

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: September 13th 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

Amazing, jaw-dropping, spectacular....and the list of superlatives goes on and on. If you haven't had a chance to see the Capital City Quilt Show yet, you must put it on your to-do list. The reception on Thursday, August 31st, opened our 36th annual quilt show at the Museum of Florida History. I had the honor of cutting the ribbon and letting in the first wave of eager show visitors. The amazing quilts and handcrafted items on display will knock your socks off!

The quilt show requires a substantial commitment to coordinate, so a big thank you to Barbara Wiggins, this year's committee chair, along with co-chair Karen Kunz for their dedication to making it a success. Many thanks also go to Marsha Walper who chaired this year's Opportunity quilt, and Sue Skornia, who coordinated the Silent Auction. And, our show could not happen every year without all our members who help in one fashion or many.

Quilters Unlimited is honored to have our quilt show at the Museum every year. Not only does the Museum staff take excellent care of our quilts but they do the heavy lifting of setting up the show. Just think how much time and energy our guild saves by having this wonderful partnership with MFH. Please be sure to check out the quilt show, the rest of the Museum and spread the word to help support both QU and the MFH.

With all of that going on, we have even more fun stuff ahead! This month's guild program will teach us more about our Sit-n-Stitch groups. The creativity, talent and friendship in our group is limitless. I can't wait to see you all there!

Happy Quilting,
Kerry

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Sunshine: Shelley Woodyard

Trip Coordinator: Christine Walsh

Welcoming: Elizabeth Hawker

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September Program

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. Why do groups form? How can you start a sit-n-stitch group? What do they do? Meet a representative from each of the sixteen QU groups and hear what they have to say.

Upcoming Programs

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.

2019

As we begin to wind down the programs for 2018, it is time for someone to begin planning programs for next year. This is not a difficult role to fill. Choose 8 program topics and ask individuals or groups to present. As Chair, you only need to introduce the presenter and help hold quilts if you do not wish to present a program yourself. I have a few ideas for program topics to help you get started. Contact Wendy Stone or Carol Eskola to volunteer for this really easy position or to offer to present a program next year.

Check out the Capital City Quilt Show on Pinterest!

<https://www.pinterest.com/museumflhistory/the-36th-annual-capital-city-quilt-show/>

Quiltfest Trip

It's finally here. The bus trip to Jacksonville QuiltFest will take place Saturday, September 22, 2018. Here are some important things participants need to know:

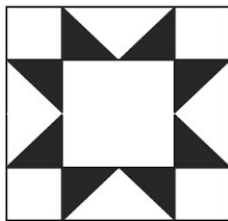
******* There has been a LOCATION CHANGE!!!!*******

- **Departing From** the **Walmart on Mahan/Hwy 90**. It is the Walmart that shares its parking lot with Costco and Bass Pro Shops. The actual physical address of the store is **4021 Lagniappe Way, Tallahassee, FL 32317** if you need it for a GPS. Please park in the back part of the parking lot. Here are **directions from I-10**:
 - At **Exit 209A take ramp** for US-90 W toward Tallahassee (This is also Mahan Dr)
 - Once on Highway 90/Mahan Dr you will need to go about 4.2 miles. Cross the intersection at Buck Lake and you will see the Costco/Bass Pro/Walmart on the left
 - Turn **LEFT** onto Lagniappe Way (there should be a light here and it's just a service road that comes into the parking lot)
 - Turn **Right** onto Sabine Dr (another interior road in the parking lot)
 - Take first **RIGHT** and **parking will be on the Right**
- **Time: Arrive by 7am to load and depart by 7:30am.** If everyone is on board by 7:30 we may get an earlier start :o)
- **Returning:** Departing Jacksonville at 3:00pm arriving back to Tallahassee at approximately 6:00pm

There will be activities on the bus such as word find puzzles, Where's Waldo type of activities and Bingo. You may want to bring a book or magazine to lean on.

There are still 9 seats left on the bus. If your plans have changed and you can now join us please see Christine Walsh at the September 13 Guild meeting. Fee for the trip is \$35.00 and that includes admission. Come join the fun.

