

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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March 2020

**Next Meeting:** March 12      *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*

Ah March...St Patrick's Day, Pi-Day, World Sleep Day and Joe Day. Fruits and vegetables celebrated this month include: Asparagus, guava, tamarillo, feijoa and kiwano melon (look them up!) More socially conscious observations include: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination History, Earth Hour Day, and Vietnam War Veterans Day. We're quilters and fabric artists. We love the joy, the quirky and support the society and community, local and global. Keep up the good fight (and fun.) For more celebratory days and more information about the above go to: <https://www.wincalendar.com/Holiday-Calendar/March-2020>

As Program Chair, I and our friends at the Canopy Oaks Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA), invite everyone to our April program. Quilt Artist and FAMU faculty member Valerie Goodwin will present a talk on her "Map Projection" quilts and other current works. The meeting is Saturday April 11 from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the large meeting room, main floor, Leon County Library Main branch, Call and Bronough. For more details, just ask me.

And NOT SPOILER ALERT-mark your calendars for OUR April meeting TUESDAY April 7<sup>nd</sup> (changed day and date). Trash to Treasure Sale on the Program!!!

Pam Doffek



### • 2020 Officers

**President:** Pam Doffek

**President-Elect:** Lyn Gearity

**Membership:** Michele Hackmeyer

**Secretary:** Kerry Cohen

**Treasurer:** Deborah Kelly

**Immediate Past President:** Carol Eskola

### • 2020 Chairs, Standing Committees

**Annual Show 2020:** Karen Kunz

**Annual Show 2021:** Sue Isaac

**Internet:**

Website: Jessica Duke

Email: Carol Eskola

Social Media: Dawn Griffin

**Newsletter:** Carol Eskola

**Opportunity 2020:** Jeanne Brenner

**Opportunity 2021:** Jeanne Brenner

**Philanthropy:** Jeanne Brenner; Anne Gaber

**Programs:** Wendy Stone

**Publicity:** Dawn Griffin

**Workshops:** Lyn Gearity; Christine Walsh

### • 2020 Chairs, Support Committees

**Audiovisual:** Michele Hackmeyer

**Block of the Month:** Peggy Clark

**Challenge Quilt:** Kerry Cohen

**Door Prizes:** Roberta Granville

**Library:** Jeanne Brenner

**Show & Tell:** Roberta Granville

**Silent Auction:** Linda Stright

**Sit & Stitch:** Terri Smith

**Sunshine:** Wendy Stone

**Welcoming:** Evelyn Gonzalez

### • 2020 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees

**Awards:** Marsha Walper

**Fiscal Planning:** Pam Doffek

**Nominating:** Lyn Gearity

**Parties:** Needs Chair

**Travel:** Needs Chair

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## March 12, 2020 Program: "Wooden Quilts"



When a quilter acquires a box of fabric scraps, she envisions the makings of another quilt. But what if you were gifted a box of wood scraps? Would you see a quilt in that? This month you will. Tennessee artisan Jim Sherraden will present "Wooden Quilts", his multi-dimensional compositions that are sure to appeal to all quilt lovers.

A special Thank You to Caryl Pierce, who suggested and orchestrated this program for QU!

"Majorca Corners" (Picture copyright 2016 Jim Sherraden)

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## Upcoming Programs

### April – Trash to Treasure Sale

Time to round up your surplus quilting and sewing goods. Reserve your \$5.00 table now to sell your stuff or come with cash to shop for a bargain. Something new this year: Non-profit groups will also be a part of the sale. If you are part of a non-profit group that sews or creates items that are donated, or sold as a philanthropic effort, you can participate in the sale this year. **Contact Wendy Stone to reserve your table.**

**Note that the April Guild meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, April 7.**

### May – Guest Speaker: Susan Cleveland

Join us for our annual guest speaker and don't forget to sign up for one of Susan's workshops!

### June – Studio 180 Rulers

Gail Renna will introduce us to Studio 180 Rulers and the wonderful projects that you can create with these tools.

### July – Quilt of Valor Presentations and Lap Quilts for Veterans

Roberta Granville will lead us as we honor and show our gratitude to Veterans with Quilt of Valor presentations. We also hope to collect a generous pile of lap quilts for our Veterans.

