

Around the Block

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City Hall Show: Vacant til 2015

President's Message

January. A new year and a time for new beginnings. I'm not one for making New Year's Resolutions, but I have challenged myself and am challenging you to do more for others in the coming year.

There are a number of quilting opportunities, from within the guild and outside, that could use your help or contribution of time and effort. The guild also has many opportunities for you to contribute by volunteering for a committee chair or officer role.

My goal is to make some twin-sized quilts for the Hope Community and to make a little something for the Museum Show silent auction. What can you do this year? Let's get to it!

Michele Hackmeyer

Dates to Remember

1/9/14 QU January Meeting (7 pm)

1/23/14 QU Steering Committee Meeting (7 pm)

1/24/14 Deadline to submit Articles for the QU newsletter

2/13/14 QU February Meeting (7 pm)

CHALLENGE QUILT FOR 2014

I am so excited about the Challenge Quilt for 2014! Our theme is Starry, Starry Night.

The guidelines will be available for \$5.00 at the QU Meetings. Look for me before and after the meetings to get your challenge rules. If you need them before then, please email me at cdlewis@velocityonline.net or call me at 294-3055.

Here's a little hint: You can take your inspiration from a *dream or fantasy*. If you have never entered before, this is your year. I would love to see the walls covered in Challenge Quilts in August . I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. ~Deon Lewis

JOIN the QU Museum Show “Starry, Starry Night” 2014 Team!

Consider joining our team to make the 2014 Museum Show the best yet. In the past, the Chair and Co-Chair did most of the work but I felt that if we take on this event as a team sharing the work load. More volunteers could join in on the fun and your creative talents could shine. No previous experience necessary. Volunteer to assist current team members listed below or grab a friend and take on one of the open opportunities.

Opportunities:

- Coordinate volunteers – develop sign-up sheets, solicit QU volunteers to “person” the table during the show and call/or send email reminders.
- Co-Chair with the dream of being Chair in 2015!

Current Team Members:

Margaret Boeth - volunteered to organize show reception, coordinates reception with museum staff and remind QU members to bring tasty treats.

Marsha Walper - volunteered to create ribbons for Best of Show – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each category and youth entries.

Sue Isaac - volunteered to count the votes submitted by the public during the show for each for each category and Best of Show.

Don't let this opportunity to join the team pass you by as we will start coordinating with the state museum staff early 2014. Team members may meet for short meetings before the monthly QU meeting at a local eatery as planning activities get started. This is a great time to get involved, share ideas and meet new friends.

Call/email: Dawn Griffin [\(850\) 509-6103](tel:8505096103) / Griffindd@aol.com – 2014 Museum Chair

BLOCK OF THE MONTH for JANUARY - "Sunshine and Citrus"

The 2014 Blocks of the Month were introduced at the December meeting. They will be the 12 winning designs from the 2013 Road to Florida Challenge and all will be 12 inches plus seam allowances. Marsha Walper showed her winning challenge quilt which contains the applique block for January. Directions for making the block and a photo calendar of all blocks can be found on the QU website:

<http://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/2014-block-of-the-month/>

The block can be constructed by traditional appliqué or by fusing. Here is a link for appliqué & fusing info: Applique & Fusing: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/mccallsquilting/articles/Applique>

Show Marsha some love by making her "Sunshine & Citrus" block and bringing it to the January meeting. Marsha said you could call her for encouragement or help in making the block. We will draw a name from the entries, and that lucky person will take them all home. If we get 24 blocks or more, we'll draw two names!

Martha Tilden & Wendy Stone

see directory for phone or email, contact us if you need help with a block

Charlotte Williams' Artworks to be Featured at Artport Gallery

Charlotte Williams, QU member and featured speaker at QU's Museum Quilt Show, has been invited to display her fiber art and drawings at the Artport gallery in the Tallahassee Airport. The Council on Culture and Art (COCA) sponsors all displays at the airport and city hall. The show is titled "Leaves, Limbs and Lichens". Dates are January 22 to March 3, 2014. Enjoy Charlotte's handcrafted quilts, wearable needlework and drawings inspired by and produced with elements found in our local landscape. These unique pieces depict and mimic bark, moss, lichen, leaves and other flora, reminding us of nature's beauty and bounty.

