

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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**Next Meeting:** August 8th 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*

I've spent much of the last four days organizing a large donation to Quilters Unlimited. It arrived in five black contractor-sized trash bags, each one stuffed to bursting. The quilting fabric alone now fills nine boxes, but this donation also included many cross-stitch kits, a couple of baby blanket kits, lots of fleece, and a stack of felt. The donor told me that this is only a third of what he needed to get out of his house.

While I sorted everything, I thought about how many of us amass far more fabric than we will ever need. I have a considerable stash which has brought me a lot of pleasure just looking at it, enjoying the colors and designs, and dreaming about the fun I'll have using it "someday". However, would I want my family to have to bag up all that stuff and find a new home for it once I'm not around?

Hopefully I'll be sewing for many more years to come, but I've taken steps to ease that chore for them. I donate fabric to QU each time a call goes out for specific needs. I don't buy new fabric anymore for NICU quilts, lap quilts, and similar items, since my stash has what I need. Lastly, a letter with my Will tells my family what to do with some things I own once I'm gone, and who to contact for help in ridding themselves of these things; that list includes my fabric and all other things "quilty". Putting together those instructions wasn't depressing; it just arose out of my wish to be considerate of those who will have to deal with all my "stuff" in the future.

For me, then, the first place to look for fabric for a new project is here at home, not at a fabric shop. Try it yourself; you'll probably find that you don't need a lot of new stuff to create something beautiful!

Carol

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**Silent Auction:** Sue Skornia

**Sit & Stitch:** Marsha Walper

**Sunshine:** Shelley Woodyard

**Travel:** Christine Walsh

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## August Program:

### Too Pretty to Cut: Focus Fabric & Fabric Panels

How long have you had that focus fabric that is just too pretty to cut sitting on your shelf? Maybe there is also a fabric panel that you just had to have and now you are not sure how to use it in a quilt.

You will see over a dozen innovative ways to use both focus fabric and panels at the August guild program. There will be examples on the screen and members will display their own quilts which use focus fabric or panels. In addition, there will be a handout listing these ideas so you can try them out later.

Why not be part of the program! Bring your own quilts to the meeting that show how you have used focus fabric or a fabric panel in a quilt.

If you have focus fabric or a panel that is too pretty to cut, send a photo of it to Marsha before the meeting and we will see if we can find a creative solution for you.

Contact Marsha Walper for more information.

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### Quilts of Valor

Many thanks to the following who produced the lovely Quilts of Valor presented to the U.S. veterans at the July meeting:

Darla Borden

Peggy Clark

Jessica Dukes

Frayed Edges

Linda O'Sullivan

Sharon Pollock

Gail Renna

Erin Stewart

Susan Tatum

Jerry Weinrich

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### Jacksonville Quiltfest

It's that time of year again to mark your calendar for the Jacksonville Quiltfest. This year's event is **Saturday, September 21, 2019**. The cost is \$35.00 that includes admission to the show. The bus will meet us at the Walmart on Mahan by Costco. Boarding time is 7:00 am with a departure of 7:30 am. We will leave Jacksonville approximately 3:30 pm to arrive back in Tally 6:00. Fun activities in the morning along with door prizes. Popcorn and a movie on the trip home. Hope to see you there. See Christine Walsh for details.

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### Quilt Pick Up for the City Hall Show

Don't forget to pick up your City Hall quilt at the August meeting!

Kerry Cohen

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## Upcoming Classes/Workshops

It's not too early to mark your calendars for Susan Cleveland's visit, May 15 & 16, 2020. Check out her website <http://PiecesBeWithYou.com> and let Ruth know which of her classes interest you.

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

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## Capital City Quilt Show

The 37th Annual Capital City Quilt Show dates have been set.

**August 16 – Quilt Show entry cut-off (NEW DATE)**

September 14 – Quilt drop-off, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, first floor gallery

September 26 – Opening Reception, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

September 27 – 37th Annual Capital City Quilt Show opens to public

November 3 – Quilt Show closes

November 9 – Quilt pick-up, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, first floor gallery

In the meantime, get your sewing machines buzzing, your fingers sewing, and create a beautiful quilt for the show!

Looking forward to another wonderful display of our guild's quilts.

Karen Kunz

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## Silent Auction Needs

Rally to the cause!! I have, in hand and promised, only 17 of the 42 items we have space for on the wall and in the display cases.

Thank you to all who have given and offered items.

If you can make a quick purse or bag, they are popular. If you have a wall hanging or lap quilt you no longer love, an abandoned project you can quickly complete, or something your children will not want to inherit, visitors to the Capital City Quilt Show may see it as perfect for their home and pay handsomely for it.

Holiday items and children's items are especially desirable.

