

# AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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**Next Meeting:** August 9th 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*

Guess what time it is??? Yep, that is right! Challenge quilt reveal time and the opening of the 36th Annual Capital City Quilt Show at the Museum of Florida History. Both events are based on this year's theme, "Out of the Blue."

I hope everyone is looking forward to coming to the August meeting to see all the hard work of the QU quilters who accepted the challenge to create a quilt based on the challenge rules. This first look at the challenge quilts allows everyone an up-close look at the quilts and the opportunity to vote on their favorites for each category.

The Opening Reception for the Capital City Quilt Show will be held on August 30th at 5:30pm with a ribbon cutting ceremony and light refreshments. All QU members are invited to come to the Museum and get the first look at this year's quilt show. If you can't come to the reception, please plan a trip to see the quilt show. This year's show is on display from August 31 thru October 28, during normal Museum hours.

And on the topic of "Out of the Blue," I want to take this time to thank all of you that have expressed praise and encouragement over the past seven months. Taking on the role of President-Elect late last year was a daunting task and came out of the blue. Your support and appreciation mean a lot. Here's to another five amazing months as president of QU and with our fabulous members, that is a sure bet!

Happy Quilting,  
Kerry

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**Sunshine:** Shelley Woodyard

**Trip Coordinator:** Christine Walsh

**Welcoming:** Elizabeth Hawker

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## August Program

### Challenge Quilt Reveal



Prepare to be amazed! It is time for our annual BIG REVEAL! Come see the incredible quilts that members made with challenge rules created by Chairperson, Hattie Pennie, for this year's theme, "Out of the Blue." Vote for your favorites and then the creators and winners will be announced.

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### Upcoming Programs

#### **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.

#### **November - "Strut Your Stuff!"**

A guild wide trunk show featuring bags, purses, totes, pouches and other quilty creations. We all have a great bag, purse or tote, especially the one of a kind type that we make with our beautiful quilt fabrics. Now is the time to come strut your stuff and show us your favorites. We also want to see your crafty creations such as sewing machine covers, thread catchers, organizers, etc. You may just walk away with some last-minute holiday gift ideas.

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### "Out of the Blue" -- 2018 Guild Challenge Quilt

Congratulations to our twenty (20) challenge quilt participants who have completed their quilts.

This is a reminder that all challenge quilt entries must:

1. Be brought to the August, 2018 guild meeting between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m.
2. Your quilt must have a four (4) inch sleeve on the back.
3. Your quilt should be in a pillowcase with a label containing the same information as your quilt label.
4. Have the printed or typed description that was given in your application describing your quilt. This will be attached to your displayed quilt.
5. Take your quilt with you after the guild meeting.
6. Quilt drop off at the museum will begin at 10a.m until 12 noon on August 18, 2018.

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

Hattie Pennie, Challenge Quilt Chair

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## Reception for the Capital City Quilt Show

This is a reminder about the reception for opening night of our Museum Quilt Show, on Thursday evening, August 30th. In addition to the anticipation of seeing the beautiful quilts, we look forward to visiting and "grazing" on the scrumptious food. Please bring "finger food" (sweet/savory), to the Museum by 5:15 and place them on the serving tables. Spoons and forks will not be available, so it is important that your appetizers can be handled with fingers ☺ Remember to put your name on the bottom of your plate and if you need a serving utensil, please bring it. Opening ceremonies will begin about 5:30.

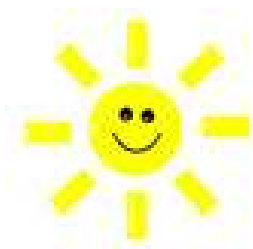
If you would be willing to assist in serving the punch, or in setting up or cleaning up, please contact me now by e-mail or phone using the directory information. It is always amazing how wonderful the variety of food works out and is so good when a large group comes together.

Thanks for your participation and if you have any questions, please contact me.

Margaret Boeth

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## "Friends are threads of the quilt of life."



All of our members can count on their guild friends for help when they need advice on how to make the perfect quilt, but we also want to reach out when they need a little cheer or sympathy. If you become aware that someone needs a little sunshine, please contact me. I'll make sure they receive some sunbeams by way of a card from the guild.

