

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

Many of you are staying busy making new, reviving old, or clearing the "orphan", "round tuit" or "PIGS (projects in grocery sacks or other bags) projects at home. Some are able to share time and help to friends. This is part of what is called "your pod." The people you feel safe with, see regularly and stay in contact with. Your "pod" people are very important whether via social media, phone or the limited face-to-face. And we become more important to each other as the weeks and months go by. Having creative outlets, which we all share, whether fabric related or not, is very important. It gives focus and routine. It is integral to mental health. It gives a way to express ourselves in our limited access world. KEEP IT UP!!

I want to thank Jessica Duke, Web Coordinator, for making and updating the COVID Show & Tell Gallery. Also thanks to those who have sent pictures of what they are working on. But it's a limited show...and I know so many others of you are DOING STUFF. The page isn't limited to just big or finished quilts. Let's see those other creative works: table runners, groups of unique masks, clothes, potholders, paintings, sculpture etc. Yes, we are a QUILT organization, but first and foremost we are ALL creatives in our own rights. Many of you are "mulit-inspired." Everything you do even if it's a zipper purse for your daughter or a stuffed toy for a grandchild is a creative outlet....share. See Jessica's guidelines for submitting more of your work....it doesn't have to be professional quality photos. Share the LOVE.

So I've heard "why do we need a slate of officers for elections? We haven't met most of the year, what are the elected officers and other Steering Committee (SC)

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• 2020 Officers

President: Pam Doffek

President-Elect: Lyn Geariety

Membership: Michele Hackmeyer

Secretary: Kerry Cohen

Treasurer: Deborah Kelly

Immediate Past President: Carol Eskola

• 2020 Chairs, Standing Committees

Annual Show 2021: Karen Kunz

Annual Show 2022: Sue Isaac

Internet:

Website: Jessica Duke

Email: Carol Eskola

Social Media: Dawn Griffin

Newsletter: Carol Eskola

Opportunity 2021: Jeanne Brenner

Opportunity 2022: 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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members doing? Can't they just continue for another year?" Well, your elected officers (President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Vice President) have been quietly continuing during our time apart. A Nominating Committee will present a slate for these positions; some may be continuing, others may not (me.) Many Steering Committee members are actively engaged and ask for your help as evidenced by the many articles in this and previous newsletters. Elections need to continue. Lyn Geariety as incoming President is counting on the many SC members who have agreed to continue their work for the next year and will be reaching out to others to fill vacancies in the SC. "We" have continuity in Capital City Quilt Show Chairs through 2022 (thank-you Karen Kunz and Sue Isaac) as well as the related Opportunity Quilts (Jeanne Brenner and all those who have contributed to the quilts for 2020/2021 and 2022).

So keep finding help, classes and projects on the internet (there are SOOO many and if you need help finding them, let me know and I'll reach out). Keep in touch with each other in any way you can. Know that I'm here for all members, just get in touch. BE WELL, BE CREATIVE, BE GOOD to yourself.

Quiltingly, Distancingly Yours, Pam Doffek

Upcoming Programs

All future programs are currently on hold until further notice.

Call for Volunteers: Nominating Committee

As we approach a new year (and gladly say goodbye to this one) I need a couple of volunteers for the nominating committee. This group will search for and prepare a slate of candidates to serve as officers for the year 2021. This is a short-term assignment so it can be a great way to serve without a long commitment. Email me at lyngeariety@aol.com to get started. Hoping to see everyone soon and looking forward to a terrific year.

Lyn Geariety, President Elect

Coronavirus Virtual Show and Tell

Check out what your fellow guildmembers have been working on during the pandemic and share your quilting progress on our virtual Show and Tell webpage at <https://quilttallahassee.com/covid-show-tell/>. It doesn't have to be a finished quilt; quilt tops are fine. Let's see what you're working on! Send photos to webcoord@quilttallahassee.com. Include title of the quilt, your name, and the quilter's name (if quilted by someone else).

Thanks, Jessica

Pictured: Caterpillar Dreams, Sue Isaac



Quilt of Valor Presentation: Michael Marsters

A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Michael Marsters, US Marine Corps E-3, on August 19, 2020. Susan Voss nominated Michael. The photo shows Michael on the right and his wife Virginia on the left. Julie Fredrickson made and quilted the quilt.



Quilt of Valor Presentation: Deanna Epley

Major Deanna Epley was awarded a quilt of valor on August 20, 2020. Sharon Pollock nominated Deanna. Deanna's quilt was pieced and quilted by Jessica Duke. Deanna is on the right in the picture and Sharon is on the left.



Celebrate Our Veterans!

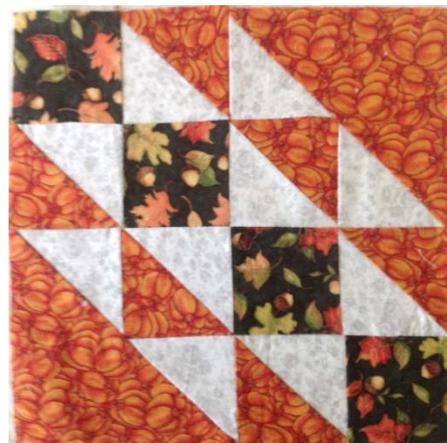
Since we didn't meet in July when our annual "parade" of lap quilts for veterans in wheelchairs was originally planned, and since we may not be able to meet in November (11/11 being Veteran's Day), we will collect your lap quilts at several drop off sites in Tallahassee. Please contact Roberta Granville (850-519-1743) **beginning November 1st** to let her know if you have one or more lap quilts. Drop off locations will be forthcoming. Quilt size should be about 40 x 40 inches.

