

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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**Next Meeting:** *On hold until further notice.* 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

Hello fellow QU members out there. Although we can't meet in groups of more than 10 and many of us are only seeing 1 or 2 others in a day, I know we are in each other's hearts and minds. I hope everyone is using the "interwebs" for watching videos, classes and podcasts related to quilts, sewing or any other artistic endeavor you do or may be interested in. Now is the best time to get a family member involved as many have more free time (unplanned). Face to face meetings are limited, but there is a comfort in seeing others who you know, limiting your contact exposure to COVID-19.

Our lecture and classes by Susan Cleveland are still in limbo. Workshop Chairs Lyn Geariety and Christine Welch are staying on top of it. They will get the word out to you as soon as Susan and the economy allow. The opening of community centers and Temple Israel will also drive these decisions. The Steering Committee will meet to determine if refunds or credit for a future workshop will be the way we go.

I had Carol Eskola send a blast to all of you, with patterns, to make face masks for Rags2Bags, a committee of Sustainable Tallahassee. I personally thank those of you have decided to support this effort. This is a continuing effort as we have requests for over 1000 masks. Masks are going to LOCAL social services organizations who have asked for support. Drop off completed masks continues Thursdays, Manna Cottage, Faith Presbyterian Church from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. You can also drive through and receive pre-kitted masks to make 10 masks. All transactions are conducted outdoors and can be in the safety of your vehicle. If you are sewing for other philanthropic efforts, good on you!!

And, as much as possible without putting yourself at risk, support the quilting, fabric and craft stores in our area. Some are sending out electronic blasts, some aren't. Check individual business websites for info or give them a call to see what's being offered during these adjusted times. We need to keep our local quilt establishments.

Stay well. Contact me if I can help.

Pam

### • 2020 Officers

**President:** Pam Doffek

**President-Elect:** Lyn Geariety

**Membership:** Michele Hackmeyer

**Secretary:** Kerry Cohen

**Treasurer:** Deborah Kelly

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**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 Geariety; 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 Geariety

**Parties:** Needs Chair

**Travel:** Needs Chair

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## April 2020 Program

### "Trash to Treasure" Postponed

Have no fear! The Trash to Treasure will reappear! Our hope as of this writing is to hold our Trash to Treasure sale at the November meeting date. Until we meet again, let's hunker down, think positive, and get through this crisis. After my gym closed, my initial "program" was eat, sleep, repeat and watch Hallmark movies and dramatic "breaking news" reports. Now I am ignoring the news and balancing my days with quilting, sewing face masks, cooking, cleaning and the most important...exercising. Long or short, a walk outside will do wonders to clear your mind and help you imagine your next project. Be safe! See you all soon!



Face Masks!

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## Upcoming Programs

*Meetings are on hold until further notice. The programs below may be postponed or cancelled and if so, QU members will be notified via email blast.*

### **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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## Virtual Quilt Shows

The quilts at the American Quilt Society (AQS) show in Daytona Beach were amazing. Here is a link to overall and individual winners' quilts - February 2020.

<http://www.aqsblog.com/aqs-quiltweek-daytona-beach-winners>

Here is a link to photos of quilts that won overall and individual awards at the Modern Quilt Guild (MQG) QuiltCon 2020 held in Austin, Texas - February 2020.

<https://www.quiltcon.com/quiltcon2020-winners>

Enjoy looking at the quilts.     ~~Marsha~~

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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 (once they resume) 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.

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



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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 meetings (once they resume).

Kerry Cohen



### 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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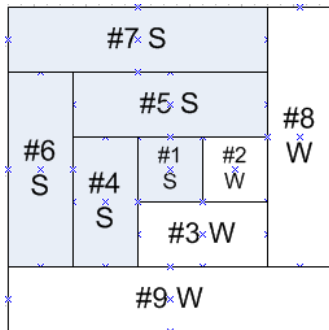
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## May Block of the Month

The May block of the month is a Log Cabin block. Unfinished size (the size your block should be) is 10 ½" square. The fabrics include white as well as your choice of colors (select just one or mix several together).



