

AROUND THE BLOCK

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Next Meeting: May 10th 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.

President's Message

Turn the calendar to May...wait, May?!? Where's the time gone?

If you are like me, that challenge quilt and veterans quilt seemed easy peasy back in January. Now, we can almost count in weeks the time left to get them done. But never fear, there is plenty of time and I know we will have beautiful gifts for our veterans in July and a wonderful display at the Challenge reveal in August.

I peeked into my quilting room this morning and looked at the projects I had out on the ironing board and the cutting mat and was surprised. I had forgotten what I was working on, it had been that long since I was in there. I promised my fabric and sewing machine I would visit with them this weekend.

A very special thank you to Wendy Stone, Karen Kunz, Marsha Walper and Linda O'Sullivan for the mini-demo stations at last month's meeting. Somehow, they packed in a wealth of information and hands-on demonstrations in a quick seven minutes. Our guild is very lucky to have such amazing, talented quilters that are willing to share their knowledge with the rest of us.

This month we have the honor of Suzanne Marshall speaking at our meeting. It is sure to be a wonderful presentation that will inspire us all. Once you listen to Suzanne and see her work, I know you won't want to miss the opportunity to learn her applique technique. At last check, we still had some remaining spots in the workshops for Friday and Saturday. I can't wait to see the amazing show and tell items that come from these workshops!

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

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May Program

Guest Speaker: Master Quilter, Suzanne Marshall

In keeping with the practice of other quilt guilds and to help defray the cost, there will be a \$10.00 admission fee for non-members. Acceptable forms of payment will be cash or a check.

This fee will only apply to the May 2018 Guild Program featuring nationally recognized Master Quilter, Suzanne Marshall.

The Welcoming Committee and Membership helpers will greet you in the foyer and direct you to the appropriate line for entry into the social hall.

We all look forward to this special event, seeing old friends, meeting new quilters, and most of all, welcoming our new members who share the love of quilting.

See You There!

Upcoming Programs

June – “Stitcher Friendly Advice for Everybody!”

Hours spent quilting, working on crafts, or sitting at a computer take a toll on our body. Yoga can help relieve tension, relax muscles, and counteract the effects of repetitive movements. Hattie Pennie and Dawn Griffin will share some yoga poses and stretches to help reduce tension and stress in your shoulders, neck, arms and wrists that can be done sitting in a chair or standing. No yoga experience is necessary. A yoga mat is not required. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and supportive, non-slip shoes. Participating in this program will feel so sweet. Namaste.

July - Quilts of Valor presentations and Philanthropic Challenge Reveal

Roberta Granville will lead us as we honor and show our gratitude to Veterans with Quilt of Valor presentations. Following the presentations, we will showcase our philanthropic challenge of 100 lap quilts for Veterans.

August - Challenge Quilt Reveal

Come see what our members created with this year's theme, “Out of the Blue.” Challenge Quilt Chair, Hattie Pennie, will reveal the secret rules and you will have the opportunity to vote for your favorite quilts.

“Friends are threads of the quilt of life.”

Show and Tell Reminder

In order to provide the most time for our national speaker, we will not hold Show and Tell at the May meeting. Please bring your quilts to the April meeting or hold until the June meeting. Thank you!

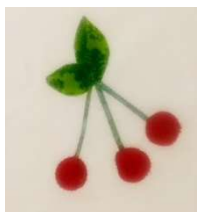
Block of the Month - June

June is National Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Month. Although you might not be EATING your recommended 3-5 servings of veggies and 4 a day fruits, you can certainly MAKE some of your monthly Block of the Month "servings" with our suggestions this month.

This month we offer you applique and foundation pieced fruits and veggies: carrot (foundation), tomato (applique & foundation), apple (applique and foundation), lemon (applique) and cherries (applique). In fact, you can use the "apple" foundation pieced pattern to make EITHER an apple or a tomato. See the samples at the guild meeting. If you have other fruit and veggie patterns in your repertoire, please feel free to make and contribute them.