“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

Block of the Month - September

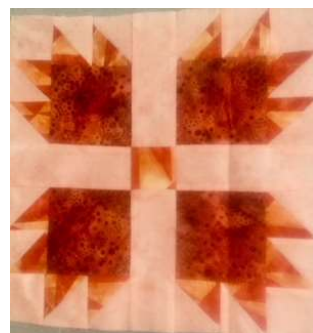
Although September 9th was "National Teddy Bear Day", we had other celebrations then; so here's the rest of the story: This holiday is for honoring and celebrating the best friend of most young children around the world... the huggable and cuddly teddy bear.

The name Teddy Bear comes from one of American President Theodore Roosevelt's hunting trips to Mississippi. There were several other hunters competing, and most of them had already shot something. A suite of Roosevelt's attendants, led by Holt Collier, cornered, clubbed, and tied to a willow tree an American Black Bear after a long exhausting chase with hounds. They called Roosevelt to the site and suggested he shoot it. He refused to shoot the bear himself, deeming this unsportsmanlike, but instructed that the bear be killed to put it out of its misery, and it became the topic of a political cartoon by Clifford Berryman in The Washington Post on November 16, 1902. While the initial cartoon of an adult black bear lassoed by a white handler and a disgusted Roosevelt had symbolic overtones, later issues of that and other Berryman cartoons made the bear smaller and cuter.

A Brooklyn store owner, Morris Michtom, saw the drawing of Roosevelt and the bear cub and was inspired to create a new toy. He created a little stuffed bear cub and put it in his shop window with a sign that read "Teddy's bear." The toys were an immediate success and Michtom founded the Ideal Novelty and Toy Co., which still exists today.

http://www.gone-ta-pott.com/national_teddy_bear_day.html

So we give you "teddy bear" blocks: (pieced) Bear Paw, "B" for Bear (with optional free bear applique) and (applique) Ted E. Bear. Go wild, use any colors, especially scraps for details and embellishments. All blocks should be 12 ½" unfinished, applique blocks on 13" (or greater) background.



Pam and Lyn

Philanthropic Challenge

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, with the baby placed on top of the quilt which explains why the size can vary. Quilt tops should be made of all cotton fabrics, including cotton flannels. Batting can be polyester or cotton; backing can also be polyester, like "Minky", or cotton fabrics.

Please machine quilt and bind them, keeping them free of other embellishment. Also, please put your name on a piece of paper and pin it to the quilt. We'd love to recognize each of you!

Contact: Shelley Woodyard.

***Hang Tough Foundation Needs Christmas/Winter Themed Lap Quilts, Pillow Cases and Books!**

QU has been asked to donate at least 10 lap (60" x 72") size quilts, books, and pillowcase for the TMH Santa Day. Hang Tough Foundation will be visiting the TMH Pediatric floor to deliver these items to the kids (generally range in age from elementary school to high school) who are in the hospital over the holidays. Advised that last year's quilts made from fabric with snowflakes, Rudolph, and Frosty were big hits! Nothing larger than a lap size and general Christmas/Winter theme fabrics (does not need to be gender specific). Books do not need to be Christmas/winter theme.



Please bring items to the November QU meeting or contact Dawn Griffin to arrange for pickup. Items needed for delivery to children by no later than December 5th.



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

Restore and Recharge!



If you're interested from 6:00 – 6:25 before the September 13 QU meeting, bring a yoga or exercise mat, wear comfortable loose clothing and meet me at the rear of the meeting room for a free gentle yoga session! From there we will attempt to locate a quiet area away from noise. Contact Dawn Griffin

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.

30th Annual Stephen Foster Quilt Show and Sale

You're invited to join us at the 30th Annual Stephen Foster Quilt Show and Sale October 19-21, 2018 at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs, FL. Quilts of all shapes and sizes using both traditional and modern techniques will be on display! This year's theme is 'Pearls of...', celebrating 30 years with Pearls of wisdom, tradition, nature, memories, family and history. There will be demonstrations, workshops, and a special exhibit in our museum. Quilting supply vendors and handmade textile artists will be available all weekend long.

We are looking for quilts and fabric art to display and would love to have yours! Don't want your quilt professionally judged? That's okay – just mark the box on the registration form for entry into the "People's Choice Award Only." And we still have a limited amount of space available for more vendors if you're interested. Please contact Catherine (email catherine.bowron@dep.state.fl.us or phone 386-397-7009) for more information on how to submit your art for this event or register as a vendor. You can also visit <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/Stephen-Foster> for more information and a printable entry form.

