

AROUND THE BLOCK

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Next Meeting: November 14 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

November has brought some longed-for cool weather, but it also brings us to the end of a very successful quilt show at the Museum of Florida History. Among the many things for which I am thankful this month, those of you who contributed your art and your time to the show are high on my list. Thank you!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and the gift-giving season lurks right behind. After you've whipped up a fabric origami candle mat for our December dinner party, perhaps you could make more as gifts for friends and family. You'll find information about these later in this newsletter.

Perhaps you need an idea for another decoration for the holidays. If so, you might enjoy crafting a no-sew wreath. Check out the instructions for making one at www.allpeoplequilt.com, which I regularly check for quilty ideas of all kinds. Patterns for fabric lunch-bag-style gift bags, single bottle wine bags, table runners, and many other simple items abound on this web site.

We've really enjoyed seeing the blocks at each guild meeting for this year's block-of-the-month, and Peggy Clark plans to reveal next year's BOM plans at December's dinner. But if you want yet another BOM project to challenge your skills and reduce your stash, did you know that the National Quilt Museum has a BOM? It's free! Their "year" for each set of twelve blocks runs from April through March, and each block is designed by a prominent quilter. Even if you don't make all the blocks, you're sure to find some inspiration Take here. а look at www.facebook.com/groups/NQMBlockoftheMonth/ or visit http://auiltmuseum.org.

Finally, with the "holiday eating season" upon us, I'll leave you with a question: If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?

2019 Officers

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2019 Chairpersons

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Library: Jeanne Brenner Museum Show 2019: Karen Kunz Newsletter: Tara Goodman Opportunity 2020: Jeanne Brenner Philanthropy: Jeanne Brenner Programs: Marsha Walper Publicity: Dawn Griffin Show & Tell: Roberta Granville Silent Auction: Sue Skornia Sit & Stitch: Marsha Walper Sunshine: Shelley Woodyard Travel: Christine Walsh Workshops: Ruth Cuzzort

Carol

November Program: Quilters' Tricks

Come hear Pam talk about some of her favorite tips, tricks and hacks from her 45 years as a quilter. Learn some new stuff; reinforce some other stuff. There will be a slideshow, maybe some handouts and time for questions to Pam about some of your problems. A fun time for all!!!

Capital City Quilt Show

A big thank you to everyone who entered a quilt in the quilt show. We had an amazing show. If you did not enter a quilt in the show this year, please consider entering one next year.

Congratulations to the winners of the 37th Annual Capital City Quilt Show!

Viewer's Choice: lambic Pentameter by Linda O'Sullivan

Bed Quilts:

1st Place: Iambic Pentameter by Linda O'Sullivan 2nd Place: Dinnerplate Dahlia by Patricia Klein 3rd Place: Hadley Square by Lillian Anthamatten

Lap Quilts:

1st Place: You & Me by Betty Miller 2nd Place: Border Extravaganza by Marsha Walper 3rd Place: Happy Sewing Room by Jane Kazmer

Wall Quilts:

1st Place: Blue Daze by Kathleen Gill 2nd Place: Cucamonga Star by Pam Doffek 3rd Place: Flower Dance by Cheryl Willis

Child Quilts:

1st Place: Happy Hedgehog by Christy Gregg 2nd Place: Half-Square Dance by Ellen Fournier 3rd Place: Child's Play by Susan Skornia

Miniature Quilts:

1st Place: I Remember When by Karen Kunz 2nd Place: Flutterby by Christy Gregg 3rd Place: Pink Baskets by Mona Snowden

Art Quilts:

1st Place: A Happy Little Walk In The Woods by Linda Stright 2nd Place: Blustery Evening by Judith Boettcher 3rd Place: Bird On A Wire by Roberta Granville

2020 Steering Committee

Thanks again to all of you who have volunteered your time and talents to be on the 2020 Steering Committee. I only need 1 Standing Committee position filled: Opportunity Quilt for 2021 (quilt to display at the 2021 Capital City Quilt Show). Anyone there have a great idea for a quilt and want to organize the design, execution and schlepping of tickets? You have a year to plan (2020) and construct and then in 2021, finish (if needed) and prepare for ticket sales, sales at other than guild meetings and coordinate with the 2021 Quilt Show Chair, Sue Isaac, for display. Feel free to call, email or talk to me at the November or December guild meetings for more information.

