

AROUND THE BLOCK

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Next Meeting: June 14th 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

Summer Time!! Hopefully, we will all be able to enjoy a vacation, a bar-b-que, a beach day or just a wonderful day of sunshine. So far, our early tropical storm season has given me plenty of opportunities to work on quilting. With all the rain, my yard currently squishes when I walk on it. All those rain showers and small gusts of wind chased me into the sewing room. I can't complain, because it could have been a worse storm, and I sewed the binding on my veteran's quilt 😊. Soon, it will be so hot outside, we will take shelter in the sewing room to cool down under a quilt.

Last month, our special guest Suzanne Marshall presented a lovely talk and trunk show. Hopefully, Suzanne's work and patterns inspired some non-applique quilters to consider adding at least a touch of applique to one of their future projects. Many people mentioned how they loved her sharing the judges' comments for her quilts. The ones that mentioned the same things for "positives" and "ways to improve" showcased how different people can interpret the same quilt. I think the important take-away was make the quilt how you will like it, because others will love it too, and the rest will just tell you a different way they would have done it and you can use that for inspiration for another quilt!

For those that might have cringed at the thought of getting judges' comments, take heart! The QU quilt show does not have judges' comments, so make sure you submit your quilt for our show. The visitors at the Museum of Florida History won't be certified quilt judges and most all of the viewers just like seeing the different quilts, techniques, patterns and colors.

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

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June Program: “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. 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.

Upcoming Programs

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.

September – “Creativity and Companionship in a Sit-n- Stitch”

Marsha Walper will lead a group discussion delving into the values of belonging to a sit-n-stitch group.

October - “Don’t Dread the Dresden”

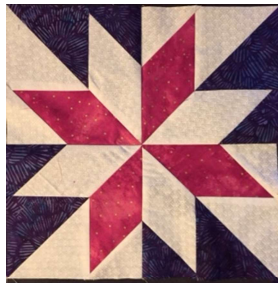
Wendy Stone will demonstrate an easy way to make the Dresden plate and share a variety of projects, both traditional and modern, that utilize this block and method.



“Friends are threads of the quilt of life.”

Block of the Month - July

July celebrates the 49th Anniversary of the Moon Landing. So let's blast off in our rockets to the stars (and aim at the moon). Our featured blocks this month are an applique spaceship (the glowing flames don't show well in this pic, but look for the actual block at the meeting); and a foundation pieced star block. OF COURSE any star, moon or rocket block you want to make is fine with us. Just applique onto a 13" foundation or ensure the foundation or pieced block is 12 ½" unfinished. Suggested colors: red, yellow, blue, scrappy. BLAST OFF!



Pam and Lyn

Save the Date – Quiltfest in Jacksonville

Welcome to summer and happy June. With that said, please realize that our bus trip to the Jacksonville QuiltFest is approaching quickly. I need to commit to the bus a few days after our August meeting. If you would like to go, please sign up at the June meeting; this way we can better estimate the number of participants going. Payment must be made at or by the August meeting and payment will secure your seat. **Fee for the outing is \$35.00.** After the July meeting I will be opening it up to others outside of QU. We need to fill the bus and there are currently 36 seats available. Here are the details to help you plan:

Date: September 22, 2018

Depart From: Tallahassee Mall/Center of Tallahassee, Old Dillard's side parking lot facing Monroe St

Time: Arrive by 7am to load and depart by 7:30am. If everyone is on board before 7:30, we may get an earlier start :o)

Returning: Departing Jacksonville around 3pm arriving back to Tallahassee at approximately 6pm

I'm looking forward to a great day and a fun trip, complete with door prizes and other activities. See you there

- Christine

Philanthropic Challenge

We are aiming for 100 lap quilts for veterans by July meeting! Ladies we can DO this.

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.



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. Questions? Contact: Roberta Granville.

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

HUGE THANK YOU: Received more than enough donations of bath size towels for the children sponsored by Grace Mission to attend summer camp. The beautiful tote bags as well as pillow cases created by Bits and Pieces Sit and Stitch and filled with the towel were delivered to Grace Mission by the end of May. The Pastor and children were so touched and delighted by your kindness!

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

Volunteers for the Museum Quilt Show

Ladies, don't forget to bring your calendars and sign up for your times to work in the museum during the show. There are plenty of dates open, August 31 through October 28. If you enter a quilt, you are encouraged to work one shift for each quilt; however, if you can work more oftener will be welcomed. Day workers, there will be Saturdays and Sundays you can sign up for your choices. Bring those calendars and sign up your choices.