Catherine Bowron

Upcoming Classes/Workshops

Sign up at guild meeting or contact Ruth Cuzzort

October 20

Teacher: Linda O'Sullivan

Location/Time: Woodville Community Center, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$30.00

Due to interest in Linda's Folder Flowers class, we will take a vote at the September meeting to determine if Linda will teach Double Wedding Ring or Folded Flowers at her October Class. Plan to sign up at the September meeting.



Start thinking about 2019 classes.

January 12: Jeanne Brenner....Make a Tote Bag class. \$30.00

February: To be Announced

MARCH 15 & 16: Ellen Lindner, visiting teacher from Melbourne, Fl. Ellen's work is diverse, ranging from pictorial still life to modern abstract. She is well know for her fabric collage and art quilts. Please check out her work at <http://Adventurequilter.com>



Woodville Community Center, cost \$65.00/class.

May 18: Pam Doffek -- Let's Learn Trapunto. \$30.00. Class max 10 student so sign up early.

July 13: Pam Doffek -- Serendipity block. Bring only scraps and learn how to make this wonky Log Cabin Block. \$30.00

More information to follow as the calendar fills up. If you have a class suggestion please let Ruth know.

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

"Out of the Blue" *Congratulations to Betty Miller!*

At the August guild meeting, Betty won the drawing for three free tickets for the "Storm at Sea" Opportunity Quilt.

Tickets can be purchased during the social time at guild meetings through October 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!

The quilt will be on display at the 36th Annual Capital City Quilt Show at the Museum of Florida History. The winning ticket for the quilt will be drawn on the last day of the show, Sunday, October 28.

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.



Volunteers Still Needed for the Quilt Show

LADIES: We have available many open spots on our calendar. Open are Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Twelve of these are on Sept., the rest in October. I do want to thank all you ladies who have signed up multiple times, you are helping out big time. You do not need a quilt in the show to be a volunteer. Interacting with viewers and museum staff can be lots of fun. You are also an educator when you answer questions. Sign up and join the fun. I am in the directory and will try to have my phone close during this time. E-mail is fine, also. I check mornings and will check again in the evenings. Betty R

Community Quilting Event

HAVANA, FLORIDA (November 10-11)

Havana Main Street is hosting a quilt show in downtown Havana and will have in place four to five new quilt murals. This year, we are trying to gauge regional interest for both the event and for the murals. Next year, we will be joining the Gadsden Arts Center, Quincy and Chattahoochee Main Streets and other participating associations in growing this event and developing a quilt mural trail in our region. In 2019, the Gadsden Arts Center will be staging a major quilt exhibit during September through December.

We are hoping to make this a premier regional quilt show and to kick off a quilt mural trail. You can see murals on <http://floridaquilttrail.com>. Trenton was the beginning of the quilt mural trail in Florida. We hope to have at least five in place for our November show.

We are reaching out to those of you who are quilters and might want to display or sell your quilts. We would love to hear from you. If you want to participate or have any questions or suggestions, you can contact myself or Wendy Adams, 850-591-0037 or email jnickwendy@bellsouth.net. Wendy knows all there is to know about quilting, while I know the rest!!

Tony Lombardo, Executive Director, Havana Main Street

Tony.havanamainstreet@gmail.com, Tel or text, 850-591-2222

Jail Program Needs Supplies!

I just heard from Donna Guy, from the Leon County jail, that she is running into a shortage of quilt batting and 40" x 50" Christmas fabric for holiday quilt backs. They are at budget end and can't get new supplies until after Oct 1st but are deep into Christmas quilt production now. The Jail volunteers and I will be happy to collect donations of these items at the next QU meeting September 13th or they can be dropped off directly at the Leon County Jail, attention Donna Guy.

Judy Rainbrook

Donation Notice

A wonderful selection of Men's ties has been donated to QU. If you can use them please contact Dawn Griffin

Helpful Links

This site has a good calendar for Florida events:

<http://www.floridaquiltnetwork.com/newsletters/news238.html>

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **September 29, 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	Weekly 1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
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		
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
September 29	<i>October Newsletter Deadline</i>	
October 11	Guild Meeting; Program: "Don't Dread the Dresden"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
October 20	Class: Double Wedding Ring with no curved or folded flowers	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
2019 Guild Calendar		
January 10	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
January 12	Class: Jeanne Brenner	
February 14	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 14	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 15 and 16	Class: Ellen Lindner	Woodville Community Center