

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: January 11th 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

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone had a delightful start to the year. It is an honor to be the QU President for 2018, and I know we will have a wonderful year full of interesting programs, education workshops and classes, beautiful show and tell and lots of fun and laughter.

As we begin 2018, many people make New Year's resolutions. In recent years, my resolutions have focused on quilting - not buying any fabric for the year or not starting any new projects. Admittedly, by the time January 15th rolls around, I have already broken that year's "quilting resolution." Quilting is just too much fun to limit yourself! Each time you visit a quilt shop, walk through a show, or look at the awesome quilts members bring for show and tell, new ideas pop into your head. And all the fun you can have thinking up a new project, buying fabric, piecing, quilting and binding - who can resist starting something new.

If you are looking for a project for the new year, check out the QU Philanthropy page. We have many wonderful groups that rely on our quilted donations. From twin to lap sized quilts, NICU coverlets or scrap-filled pet beds, there is a project that can fit your quilting time. Or this year's blocks of the month will go to philanthropic groups, so if you only have a few minutes to spare, check out the holiday themed monthly blocks.

My favorite thing about quilting is, while sometimes stressful if those seams won't match, it is always a learning experience and a moment to just enjoy a creative and historical pastime. I hope as we start a new year, everyone will remember to have fun with their quilting and enjoy 2018.

Happy Quilting,

Kerry

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Opportunity 2019: Marianne Clower

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Programs: Wendy Stone & Dawn Griffin

Publicity: Judy Rainbrook

Show & Tell: Roberta Granville

Silent Auction: Sue Skornia

Sit & Stitch: Marsha Walper

Sunshine: Shelley Woodyard

Trip Coordinator: Christine Walsh

Welcoming: Elizabeth Hawker

Workshops: Ruth Cuzzart & Jeanne Brenne

"Honey, I Shrunk the Quilts!"

January Program



Get ready for a trunk show with Mona Snowden featuring her collection of miniature quilts. Mona has a great collection of miniature quilts and stories to go along with them. If you have ever seen her quilts from past trunk shows, then you know that we are in for a real treat.

Upcoming Programs

February - "From Good to Great: the impact of embellishment and other techniques"

There are numerous ways to enhance your quilts with some very small changes. We will detail six techniques, show you samples and give you pointers for each technique. You will also get an up-close look at before and after blocks so that you can see the impact, side by side, that will take your quilts from good to great. Plan to bring a quilt that you embellished in some way. Did you add some embroidery, lace or buttons? Perhaps you added some yo-yo's or even a bit of applique to a pieced quilt. We will all look forward to seeing your technique that "took it up a notch."

March – Trunk Show featuring the group "Appliqué Addicts"

This sit & stitch group can be considered some of our guild's finest appliquéers and needleworkers. They will showcase their handiwork and it is guaranteed to awe and inspire you.

April – Mini Demonstrations

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

Reminder: Membership Dues

Membership dues are due ☺, and must be paid no later than the January meeting. Per the Guild's By-Laws, a member whose dues are in arrears after the January meeting shall be dropped from the membership roster.

Dues for the full year are \$30.00 if you pick up your member card and directory at a meeting, and \$32.00 if you want the card and directory mailed to you. Dues are payable by cash, check, or PayPal. Hope to see you at the membership table soon!

The PayPal link is found at: <http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/dues-payments/>

Directory Photos

Michele Hackmeyer will bring her camera to the January meetings to take photos for the 2018 Guild Directory. Michele will be near the sign-in table to take your picture, so look your best.

Remember these photos are only for use in the directory, no one else will see them. With a group as big as ours, it really helps to have these photos to put a name with a face.

"Out of the Blue" 2018 Guild Challenge Announcement

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 both our traditional quilters and our art quilters—new 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 Chair Hattie Pennie and assistant Stephanie Guttman who will be sitting at the Challenge table before/during/after our meetings. You may purchase these rules for \$5.00 starting at the January 2018 meeting. This is a fundraiser for our guild but also a fun way for us quilters to challenge ourselves.

We would like to see a record number of "Out of the Blue" quilts turned in for guild member voting and for the museum show. This is not just about winning, but about joining the fun. At this time our challenge quilt reveal and voting is scheduled for our August 9, 2018 guild meeting.

Missing Email Blasts??

We've learned that when some of the members have not received their "Blasts", their e-mail host frequently thinks the article is SPAM. Here are two possible fixes for the members:

1. Check your SPAM filter and mark the email as "not SPAM";
2. Enter the name of the sender into your contacts list -- for the blasts, the sender is webmaster@quilttallahassee.com.