The Silent Auction is our second largest source of guild income, after membership dues. It is an amazing opportunity to share our skills with the general public.

Be sure to put a 4" sleeve on your donation if it will hang on the wall.

I'll see you at the meeting on August 8th. It is our deadline. Thank you for your generosity.

Sue Skornia

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## *Nominate a Guild Member for Volunteer of the Year!*

It is time to think about recognizing that outstanding quilter, who can always be counted on to help with the routine jobs in the guild as well as filling in when unexpected needs arise.

The Volunteer of the Year Award gives us a chance to say "Thank You" to a member for generously contributing time and expertise to Quilters Unlimited.

The brief nomination form needs a nominator and a co-nominator, so find a friend and complete one soon!

The nomination form at the bottom of the Awards page can be completed online or printed out and mailed to the committee chairperson. Form is available here:

<https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>. Additional information

about the award can be downloaded from Policies and Procedures page here:

<https://quilttallahassee.com/membership/policies-procedures/>.

### **Nomination Forms Due by October 1**

Contact Marsha Walper with questions about submitting nominations.

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## Sharing and Caring with the Huntsville Heritage Quilters



The "quilt donations" chairperson for the Huntsville Heritage Quilters in Alabama recently sent a note to QU's President's email address. She had visited our website where she "found your patterns for neonatal quilts and was most impressed by the designs and the simplicity of quilts." She requested permission to share these designs and the accompanying information with Huntsville's 250 members so that they can make these for their own local hospital's neonatal unit. Congratulations to those of you who supplied these instructions to our own guild. How nice it is to think that our own efforts can inspire and support other guilds as well!

Carol Eskola

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## Directory Photos

Beginning this month, we will be taking photos for the directory. If the light is good, we will try doing this just outside the door. If you do not have a photo in the directory, or you would like a new one, now is the time. We will be taking photos for the next several months.

Michele Hackmeyer

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## August Block of the Month

At August's meeting, please turn in your finished Lattice Square Block and drop your name in the bag for a chance to win a gift.

**August's Block is Lattice Square - We will use these blocks for a charity quilt.**



Pattern is from Quilter's Cache –

<https://www.quilterscache.com/L/LatticeSquareBlock.html>

QU will be using the following colors for this block:

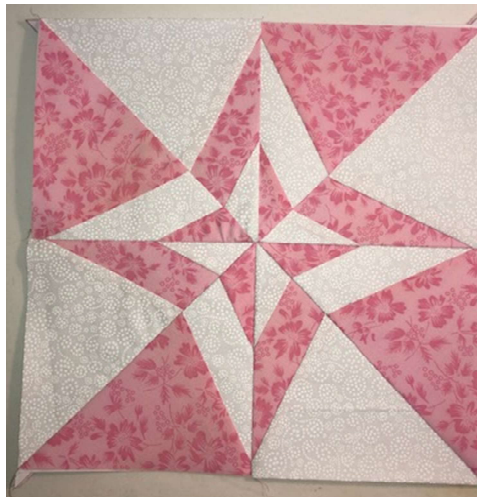
Color 1 = Black – solid or tone on tone

Color 2 = Grey – solid, tone on tone or print

Color 3 = White - solid, tone on tone or print

Please follow the directions to create your 12.5" unfinished block.

**September's Block is Night and Day – This is a paper piecing pattern – not hard, so don't get scared!**



Pattern is from Quilter's Cache –

<http://www.quilterscache.com/N/NightandDayBlock.html>

QU will be using the following colors for this block:

Color 1 = Medium or Bright Pink fabric – solid, tone on tone or print

Color 2 = White fabric – solid, tone on tone or print  
(replaces the black shown in the pattern)

Please follow the directions to create your 12.5" unfinished block. You can remove or leave the paper as desired.

We will have printed copies of the paper piecing templates and pattern at the Block of the Month table.

If you have any questions about the blocks, just email or give me a call.

Kerry Cohen



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## “Autumn Reverie” 2019 Guild Challenge

Translate your daydreams of autumn into this year's challenge quilt using your favorite quilting style or let your thoughts wander and your skills expand into new quilting techniques.

This year's rules should suit any style. Your quilt can be just 12" x 12" since the sum of all sides is a minimum of 48". The maximum of all sides is 160" so there is plenty of room for creativity. You can even have circular quilts, oval quilts, or quilts with irregular edges.

We hope it gives you food for thought, sparks your imagination, and results in a quilt that is uniquely yours as you incorporate the required elements contained in the 2019 rules. As you know, I have done a few of these over the years, and in my experience, some of the rule “requirements” that I first frowned over have later become that twist that have given my finished quilt that little feature that elevated it into one of my favorite quilts.

The challenge is open to traditional quilters and art quilters—new quilters and experienced quilters. Entry must be an original design and made by a single individual. As always, keep your challenge a secret.

