

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: December 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

It's time to celebrate!! I hope everyone can attend the December guild meeting, because it is OUR party! We will have a few announcements, celebrate QU's accomplishments over the past 12 months, and install the 2019 officers. But the real highlight is getting to sit around the tables and chat with your fellow quilters over some yummy food.

As we close out another year and my time as president comes to an end, I want to take a moment to thank everyone in Quilters Unlimited. A lot of work happens "behind the scenes" each month by many people, and all that extra effort made my job easy! The 2018 officers and committee chairs went above and beyond to make this year a great success with our programs, activities, quilt show and parties. A BIG thank you to all who stepped up to chair a committee, QU couldn't be as great as it is without you making this year long commitment.

In addition to those listed as a chair, several others volunteered for all the needs that popped up throughout the year. So, thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped at some point throughout the year. And of course, a BIG thank you to all the members who create a wonderful atmosphere of quilting comradery at each meeting and show off amazing works at Show and Tell!

This year as your president has been a blast! It has been a great privilege to stand before you each month and welcome you to our meetings. All your support and appreciation each month made this year fly by. After each meeting, I always go home inspired to quilt and feel blessed to be a quilter and especially a member of Quilters Unlimited.

Happy Quilting and Happy New Year,
Kerry

2018 Officers

President: Kerry Cohen

President-Elect: Carol Eskola

Membership: Karen Skinner

Secretary: Diana Kaiser

Treasurer: Janice France

2018 Chairpersons

Audiovisual: Michele Hackmeyer

Awards: Karen Kunz

Block of the Month: Pam Doffek &
Lynn Geariety

Challenge: Hattie Pennie

Door Prizes: Cheryl Willis

Internet: Web Coord: Sue Isaac; Email:
Karen Skinner; Facebook: Jessica
Duke, Kerry Cohen

Library: Jeanne Brenner

Museum Show 2018: Barbara Wiggins

Museum Show 2019: Karen Kunz

Newsletter: Tara Goodman

Opportunity 2018: Marsha Walper

Opportunity 2019: Marianne Clower

Philanthropic: Dawn Griffin

Programs: Wendy Stone & Dawn
Griffin

Publicity: Kerry Cohen

Show & Tell: Roberta Granville

Silent Auction: Sue Skornia

Sit & Stitch: Marsha Walper

Sunshine: Shelley Woodyard

Trip Coordinator: Christine Walsh

Welcoming: Elizabeth Hawker

Workshops: Ruth Cuzzort

December Program: End of Year Fun and What's to Come

Come Quilters and Friends/guests to our "QU End of Year Celebration", Thursday December 13th, Temple Israel Community Room (the regular time and place). This is the time for all of us to celebrate and relax with our friends and any guests you want to bring. Bring your potluck food/beverages between 6:30 and 7 and we will start the indulgence at 7 p.m.

Bring a savory or sweet dish to share. Remember the kosher restrictions that Temple Israel asks: no pork (and that includes bacon, somehow many people don't think bacon is pork....unless it's turkey or tofu "bacon" and then it's fine), no shellfish (shrimp, lobster, crawfish etc.), no comingling of dairy and meat in the same dish or on the same plate (serve them separate, people can comeingle on their own plate). This leaves LOTS of options: chicken, fish (salmon, tuna etc), beef, lamb...Veggies galore, casseroles, cheese plates. Be creative. Make it yourself or bring from your favorite deli (Publix, Winn Dixie are 2 of my favs). You may also bring "adult" beverages of your choice to consume or share.

The guild will provide plates, eating utensils, napkins, coffee (full strength and decaf with all the fixins), water and both versions of tea. Guests will be announced, Quilter of the Year and Volunteer of the year will be awarded, new officers will be installed and the BOM for 2019 will be revealed. We will maximize our socialization by eliminating Show and Tell, Library, Committee announcements, Sew for Hope and Free Distribution tables.

Please bring a non-perishable item or two to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank to support their continuing needs in our area. If you have questions, contact Pam Doffek or Linda Brooks, we're in the QU directory.

"Friends are threads of the quilt of life."