Shelley Woodyard, Sunshine Coordinator



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## Museum Show Reminders

### Drop-Off

Quilts to be shown in the 2018 Capital City Quilt Show must be delivered to the Museum of Florida History on **Saturday, August 18, between 10 AM and Noon.**

All quilts must have:

- A minimum 4-inch hanging sleeve
- A label on the quilt with quilter name(s), quilt title, year completed and where
- A pillow case (to put the quilt in) with your name and phone number on it

### Volunteer

Calendar Time, Ladies. Remember to bring your schedules and calendars to the meeting and sign up for your times to sit at the museum. This is our money maker chance for our budget. Get your pick now.

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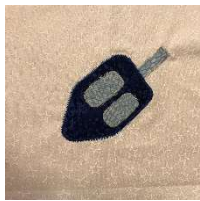
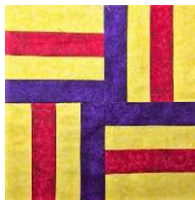
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## Block of the Month - August

Our theme for September is Judaica. Temple Israel has been very generous to Quilters Unlimited; good rates on our monthly meeting, space for Bits & Pieces sit and stitch, a place to hold our Steering Committee meetings. So, this month's blocks celebrate many of the good things from Jewish themes, not any particular holiday or event.

As Lyn and I have said, and to iterate for those who are new, the blocks we make this year will be assembled into nap quilts for the Temple Preschool. Our hope is to have a Judaica themed block on the back (or back and front???? Let's make more blocks!) of each quilt in addition to the other blocks that make up each individual quilt.

Our provided patterns this month are: Rail Fence (pieced), Star of David (pieced and applique), and dreidel (foundation pieced and applique). The Old Testament colors related to Jewish embroidery are purple, gold and crimson. Other celebrations include the colors of blue, silver and white. This gives you a broad spectrum to work with, either prints or solids. Some of you may also have some themed fabrics in your stash (I got a piece several years ago at a fabric store).



So let's celebrate all our Jewish friends and give back to Temple Israel in the way we know how; make a block (that will become a quilt.)

Pam and Lyn

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## Quiltfest in Jacksonville

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 August meeting. **Payment must be made at or by the August meeting to secure your seat. Fee for the outing is \$35.00.** Here are the details:

**Date:** September 22, 2018

**Depart From:** Tallahassee Mall/Center of Tallahassee, 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

- Christine Walsh

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## Philanthropic Challenge

*You exceeded our goal of 100 lap quilts for veterans! 105 total lap quilts were turned in at the July meeting - ladies you are awesome. Thank you!*

Are you up for our next Philanthropic Challenge? **Fifty (yes 50) TMH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Quilts and Isolette covers!**



The size range is anywhere from 15" x 22" to 17" x 25". Soothing colors are preferred, as stimulation needs to be kept at a minimum. The quilt fits on top of the sheet. Then the baby is placed on top of the quilt. That is why we can have a range in sizing. Quilts should be all cotton. Flannels are just fine, whether on the front or the back. They should be machine quilted and free of embellishment. Resource:

<http://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/neonatal-quilts-and-isolette-covers>. Contact: Shelley Woodyard. **Please bring items to the November QU meeting.**

*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

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## Silent Auction

Thank you to all of you who donated quilts or quilted objects for this year's Silent Auction. I am overwhelmed and grateful. They are all very attractive.

We may soon be told the space is full, so although I will be accepting donations at the August meeting, be aware that I may ask you to hold some of them until next year.

Being Silent Auction chairman is an easy and fun job. If you would like to do it next year, there is a notebook with step by step instructions, and I will be available to answer any questions and assist.

Sue Skornia, Silent Auction Chairperson

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## Bits and Pieces Sit and Stitch Invites You to Join in the Fun

New and old QU members are always welcome to help make charity items for our community. Take advantage of the opportunity to get to know others who love to spend their time cutting up fabrics, so they can sew them back together again.

If you are already busy on your own project, feel free to come and enjoy the camaraderie. There are many tables available for design, layout, or basting. Input from experienced quilters may be asked for and/or ignored.

**Bits and Pieces meets once a month at the Temple at 1 PM before the guild meeting.**

Several quilt tops are available for quilting at this time. You do not have to be an expert quilter or own a long arm to participate. Batting and backing is already cut to size for each one.



If you have fabric you no longer treasure, it could be included in a project to help others stay warm. We appreciate all your donations and support.

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## Restore and Recharge!

As a follow-up to the June program, a few simple yoga stretches will be featured every month in the newsletter (as space allows) to help you reduce tension in your body so you can keep doing what you love to do!



