers needed 10:00 - 11:00 am.

April 27 - June 20th Exhibit open

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June 21 9:00-10:00 am, Exhibitors must pick up their entries at City Hall.
There will NOT be an evening Reception as has sometimes occurred in the past.



Invitation - Midtown Sit-N-Stitch

The Midtown group was established to be (1) location-wise, more conveniently located for those living in the central part of town; and/or (2) date-wise (on Sunday), more convenient for those folks whose Saturdays and other weekdays are full-up. We have had members who live distant from town, so this is not a limiting factor for those interested in such a group.

The group is open to new membership. It typically meets on the third Sunday of the month, in the afternoon (generally 1:00 to 4ish), and frequently is held at the home of Karen Skinner. However, any of these dates/times/locations can vary.

Members bring a variety of projects, including hand-work, craft-work, and sewing machine-using items. An ironing board and cutting mat is available.

If you have an interest in joining us, or just want more information, contact Karen Skinner at skinnerk4@yahoo.com.

Thank you from Karen Skinner, QU Past-President

Fabric!!! For those of you that missed the January meeting, President Pam Doffek asked me to come to the front of the room for what I assumed was a drawing of some sort. Pam held this large basket full of fabrics, mainly fat quarters. I assumed that I was to pull a piece out as a prize for someone, like is done for Door Prizes. Except that I assumed wrong. You wonderful, crazy QU quilters had contributed the fabrics as a gift to me for my efforts as the QU 2015 President. Holy mackerel!!!

I haven't made any particular plans for it yet. But..... Woohoo!!!!

Newsletter Info

The **deadline** for newsletter submissions for the next issue is:

February 29th, 2016

Please submit materials to Karen Skinner via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com

When submitting the information via e-mail, please place in the subject line "QU – For Month Newsletter" – "Subject of Article" (what the month your article refers to, and what is the subject of the article). All articles submitted for the newsletter must be written/worded as they should appear in the newsletter. If deemed necessary, the Editor may correct typographical errors, and may divide articles to meet spacing and formatting needs. Submittal as a WORD document or text file is preferred.

Sit-n-Stitch Groups

“Sit-n-Stitch” groups meet weekly, biweekly or once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual projects. Other groups meet at a specified location and work on service projects. There are several types of groups in the guild. **If you are interested in joining a group or starting a new group, please contact Marsha Walper.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Big Bend Hospice	Sew for Hope	Crazy Quilters	Sew Arty	Thimble Buddies#	Sew for Hope
1-3 pm	2 nd Tuesday 1-4:30 pm	Monticello Library 1-4 pm	3 rd Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	2 nd Friday 9:30-11:30am	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 9 am - 3 pm
Virginia Lewis	Cynthia Seyler	Barbara Sheats	Kathleen Turner	Wendy Stone	Cynthia Seyler
Quilting Bees at Senior Center	McQuilters at Ronald McDonald	Pin Pals	Patchwork & Prayer	Frayed Edges#	Second Saturday
1-4 pm	1-3 pm	1 st & 3 rd Wed. 1-3 pm	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Th 6:30-8:30 pm	9:30am-12pm	2 nd Sat 9 am - 4 pm
Judy Lawrence	Carol Harrison	Linda Steans	Janice Parker	Selena Foo	Connie Beane
Southwood Stickers			Southern Comfort ‘Sew’ciety	Quilts ‘n Books NE Library	Havana Sit ‘n Stitch
10 am - 3 pm			1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Th 7-9 pm	4 th Fri. 10 am-12 pm	4 th Sat. 1-4 pm
Nancy O’Rourke			Esther Weiner	Joy Vo	Martha Mitchell
Piecers of the Past			Appliqué Addicts NE Library		EQ Software Feb/Apr/Jun/Sept/Nov
1 st & 3 rd Mon 5:30-7:30 pm			3 rd Thur 5:30-7:45 pm		2 nd Sat 1-3 pm
Chary Root			Mary Catherine Scott		Margaret Boethe
Midtown Sit ‘n Stitch 3rd Sunday					
1-4 pm					
Karen Skinner					
# Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity					

<i>2016 Guild Calendar</i> (subject to change)		
Feb 11th	Guild Meeting; "Hearts for Valentine's Day"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Feb 29 th	March Newsletter Deadline	
March 5 th	Class: "Paper-pieced House" by Marsha Walper	Leon Co. Extension Service Bldg
March 5 th	Class: "Colorsplash" by Jeanne Brenner	Leon Co. Extension Service Bldg
March 10 th	Guild Meeting; "Missouri Star Quilt Company Patterns"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 15 th	Steering Committee Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 15 th	Entry form turn-in deadline for City Hall Exhibit	
April 14th	Guild Meeting; "Red Work and Other Embroidery"; Deadline - City Hall Exhibit Quilts with label and sleeve turn-in	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
April 26 th	City Hall entries hung and Show opens – volunteers needed 10:00 - 11:00 am.	City Hall
April 27 th	City Hall Show (through June 20 th)	City Hall
May 12th	Guild Meeting; Karen Stone, guest lecturer & Trunk Show	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 13 th	Workshop: Karen K Stone	Woodville Community Center
May 14 th	Workshop: Karen K Stone	Woodville Community Center
May 17th	Steering Committee Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 31st	Application Deadline for QU Challenge	
June 9th	Final update on quilt measurement revisions for QU Challenge	
June 16th	Guild Meeting; "Philanthropic"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
June 20 th	End of City Hall Show	City Hall
July 14th	Guild Meeting; judging of "Challenge Quilts"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 16 th	Drop off date for QU Challenge Quilts	Museum of Florida History
July 19th	Steering Committee Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 16 th	Quilt Drop-off for Museum Show	
July 28th	Museum Show begins	Museum of Florida History
August 11th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept. 8th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Sept. 18 th	End Museum Show	Museum of Florida History
Sept. 20th	Steering Committee Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Oct. 13th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Nov. 10th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
Nov. 15th	Steering Committee Meeting	
Dec. 8th	Guild Meeting	Social Hall @ Temple Israel