Membership Renewal Reminder -- by Karen Skinner

We have begun to take payments for renewing your QU membership for the 2019 calendar year. But the dues MUST be paid no later than the January 2019 Guild Meeting, or you will be pulled from the membership roster (Sad sad sad, you won't receive notifications about events and newsletters, won't learn early on about Guild classes, workshops, and special events, won't be able to attend the workshops and classes unless there is a last-minute opening, and so many other wonderful things you get to do by being a Guild member)

Dues for the full year are \$30.00 if you pick up your member card and Directory at a meeting, or \$32.00 if you want the card and Directory mailed to you (remember that the card and Directory won't be printed until sometime in February).

Dues are payable by cash, check, or Paypal. To use Paypal (convenient, and you don't have to have a Paypal account to use it), on the Guild Website, go to

<http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/forms/dues-payments/>

Because the "End Of Year Celebration" will be held in lieu of the regular meeting, matters around the Membership table might be a little crazy. Hint: You just might want to make it easy on yourself and them by using the Paypal payment mode.

We're so glad you want to be a member!

Philanthropic Updates



Huge Thank you for all your contributions throughout the year. Most recently at the November meeting - 67 TMH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Quilts were donated and for the Hang Tough Foundations 10 Christmas/Winter Themed Lap Quilts and 12 Pillow Cases were donated.

"Thank you for making so many ordinary moments, extraordinary." -Anonymous

Your Philanthropy Chair – Dawn Griffin

Introducing the 2019 Block of the Month

Time for Some Block of the Month Fun!!

Building on the success in the past couple years with creating blocks for charity quilts, the 2019 Block of the Month will support QU's Philanthropic causes with our monthly blocks.

But to spice things up and give you a little extra incentive to try your hand at each month's block, those that complete that month's block will have their name in the hat for a drawing for a little quilting surprise.

It's easy to participate...whether you can make one block in the year or one block each month, you can join in on the fun! Each month, we will have a specific block pattern and specific colors to use to help you in the creation of the block. The pattern link will be in the newsletter and on the QU website. We will have a few printed copies at the Block of the Month table each month for those without internet access.

January's Block is Granny's Flower Garden

Pattern is from Quilter's Cache -

<http://www.quilterscache.com/G/GrannysFlowerGardenBlock.html>



Please follow the directions to create your 14.5" unfinished block.

QU will be using the following colors for this block:

Color 1 = Yellow fabric – solid, tone on tone or print (should read yellow)

Color 2 = Floral print fabric (any color)

Color 3 = Cream or Beige fabric - solid, tone on tone or print (should read cream/beige)

So kick off 2019 with this quick and easy flower block to turn in at the January guild meeting. If you have any questions, ask me at the December guild meeting or call/email.

Happy New Year!!

Kerry Cohen

NEEDED: Quilters for the Temple Nap Quilts

Thanks to the Block of the Month square creators and other generous donations, a team has assembled 25 quilts for the Temple Preschool nap mats (thanks Tara, Sue, Lyn and Linda). BUT now, we need help getting them quilted by the end of December. Our plan is to present them in January, either at the QU meeting or other suitable date (TBD). So, if you can help, please let me know. I can provide batting, backing and binding (or any of the choices) OR you can provide them yourself. The quilts are 24" X 48" so batting and backing fabric only needs to be 26" X 52".

You can call me for pick up or delivery to your house. Same when they are completed (that's no later than December 31, 2018 please).

You may quilt them any way you desire; grid, edge to edge pantograph, or free form. I'm looking for machine quilting so it can be on a domestic machine, mid-arm, longarm; whatever you have.

If you are interested in 1 or more quilts or if you have questions, call or email me, I'm in the QU directory. And thanks for your support.

Pam Doffek (and Lyn Gearity) BOM chairs 2018

Door Prizes

We will not be giving away Door Prizes at the December meeting, but I will have a December Birthday door prize gift, so that those with December Birthdays aren't short-changed. So be sure to see me prior to 7:00 at the meeting, and drop your name in the bag if you have a December birthday, and I will draw out one lucky name during the meeting.

THANK YOU to everyone that donated items during this year, to be used as door prize give-a-ways. All items donated have not been used, but will be passed on to the incoming door prize coordinator for the coming year, and will be put to good use!

As of this time, I have not heard that anyone has volunteered for this position, so if you would like to serve as chair of the door prize committee, please let Carol know, or myself, and I will get the unused items to you in time to begin the new year at the January meeting with terrific door prizes! If no one takes the job, which is not in any way difficult, we may end up with no door prizes for next year, and I'm sure that wouldn't be as much fun!!