From white (W) fabric, cut the following pieces:  
One 2.5" x 2.5" (#2)  
One 2.5" x 4.5" (#3)  
One 2.5" x 8.5" (#8)  
One 2.5" x 10.5" (#9)

From scraps (S) of any color or type, cut the following pieces:  
One 2.5" x 2.5" (#1)  
One 2.5" x 4.5" (#4)  
Two 2.5" x 6.5" (#5, #6)  
One 2.5" x 8.5" (#7)



**Step 1:** Cut out your white and colored fabrics as indicated in the list shown below the layout diagram at the left.

**Step 2:** With right sides together and using a ¼" seam allowance, sew together pieces #1 and #2. Press seam toward the darker fabric.

**Step 3:** Continue sewing the pieces together in the order indicated by the numbers in the layout diagram, always pressing seams toward the darker fabric.

Thanks!

Peggy Clark

***P.S.:** Why not make several while you comply with "stay at home" measures? And while you're at it, make some more of the April blocks; refer to March's issue of the newsletter for April's pattern and instructions.*

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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 guild meetings (once they resume) to get involved in this exciting project!



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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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## Wouldn't Now be the Perfect Time to Volunteer with Our Local 4-H Sewing Club?

*by Evelyn J. Gonzalez*

Knowing how to sew has obvious benefits, which include being able to sew on a button, make homemade gifts, or correct a loose hem on your pants. But besides these, the skill of sewing provides children with a creative way to build their self-confidence, develop fine motor skills, learn copious amounts of patience, and have a social creative outlet with friends. The 4-H Stitch Stars Sewing Club has been meeting at the Leon County Extension Office for six years and currently has 20 members. Due to high demand and a constant waitlist, a second club was started last fall to accommodate six additional members.

Projects completed this year include bucket and drawstring bags, casserole carriers, potholders, and a quilted Christmas mug rug. Community service projects are an important part of the 4-H Sewing Clubs in Leon County. Past community service projects completed by the club include dog beds for the Tallahassee Animal Shelter, recycled t-shirt bags for Manna on Meridian, and baby mammal hammocks for St. Francis Wildlife Association. This year, club members made reading circle pillows for a 2nd grade class at Riley Elementary School and made stuffed animals for the City of Tallahassee Police Department. Officer Cecil Files from TPD visited with the club and shared that the stuffed animals will be given to children in the community to help them feel comfort in times of stress. 4-H Stitch Stars Sewing Club member, Dante Long, said his favorite thing about sewing club is "making things for others like the pillows for the 2nd graders."

**Right: Hope stuffs a TPD doll**



All 4-H clubs are made possible through the dedication of volunteers. Evelyn Gonzalez and Ann Fraser are the two club leaders for the Stitch Stars. Evelyn first learned about the need for 4-H sewing volunteers the summer of 2014 during 4-H summer sewing camp, where she volunteered with the Tallahassee Chapter of the American Sewing Guild (ASG). When asked why she chose to volunteer with 4-H, Evelyn replied, "Volunteering is always gratifying. There is a need and you are trying to fill it. Working with youth is stimulating and rewarding. They are smart, fast, and funny and they make me laugh! You learn about what makes kids tick, what their concerns are, and you continue learning about what you're teaching [sewing]." Leading a successful sewing

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club meeting is a team effort and each meeting requires at least five volunteers for things to run smoothly. We LOVE our volunteers, including QU members Tara Goodman, Elizabeth Hawker, Diana Kaiser, Betty Rinkel and Cheryl Willis. And the club also appreciates the many, many QU members who have donated fabric, notions and even sewing machines to the club! *Thank you!*

**Right: Jayla concentrates on sewing**



4-H helps children age five to 18 learn leadership skills, citizenship, life skills, communication skills, and independence. Life skills are competencies that assist people in functioning well in the environments in which they live. 4-H focuses on developing skills that are healthy and productive for both youth and their communities. Stitch Stars club members aged five through seven, known as “Cloverbuds,” work on hand sewing projects during the meetings. Once a member reaches the age of eight in the Stitch Stars Club, they begin using a sewing machine. Club leaders Evelyn and Ann work hard to ensure that club members who cannot afford a machine receive a donated machine through the club.