Our color scheme this month is ANYTHING; fruits and veggies come in so many different colors (and fabrics !). The foundation pieced patterns will finish 6" square, so feel free to make multiples or combine them to make an unfinished block size of 12.5". You will note the applique patterns say they are 10" blocks...PUT THEM ON A BACKGROUND OF AT LEAST 13" SQUARE so we can cut them down. The 10" "block" size is so the applique pieces can fit on regular sized pieces of paper without taping them together.

And remember the great Miles Kington who said: "Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad"



Pam Doffek & Lyn Gearity, your BOM ladies

Save the Date

Jacksonville Quiltfest bus trip will be Saturday, September 22, 2018. Bus will depart at 7:30 am from the old Tallahassee mall. We will depart Jacksonville at 3:30 pm to head back.

Fee for the outing is \$35.00 and this includes show admission. To sign up please see Christine Walsh. Looking forward to a great trip again this year!

Philanthropic Challenge

JUNE QU MEETING: Twenty new (20) bath size towels (any color) are needed for the children sponsored by Grace Mission to attend summer camp. Beautiful tote bags as well as pillow cases have been created by the lovely ladies from Bits and Pieces Sit and Stitch. If you would like to contribute – please bring the towel to the June QU Meeting.

JULY QU MEETING: Grab a friend and consider making:

Lap quilts for veterans: confined to wheelchairs, to wounded service members in hospitals and to retirees in convalescent and retirement homes. Suggested sizes: 30" x 30", 34" x 40" inches, and 45" x 60." The smaller sizes are so they can be used in wheelchairs without causing problems. You could also include a pocket for incidentals like eyeglasses, keys, or coins, but that is optional. A hanging sleeve on the back is another option if the recipient would like to hang the quilt on the wall. All colors and designs are fine but a patriotic theme is particularly appreciated. Although there are some female veterans, most of the recipients will be men. We are aiming for 100 lap quilts! Ladies we can DO this.

Quilts of Valor: The mission of the Quilts of Valor (QOV) Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Refer to <http://www.qovf.org/quilters-questions/> for specific requirements and instructions for making a QOV. QU usually displays those completed during the summer guild meeting.

Quilts made for the presentation must be given to Roberta Granville at the June meeting.

Questions? Contact: Roberta Granville.

All information can also be found on the QU website (tab: activities/projects – philanthropy).

Don't forget to save the UPC labels from packages of Hobbs batting. These will help with us obtaining discounted batting for guild philanthropic projects.

Your Philanthropy Chair – Dawn Griffin

36th Annual Capital City Quilt Show aka The Museum Quilt Show

The 2018 Annual Capital City Quilt Show at the Museum of Florida History, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL will open with a reception on Thursday, August 31 and close on Sunday, October 28.

Important Dates

- Entry deadline: midnight of Thursday, July 12
- Challenge Quilt voting: at the QU meeting Thursday, August 9
- Quilt turn-in at the museum: Saturday, August 18, 10 AM – Noon
- Opening Reception: Thursday, August 30, 5:30-7:30 PM
- Opening of the Show: Friday, August 31
- Closing of the Show: Sunday, October 28
- Quilt pick-up at the museum: Saturday, November 3, 10 AM – Noon

Barbara Wiggins, 2018 Chairperson

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction occurs in conjunction with the Annual Capital City Quilt Show held at the R.A. Gray Museum. Items to be auctioned are donated by guild members. No quilt show application form is needed for these items.

Any sewed or quilted item is acceptable; i.e., quilts, wall hangings, clothing, bags, purses, pillows, potholders, place mats, table runners, notebook covers, necklaces, ragdolls. Donated items should be brought to a regular monthly guild meeting. The deadline is the last meeting before the scheduled turn-in day at the Museum. This year it is the August meeting.

Quilts and wall hangings **must have a four-inch hanging sleeve** and may have a label on the back with a title, quilter or guild name, and date of completion.

If you do not attach a label, please give me a paper with your name and a title or description along with the quilt.

