

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: April 12th 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

Time flies when you are having lots of quilting fun! The clocks sprang forward, and so did the weather. Hard to believe spring just arrived, but much easier when you have a big quilt on your lap trying to finish the binding...whoo, it's warm.

Springtime provides a vast assortment of outdoor inspiration for new quilt projects. Stepping out into the yard brings the wonderful sounds of bees buzzing and hummingbirds humming around the feeder. Flowers are abounding: camellias still blooming, citrus opening their lovely scented blooms, and of course the pretty "weeds" and wildflowers along the roads (and yes in my yard, too).

I wonder how many quilters start some type of flower quilt project during this time of year. The best thing about starting a flower quilt, besides it doesn't need to be watered three times a day in the middle of summer, is that bloom never fades away. The down side for me is that my Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt may never actually "blossom" or at least not for a few more years!

And with summer just around the corner, we are building up to even more quilting inspiration on the horizon here at QU. So, stop and smell the roses, or maybe stitch a rose or two in a quilt!

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

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Mini Demonstrations

April Program



Put your glasses on, sharpen your pencils and bring your phone for photos or videos! It is demonstration time and we have a nice variety of techniques to share with you.

Five stations will be arranged around the room for you to get up close and personal, learn and ask questions.

Station: Perfect Circles: Marsha Walper will show you two methods to make perfectly smooth, round circles for hand applique. You will be amazed how easy these techniques are.

Station: Folded Flower: Linda O'Sullivan will demonstrate how to create a folded flower beginning with a variety of shapes: hexagon, pentagon, circle and triangle.

Station: Batting Selection: The right batting makes a difference! Mona Snowden will explain the myriad of batting terms and which product to choose based on your quilting style and project. Each participant will see, touch and feel 16 different batting samples.

Station: Flying Geese: Wendy Stone will demonstrate two easy methods to create a flying geese unit. Both methods are easy and will result in faster creation and uniform units for your quilts.

Station: Hexagons with English Paper Piecing: Karen Kunz will show you her organized method and share easy tips for creating hexagons with the English paper piecing method.

Upcoming Programs

May – Guest Speaker: Suzanne Marshall

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

Mark your calendar so you don't miss our May 10 guild meeting!



World renowned quilt artist, Suzanne Marshall, will give insights into what inspired her prize-winning quilts.

Unique, beautiful, and fascinating are adjectives that describe her work. The subjects of her quilts range from Norwegian tapestries, paper cutting, to objects in nature, just to name a few.

Also included in her talk will be the judges' comments, both positive and negative, about her award-winning quilts.

Suzanne will be teaching her unique take away applique method in workshops the following Friday and Saturday at the Chaires Community Center.

If you have been scared to try hand applique, this would be a wonderful opportunity to overcome your fear.

If you already enjoy applique, come learn a new method to hone your skills.

Make plans now to attend one or both workshops and learn from the best.

May 2018 Program Notice

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.

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!

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!

Notice about Quilts of Valor for July Presentation

Quilts of Valor will be presented at the July meeting. **Quilts made for the presentation must be given to Roberta Granville at the June meeting.** In addition to the finished quilt, there must be a matching presentation case in the size of a pillow case. The presentation case must coordinate with the colors in the quilt; it is recommended that you use one or more of the fabrics from the quilt. A plain pillow case should not be provided.

If you would be able to assist Roberta with making custom labels for the presented quilts, please see her at the next guild meeting.

Please see the following link to the official Quilts of Valor web site for information:
<http://www.govf.org/quilters-questions/>

Block of the Month - May

AH May, time for baskets and flowers. Let's celebrate all of May, not just the first (May Day). Our block this month is a simple pieced basket pattern. This is only to INSPIRE you. Use this block and get creative like our block maker did with "vegetable" basket print material. OR interpret it any way you want. OR pick your favorite pieced, applique, foundation pieced or combo technique block and hand it in. Any basket block is fine, just so it is 12.5" unfinished (put on a larger background if you do an applique block).