Betty Rinkel

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

Do I Have to Fill Out a Museum Quilt Show Entry Form Online? Maybe Not!

If you are having computer problems or are just not sure how to upload the quilt picture that is on your phone, help is on the way!

At the June guild meeting, Marsha Walper will help you fill out a paper form and take a photo of your quilt. Your quilt does not need to be complete since the photo is mainly for identification. Remember, Challenge Quilts also need photos and entry forms.

Please contact Marsha and let her know if you need a paper entry form so she can bring it to the June meeting. Look for her standing next to the Opportunity Quilt and selling tickets at the guild meeting.

Never had a quilt in the show? Last year 20% of the quilts displayed at the Museum of Florida History were made by first-time exhibitors!

The entry deadline is July 12. Don't wait until the last minute. Plan to enter your quilt this month!

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

Kudos to all challenge quilt participants who have completed their quilts. To those who may still be working, relax there is time to complete your quilt.

This is a reminder that all challenge quilt entries must complete the online museum application and submit it by midnight on or before July 12, 2018. Please remember to attach a photo of your quilt before sending your application.

I look forward to seeing your beautiful quilts at the August guild meeting.

Hattie Pennie,

Challenge Quilt Chair

Nominations

Nominations for the Volunteer and Quilter of the year for 2018 are now being accepted. If you would like to nominate someone for either of these positions, please download the applications from the guild website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Karen Kunz.

Library Update

New additions to the QU Library

The Best of Fons and Porter Star Quilts by Marianne Fons and Liz Porter

Circles and Rays by Renae Haddadin

Get Quilting with Angela and Cloe by Angela Walters

Modern Bee by Lindsay Conner

New Quilts from and an Old Favorite - Nine Patch by Linda Baxter Lasco

Pretty Simple Quilts by Nancy Brenan Daniel

Small Stars and Other Designs by Kathleen Johnson

Our library has grown to 660 items. Check out the entire inventory by visiting the guild web site: quilttallahassee.com. Under "About QU" click on "Guild Library" then scroll down to choose the book list you prefer to see either "by the title" or "by the author". Books may be reserved for the next meeting by email or phone.

Jeanne Brenner, QU librarian

Classes Taught by Guild Members

Sign up at guild meeting or contact Ruth Cuzzort

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.

“Out of the Blue”

Congratulations to Diana Picklesimer!

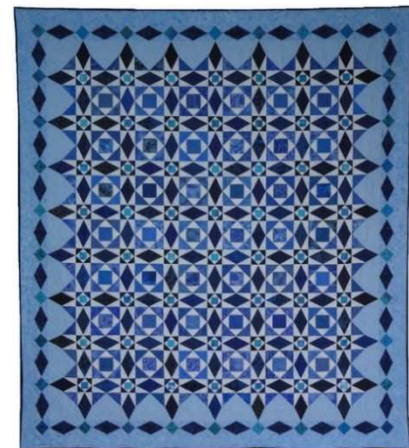
Diana won three free tickets for the queen-sized Opportunity Quilt, “Out of the Blue”. A wide variety of blue fabrics combine with Robin Wolfe’s quilting to create the movement of waves in this traditional Storm at Sea design.

Tickets can be purchased during the social time at guild meetings from 6:30 to 7:00. The donation is \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

At the beginning of each meeting, there will be a drawing from the names of those who purchased 3 tickets for \$5.00. The winning name will receive 3 free tickets. Put your name in the drawing for each set of 3 purchased!

Bring address labels or write your name on the ticket stubs.

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.



Door Prizes

Congratulations to these Door Prize winners at the May meeting!

Julie Fredrickson, Mary Whelan, Terri Smith, Lucy Patrick, Kelly Wood, and Loui Tope for the general drawing; Iris Garcia for the Grand Prize Drawing; and Denni Rae for winning the Birthday-of-the-month drawing!

Thanks to all participants in our door prize drawings each month. You must be wearing your homemade name tag to enter the drawing, so stop by our table before each meeting and drop your name in. Each month we draw names for six regular (but very nice!) prizes, one grand prize, and one name for those entering their names in that month's birthday drawing.

Thank you, too, for helping us with your gifted donations to the drawings! We couldn't do it without your help, and all gifts are very much appreciated! You could be one of our next winners, so come see us at the table in June and enter to see what you could go home with!

Cheryl Willis and Mickie Johnson

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/>

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **June 21, 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

June 14	Guild Meeting; Program: "Stitch and Stretch"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
June 21	<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