I will be accepting items at each meeting beginning this month. Thank you for your participation!

Sue Skornia, Silent Auction Chairperson

“Out of the Blue” - 2018 Guild Challenge Quilt

Hurry quilters!! You still have time to purchase the rules for this year's challenge quilt. This challenge promises to be very interesting. I look forward to seeing where the theme leads quilters this year. There are plenty of rules left. If you have never attempted this challenge maybe this is your year to win!

As a useful definition, according to Wikipedia:

"Out of the blue" is an informal English language idiom that describes an event that occurs unexpectedly, without any warning or preparation. It is used as an adverb. The "blue" in the phrase [usually] refers to the sky, one from which a sudden thunderstorm is unexpected.

Please don't let this definition limit your creativity and ideas. The challenge is open to all quilters both our traditional quilters and our art quilters—new quilters, male quilters and experienced quilters. Entry must be made by a single individual. As always, keep your challenge a secret. To find out more about the challenge, you can purchase your challenge rules from Hattie Pennie, Chair who will be sitting at the Challenge table before and during our meetings. You may purchase these rules for \$5.00. We would like to see many “Out of the Blue” quilts turned in for guild member voting and for the museum show. At this time our challenge quilt reveal and voting are scheduled for our August 9, 2018 guild meeting.

2018 Workshops

Please contact Ruth Cuzzort or Jeanne Brenner to register.

Suzanne Marshall -- Applique and Embroidery

Dates: May 11th and 12th, 2018; six-hour workshops, starting at 10 am.

Location: Chaires Community Center

Quilter extraordinaire Suzanne Marshall will be teaching two workshops for us in May 2018. Her website is: <https://www.suzannequilts.com/workshops>

On Friday, May 11, Suzanne will teach her take away appliqué technique and how to smooth curves on one of the blocks from her award- winning Art Nouveau quilt.



On Saturday, May 12, she will cover the take away technique again with four “wacky birds” patterns, plus how embroidery can enhance your blocks.

The cost of classes will be \$60.

Both classes are open to everyone at this time.

Don't miss out on this chance to learn from a master quilter!

Good photos and quilt patterns information are now available at Suzanne's new web site:

www.suzannequilts.com

Helpful Links on the QU website

Entry Info for the 2018 Quilt Show: <http://quilttallahassee.com/guild-quilt-exhibits-other-shows-and-travel/museum-show-capital-city-quilt-show/>

Philanthropy Projects: <http://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/quilters-unlimited-philanthropy/>

Guild Library: <http://quilttallahassee.com/about-quilters-unlimited/guild-library/>

Classes Taught by Guild Members

Sign up at guild meeting or contact Ruth Cuzzort

July 14, 2018

Roll up and Go Cosmetic Bag

Teacher: Kris Hebert

Cost: \$30.00 plus \$12 kit fee

Location/Time: Woodville Community Center, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Get a jump on your Christmas gift list when you learn how to make this multi compartment bag. Bag has a vinyl liner with zippers defining the compartments. The class kit fee is \$12.00. The kit includes everything you will need except your fabric and threads.

August 11, 2018

Slivers Class, Part 2

Cost: \$30.00

Woodville Community Center

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Join Jeanne Brenner for part 2 of the Slivers Bag Class. We will be making the funky chicken.

October 20

Double Wedding Ring with no curved piecing

Teacher: Linda O'Sullivan

Location/Time: Woodville Community Center, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$30.00

Linda will be teaching a technique for making circle/curves without difficult piecing.



Library Update

The QU library books will remain on their shelves this month, except for those requested by Wednesday, May 9.

A selection will begin traveling again in June.

Jeanne, the librarian

“Out of the Blue”
Congratulations to Gail Renna!

At the April meeting, QU members who bought a set of three tickets for \$5.00 entered their names into a drawing for three free tickets. Gail was the lucky winner of three tickets!