Block of the Month

As we are all "doing our own thing" during this time, I thought you could still complete a block in fall colors. It should end up 12 ½" unfinished in **any** pattern or style that you wish. This is one I whipped up using some stash. Please show off your talent.

Hopefully before too many more months have passed, we will get to meet and see all the great BOMs that you have created during these months apart.

Peggy Clark, BOM Chair



You're Making a Difference!



John Cousins, President of the Tallahassee Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, recently sent a joint "thank you" to Sew for Hope and Quilters Unlimited. Please be sure to see that touching letter on page 8. SHP's September/October schedule and contact information for building bunk beds is included on page 9, should you want to put down your needle and pick up a hammer!

Be sure to note that Mr. Cousins includes information in his letter about where quilt donations for SHP may be delivered.

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 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 (<https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>) for this *continued on page 5*

Volunteer of the Year (continued from page 4)

outstanding volunteer has three boxes to fill in:

1. Examples of initiative and/or assuming responsibility & leadership in guild activities
2. Willingness to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs
3. Examples of encouraging member participation in guild-related, community activities

The 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. Additional information about the award can be downloaded from Policies and Procedures, IX. Individual Standing Committee Policies (<https://quilttallahassee.com/membership/policies-procedures/>).

Nomination Forms Due by October 1.

Contact Marsha Walper with questions about submitting nominations.

March 2020 BOM Quilts

After winning the March drawing for that month's blocks, Andrea Fenn donated them to the Guild for charity use. BOM Chair Peggy Clark whipped up two eye-catching lap quilts for veterans at the Big Bend Hospice. If you don't see your block on the front of either of them, it was selected to be on the back!

Kudos to Peggy and Andrea, and to all who made one of these blocks, for providing some cheer to our vets!





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

Newsletter Info

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

Please submit materials to Carol Eskola via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. To receive a newsletter by mail, contact her 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 our Membership VP at membership@quilttallahassee.com. If your email address changes, let us know at the next meeting.

Follow and "Like" Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee on Facebook & stay connected.

<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>



| 2020 Guild Calendar | | |
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| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
| <i>All meetings are on hold until further notice. Notice of the resumption of meetings will be sent to all members via email blasts.</i> | | |
| September 10 | Guild Meeting: Trunk Show with Christy Gregg CANCELLED | 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 |
| Tuesday December 8 | Guild Meeting: End of Year Fun and What's to Come (<i>Note day/date!</i>) | Social Hall @ Temple Israel |

**Guild meetings dependent upon whether facility is available for large group meeting under CDC guidelines.*

***Steering Committee meetings are suspended unless a SC member notifies the president of urgent business needing consideration.*

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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| 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 | Jane Kazmer |
| Tuesday | Hospice Sit-n-Stitch | 1 st Tuesday, 1-3:30 or 4:00 | Terri Smith |
| 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 N. Meridian Road</i> Cancelled until further notice | 1 st & 3 rd 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 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.

Thank You Note and Build Schedule: Sleep in Heavenly Peace

August 2, 2020

To our Quilting Friends of Sew for Hope and Quilting Guild,

First, **“Thank You”** so much for partnering with the Tallahassee Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace in getting kids off the floor into sleeping in beds in our town!!!!

Each bunk bed delivery is special in seeing the excitement of the families and children as they see us assemble a complete bunk bed(s) (lumber, mattresses and all bedding). The addition of providing handmade quilts that you are making is extra special for these families.

Let me describe one of our deliveries in which we also provided quilts for the children. Once the mother saw that we draped the beds with the quilts you made, she broke down in tears. She told our team she had never received such a wonderful gift as she saw and felt the love of your works in the quilt and now her children can appreciate such.

We are making a difference in our community and each of you are part of this movement.

Thank you so much for your love and efforts in making the quilts.

Moving forward, we have made arrangements with the Living Harvest Thrift Stores in which you can drop off your quilts.

Living Harvest Thrift Store
1219 West Tharpe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
850-536-6082

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

John M. Cousins
President, Tallahassee Chapter Sleep in Heavenly Peace

SHP Bunkbed Build Information and Schedule

Many of you have expressed an interest in actually helping put together the Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) bunk beds for which so many of you are making quilts. We have spoken to John Cousins, the Tallahassee coordinator for SHP, and he says that anyone is welcome to participate and/or come by to observe a build, **BUT you must contact him first** as the number of persons allowed at each session is limited to 50.

Please email him at john.cousins@shpbeds.org and give him your name, phone number and the date of the build you want to attend, for further information and space availability.

The next builds are:

September 19, 2020 15 beds

Location:

Prime Meridian Bank
1897 Capital Circle NE
Tallahassee 32308

September 26, 2020 20 beds

Location:

Lowe's Bunks Across America
2121 NE Capital Circle
Tallahassee 32309

October 3, 2020 15 beds

Location:

Saint Paul's UMC
1700 N. Meridian Road
Tallahassee 32303

Happy quilting!