(**Note:** Pending the Museum Quilt Show dates, the July and August programs may be reversed.)

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*I'm just a few fat quarters away from being featured  
on an episode of "Hoarders".*

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## "Jazzy Garden"

Bright, beautiful flowers were brought to life by twenty guild members who hand appliqued and hand quilted this year's opportunity quilt. The pattern, Aunt Millie's Garden from Piece O' Cake Designs, was renamed to fit the show's theme: Jazz It Up!

Jazzy Gardens will be on display and tickets available at our guild meetings until this year's Capital City Quilt show begins.

Donations are \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three. The names of those purchasing 3 or more tickets will be entered into a drawing for 3 more tickets at the beginning of each meeting. Jane Kazmer was the lucky drawing winner in February.

If you think family members, friends, or co-workers might be interested in the opportunity to own this quilt, tickets and a photo of the quilt are available for you to take with you. Just sign out as many as you need at the quilt table. Then plan to turn in any extra tickets and monies received before the drawing at the end of the Capital City Quilt Show. Dates of the show are still pending.

Thank you to everyone involved in making the quilt and those supporting the guild through their donations.



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## February Door Prizes

Winners of door prizes for February were Michelle Hackmeyer, Sherry Little, May McLaren, and Esther Weiner. Their prizes, mug rugs, were made and donated by Linda O'Sullivan. Grand Prize went to Sonya Avant. A special prize, donated by Sharon Pollock, went to Christy Gregg.

Many thanks to all who contribute items for the monthly prizes.  
Roberta Granville



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## Upcoming Classes/Workshops

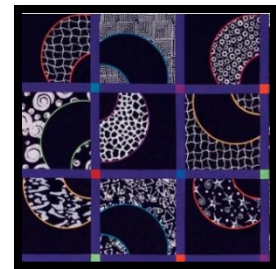
### **May 2020**

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

Cost: \$75.00 per class

Location: Woodville Community Center

Time: 10 am – 4:30 pm



Classes: May 15 – Bodacious Big Thread Applique & More (left)  
May 16 – Piping Hot Curves – Macaroni (right)

If you have a class suggestion, please let Lyn Gearity know.

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## April Block of the Month

The April block of the month is an American Flag. Unfinished size is about 8 ½" square (slightly smaller is okay). Finished square measures approximately 8". Select three fabrics: a navy blue, a red, and a white or cream color.

### CUTTING:

Navy Fabric – One 3 ½" square

Red Fabric – One 1 ½" by 3 ½" strip

Two 1 ½" by 6 ½" strips

White or cream Fabric – Two 1 ½" by 3 ½" strips

Three 1 ½" by 6 ½" strips

Two 1 ½" by 8 ½" strips



**Step 1:** With right sides together and using a ¼" seam allowance, sew 2 white/cream and 1 red 1 ½" by 3 ½" strips together, with red in the middle.



**Step 2:** Sew 2 red and 1 white/cream 1 ½" by 6 ½" strips together, with white/cream in the middle.

**Step 3:** Sew the navy blue square to the 3 ½" strip set made in step 1.



**Step 4:** Sew the 6 ½" strip set made in step 2 to the bottom of the blue/red/white set made in step 3.



**Step 5:** Sew the remaining two 1 ½" by 6 ½" white/cream strips to the left and right sides of the flag made in step 4.

**Step 6:** Sew the two 1 ½" by 8 ½" white/cream strips to the top and bottom of the rectangle made in step 5. Your block is now complete.

Thanks!

Peggy Clark



**P.S.:** There's still time for you to whip up one or more blocks for **March** between now and our March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Check out the directions in the February issue of "Around the Block" on our website.



## Help Send a Little Sunshine

If a member needs some cheering up, don't forget to let me know. I'll send some sunshine their way on behalf of the guild!

Wendy Stone



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## 2020 QU Challenge Quilt

The 2020 QU Challenge Quilt rules are on sale now. The theme is Jazz It Up. Cost is \$5. This will provide you the rules and "secret" details of this year's challenge.

Please remember to keep the secret details of the challenge to yourself, but I will assure everyone that the possibilities are limitless. Novice to Expert, Traditional to Art Quilters...if you quilt, you can participate!