Tickets can be purchased during the social time at guild meetings from 6:30 to 7:00 for the queen-sized Opportunity Quilt, “Out of the Blue”. A wide variety of blue fabrics create the movement of waves in this traditional Storm at Sea design. The donation is \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. At the beginning of the meeting, the name of the winner will be drawn.

You may be the lucky winner of three free tickets at the May meeting!

Bring address labels to put your name on the ticket stubs.

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.



Door Prizes

Congratulations to our Aril Door Prize Winners: Teri Crawford, Evelyn Gonzalez, Tara Goodman, Sue Isaac, Karen Kunz, Susan Tatum, and Hazel Walker!

The April Birthday Door prize was won by Era Singer; Congratulations, Era!

A big thank you to all who have recently given gifts to be used as door prizes each month! And, to Wendy Stone, who donated several unopened batting “samples” that we will be using over the next months as part of our door prize give-a-way; Thanks, Wendy!

Thank you to Elizabeth Hawker, and Mickie Johnson for filling in for me while I was away during the April meeting, and for being the “thread” that Elizabeth has spoken of and made the theme of our guild for this year! I hope that all of you are reaching out and making new friends each and every meeting!

See you all in May, wearing those handmade name tags, so that you can enter into our door prize drawings!!! Don't forget to stop by our table and get your name in and drop off any donations that you might have! Thanks for helping.

Cheryl Willis, Door Prize chair

Sew for Hope by *Judy Rainbrook*

Sew for Hope is a community-based group that also functions as a Sit-n-Stitch group within QU. Our group makes and gives away quilts and afghans for homeless and impoverished children from newborn to 21 years of age. We meet on the first and third Saturdays from 10am – 3pm at ARTS After School, 3510 Weems Road. We do a brown bag lunch from 11:30 – 12:30. We have donated more than 1,750 quilts and afghans to Hope Community, the family homeless shelter, as well 65 crib and nap-time blankets to PAEC Migrant Education Program every summer.

You can help by **Donating:**

Time – We can always use someone willing to make quilts or finish quilts that were incomplete when donated. We sometimes have yarn that can be given out to volunteers who are willing to knit or crochet afghans. At our play days, if you can't sew but are good with color, you can select fabrics and assemble kits to be given out to stitchers. Ironing fabric and pressing quilt tops is something that is usually needed at our meetings.

Money – We can always use funds to go toward purchasing quilt batting, needles, thread, or having sewing machines serviced.

Materials – Cotton quilting fabric in fun novelty prints, nursery prints, and solids or blender colors.

Wish List:

- New cotton sewing thread, especially white, beige, and pastel colors
- Helping hands
- Crib size cotton or poly/cotton batting
- Fleece fabric (pieces measuring 1 1/4 yards or 2 1/2 yards are perfect) No small scraps please.
- Someone willing to service our machines when needed
- Gift cards (Walmart, Target, Home Depot, JoAnn's, etc.)

Come visit our booth each QU meeting, take home a kit or purchase fabric or patterns we have received that won't work for kids' quilts and say hello.

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **June 1, 2018**

Please submit materials to Tara Goodman via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. To receive a mailed newsletter, contact the editor for details.

Missing Email Blasts?

Check your email spam filter, check for blocked addresses, and/or add webmaster@quilttallahassee.com to your contact list. Still have problems, email Karen Skinner, Membership Chair, at membership@quilttallahassee.com. If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

Sit-n-Stitch Groups

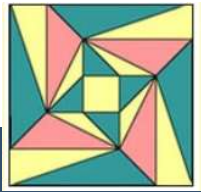
“Sit-n-Stitch” groups meet weekly, biweekly or once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual projects. Other groups meet at a specified location and work on service projects. There are several types of groups in the guild. **If you are interested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

Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
Monday	Big Bend Hospice	2 nd Monday, 1-3 pm	Virginia Lewis
	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
Wednesday	Crazy Quilters @ Monticello Library	1-4 pm	Georgianna Joseph
	Piecers of the Past	2nd & 4th Weds 1-3 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
Thursday	Sew Arty	3 rd Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Linda Stright
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Th 6:30-8:30 pm	Lascella Ingram
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 rd Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 nd Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner
Friday	Quilts 'n Books	4 th Fri. 10 am-12 pm	Joy Vo Kris Klob
Saturday	Sew for HOPE	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	Cynthia Seyler Judy Rainbrook
	Second Saturday	2 nd Sat 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
	Havana Sit 'n Stitch	4 th Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell

The following Sit-n-Stitch groups are listed at full capacity: *Pin Pals, Sew Darn Happy, Thimble Buddies, Frayed Edges*. This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.