Here's what the current Policies and Procedures says about it: "11. The two Opportunity Quilt Committees (current year and one year in the future) shall design and complete the guild's opportunity quilts. The committee shall assist in organizing promotional activities to solicit donations for opportunity tickets. Opportunity Quilts are created in conjunction with the Capital City Quilt Show." The P&P will be reviewed and possibly revised in 2020. This is an opportunity to make a difference in QU's outreach and fun in the community.

I'm HAPPY to announce that Wendy Stone has accepted the position of Program Chair for 2020. She has some programs in mind, but if you have something you'd like as a program, or a (pro-bono) speaker/quilter you'd like to have, contact Wendy. She hasn't cast the entire 2020 programming schedule "in concrete" and appreciates member involvement. This is YOUR/OUR guild, what do YOU want as programs.

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE: ALL outgoing and ALL incoming Steering Committee Chairs should make the effort to attend the November 19th Steering Committee meeting at 6:30 at Temple Israel. The Outgoing chairs will hand over their position notebooks to the Incoming Chairs (and some of you will just change notebooks....). This is the opportunity to ask questions and transition to your positions. I'll be there to help you in your transition.

President-Elect: Pam Doffek

Membership Dues

Yes, it is time to pay dues for 2020. November, December and January are the months we will be collecting dues - \$30 for a membership. You can pay via PayPal or at the meetings with check or cash. Please remember to pay by January to be sure your picture is in the directory. If you need a picture taken, Michele Hackmeyer is taking pictures before the meetings. So, get ahead of the last-minute crunch, and get your dues in.

Upcoming Classes/Workshops

<u>May 2020</u>

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

You can view a free class from Susan on this page:

https://thequiltshow.com/watch/free-

shows/?utm_source=Infusionsoft&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2019_08_19_N ewsletter_09.

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

Wonderful donations to the guild philanthropy stash

Several large donations of fabric have been received recently.

If you have any desire to make a quilt for a charitable cause, this is the best time to get started! From simple to complicated - the supplies are available for you to help others.

Some of the charities our guild has contributed to include:

- Quilts of Valor to honor the service of veterans
- Dresses and shorts for children in Haiti and Africa
- Sew4Hope quilts for homeless children
- Neonatal Quilts for the tiny babies
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace lap quilts for children receiving beds
- DAR lap quilts for veterans in the Live Oak Hospital
- Big Bend Hospice lap quilts for patients and an opportunity quilt
- Tallahassee Museum annual opportunity quilt
- Grace Mission summer camp pillowcases, totes, and an opportunity quilt
- Hang Tough Foundation-holiday pillowcases
- Bibs for the students at Gretchen Everhart School
- Rags2Bags to help cut down the number of plastic bags in the landfill
- Quilts for cats and dogs at local shelters
- Quilts for individuals with special needs

If there is a group, not on this list, that pulls at your heart strings, let's add them!

If you, as an individual, or with a group of friends would like the supplies to create something for a charitable cause, please contact me, Jeanne Brenner. I will be happy to help pull together the project you want to work on.

Thank you to those who took pillowcase kits for the Hang Tough Foundation home last month. Please bring the completed pillowcases to our November meeting.

Your kindness can bring warmth to another person's day.



New, Returning and Current Members all welcome!



Why not help us make this a party to remember! Here's what we need help with:

- Punch bowl and party punch
- Iced Tea, Sweet and Unsweet (2 each)
- Lemonade (2)
- Potluck Items to bring:
 - Please observe Temple dietary guidelines:
 - No Meat and Cheese on same buffet table plate/tray (ok on dinner plates)
 - No pork (including bacon)
 - No shellfish (shrimp, lobster, oysters -- tuna and other fish ok)
 - Members may bring their own adult beverages to consume and share at their table
- Help "party wrap" 80 sets of dinnerware utensils We provide the supplies, you do the wrapping (Great activity for a Sit n Stitch group!)
 - Consider making a table centerpiece (one for each of our 16 party tables): • Directions and Pattern:
 - http://www.fieryphoenix.co.uk/index.php/tutorials/sewing-projects/144valentine-fabric-origami-candle-mat?showall=1&limitstart=
 - Party Colors: Please use blues, silvers and whites for your centerpiece
 - When done, bring to the QU November meeting or drop off at Carol Eskola's or Pam Doffek's home

Sign up to help/bring something? Questions? Contact Evelyn Gonzalez.