The challenge is open to all QU members who purchase the rules. Quilts must be completed by the late-summer timeframe (exact meeting date determined after show dates announced).

This year, two-person team quilts will be allowed (both members must purchase rules.)

As always, all monies from the sale of the rules go to the cash prizes for our winners. So "challenge" yourself this year and purchase your Jazz It Up Challenge Rules!

If you have any questions, just email, call, or see me at the meeting.

Kerry Cohen

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## Do You Love to Do Foundation Piecing?



If so, your help is still needed to help us make blocks for our 2021 opportunity quilt, "Rainbow Stars".

Many thanks those of you who have already "adopted" a block to piece! Don't worry if you haven't picked up a kit yet, because plenty are still available. See Jeanne Brenner at the library table at the March guild meeting to get involved in this exciting project!

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## Growing a New Sit-n-Stitch



For many years, a devoted Sit-n-Stitch team provided lap quilts to the patients of Big Bend Hospice. With a decline in membership, due to circumstances such as relocation, the members disbanded.

With so many wonderful members in the guild - new and old - looking to share their talents, we are seeking members to restart the group. Time and place will be decided when the new group is formed.

Recently, Quilters Unlimited received a great deal of fabric with the express purpose of assisting Big Bend Hospice. This fabric will be used to make lap quilts for the comfort of the patients.

Please contact Terri Smith if this is just the right quilting opportunity for you. I look forward to helping restart the group with both beginning and veteran quilters.

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## Membership VP Assistant/Trainee Wanted

I am looking for an assistant and trainee for the role of Membership VP. The Membership role is not a difficult one. It takes a little time and requires some organization and a working knowledge of Excel software used as a list manager. This person would then be ready to take over the role next year. If you are interested in this role, please contact Michele Hackmeyer.

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## Community – A Juried Art Quilt Exhibit in Inverness, Florida

Dear Guild Member:

The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum wants to remind the quilters of Florida about our upcoming exhibit: Community - A Juried Art Quilt Exhibit. We hope that your members have heard about our exciting event and plan to create a quilt that expresses how they see their community. We welcome entries from experienced art quilters and hope that conventional quilters are inspired to give art quilting a try. Let's have fun with this event! Express yourself with your quilt.

Our Call for Entry flyer is included below. Entries are due by September 1, 2020, so there is plenty of time to create that masterpiece.

IN ADDITION! Please see the notice below for info on how to access the exhibit's own Facebook page. Join our group and receive notices and updates automatically.

Complete information is available at [www.cccourthouse.org/Exhibit2020.php](http://www.cccourthouse.org/Exhibit2020.php). We will also be glad to answer any questions you may have by email at [mfwquilt@gmail.com](mailto:mfwquilt@gmail.com) or by phone at 352-341-6428.

Very best regards,  
The Exhibit Committee for  
Community - A Juried Art Quilt Exhibit  
Inverness, FL





## CALL FOR ENTRY

*The Citrus County Historical Society  
and The Old Courthouse Heritage  
Museum Invite You to Participate in:*



### A JURIED ART QUILT EXHIBIT

*Your art quilt could be chosen for display  
in our first ever juried art quilt exhibit.*

*For complete information and entry form  
visit [www.cccourthouse.org/Quilt2020.php](http://www.cccourthouse.org/Quilt2020.php)*

*Cash Prizes:*

*1st Place: \$200*

*2nd Place: \$150*

*3rd Place: \$100*

*Viewer's Choice: \$50*

**EXHIBIT DATES**  
**OCT 15 THRU NOV 25**  
**2020**  
**OPENING RECEPTION**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2020**  
**5-7 PM**

**OLD COURTHOUSE HERITAGE MUSEUM**  
**1 COURTHOUSE SQUARE**  
**INVERNESS, FL 34450**  
**(352)-341-6428**  
**MFWQUILT@GMAIL.COM**

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## New Books in the QU Library for March 2020

More donations have been added to the library!

