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### Attention Attention

July Guild Meeting Location has Changed We have moved!

Our new meeting location,

beginning with the JULY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting

is in the Social Hall at Temple Israel,

2215 Mahan Drive,

Tallahassee, Florida

\*Details provided on page 4 in this Newsletter

## President's Message

My, what a year it has been so far for the Guild. A meeting location change, realizing that the budget needed a course correction and then learning of the cancellation of the Museum Show, scrambling to research and find alternatives to the income derived from the Show, and yet another location change -- it has required much more work by the Officers, Steering Committee and appointed special committees than is typical. I find myself amazed continuously by the generosity of time and effort by these people, in that all these efforts are accomplished on a volunteer basis. I cannot thank them enough.

I am proud that we have been doing such a great job making lemonade out of lemons -- or should I say, "a quilt out of scraps?" The Sewing Party was a great success, the planned classes by Guild teachers have had a fabulous response, the "Boutique"

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#### Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, bi-weekly or sometimes once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual project. Some groups meet at a specified location and work on a service project. We have several of both of these types of groups in our guild. If you are interested, please call Marsha Walper.

#### \* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity, not accepting new members at this time

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Big Bend Hospice	McQuilters	Crazy Quilters	Sew Arty	Thimble Buddies *	Sew for Hope
	Ronald McDonald House	Monticello Library	3rd Thursday	2nd Friday	1st & 3rd Saturdays
1:00pm - 3:00pm	1:00pm - 3:00pm	1:00pm - 4:00pm	11:30am - 1:30pm	9:30am - 1:30pm	9:30am - 1:00pm
Virginia Lewis	Carol Harrison	Barbara Sheats	Kathleen Turner	Wendy Stone	Cynthia Seyler
The Quilting Bees		Pin Pals *	Patchwork & Prayer	Frayed Edges *	2nd Saturday
Senior Center		1st & 3rd Wed.	1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursday		
1:00pm - 4:00pm		1:00pm - 3:00pm	6:30pm - 8:30pm	9:30am - 12:00pm	9:00am - 4:00pm
		Linda Steans	Janice Parker	Selena Foo	Connie Beane
Southwood Stitchers			Southern Comfort	Quilts 'n Books	Havana Sit 'n Stitch
Southwood Comm. Room			1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursday	4th Friday	4th Saturday
10:00am - 3:00pm			7:00pm - 9:00pm	10:00am - 12:00pm	1:00pm - ?
Nancy O'Rourke			Esther Weiner	NE Library on Thomasville Rd.	Martha Mitchell
				Joy Vo	
Midtown Sit 'n Stitch			Appliqué Addicts		EQ Software
Sunday			3rd Thursday		2nd Saturday
Karen Skinner's house			NE Library, Thomasville Rd		Feb/April/Jun/ Sept/Nov
1:00pm—4:00pm			5:30 - 7:45 pm		1:00pm - 3:00pm
Karen Skinner			Mary C. Scott		Margaret Boeth



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planning in lieu of a Silent Auction has been going well (but we still need more items, hint, hint) and taking the Opportunity Quilt to local Fests and community events is getting rolling. Again, all because of our grand volunteers. You are wonderful!

Regarding the budget, members have taken this in stride, voting to increase the annual dues, and looking into other cost-saving measures. I hope to get more information out to you as to regarding how all the changes and new efforts will affect our cash flow projections this year and next. But these calculations take quite a bit of time to work through, so I don't have them for you yet.

Regarding my tenure as President to date, people have been very kind to me, making supportive comments about my own work, and it helps so much. The President's job always requires more behind the scenes efforts than is obvious, and I so appreciate the acknowledgment that this year had some additional demands. On a day that hadn't been going so well for me, I received in the mail a hand-written note from one of the members thanking me for my work. I was flabbergasted (and thrilled).

So thank you all for your being a great Guild. I hope the next six months are full of quilting time, great Programs and classes, and less "Storm at Sea".

~ *Karen Skinner* 2015 QU President

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is:

#### July 25th

Please submit materials to Selena Foo via email at

qutlhnews@gmail.com

## Upcoming Programs ...

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#### July 9th — Quilts of Valor & other Philanthropic Causes

As there is no end of need in this community and beyond, we have many opportunities to involve ourselves in multiple projects to help. From veterans to the ill, the young and even those from the animal kingdom who are in need of our help, we try to respond. This month bring in your projects that will assist and honor others.