AND while you're at it.... how about some flowers? The block below is only to inspire, the pattern is not included on the website pattern download.



See you at the April Meeting to celebrate May (Day).

Pam Doffek & Lyn Gearity, your BOM ladies



"Friends are threads of the quilt of life."



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

You are the Cat's MEOW! Thank you for your generous donations of 14 cat quilts that will be shared between Treats, Inc. and It's Meow Or Never. Beds are always needed so if you missed making one, please bring to a future meeting and pass on to Roberta Granville. Specifications for Cat Beds: Machine piece and quilt using only good quality cotton fabric. No flannel or fuzzy fabrics as this is harmful to cats. Recommended sizes: 22" X 30" and 29" X 32.5."

By July! 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. 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.

Philanthropy Chair – Dawn Griffin

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

Dates to remember

Entry deadline: Midnight, Thursday July 12, 2018

Quilt turn-in event: Saturday, August 18, 2018, 10 am to 12 Noon

Quilt show Pre-opening reception: Thursday, August 30, 2018, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Quilt show opens: Friday, August 31, 2018

Quilt show closes: October 28, 2018

Quilt pick-up: Saturday, November 3, 2018, 10 am to 12 Noon

The Online Entry system is up, running, and entries are coming in. Just a reminder – you must respond to every item on the entry or the SUBMIT button will not appear. If you are making an entry and do not see the SUBMIT button, go back and review your entry making sure you have responded to every item.

Entry is open to ALL members of Tallahassee Quilters Unlimited. We do not have a Show judge, so there are no Quilt Police commenting on your entry. Viewers make the choice for winners.

Check your calendars for Show dates and sign up for a volunteer time to work at the show. We request everyone entering a quilt sign up for at least one two-hour shift. Depending on the day of the week and time of day for which you volunteer, you'll also have the opportunity to work on your hand sewing/quilting project or catch up on that novel your reading. OR you could be really busy with many visitors to the museum answering their quilt questions, selling tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, or directing viewers where to place a bid for a Silent Auction item. Easy peasy stuff but we must have a volunteer there during all Museum open hours. Check those calendars and sign up with Betty Rinkle beginning at the April meeting.

I found another Quilt Sleeve tutorial. It's interesting and looks to be quick and easy to do. Here is the link: <https://weallsew.com/easy-diy-quilt-hanging-sleeve-almost-entirely-by-machine/>

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

Silent Auction Continued

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.

Fiscal Planning Committee Member Needed

Looking for one member of QU to be a part of this year's Fiscal Planning Committee. This committee will review long term fiscal plans for the guild. Estimated time frame of May-July. Please contact Kerry Cohen if interested.

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

Classes Taught by Guild Members

Sign up at guild meeting or contact Ruth Cuzzort

April 14, 2018

Class is Full

Class for Featherweight lovers

Instructor: Johnny Johnston

The Featherweight class is full. If you have signed up for the class and have not paid, please plan to pay at the April meeting. If you are interested in the class, your name can be added to the waiting list.

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.



New Resources in the QU Library

Guess what...we now have shows on DVD made by AQS featuring lots of fabulous quilters. The American Quilter series has four discs with at least 3 episodes on each DVD. Each episode features an interview with a famous quilter, a quilt demonstration and a visit to a national quilting event. Filmed in 2005, you may already be familiar with some of the techniques, but it is fun to get a glimpse of some famous faces.

New books available this month include:

Bella, Bella Sampler Quilts by Norah McMeeking

Liberated Medallion Quilts by Gwen Marston

More Quick & Easy Hexie Quilts by Julia C. Woods

Quilted One Block Marvels by Carolyn Sullivan

Quilting with Precuts and Shortcuts by Terry Martin

Variegreat! By Linda Glantz

The library will be closed in May when our special guest, Suzanne Marshall will be here.

Requests are always welcome.