If you still are not getting notifications, e-mail the Email Coordinator, Karen Skinner, in care of the Membership Chair, at membership@quilttallahassee.com. The Email Coordinator helps the Webmaster keep an eye on the Mailchimp-based Blast system. Sometimes, we may have typed something in incorrectly into the system.

And always remember to let us know if your email address has changed.

Workshops

Please contact Ruth Cuzzart 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.

Members will be limited to one class each until February 1, 2018.

If you are interested in taking one or both classes a waiting list be started immediately. Don't miss out on this chance to learn from a master quilter!

Classes Taught by Guild Members

Please contact Ruth Cuzzart or Jeanne Brenner to register.

February 10, 2018

Slivers Class

Cost: \$20.00

Woodville Community Center

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join Jeanne Brenner in learning a technique for sewing arcs without paper piecing.

For those interested in making a Big, Bright, Beautiful bag like Jeanne's, this will be the first of 3 classes to complete a bag.



April 14, 2018

Class for Featherweight lovers

Instructor: Johnny Johnston

Cost: \$55.00/person, 18 spaces available.

Woodville Community Center

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

- ✓ Common problems and how to solve them.
- ✓ Machine maintenance.
- ✓ Using attachments.

Note: While the class has a maximum enrollment of 18, we must have 18 to have the class.

\$55.00 may seem expensive, but it cost \$85.00 or more to have your featherweight maintained at a shop.

Please sign up early to insure this class is offered.

“Out of the Blue” 2018 Opportunity Quilt

“Out of the Blue” is a queen-sized quilt, measuring 80" x 90". A wide variety of blue fabrics combine to create the movement of waves in this traditional Storm at Sea design.

The quilt was designed by Linda O'Sullivan and made by many volunteers. It was professionally quilted by Robin Wolfe, who spent 50 hours carefully following the path of each wave. In the fall, it will be on display at the 36th Annual Capital City Quilt Show, where tickets can be purchased.

Before the quilt show opens, 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.

Bring address labels or write your name on the ticket stubs. They will be part of the drawing at the end of the quilt show.

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.



Jail Project – January 2018 *by Judy Rainbrook*

The jail women have finished all their Christmas quilting and have moved on to Veterans' quilts and quilts for kids that come to the Emergency Room at Capital Regional Medical Center. There will be a bit of a slowdown in production for the next month or so as "Officer Donna Guy" transitions from being a member of the Leon County Sheriff's Office to just "Donna Guy", private contractor hired to supervise the women inmates' quilting program. There is also a possibility that the entire program may move into a mobile classroom. So spring will be all about transitions!

The four women who are now visiting the jail once a month (Peggy Clark, Ruth Cuzzart, Vicki Gallina and me) had great fun in December taking Officer Guy out to brunch at Panera's. Turned out the day we picked was also her birthday!

In the meantime, at the jail we are focusing on making sure the newbies learn to sew a consistent quarter-inch seam, the biggest challenge to patterns coming together as they should, and on using the iron to flatten seams before attaching blocks together.

Two things that the program needs are painters tape and plastic binder clips. Since all quilts are laid out on the floor, having the tape will result in a more consistent tension when the quilts are pinned. And the binder clips will help prevent pin distortion when securing the wrap-around binding to the finished quilt.

Block of the Month – February

Ah, February. Makes you think of Hearts and Valentines.....BUT not to us. It makes Lyn and I think of "Mardi Gras is Coming.". And that's the theme for the make and turn in in February blocks. Once again, we have a pieced block and an applique block. BUT, it could also be a coloring/painting/thread painted block instead of applique. Sneaky and mind enhancing, don't you think?

The pieced block is a Drunkards Path (no one at Mardi Gras ever suffers that, right?). We've included templates, but if you know a way to make a Drunkards Path another way (applique, fused, ???) GO FOR IT!! As long as the WITH SEAM ALLOWANCES measures 12.5".

The Ribbons pattern is also very flexible. We originally used it as an applique pattern in a 6" scale, thinking people could put multiples on a background. BUT the pieces looked so small, so we enlarged the block to *6.5" X 10.5" (a separate file on the website) so it could be appliqued better. BUT WAIT...if you don't applique well (and again, any applique technique you are comfortable with is fine; needleturn, fused, machine, what if you used COLOR. Color as in color crayons, color pencils, color paints. And what about thread painting? All of these are options you can execute with the small or large ribbon pattern. Don't be constrained by 1 ribbon, do several on a background, go CRAZY!! It's MARDI GRAS.