One club parent stated, “Ms. Evelyn is so patient with the children. She clearly puts a lot of work and energy into every meeting. The children leave with increased confidence and skill, which is evident from the huge smiles on their faces. We so appreciate Ms. Evelyn, as well as the other volunteers that give so generously of their time. The children are inspired, as well as challenged, to do more than they thought they could.”

**Right: Evelyn teaching the art of sewing**



4-H clubs and activities rely on volunteers. It is through volunteer support that 4-H can continue each year.

*Wouldn't right NOW be the perfect time to volunteer with the 4-H Sewing Club?*

Please contact QU member Evelyn J. Gonzalez if you'd like to share your skills with these wonderful kids!

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*I have come to the conclusion that buying quilting supplies and actually using them are two separate hobbies.*

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## Update: New Hospice Sit-n-Stitch

The new Hospice Sit-n-Stitch had their first afternoon meeting and many decisions were made. There will be 2 groups. The afternoon group will meet on the first Tuesday from 1-3:30 or 4. (Scheduled for May 5, depending on the all clear of the Coronavirus.) Our meetings are tentatively set for the Northeast Library on Thomasville Rd. Projects will be worked on both at home and at the meetings.

The evening group is on hold until the Coronavirus is a thing of the past.

The donated fabric has been washed and is ready for action. We look forward to providing families the many lap quilts that will be made.

With so many wonderful members in the guild – new and old – looking to share their talents, we are still seeking members to add to the group.

Please contact Terri Smith if this is just the right quilting opportunity for you.

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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 **April 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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## Sit-n-Stitch Groups

*Get in touch with the group's contact person (they are in our directory) for current status as meetings may be on hold.*

"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.**

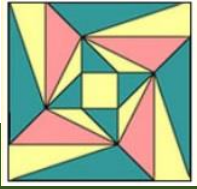
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| <b>Sunday</b>   | Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch  | 2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm  | Marsha Walper                    |
| <b>Monday</b>   | Quilting Bees @ Senior Center  | Weekly 1-4 pm   | Judy Lawrence                    |
|                 | Southwood Stitchers  | Weekly 10 am - 3 pm   | Gail Whitis                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | Hospice Sit-n-Stitch   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 1-3:30 or 4:00   | Terri Smith                      |
| <b>Thursday</b> | Sew Arty   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday<br>11:30 am-1 pm   | Stephanie Rubanowice             |
|                 | Patchwork & Prayer   | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Th<br>6:30-8:30 pm                | Lascella Ingram                  |
|                 | Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur<br>6:00-7:45 pm  | Mary Catherine Scott             |
|                 | Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday<br>1:00 – 4:30 pm  | Jeanne Brenner                   |
| <b>Saturday</b> | Sew for HOPE<br><i>New Location – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road</i> | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday<br>10 am - 3 pm<br>Lunch break 11:30-12:30 | Cynthia Seyler<br>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.



| 2020 Guild Calendar   |   |   |
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| WHEN  | WHAT  | WHERE   |
| April 7   | <i>Cancelled</i>  | Social Hall @ Temple Israel                   |
| <i>Meetings are on hold until further notice. Notice of cancellations and of the resumption of meetings will be sent to all members via email blasts.</i> |   |   |
| May 14  | Guild Meeting: Susan Cleveland , Guest Speaker                              | Social Hall @ Temple Israel                   |
| May 15  | Susan Cleveland: Bodacious Big Thread Applique                              | Woodville Community Center<br>10 am – 4:30 pm |
| May 16  | Susan Cleveland: Piping Hot Curves - Macaroni                               | Woodville Community Center<br>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<br/>December 8</b>   | Guild Meeting: End of Year Fun and What's to Come (Note day/date!)          | 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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### *Items for Sale*

For Sale – Baby Lock Tiara Model BLTR16. The Tiara is a 16" sit down long arm quilting machine. A table comes with the machine as well as a Variable-Speed Bobbin Winder. Additional accessories include: Tiara 18" Quilting Table Extension, Tiara Quilting Table Overlay, Horizontal Spool Pin, Open Toe Hopping Foot, and TruStitch Stitch Regulator for Tiara. If additional information or photos are needed, please contact Deborah Kelly via email or by phone – see *QU directory*. The price is \$2,500, OBO.

#### **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.*