- *Divide and Design* by Lisa H. Calle
- *Freemotion Quilting* by Judy Woodworth
- *Liberated Quiltmaking II* by Gwen Marston
- *Log Cabin ABCs* by Marti Michell
- *Machine Quilting – The Basics and Beyond* by Lynn Witzenburg
- *Pat Sloan's Take the Fear out of COLOR* by Pat Sloan
- *Quilting for Christmas* by Leisure Arts
- *Simply Seminole* by Dorothy Hanisko
- *Trapunto by Machine* by Hari Walner

Stop by the library table to check out a book or to suggest other volumes we might add to our collection.

Jeanne Brenner, QU Librarian

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## A Heartfelt Thank You from COCA

Several QU members including President Pam Doffek attended the Leon County Commission meeting discussed below, at which ongoing funding for COCA was on the agenda. Quilters Unlimited is a member of COCA (Council on Culture & Arts). Funding was agenda item #12. Discussion by the County Commissioners begins at 1:12:55 on the recording (link in the text below). Twenty attendees spoke out for COCA, with an additional 14 waiving their speaking time once it was evident that the motion would pass. The actual vote was at 2:48:10. COCA provided this information as a "thank you" to its supporters, which include Quilters Unlimited.



At today's County Commission meeting, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to bring back a five-year agreement with COCA through FY25 at the same operational and programmatic funding level. Each Commissioner made comments which will eventually be online [here](#).

We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support, generosity and advocacy our community has shown for COCA over the last few days. Your passion for sustaining our vibrant local artists and organizations is inspiring and is what makes our region unique, authentic, and fun! We look forward to continuing our work in the community, with you, to foster the growth of the arts, culture, and heritage.

COCA thanks the County Commissioners for their support of COCA today as we move forward in partnership to promote our common goals. We encourage you as members of our cultural community to thank them. We are incredibly grateful.

With sincere thanks,

Kathleen, Amanda, Erica, Nick and Pre - COCA Staff and the COCA Board of Directors

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*Gather the Threads of your life and stitch them into joy!*

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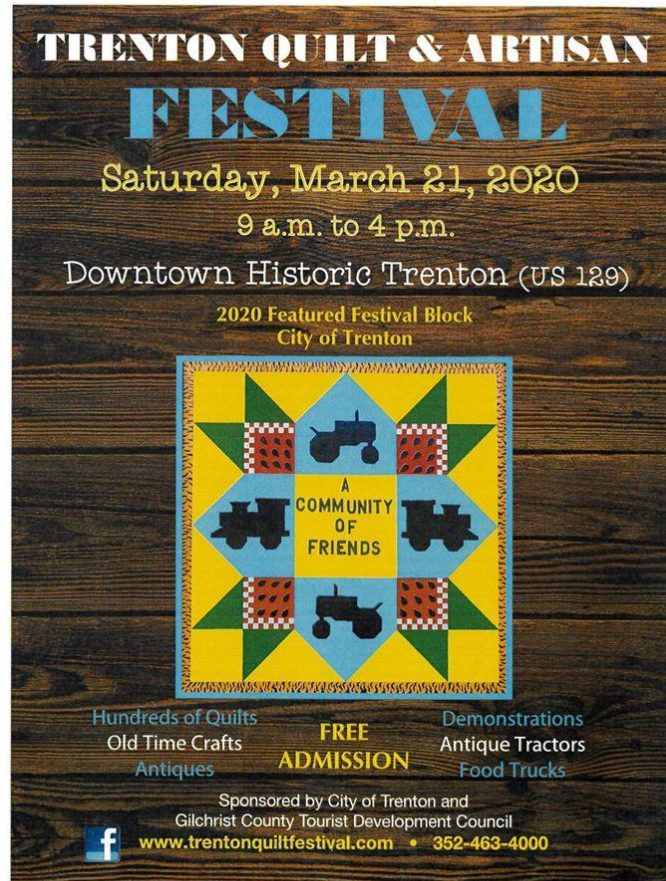
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## Trenton (Florida) Quilt and Artisan Festival

The Trenton Quilt and Art Festival will be accepting quilts on March 5, 13 and 14, starting at 9:00 am and ending at 12:00 noon. The drop-off location is at the City Hall, a two-story block building at 114 North Main Street in Trenton Florida. This is the third building north of the red light.