One Time Gathering to Make Bibs for Gretchen Everhart School!

The Sew4Hope Sit-n-Stitch Group has kindly offered to share their space with anyone who would like to work on bibs together for this project. The date will be Sat., Dec. 7th at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm breaking for lunch from 11:30 to 12:30. Any questions can be directed to Ann Gaber at her email or mobile number in the directory (home phone has been cancelled). Accepting donations of old hand towels, wash cloths and sheets at the November QU meeting. Our goal is to make about 200 and we have completed about 60.

November Block of the Month

You only have one more chance to participate in the 2019 block of the month. At November's meeting, please turn in your finished **Steps to the Altar 2 Block** and drop your name in the bag for a chance to win a gift.

November's Block is Steps to the Altar 2

Pattern is from Quilter's Cache – http://www.quilterscache.com/S/StepstotheAltar2Block.html

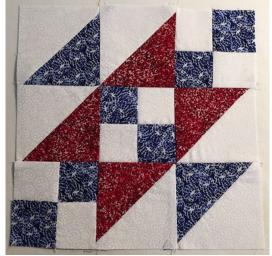
QU will be using the following colors for this block – Think Patriotic:

Color 1 = Red fabric – solid, tone on tone or print Color 2 = Blue fabric – solid, tone on tone or print Color 3 = White fabric – solid, tone on tone or print

Please follow the directions to create your 9.5" unfinished block.

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

I would like to thank everyone that made a block this year and those that volunteered to quilt a top. We will have more tops ready in the near



future and look forward to showing off the completed quilts at Show and Tell in 2020.

Kerry Cohen

Need a Ride to Guild Meetings?

It won't be long until Daylight Savings Time ends, which means it won't just be dark after our guild meetings but while you're getting there as well. Some of us are no longer comfortable driving in the dark, no matter what time the sun goes down, which makes getting to and from our monthly gathering problematic. Some of us don't even drive no matter how clear the skies are or how brightly the sun



shines. If, like me, you need someone to squire you to and from Temple Israel each month, we want to know about it and help you find a solution. So, pick up your phone and call, text or email Jeanne Brenner to let her know you'd like to find a ride to the meetings. She will get your information and try to match you up with someone happy to have company with them in their car, van, bus, or surrey-with-the-fringe-ontop!

Carol Eskola

Door Prizes

October's door prizes were won by Sue Isaac, Evelyn Gonzalez, Linda Patton, and Susan Voss. Grand Prize went to Mickie Johnson. Congratulations to all. Many thanks to all who donate items for use as door prizes. Remember to wear your name tags and be sure to sign in for a prize prior to the start of the meeting.

Roberta Granville

Directory Photos

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



Help Send a Little Sunshine

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

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: November 30, 2019

Please submit materials to Tara Goodman via email at <u>newsletter@quilttallahassee.com</u>. 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 Betty Rinkel, Membership Chair, at <u>membership@quilttallahassee.com</u>. 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.**

Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walpe
Monday	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	Stephanie Rubanowice
	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
Saturday	Sew for HOPE New Location - Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road.	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30 <i>Will only meet the first Saturday</i> <i>in November and December.</i>	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 Mitchel

2019 Guild Calendar			
November 9	Quilt Pick-up, 10 am to 12 pm	1 st 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	
November 30	Newsletter Deadline		
December 12	Guild Meeting; "QU Dinner Party"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
	2020 Guild Calendo	ar	
January 9	To be announced (TBA)	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
February 13	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
March 12	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
April 9	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
May 14	Susan Cleveland , Guest Speaker	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
June 11	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
July 9	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
August 13	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
September 10	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
October 8	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
November 12	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	
December 10	ТВА	Social Hall @ Temple Israel	