Jeanne Brenner, QU Librarian

The Jail Project - March Update by *Judy Rainbrook*

Donna Guy has worked through the kinks of transitioning from "Officer Guy" to just plain "Miss Guy" at the Leon County Jail. Her ladies are in full production mode, finishing 50 quilts (40" x 40") for the Shriners by end of March. She now has a full complement of worker bees.

We now have four volunteers that visit the jail quilting program at least once a month and one who visits twice a month. The jail ladies continue to be an inspiration to us because they produce quilts with only hand scissors and donated fabric and thread, they lay them out and sandwich them on the floor and often have no sewing experience before arriving at the program. We continue to be inspired by the joy and the pride in their work we see in these women.

In the coming months, the program will be focusing on quilts for the cancer floor at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, making walker caddies for the Shriners and quilts for the Dialysis Center.

They continue to need thread. They get black and white thread from the jail but need most colors, especially off-white, beige, navy, yellow and pink.

“Out of the Blue”

Congratulations to Elizabeth Hawker!

Elizabeth won three free tickets for the queen-sized 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.

You can put your name into the drawing for each set of 3 tickets! Bring address labels or write your name on the ticket stubs.

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.

Door Prizes

Thank you to all who are participating in our Door Prize Drawings each month, either by making a donation for the Door Prize gifts, or by entering to win some of the gifts to be given away! We draw six names for the general drawing each month, and also a name for the Grand Prize. We also draw a name from the Birthday-of-the-month bag, which is a separate drawing, and during the month of your birthday you may enter both drawings, giving you another chance to win!

So put on your name tag to enter, and stop by our table for your chance to win one of the great prizes to be given away each month. See you at the next meeting!

Congratulations to Our Door Prize Winners for March:

Peggy Allen, Margaret Boeth, Pam Doffek, Jane Kazmer, Linda Stright, Esther Weiner, and Mary Whelan. Margaret Boeth also won the Birthday prize drawing!

If you have an item (items) you would like to share with the guild for door prize donations, please come by the table and give them to myself, or Mickie Johnson. Thank You!

Cheryl Willis, Door Prize chair

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **April 27, 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.

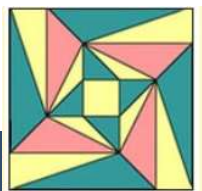
Sit-n-Stitch Groups

"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
Tuesday	McQuilters @ Ronald McDonald House	1-3 pm	Carol Harrison
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: <i>Pin Pals</i> , <i>Sew Darn Happy</i> , <i>Thimble Buddies</i> , <i>Frayed Edges</i> . This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.			

2018 Guild Calendar

April 12	Guild Meeting; Program: Mini Demonstrations	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
April 14	Class for Featherweight Lovers	Woodville Community Center
April 27	<i>Deadline for May Newsletter/Ads</i>	
May 10	Guild Meeting with Lecture by Suzanne Marshall	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 11 & 12	Workshops by Suzanne Marshall	Chaires Community Center
June 14	Guild Meeting; Program: "Stitch and Stretch"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
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
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

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

BASIC SEWING ADULT CLASS

LOCATION: UF IFAS Extension Office, 615 Paul Russell Rd.

PROJECT: Pillowcase

DATE: Saturday April 14

TIME: 9 AM – 12 Noon

COST: \$ 10

INSTRUCTORS: Susan Kirkland & Jacquie Hume

DEADLINE: April 7

Learn sewing in this back to basics class. Topics covered will include: threading, winding bobbins, stitch variety, fabric choices and proper cutting and sewing techniques. Tackle all the basics while creating a useful handmade project you can be proud to give or keep. No previous experience necessary.

Contact: Evelyn Gonzalez (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?

1. Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor (Tara Goodman) at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com.
2. Briefly describe the item and asking price. If desired, attach one small picture in JPEG format (no larger than 500 kb)

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission. If you need to list it again, send another email to the Newsletter Editor.

The deadline for submissions for the next issue is: **February 26, 2018**

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