#### August 2015 — Challenge

This is always a great opportunity to hear about the creativity of our members and see their projects. Let's have great participation in the challenge.

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# ROW OF THE MONTH

the colors For July are red. white and blue, think stars and stripes, banners, flags, Uncle Sam and fireworks. The most patriotic prize row wins the this month. So let's get busy!

> ~ *Gail Chase* Row of the Month Chair

## The Guild is Moving Again

- **When:** Beginning with the July 9, 2015 meeting. The meeting room has been rented for a year's worth of meetings on the second Thursday of the month. (There is a conflict with June 2016 meeting being held on the 9<sup>th</sup>, so June 16<sup>th</sup> has been reserved instead).
- Where: Ruby Diamond Social Hall of Temple Israel. 2215 Mahan Drive (U.S. 90).

The main entrance is off of Mahan Drive, one driveway east of the traffic light at Hi Lo Way, between Blair Stone Road and Capital Circle (see map below). For those coming from Capital Circle, you will need to go the traffic light and make a U-turn. The easiest approach is eastbound off of Mahan Drive.

- **Parking:** At the front of the building, on the pavement or on the grass (if the parking lot is otherwise filled. Also, behind the building (very limited), access off of Hi Lo Way. You may also park at the Immanuel Baptist Church (next door) and walk across the grass to Temple Israel.
- **Meeting Room and Set-up:** The meeting room is quite large, and has no columns to block the view. We are responsible for setting up our own chairs and tables. Unless requested by the Temple, we do not need to worry about break-down. Handling our own set-ups has greatly reduced the rental fee for the year, which is a boon in this year of restricted budget.
- **Restrictions:** Any food brought onto the premises <u>MUST</u> adhere to Kosher policy (essentially, no pork or shellfish, and no combinations of meat and dairy; more details below). Guild policy in this regard means that, unless specified for a special event, no food is to be brought into the building other than snacks such as crackers, energy bars, and candy. Beverages are fine. If you need to eat something else, please do so in your car.
- **Other:** On the day of the month designated for Guild Meetings, the Guild may use the Social Hall during daytime hours as well as the evening meeting, under the provision that the Temple be notified in advance to verify that no major conflict has arisen. Those interested in making use of this option must make the arrangements through the Guild President. It is recommended that the President be notified at least three weeks in advance, to give ample time for communications.

#### **Details -- Kosher restrictions**

The following foods are prohibited whatsoever:

- 1) Pork, or pork derivatives, including items made with lard
- 2) Shellfish, including but not limited to: shrimp, crabs, clams, scallops, lobster, and mussels.
- 3) Dishes in which dairy and meat are <u>cooked</u> together.
  - Examples: Meat and cheese lasagna (but spinach and cheese lasagna are OK) Beef stroganoff Chicken parmesan
    - Veal parmesan

However, meat and dairy products may be served separately. One can have a meat platter and a cheese platter. People can mix meat and dairy on their plate.

\* Map to Temple Israel on last page

# **VOTE ON NEWSLETTER MAILING**

The Steering Committee (SC) decided to have the full membership vote on the following language for a new policy regarding mailing of the Newsletter:

"Members desiring a mailed newsletter must provide a letter-size stamped self-addressed envelope at least 30 days in advance of the publication date"

A yes vote will indicate that you concur with the policy and language as worded.

- A no vote will indicate that you disagree with either the policy in principle, or the wording (e.g., timing, or making other arrangements).
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#### Background:

In the beginning of 2015, approximately 9% of the Guild members had their Newsletters mailed to them because they do not have e-mail/internet access to the website, or because they have indicated a desire to have a mailed copy even though they have e-mail. In consideration of those without e-mail, the Guild has continued the old-style tradition of covering the cost of printing, postage, and labor for mail-outs. However, the cost of the newsletters has increased over time, because of increases in copying costs and postal rates. The estimated cost for this was roughly \$16 per person for a year's newsletters, with a budgeted amount of \$500.