1. Let's start with a few simple breathing exercises: close your eyes and inhale slowly for 5-8 counts – hold breath for 5-8 counts and exhale slowly for 5-8 counts. Do this at least 3 times.
2. You can choose to sit or stand – slowly shrug your shoulders up to your ears, hold for 3 slow counts and release back down slightly and gently exaggerating the moves – feel the stretch in your neck and shoulder area. Do this at least 3 times.
3. Arm circles – slowly begin by making small circles with each arm starting out as small circles then slowly making the circles larger. Repeat in the other direction.

**6:00 – 6:30 before the September 13 QU meeting, bring a yoga or exercise mat, wear comfortable clothing and meet me at the rear of the meeting room for a free ½ hour gentle yoga session! From there we will attempt to locate a quiet area away from noise.**

I hope these few stretches make you feel great! Questions – catch me at the next meeting.  
Dawn Griffin

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## 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.

Nominations will be accepted from June until September. The last date to submit a nomination will be September 13th.

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## QU Needs You

Please seriously consider volunteering for the important position of Membership Vice President for 2019. What's involved? The next couple of paragraphs explain that at a high level. If you like the duties in one paragraph but not the other, don't worry; it's possible that we can pair up two volunteers to make the perfect team!

Some duties involve working with spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel) for record keeping purposes. Also, because internet issues are sometimes encountered by members paying dues via Pay Pal, this officer will coordinate with the Treasurer in trying to resolve such issues. Much of the communication between the Membership VP and guild members (and potential members) is done via email, so you will need a reliable way to regularly check your email inbox (you will have an email account for this position; you don't need to use your personal email account). Of course, our new Membership VP will be fully supported in learning the ropes by the outgoing officeholder, Karen Skinner.

But wait... If you aren't a "computer person", you shouldn't conclude that this position isn't your cup of tea! Are you a people person who would enjoy meeting and greeting our members and guests at the guild meetings? Do you have ideas about how to attract and retain members, and would you enjoy organizing and hosting welcome events for new members? If so, don't hesitate to volunteer, and partner with someone who can handle the computer end of things.

Complete information about the duties is available at this link:

<http://quilttallahassee.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/1QU-Nbook-Membership-2018-update-March.doc>

If you're interested (and we hope you are, because we need you!), please contact Carol Eskola, President-Elect.

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## Just Say "Yes"!

Want to get more involved in Quilters Unlimited? Have you ever thought "Gosh, if I were in charge of that, I'd \_\_\_\_." (Fill in the blank; you know you have some terrific ideas!) New to QU and wanting to grow your circle of friends? There are many opportunities in the coming year for you to exercise your creative muscles on behalf of our terrific organization, so consider volunteering for one of these positions, or grab a friend to team up as co-chairs. Notebooks outlining the duties for most of these slots is on the web site at <http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/officers-chairpersons-notebooks/>. If the position that interests you doesn't have a link to a notebook, you can get information from the current coordinator or by contacting me.

- Awards Coordinator
- Block of the Month Coordinator
- Challenge Quilt Coordinator
- Directory Coordinator
- Door Prize Coordinator
- Museum Show Coordinator
- Philanthropy Coordinator
- Programs Coordinator
- Publicity Coordinator
- Show 'n' Tell Coordinator
- Silent Auction Coordinator
- Travel Coordinator
- Welcoming Committee Coordinator
- Workshops and Classes Coordinator



Interested? Contact me by telephone or email, or just grab me at the next meeting of Quilters Unlimited. I look forward to working with you to make next year the best year yet!

Carol Eskola, President-Elect

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## Quilts of Valor Presentation





## Classes Taught by Guild Members

Sign up at guild meeting or contact Ruth Cuzzort

August 11, 2018

### **Funky Chicken- Appliqué class**

Cost: \$30.00

Woodville Community Center

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

In this class several different methods of hand appliqué will be explored. Choose the technique, or combination of several techniques, you like to complete your project with the results you desire. You may download the Scrambled Eggs chicken pattern from Craftsby for \$6 or bring a simple pattern of your choice to work on.



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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.



### **New Class Opportunity!**

Interested in learning how to make a coiled fabric basket or a reed basket? One of our members has offered to teach a class in basket making if we have some eager weavers. Please look at these pictures and let Ruth Cuzzort know if you would like to attend a basket making class.