2018 Guild Calendar

May 10	Guild Meeting with Lecture by Suzanne Marshall	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 11 & 12	Workshops by Suzanne Marshall	Chaires Community Center
June 1	<i>Deadline for June newsletter</i>	
June 14	Guild Meeting; Program: "Stitch and Stretch"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
June 23	<i>Deadline for July newsletter</i>	
July 12	Guild Meeting; Program: Quilts of Valor presentations and Philanthropic Reveal	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 12	Annual Capital City Quilt Show entry deadline	
July 14	Class: Roll up and Go Cosmetic Bag	Woodville Community Center
June 26	<i>Deadline for newsletter</i>	
August 9	Guild Meeting; Program: Challenge Quilt Reveal	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
August 11	Class: Slivers, Part 2	Woodville Community Center
August 18	Quilt drop-off: Annual Capital City Quilt Show	R.A. Gray Museum
August 30	Reception for Annual Capital City Quilt Show	R.A. Gray Museum
August 31	36 th Annual Capital City Quilt Show opens	R.A. Gray Museum
September 13	Guild Meeting; Program: "Creativity and Companionship in a Sit-n-Stitch"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 22	Bus trip to Jacksonville Quiltfest	Jacksonville, FL
October 11	Guild Meeting; Program: "Don't Dread the Dresden"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
October 20	Class: Double Wedding Ring with no curved piecing	Woodville Community Center
October 28	36 th Annual Capital City Quilt Show closes	R.A. Gray Museum
November 3	Quilt pick-up	R.A. Gray Museum
November 8	Guild Meeting; Program: "Strut Your Stuff!" (guild wide trunk show)	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
December 13	Guild Meeting; Program: "End of Year Fun and What's to Come"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel



CLASSIFIED ADS

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*Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.
See Directory for Specific Contact Information*

Items for Sale

Husqvarna Viking Designer SE Sewing and Embroidery Machine. Everything that came with the machine plus MANY additional feet – walking, ruffler, pin-tuck, gathering, hemmer, piping, open toe, stippling...extra acrylic table. Embroidery – software & embroidery designs, plus additional hoops – Mega hoop, Endless embroidery hoop, Do it all Quilters hoop, Hoop Helper, 5X7 Hoop and software. Extra bobbin case for decorative sewing, 8 spool thread holder. Original owner, well maintained. \$1,500

Contact: Linda Rodriguez (check directory for contact information)

Altos QuiltCut2, new, never used. Complete work table designed to make measuring & cutting fast, accurate, and easy. 26" cutting mat holds 45" fabric, cuts 8-10 layers of fabric without shifting, Straight edge sets at 90, 72, 60, and 45 degrees, no more slipping rulers. Complete instructions and video. \$100

Contact: Linda Rodriguez (check directory for contact information)

Long Arm HQ-16 on 12 foot HQ Studio Frame.

HQ Pro-Stitcher software, HQ Precision Glide Tracks, front and rear handle bars, micro handles, laser light, horizontal spool pin, ruler base, HQ tool tray, bobbin winder, wide leaders, open toe foot, and glide foot. \$5,000

Contact: Linda Rodriguez (check directory for contact information)

Classified Ads -- Instructions

Only Guild Members can list items for sale, for services, or "free-to-a-good-home". How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor (Tara Goodman) at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. Briefly describe the item and asking price.

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue is: June 1, 2018

ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH A SALE OR SERVICES ARE BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.