See you in December, Cheryl Willis

Upcoming Classes/Workshops

Sign up at guild meeting or contact Ruth Cuzzort

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

Instructor: Jeanne Brenner

Location: Woodville Community Center



February 16: Felted Wool Elephant. \$30 plus a kit fee

Instructor: Lucy Patrick

Location: Woodville Community Center

Learn about the fun of working with felted wool and learn new embellishment ideas. This class is \$30.00 plus a kit fee.



Ellen Lindner Classes

Ellen is a visiting teacher from Melbourne, Fl. Her work is diverse, ranging from pictorial still life to modern abstract. She is well known for her fabric collage and art quilts. Please check out her work at <https://Adventurequilter.com>

March 15: Floral Improv. Fee = \$65

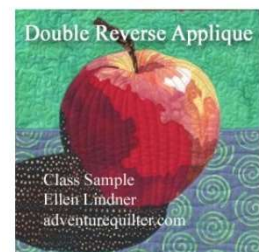
Location: Woodville Community Center

Want to Enhance your artistic skill while making a quick project? This class will accomplish both. First you will learn how to make a variety of flowers with no patterns. Then, you will learn how to create a dynamic composition. With Ellen's pointers on design you'll be guaranteed to make a masterpiece. Finally, you will learn a quick technique for facing and finishing your quilt with no hand sewing! Participants must be familiar with free motion quilting.



March 16: Double Reverse Appliqué. Fee = \$65 + \$5 kit fee

This raw edge appliqué technique is extremely accurate. Ellen's tricks for staying organized will ensure that your class time is efficient, productive, & free of frustration. You will finish the Apple in class and make good progress toward the pear. You'll also learn detailed information about making your own DRA pattern. Participants must be familiar with free motion quilting.



Upcoming Classes/Workshops

May 18: Let's Learn Trapunto. \$30.00 plus kit fee

Instructor: Pam Doffek

Location: Woodville Community Center

Back by popular request (or to refresh your skills)!! Learn the many aspects of hand-executed trapunto, Italian cording and shadow work and get history lessons at the same time. It's not just stuffing from the back anymore. This is a hands-on techniques class using hand worked (not machine) construction; although machine execution is covered. Participants will create "reference" samples based on the given pattern. A full size pattern for the instructor's adaptation of techniques will be provided in the supplied kit. Class max 10 student so sign up early.



July 13: Serendipity block. \$30.00

Instructor: Pam Doffek

Location: Woodville Community Center

Bring only scraps and learn how to make this wonky Log Cabin Block.

TBD: Old Glory Quilt class. Fee = \$30, All proceeds to QU

Instructor: Jeanne Brenner

In this 6-hour class, make a striking patriotic quilt for yourself or for others. Cutting instructions are provided for 3 different sizes from wall hanging to twin size quilt.

Using strip cutting and chain piecing this top goes together in a snap. Pattern is a free download from AQS. Faster and easier sewing instructions will be provided in class.



If you have a class suggestion, please let Ruth know.

Silent Auction

Thank you to all who donated items to the Silent Auction. This year the auction made over \$2,600 in income for the guild. If you would like to participate in collecting, documenting, and, after the show, distributing the items, you would serve the guild in a very important position, and reap the personal reward of happy customers. We do not hang or take down the items, so your time is needed for only a few hours of a few days.

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **December 28, 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	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	Saturday after guild meeting, 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		
December 13	Class: Folded Flowers (rescheduled from October)	Social Hall @ Temple Israel, 1:00 to 5:00 pm
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December 28	<i>January Newsletter Deadline</i>	
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January 12	Class: Jeanne Brenner, Make a Tote Bag	Woodville Community Center
February 14	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
February	Class: Lucy Patrick, Felted Wool Elephant	Woodville Community Center
March 14	Guild Meeting; Ellen Lindner, Guest Quilter	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 15	Class: Floral Improv, Ellen Lindner	Woodville Community Center
March 16	Class: Double Reverse Appliqué, Ellen Lindner	Woodville Community Center
April 11	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 9	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 18	Class: Pam Doffek, Let's Learn Trapunto	
June 13	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 11	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 13	Class: Pam Doffek, Serendipity block	
August 8	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 12	Guild Meeting; Program TBD	Social Hall @ Temple Israel