

AROUND THE BLOCK

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December 2019

Next Meeting: December 12 Social Hall at Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida.

For the holiday party, have your food/other items at the Temple between 6:00 and 6:20. Dinner and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

President's Message

No matter what holiday you celebrate, the season is in full swing. If you cooked a Thanksgiving turkey, chances are that it's long gone by now except for some broth or soup in the freezer. Now you're probably feverishly planning menus, parties, and family gatherings, shopping for presents, and decorating anything that doesn't move (including the cat snoozing on the sofa).

Whenever the holidays loom, I remember a counseling session with my psychologist when I was in my early thirties and plagued with anxiety. Besides trying to build a career, raise a young daughter, and be the perfect wife, all the additional tasks of the holiday season clamored for my attention. As I dabbed at my tears, she shook her head and said, "Carol, Christmas will come even if you don't bake cookies." What utter nonsense! Didn't she know that the success of the season hinged on my delivering cookie trays to the folks who expected them every December?

I can laugh now, but all these years later I still must bake cookies to believe I've done all I can to make the season bright. From sitting down to decide which of my dozens of tried-and-true recipes will make the cut, to taking that first whiff from the bottle of vanilla, to easing the last warm batch from the oven and watching people I love sneak a sample from the cooling rack, my cookie ritual encapsulates for me the best of the season. Nothing evokes happy and sometimes bittersweet memories of Christmases past more than that first bite into a jam thumbprint or breathing in the scent of cinnamon from a batch of Snickerdoodles. The holidays might still arrive if I didn't produce several dozen cookies, but why take that chance?

My wish for each of you is that whatever is special to you during this season will only grow more precious with each passing year.

Carol

2019 Officers

President: Carol Eskola

President-Elect: Pam Doffek

Membership: Betty Rinkel

Secretary: Diana Kaiser

Treasurer: TBA

2019 Chairpersons

Audiovisual: Michele Hackmeyer

Awards: Marsha Walper

Block of the Month: Kerry Cohen

Challenge: Barbara Hoagland

City Hall Show (COCA): Kerry Cohen

Door Prizes: Roberta Granville

Internet:

Website: Sue Isaac;

Email: Tara Goodman;

Social Media: Carol Eskola, Dawn

Griffin

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

December Program



Join us and make this a party to remember! If you volunteered, please don't forget:

- Punch bowl and party/fruit punch
- Iced Tea, Sweet and Unsweet (2 each)
- Wrapped Utensils
- 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
- It's not too late to make a centerpiece –just bring it with you to the party.
 - Directions and Pattern:
<http://www.fierlyphoenix.co.uk/index.php/tutorials/sewing-projects/144-valentine-fabric-origami-candle-mat?showall=1&limitstart=>
 - Party Colors: Please use blues, silvers and whites for your centerpiece



Party Agenda

6:-00-6:20 Arrive, Deliver Food NLT 6:20 pm
6:20-6:30 – Find Your Friends & Grab a Table
6:30 Call meeting to order
6:30 – 7:-00 Potluck Dinner & Conversation
7 pm – Program

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

Congratulations to the 2019 Volunteer of the Year!

V is for the **Vast** number of new members and guests she makes feel welcome at Quilters Unlimited meetings through her friendliness.

O is for how **Often**, she participates in philanthropic projects, both within and outside the guild.

L is for being the **Liaison** for many years between QU and the little quilts for the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

U is for the **Unexpected** closing of the Museum in 2015 and the cancelation of the 34th Annual Capital City Quilt Show. She helped Karen Kunz set up, manage, and take down five different boutique sites, which raised funds to replace the missing Silent Auction.

N is for the **Noteworthy** quilting expertise and talent which she willingly shares with others. She also hosts a monthly Sit and Stitch.

T is for the **Teenagers** who benefited from her organization of the 2017 Block of the Month. She developed thoughtful and fun patterns for teenagers. Breaking from tradition, she used the BOM entries to create quilt tops for Sew for Hope. Participation was so strong that, for many months, two bed quilt tops were donated.

E is for her **Excellence** as Program Coordinator in 2018. She developed professional and thorough demonstrations of various quilting techniques, provided explicit instruction, and organized complementary themed "trunk" shows.

E is for the **Extraordinary** fact that ten years ago, in 2009, she was QU President and she has not stopped sharing her many talents with QU since then. To add to the extraordinary ways she volunteers, she has also volunteered to be Program Coordinator for next year.

R is for a **Round** of applause to show our appreciation for the 2019 Volunteer of the Year, Wendy Stone.

Membership Dues

Yes, it is time to pay dues for 2020 - \$30 for a membership. You can pay via PayPal or at the meetings with check or cash. Please remember to pay no later than our January guild meeting to be sure your information is in the directory. So, get ahead of the last-minute crunch, and get your dues in.

Thanks to the Museum of Florida History

In recognition of our 37-year partnership with the Museum of Florida History (MFH), Quilters Unlimited presented a donation to MFH at the quilt show's opening reception. We recently received a very nice letter thanking us for that gesture from the "Friends of the Museums of Florida History". Their letter said that "Each and every year, we look forward to partnering with Quilters Unlimited on the Capital City Quilt Show. We are fortunate to have your members as allies and stewards of Florida's history and heritage." Lisa Barton, Executive Director of MFH, wrote a personal note at the end of the letter, saying "We very much appreciate your partnership and friendship." Thanks to all of you who each year make this show so beneficial for the guild, the community, and the museum.