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## Guild Quilting/Sewing Party!

Yay! Once again, the Guild is sponsoring an open-sew day.

Bring your projects and sew and socialize together. There will be an area for the guild's philanthropic groups to work on their projects, and an "other members" area. We hope to have a few demonstrations, as well.

When: November 17th, 2018

Where: Chaires Community Center (officially, Dorothy Spence Community Center)  
4768 Chaires Cross Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32317

Time: 10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Bring: -- Your Lunch (there are few places to get lunch anywhere near the Center)  
-- Power strips in addition to your standard sewing gear and projects

Volunteers needed to bring:

- Irons and ironing boards
- Heavy duty extension cords
- Snacks and drinks

Volunteers also needed to:

- help set up tables and put them away. Volunteers for set-up need to be there at 10:00 am. Set-up volunteers need not be the same individuals as the "put-away" volunteers/
- give demonstrations

The room only holds about 20 - 25 tables, so **please RSVP by November 2nd to Karen Skinner** at [membership@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:membership@quilttallahassee.com)

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## *"Out of the Blue"*

### *Thanks to Linda and Congratulations to Judy!*

Special thanks to Linda Davis for the beautiful, machine-embroidered label she made for the Opportunity Quilt, "Out of the Blue".

At the July guild meeting, Judy Walker won three free tickets for the Opportunity Quilt.

Tickets can be purchased during the social time at guild meetings from 6:30 to 7:00 and the drawing will take place at 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!

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.



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## August on the QU Jail Project

Things at the Leon County Jail sewing project are still somewhat in flux. The biggest issue seems to be getting women to participate for a long enough period of time to gain skills. However, things are beginning to settle down some. The women have completed 15 quilts for kids in the CRMC Emergency Room and 14 for the Dialysis Center. They have also given quilts to the Victims Advocate office. Last month the inmates also tried their hands at sewing a pair of very simple drawstring shorts and a halter top, as well as making quilts for the victims of the Franklin County Eastpoint wildfire. The women also worked on lap quilts, aprons and medical shorts (ones that open on the side with ties so they can be removed more easily) at the request of the Shriners. Starting in September, the focus will be on Christmas, Christmas, Christmas!

Our QU Jail visitor group has split into two - one group that goes the first Tuesday of the month and another that goes the Tuesday after the QU meeting. This enables us to provide more one-on-one assistance with the smaller crew that Donna Guy is now supervising.

The jail program is in need on one or two square rulers that are 4.75" on a side. The one they have is about worn out and patched together with tape. Thread is always welcome as well. Thank you for your continued interest in the QU Jail program and for all the support you have provided in the past!

By Judith Rainbrook

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## Helpful Links on the QU website

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

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

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

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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **August 25, 2018**

Please submit materials to Tara Goodman via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster@quilttallahassee.com) to your contact list. Still have problems, email Karen Skinner, Membership Chair, at [membership@quilttallahassee.com](mailto: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.**

<b>Sunday</b>	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
<b>Monday</b>	Big Bend Hospice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, 1-3 pm	Virginia Lewis
	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
<b>Wednesday</b>	Piecers of the Past	Piecers of the Past	Mary Catherine Scott
<b>Thursday</b>	Sew Arty	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Linda Stright
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Th 6:30-8:30 pm	Lascella Ingram
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner
<b>Friday</b>	Quilts 'n Books	4 <sup>th</sup> Fri. 10 am-12 pm	Joy Vo Kris Klob
<b>Saturday</b>	Sew for HOPE	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30	Cynthia Seyler Judy Rainbrook
	Second Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
	Havana Sit 'n Stitch	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell
The following Sit-n-Stitch groups are listed at full capacity: <i>Pin Pals, Sew Darn Happy, Thimble Buddies, Frayed Edges</i> . This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.			

## 2018 Guild Calendar

August 9	Guild Meeting; Program: Challenge Quilt Reveal	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
August 11	<b>Class:</b> Slivers, Part 2	Woodville Community Center
August 18	<b>Quilt drop-off: Annual Capital City Quilt Show</b>	R.A. Gray Museum
August 25	<b><i>Deadline for September newsletter</i></b>	
August 30	Reception for Annual Capital City Quilt Show	R.A. Gray Museum
August 31	36 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>Class:</b> Double Wedding Ring with no curved piecing	Woodville Community Center
October 28	36 <sup>th</sup> 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