If you plan to take one or more quilts, please send an email ASAP to [jsslwtes@aol.com](mailto:jsslwtes@aol.com) and [pwatson770@aol.com](mailto:pwatson770@aol.com). Include the number of quilts you plan to bring. There is no fee to enter your quilt. You may either ask festival staff send you a registration form by return email, or fill out a form when you drop off your quilt.

- You must have your name and telephone number on the back of your quilt.
- Your quilt must be in a pillow case with your name and telephone number plainly written on the case.
- A description of your quilt must be provided, on a 4x6 index card which will be attached to the quilt for public viewing during the festival.
- A hanging sleeve on the back of the quilt "would be very helpful."



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## Need a Ride to Guild Meetings?

If you need a ride to and from Temple Israel each month, we want to know about it and help you find a solution. Just email Jeanne Brenner or call her at home to let her know you'd like to find a ride to our 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, truck, or quilt-mobile!



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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **March 28, 2020**.

Please submit materials to Carol Eskola via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). To receive a mailed newsletter, contact her for details.

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## 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 our Membership VP at [membership@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:membership@quilttallahassee.com). If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

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Follow and “Like” Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee on Facebook & stay connected. <https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>



## 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 Terri Smith.**

<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>New Location – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road</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

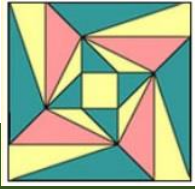
The following Sit-n-Stitch groups are listed at full capacity: *Pin Pals, Sew Darn Happy, Thimble Buddies, Frayed Edges*. This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.

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2020 Guild Calendar		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
March 12	Guild Meeting: Wooden Quilts by Tennessee artisan Jim Sherraden	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March 24	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday April 7</b>	Guild Meeting: Trash to Treasure Sale <i>(Note day/date!)</i>	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 14	Guild Meeting: Susan Cleveland , Guest Speaker	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
May 15	Susan Cleveland: Bodacious Big Thread Applique	Woodville Community Center 10 am – 4:30 pm
May 16	Susan Cleveland: Piping Hot Curves - Macaroni	Woodville Community Center 10 am – 4:30 pm
May 26	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
June 11	Guild Meeting: Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 9	Guild Meeting: Quilts of Valor Presentations and Lap Quilts for Veterans **	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
July 28	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
August 13	Guild Meeting: 2020 Challenge Quilt Reveal **	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
September 1	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
September 10	Guild Meeting: Trunk Show with Christy Gregg	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
October 8	Guild Meeting: Trunk Show Featuring The Grateful Threads	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 12	Guild Meeting: Strut Your Stuff	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
November 24	Steering Committee Meeting	Temple Israel Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday December 8</b>	Guild Meeting: End of Year Fun and What's to Come <i>(Note day/date!)</i>	Social Hall @ Temple Israel

\*\*Note: pending the Museum Quilt Show dates, the July and August programs may be reversed.





## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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### Needed: Flexible worker with strong back and arms

Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee (QU) needs someone (male or female) with strong arms and a strong back to help setup their meeting location and then breakdown after their meetings. They are offering \$20 per month for approximately one hour's work (combined setup and teardown). This might be a good job for a high school or college student or a community member wishing to get involved. Consistent commitment for at least 1 year is crucial and we could use someone starting March 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact: [president@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:president@quilttallahassee.com) if you are interested. Details are:

- ❖ Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308.  
(exceptions: Monthly meetings in April and December are on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.)
- ❖ Set up includes: Approximately 3:30 p.m. of meeting day, moving 4-5 rectangular tables after the afternoon stitching group concludes, setting up 5-6 8' round tables and moving and arranging approximately 80 chairs. (30 minutes work)
- ❖ Teardown is after the meeting, approximately 8:15 p.m. This involves breaking down most tables and stacking chairs, returning both to the Temple storage area. (20-30 minutes or less)
- ❖ Person is free to leave and then return between setup and teardown. They may stay for the QU meeting if they choose; we'd love to have them.
- ❖ QU members will coordinate access to Temple Israel and furniture and provide oversight.

### Classified Ads -- Instructions

**Only Guild Members can list items for sale or "free-to-a-good-home", or services.** How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). Briefly describe the item and include the asking price. Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

*All negotiations and problems with a sale or a service are between the buyer and seller.*