Place applique/colored ribbon block on a 13" background and we will cut them down. There will also be a Early Bird Special at the January meeting; 10 free applique backgrounds to the first 10 people to contact us at our table!

Oh yes, suggested colors: Green, Purple, Gold, Black and white (or cream). Files and instructions on the QU website, in the usual location.

Here's some pix of 2 completed blocks, one pieced the other pigma/ink pen.

Pam Doffek/Lyn Gearity, BOM
Chairs



Congratulations to Jeanne Brenner and Karen Kunz!

2017 Volunteers of the Year

Jeanne and Karen were honored as the Quilters Unlimited Volunteers of the Year at the December guild meeting. Using the familiar Brady Bunch theme song, Terri Smith and Marsha Walper announced their names and presented each with a certificate and a \$50 check in appreciation of all they have done for the guild.

*Here's the story
Of a busy quilter,
Who was helping quilters do their very best.
All of them had questions
For our quilter,
Each one on a quilting quest.*

*It's the story
Of a quilting lady
Who was busy with opportunities of her own.
They were two quilters
Sewing all together,
Yet they were all alone.*

*'Til the one day when these two quilters were a-quilting
And the guild knew that it was time to follow through
That these two must somehow be honored.
That's the way they became our guild's duo.*

*It's Jeanne Brenner, it's Karen Kunz!
It's Jeanne Brenner, it's Karen Kunz!
That's the way they became our special volunteers!*

A Note from the Philanthropic Chair

A huge thank you to Judy Rainbrook and Stephanie Rubanowice, for their dedication as your 2017 Philanthropy Committee. They will be a hard act to follow!

Whatever the reason: weather is too cold, need items for your new year's resolution list or just looking for fun fast projects that use up your fabric stash (so you can buy more)– please consider the philanthropic projects on the QU website. Making them for the benefit of others will almost taste as good as chocolate (except without the guilt) and you know you have the fabric!

All information can be found on the website (activities/projects).

- ❖ Commit to make at least five Cat Quilts (don't forget to save your sewing scraps for stuffing and bring to the monthly quilt meetings)
- ❖ Commit to make at least five Lap Quilts for Veterans
- ❖ Grab a friend and start planning a Quilts of Valor for presentation to a veteran at the July guild meeting
- ❖ Commit to assist Sew for HOPE and the Women's Jail Project
- ❖ Commit to make at least five TMH Neonatal Intensive Care quilts and isolette covers

Special Request - Please save the UPC labels from packages of Hobbs batting. These will help with us obtaining discounted batting for applicable guild philanthropic projects.

Philanthropy Chair – Dawn Griffin

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is:

January 26, 2018

Please submit materials to Tara Goodman via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com.

To receive a mailed newsletter, you must provide the Newsletter Editor with a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) for every Newsletter you wish mailed to you. The editor requests that you provide enough envelopes to match the remainder of the Guild year.

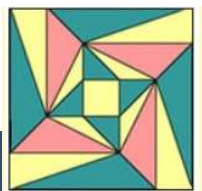
Sit-n-Stitch Groups

"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	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

January 11	Guild Meeting; Program: "Honey, I Shrunk the Quilts!"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
January 26	Deadline for Newsletter Items	
February 8	Guild Meeting; Program: "Embellishment and Other Techniques"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
February 10	Class: "Slivers" Tote, by Jeanne Brenner	
March 8	Guild Meeting; Program: Trunk show featuring the "Applique Addicts" SNS	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
April 12	Guild Meeting; Program: Mini Demonstrations	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
April 14	Class for Featherweight Lovers	Woodville Community Center
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
August 9	Guild Meeting; Program: Challenge Quilt Reveal	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 13	Guild Meeting; Program: "Creativity and Companionship in a Sit-n-Stitch"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
October 11	Guild Meeting; Program: "Don't Dread the Dresden"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
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*

SEEKING ITEM

I am interested in purchasing a Singer Feather-weight sewing machine. Please contact Margaret Boeth at rmbt1947@gmail.com or (C) 850/508-4800 or (H) 850/504-8492.

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 -- it may or may not be included in the listing, depending on whether there are technical difficulties with "capturing and inserting". If possible, limit the file size of the jpegs to 500 kb or so. Include your name (and city if the item is bulky/large, and there may be special considerations for pick-up), but not an address.

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.

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