Upcoming Programs

Lisa Norman, President-Elect of the Tallahassee Chapter of the Daughters of the Nile will be attending our January meeting. Lisa will address our Guild to discuss a project that her group needs help with. Stephen Kunz

Sit-N-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, biweekly 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.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Big Bend Hospice 1:00-3:00 pm Virginia Lewis	Sew for Hope 2nd Tuesday 1:00 - 4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler	Crazy Quilters Monticello Library 1:00 - 4:00 pm Barbara Sheats	Sew Arty 3rd Thursday 11:30am - 1:30pm Kathleen Turner	Thimble Buddies* 2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am Wendy Stone	Sew for Hope 1st Saturday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm Cynthia Seyler
The Quilting Bees Senior Center 1:00 - 4:00 pm	McQuilters Ronald McDonald 1:00 - 3:00 pm Linda Dozier	Pin Pals * 1st & 3rd Wed. 1:00 - 3:00 pm Linda Steans	Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker	"Quilts 'n Books" 4th Friday, exp. Dec. 10:00 am T-ville Rd Panera Bread Joy Vo or Marsha Walper	Second Saturday 9:00-4:00pm Connie Beane
Southwood Stitches 10:00—3:00 pm Southwood Community Center Bring own lunch bag, drink and desserts provided. Nancy O'Rourke			Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety * 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thurs. 7:00 -9:00 pm Esther Weiner		Havana Sit 'n Stitch 4th Sat. 1:00 pm Martha Mitchell
* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity Sew Arty (Art Quilts) 3rd Thursday, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (bring own lunch 11:30-12:00, meeting starts at noon) Envision Credit Union, 440 North Monroe Street Contact: Kathleen Turner					

New Sit-n-Stitch Group

Quilts-n-Books

Join Quilts-n-Books, QU's newest Sit-n-Stitch group, and get to know a new quilting friend, who shares your other favorite past time. Reading!

When: 4th Friday of the month at 10 a.m.

Where: Panera Bread - Thomasville Road location.

(Enjoy a complimentary small coffee or tea w/purchase for QU members.)

Come join the book discussion by reading the quilt-themed selections prior to meeting dates. Remember to bring along your handwork.

January 24th - *The Christmas Quilt & The New Year's Quilt* (2 books in 1), by Jennifer Chiaverini

These seasonal and holiday books have been selected from the Elm Creek Quilts series by best selling author Jennifer Chiaverini. These books are a fun read, filled with the ups and downs, struggles, and triumphs of the characters making up the Elm Creek's "Quilt Camp." Chiaverini weaves together her love and knowledge of quilting into her novels about the importance of family and friendship, "using quilting as a metaphor for how women piece together the parts of their lives, both together and individually, into a beautiful whole."

Chiaverini has written over 20 novels, 4 quilt collections, with designs inspired by her novels, and has designed a fabric line. Visit <http://www.elmcreek.net/> to learn more about her and this series.

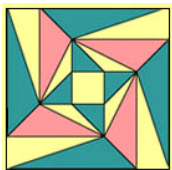
See Joy Vo (in the member directory) for information or questions.

Advertising in QU Newsletter now available!

The final piece is in place to provide for advertising in the QU newsletter, Around the Block. If you look on the QU Website, under 'About Us', you will find a link to 'Advertise with QU'. This link takes you to a page that explains the criteria, allows for entry of an advertiser's information and includes a place to upload or type in the business card sized ad copy. Payment is made using Paypal. You do not have to have a Paypal account already set up as Paypal will allow you to pay with a credit card.

At this time, we are accepting advertising, but we are not set up to accept classified type 'for sale' items. We are looking into other avenues such as facebook to provide that type of notice.

Michele Hackmeyer, President



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Submit Info for Newsletter!

**The deadline for newsletter
submissions is**

the 25th of the month.

**Please submit materials
via email at
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