

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: July 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

Independence Day is a wonderful time to celebrate, bar-b-que and watch spectacular fireworks. As we enjoy these fun times, let us not forget to honor our veterans and current service members this month and all year long. Quilters Unlimited members have been working for months to make sure our veterans know how much their service and sacrifices mean to us. This month, we will have the honor of having veterans attend our July meeting. During the meeting, we will have a quilt presentation ceremony where the veterans will receive Quilts of Valor.

Also, July is the month to bring in your veterans' lap quilt or quilts you have completed. Roberta challenged us back in January to make 100 quilts for the Fort San Luis chapter of the DAR to give to veterans at the local VA hospitals and homes. A small gesture in the grand scheme of a veteran's life, but something made from the heart and with all the gratitude and love stitched in every inch will be very special for each recipient.

QU has several philanthropic groups that we support all throughout the year. So please remember that even though these projects are wrapping up this month, there are many more groups that will appreciate your help. Small projects like the NICU quilts and the cat beds can be great opportunities to turn orphan blocks into finished projects, or a chance to try out something new, like free-motion quilting. If you want something a bit larger to tackle, check out the back tables during a meeting. Sew for Hope has kits of fabric ready to sew into tops and there are usually a few tops that need quilting or binding.

And while we are showing our gratitude this month, a big thank you needs to go out to Roberta Granville for handling the Quilts of Valor coordination and gently reminding us every month to be working on the quilts so we can have them ready to present at this meeting. Also, I want to thank all the QU members who worked on the veterans' quilts and the Quilts of Valor. Without you all, we could not have the great honor and privilege as a quilt guild to honor our veterans robustly and effusively year after year.

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

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July Program

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. When you arrive at the meeting, please visit Dawn or Wendy at their table and log your name and the number of lap quilts that you made for this challenge. Hold onto your quilt(s) and following the Quilt of Valor presentations, we will all stand in a large circle to show the lap quilts in a panoramic view. The number of lap quilts received will then be announced. We look forward to meeting the 100 challenge!

Upcoming Programs

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.

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.

"Friends are threads of the quilt of life."

Block of the Month - August



National Watermelon Month is celebrated in August. And in keeping with the red, luscious fruit theme Lyn Gearity and I present you with a 4-patch/9-patch challenge as well as an applique watermelon slice for you to interpret. Using the provided patterns make a 12.5" unfinished block that reminds you of watermelon. Pull out your watermelon fabrics, find those dots, reds, greens, pinks and whites (maybe even yellows as there are new hybrids all the time.) Make a basic block with exciting colors. For those of you who are more adventurous, how about an Irish Chain, 16- or 25- patch block...more pieces are better.

Pam and Lyn

Save the Date – Quiltfest in Jacksonville

Welcome to summer and happy July. 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 July 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; we have 35 seats to fill! Here are the details to help you plan:

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

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

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. There are lots of slots in September and October, so get your pick now.

Betty Rinkel

2018 Capital City Quilt Show Quilt 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

I am looking for 4 – 6 volunteers to help with the check-in process. The process includes getting the quilter's signature for drop off documentation purposes, attaching Quilt ID tags to each quilt and its pillow case, and verifying the quilt's measurements.

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Michele Hackmeyer.

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

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!

Marsha Walper will help you fill out the 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.

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 the regular guild meeting on July 12. Don't wait until the last minute. Plan to enter your quilt before the meeting! Please contact Marsha by phone or email.

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.

QU Needs You

This year is flying by! Even though it's 90 degrees in the shade (on a cool day), it won't be long until autumn leaves appear and QU's members will vote on new officers for 2019. First, however, we need to identify members who would enjoy serving as either Membership Vice President or President-Elect (Vice President). The primary qualification is enthusiasm: enthusiasm for the art of quilting, for our guild, and for making guild membership a fun and enriching part of the lives of our members.

You can access the details about these two positions on the Quilter's Unlimited website. Simply click on the "Membership" tab, and then click on the submenu item "Officers and Chairpersons". Blue, underlined links to information about these positions are under the heading "2018 Guild Officers". You may also feel free to contact the current office holders (Karen Skinner, Membership VP; Carol Eskola, President-Elect).

Interested? Or know of a friend in the Guild who is (or might be)? Contact Carol Eskola (2018 President-Elect) by telephone or email, or talk to her at the July guild meeting. We're excited to hear about your (or your friend's) interest in taking your involvement in Quilters Unlimited a step farther. And your involvement could result in both you and QU having a very rewarding year ahead!

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 Craftsy for \$6 or bring a simple pattern of your choice to work on.



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.



“Out of the Blue”

Congratulations to Jessica Duke!

At the June guild meeting, Jessica 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 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!

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

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.



Door Prizes

These are the winners of the door prizes at our June meeting:

Miriam Baldwin, Shirley Holder, May McLaren, Lucy Patrick, Mary Catherine Scott, Carol Watson; and for the grand prize: Carol Blanton; and the birthday-drawing prize went to Darlene Pricher. Congratulations, ladies!!

Wear your name tag, and enter to win next month's drawings. You, too, could go home with one of our nice door prizes, just for being present at the meeting and wearing your name tag.

Thank you to all of you super ladies that are continuing to donate many of the items that are used for the door prizes! If you have items that you don't particularly need, but think someone else would like it, bring it in and see me at the door prize table. We appreciate all items donated for this purpose. If you should happen to get a prize that you had donated, just let me know, and I will be happy to give you a replacement!

See you in July. Remember to put your name in the birthday drawing, if your birthday is in July, as well as putting your name into the general drawing.

Cheryl Willis, Chairperson

Member Notice

Gertrude Shirley, a QU past president (1988) died Saturday, June 16, 2018, in Tampa, FL. At Gertrude's request, there will be no funeral service, but her daughter Sabrina Aiken is planning a memorial here in Tallahassee for all of her mother's many friends and former students on what would have been Gertrude's birthday, July 27. Sabrina suggested that donations to the Senior Center here in Tallahassee, Florida A&M University, or the Alzheimers Foundation in Gertrude's memory would be appropriate.

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/>

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/>

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **July 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 span 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.

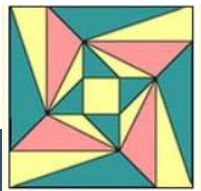
Sit-n-Stitch Groups

"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: <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

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
July 27	<i>Deadline for August 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 24	<i>Deadline for September newsletter</i>	
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*

Items for Sale

Custom-made Ironing Board Expansion Boards - \$50

Converts a traditional tapered ironing board into a rectangular board that is long enough to press the full width of most fabric. Most expansions for traditional boards are 54 inches long by 20 inches wide, but each board is custom cut to desired size. Expansion board fits on top of your current board. Rails on underside keep board in place. Includes one layer of batting and a cotton canvas drawstring cover which provides an excellent firm pressing surface.

Contact Michele Hackmeyer



Small portable firm pressing board - \$10

Take a firm pressing surface to workshops and classes. Boards are custom cut to any size and include one layer of batting and permanently attached cotton canvas cover.

Contact Michele Hackmeyer



Classified Ads -- Instructions

Only Guild Members can list items for sale, for services, or "free-to-a-good-home". How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor (Tara Goodman) at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. Briefly describe the item and asking price.

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

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