For the remainder of the Guild members, the newsletters have been posted to the Guild's website, with an alert sent via e-mail "blast". The Website cost for hosting, virus protection, e-mail blast service and administration runs about \$1,500/year. The website provides a great deal more information than just the Newsletter, with about 50 active pages (so about \$30 per webpage per year), only one of which is for the Newsletter. Even if all the website posted was the Newsletter, for the remaining 175 members, this would average about \$8.60 per person per year. On the \$30/page basis, it runs about \$0.17/year.

The Steering Committee felt this was not totally fair, and discussed several different ways of addressing this over a period of several meetings. Options reviewed included:

- charging different rates of dues for the mail-versus-website Newsletter recipients,
- \* requiring self-addressed stamped envelopes.

Rather than having two different levels of membership dues, the SC decided that having the recipients of the paper-copy newsletters should provide a self-addressed stamped envelope for each Newsletter. This would not only reduce postage costs, but would somewhat reduce labor. It will not address printing costs for the newsletters, but the SC felt this was a reasonable compromise.

As part of the discussions, it was noted that an objection to this concept had been received, hence the decision to put the matter before the entire membership for a vote...

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To secure your seat - Bring check or cash to the July guild meeting. Look for our information table and see Joy Vo or Marilyn Kelly, Trip co-chairs.

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## Volunteer Recognition thank you

During the June Guild meeting, I was surprised and honored to be recognized as someone who has volunteered in a number of roles and positions over a number of years. Thank you so much. While recognition isn't why I have done, and continue to do, things for the guild, it is certainly nice to be acknowledged. As you may be aware, I strongly believe in supporting organizations and activities the in which I participate. I encourage everyone to find some way to give back to your community and organizations. If a leadership/ chairperson role isn't your thing, offer to provide some assistance to those in charge. Every little bit helps and is appreciated.

Thanks again!

~ Michele Hackmeyer

Time to Hop on Board for a Fun-Filled Quilt Trip!

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# **KUDOS TO OUR DONORS**

In addition to all our wonderful volunteers, we need to thank those who have donated items or money to aid the Guild itself. Here are some examples:

- Mona Snowden donated a beautiful basket quilt to be used as an additional Opportunity Quilt (OQ) in the spring of 2016. This addition was donated in the spirit of helping the Guild when the 2015 Museum Show was cancelled.
- Sit-n-Stitch members have donated items to be used for the Door Prizes, in lieu of the Guild needing to buy as many prizes.
- Donations of cash to offset the rental expense of the Chaires Community Center for the Sewing Party. Likewise, donations of the door prizes for that event.
- Donations of materials for previous year's gift to the Guild President. Donations of cash for some of the awards and other guild activities.

The list could go on, but you get the idea. And there is always the time, time, and more time, given by so many. Donors, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

#### **Paper Piecing Classes in July**

Have you ever had points that are squiggly or don't match up with the block next to them? Learn how to get sharp points and make complicated patterns without using templates by sewing through a paper pattern. Jeanne Brenner will be teaching two beginners three hour classes at Janice France's home.

Dates are July 17, 12:00pm to 3:00pm -or- July 18, 10:00am to 1:00pm

There are still a few openings in each class. Cost is \$20, all proceeds benefit the guild.

Contact Jeanne Brenner for more information at jbqlts@aol.com for 997-3109

### Quilters Unlimited's Facebook Page

Non-Facebook members should be able to view posts on the Quilter's Unlimited Facebook page because it



is an "open to public" viewable page.

#### facebook.com/quiltTallahassee

For those Guild members who are "on" Facebook, we encourage you to take a look at our page, and maybe even "Like" it.



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# July 9th QU Meeting

Don't Forget Your

- ☑ Library Books
- ☑ Handmade Name Badge
- ☑ Show 'n Tell



# Dates to Remember

- July 9 Guild Meeting, 7:00pm @ Temple Israel's Social Hall
- July 25 Newsletter Deadline
- Guild Meeting, 7:00pm @ August 13 Temple Israel's Social Hall
- August 25 Newsletter Deadline

## **Meeting Location**

Meetings are held at the Ruby Diamond Social Hall Of Temple Israel 2215 Mahan Drive The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