Upcoming Classes/Workshops

May 2020

It's not too early to mark your calendars for Susan Cleveland's visit, May 15 & 16, 2020.

Cost: \$75.00/ class

Location: Woodville Community Center

Time: 10am - 4:30

Classes:

May 15, 2020- Bodacious Big Thread Appliqué & more.

May 16, 2020- Piping Hot Curves- Macaroni



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

Positions still open for 2020 Steering Committee

I'm still looking for someone to be Treasurer next year. Also want someone to be the Opportunity Quilt Chair, 2021 Capital City Quilt Show. Here's what's involved. If you have other questions or want to fill the position, let me know. Pam Doffek (I'm in the directory since 2005)

Treasurer: The Guild financial records are maintained with Excel spreadsheets (ledger with deposits and checks). All the formulas are built into the ledger so entries will auto calculate. A template with instructions to create the Budget to Actual report is developed. Forms and instructions are updated. Schedules for necessary reports are in a monthly checklist as well as access to websites and passwords. Someone with reasonable knowledge of Excel and attention to detail could do this job. You don't have to be a bookkeeper or accountant to handle the QU "books". The 2018 version of the Treasurers' Notebook is online at: <https://quilttallahassee.com/1-qu-nbook-treasurer-updated-february-2018/>. It needs updating and I'm working on it, with assistance from Carol Eskola. The new Notebook will be uploaded before January 2020. Treasurer is required to attend bi-monthly Steering Committee meetings. I can't continue as Treasurer because our bylaws prohibit elected officers holding 2 elected positions. Carol is not able to continue for 2020. If you are interested or have a QU friend who may be interested, please contact me after December 10th (but before December 31st)

Opportunity Quilt Chair for 2021 Capital City Quilt Show-theme "Come Fly With Me": The notebook is online at: https://quilttallahassee.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Opportunity-Quilt-Notebook_Rev-Oct-2019.docx . As chair, you can develop any number of members as a committee to help with marketing, finding places to show the completed quilt and solicit tickets, do piecing or quilting if you don't parcel to guild members; e.g. you don't have to do it all yourself if you feel overwhelmed. Opportunity Quilt Chairs for both odd and even years have the same notebook, so sharing ideas between the two chairs is helpful. For 2021, Jeanne Brenner has three complete "Block of the Month" kits (backing and binding not included) to make quilts ranging from 76" X 76" to 104" X 104". Any of the kits would be theme appropriate. Although you aren't wedded to using any of these BOM kits, this may be incentive if you didn't want to select a pattern, fabric or batch the kits. Borders can be added to make them larger. See the attached pictures. Talk to me if you are interested.





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: **December 30, 2019**

Please submit materials to Carol Eskola 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 Betty Rinkel, Membership Chair, at membership@quilttallahassee.com. If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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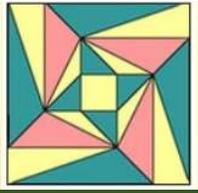
Sit-n-Stitch Groups

“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.**

Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
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 <i>New Location - St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 North Meridian Road in Tallahassee</i>	1 st & 3 rd Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Lunch break 11:30-12:30 <i>Will only meet the first Saturday 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 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		
December 12	Guild Meeting; "QU Dinner Party"	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
December 30	Newsletter Deadline	
2020 Guild Calendar		
January 9	To be announced (TBA)	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
January 13	Steering Committee	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
February 13	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 12	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 24	Steering Committee	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
April 9	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 14	Susan Cleveland , Guest Speaker	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 15	Class: Bodacious Big Thread Appliqué & more	Woodville Community Center Time: 10am - 4:30
May 16	Class: Piping Hot Curves- Macaroni	Woodville Community Center Time: 10am - 4:30
May 26	Steering Committee	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
June 11	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 9	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 28	Steering Committee	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
August 13	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 10	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
October 8	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 12	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 24	Steering Committee	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
December 10	TBA	Social Hall @ Temple Israel



CLASSIFIED ADS

*Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.
See Directory for Specific Contact Information*

Items for Sale

SINGER FEATHERWEIGHT AND CUSTOM TABLE-\$500 takes it all.

Here's your chance to get a Singer Featherweight AND a Singer made wooden/metal table with pop out insert for a great deal. This is a one owner machine (Home Economics teacher and mother) with a serial number that dates production to July 1941. The package deal includes the card-table model table; wooden veneer with wood borders and square metal legs that fold down, removable insert to put the machine flat to the surface (or keep in for another card table). This table has been certified as made by Singer for the Featherweight.

The machine has been cleaned, tensioned, new belt and tuned up in November. The foot pedal/power cord mechanism cords were also replaced at the same time. INCLUDED: feet (extra regular foot, zipper foot, hemmer, adjustable hemmer, binder, edge-stitcher, gatherer, ruffler), original Instruction Guide, extra belt, 12 bobbins, oil, lubricant, screwdrivers, box to put all this in. Black case (not original, but brand new).

Contact Pam Doffek after December 10th. Must sell.



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 at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. Briefly describe the item and asking price.