Happy to say that we have quite a committee of folks helping with the challenge this year. Marsha Walper will be selling the rules at the guild meetings when I am unavailable. And I want to thank Jeanne Brenner and Ruth Cuzzort for agreeing to handle the voting portion of the challenge.

At this time our challenge quilt reveal and voting is scheduled for the September 2019 guild meeting.

Buy those rules and get busy creating!

Barbara Hoagland, Chair of the Challenge Quilt Committee

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## “Autumn Reverie” 2019 Opportunity Quilt

The reds and golds in the beautiful, queen-sized quilt “Autumn Reverie” will be popular colors at the 37th Annual Capital City Quilt Show in the fall.

Before the quilt show opens, Mary Whelan will sell tickets 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.

“The pattern is “Lakeshore Hosta” by Judy and Brad Niemeyer.

Please see Marsha Walper for more information.



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## Lap Quilts Galore

A total of forty-six lap quilts for veterans were donated by guild members at the July meeting. Susan Osteryoung, both a guild member and member of DAR, accepted the quilts and explained how they will be donated to veterans. The DAR organization was very pleased to receive these quilts and veterans who receive them will be most appreciative. Thanks to all guild members who worked on this worthwhile project.

-Roberta Granville

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## Havana Main Street Reminder

Havana Main Street is now planning its second annual Havana Quilt Show on **Saturday, September 21**. This year, Havana Main Street is collaborating with the Gadsden Arts Center, GAC. They are hosting a major quilt exhibition, "From the Cedar Chest", in the fall. It will be open during the Havana Quilt Show. In addition to the many beautiful quilts being displayed, Gadsden County will also be kicking off the Big Bend Quilt Trail. There will be a series of quilt murals, 8'x8' or 4'x4' extending through Havana, Quincy and Chattahoochee and other parts of the Big Bend. If you want to see examples of these murals today, visit Havana; there are currently six of the murals in place. If you would like to sponsor a quilt mural in Havana, contact Tony Lombardo at 850-591-2222 or email [tony.havanamainstreet@gmail.com](mailto:tony.havanamainstreet@gmail.com). If you are not in Havana, but in other parts of the Big Bend, see the attached to learn more about the Quilt trail, who to contact and how you can participate.

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## Door Prizes

Door prize winners in July were Virginia Lewis, Susan Osteryoung, Jennifer Colley, and Martha Tilden. Grand Prize went to Teri Crawford. For many years the Grand Prize was donated each month by one of our many sit and stitch groups. If your group would like to provide a grand prize, please let me know. Donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Roberta Granville

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## Help Send a Little Sunshine



If members need sunshine from the guild, don't forget to let me know!

Shelley Woodyard

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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: **September 1, 2019**

Please submit materials to Tara Goodman via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto: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](mailto:webmaster@quilttallahassee.com) to your contact list. Still have problems, email Betty Rinkel, Membership Chair, at [membership@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:membership@quilttallahassee.com). If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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## 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.**

<b>Sunday</b>	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
<b>Monday</b>	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 1-4 pm	Judy Lawrence
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 3 pm	Gail Whitis
<b>Thursday</b>	Sew Arty	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Stephanie Rubanowice
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Th 6:30-8:30 pm	Lascella Ingram
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Mary Catherine Scott
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner
<b>Saturday</b>	Sew for HOPE <i>Currently on hiatus until new meeting place is found (need workspace and 8'x10' permanent storage).</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Sat.; 1-4 pm	Martha Mitchell

The following Sit-n-Stitch groups are listed at full capacity: *Pin Pals, Sew Darn Happy, Thimble Buddies, Frayed Edges*. This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.

## 2019 Guild Calendar

August 8	Guild Meeting: "Too Pretty to Cut"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Capital City Quilt Show entry cut-off</b>	
August 31	LeMoyne Exhibition, Perspectives: SAQA Quilts closes	
September 12	Guild Meeting; "QU Challenge – Autumn Reverie" and "Quilters and their UFO Completion Challenges"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 14	Quilt Drop-off, 10 am – 12 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor gallery, Museum of Florida History
September 17	Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 21	Bus Trip to Jacksonville Quilt Show, Quiltfest	Jacksonville
September 26	Opening Reception, 5:3 – 7:30 pm	Museum of Florida History
September 27	Capital City Quilt Show Opening	
October 10	Guild Meeting; "Avoiding Wavy Borders & Binding Tips" – Marianne Clower	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 3	Capital City Quilt Show Closing	
November 9	Quilt Pick-up, 10 am to 12 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor gallery, Museum of Florida History
November 14	Guild Meeting; "Quilters' Tricks" – Pam Doffek	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 19	Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
December 12	Guild Meeting; "QU Dinner Party"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel