



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 quilters.

Spring is just around the corner. We've had some warm days and flowers are blooming. It will be great to get outside and enjoy the weather. Hopefully we can all figure out ways to spend time with friends outdoors until it is safe to get together in larger groups.

By the time this is posted I should be finished with my first Quilt of Valor. Rumor has it several others may be working on QOVs as well. Others have been and continue to work on quilts for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. Photos of some of the quilts should be on the website by the time this is posted. Whatever you are working on, enjoy the process as well as the product!

On a more somber note, many of you have not been able to pay your dues for this year. Please don't wait. We are considering options for communicating and/or meeting virtually until our venue becomes available and need to have a sense of our membership numbers to be able to plan for your needs. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Happy quilting until we meet again!

Lyn Geariety

Quilters Unlimited President

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Silent Auction: Linda Stright

Sit & Stitch: Terri Smith

Sunshine: Wendy Stone

Welcoming: Evelyn Gonzalez

- **2021 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees**

Awards: Marsha Walper

Fiscal Planning: TBD

Nominating: VACANT

Parties: TBD

Travel: TBD

Upcoming Programs

All future programs are currently on hold until further notice.

Block-of-the-Month Restart

Many of you have probably missed seeing and sewing the Block-of-the-Month. This is to let you know that Block-of-the-Month has been practicing social distancing for the last few months, but has decided it is time to venture out, virtually, of course, in a new format as a Block-of-the-Week. It will feature quick, scrap-friendly half square triangle blocks that measure 6" square. These squares are made with simple paper piecing and are a great introduction to this technique—no seams and points to match and half of each block is a triangle.

These patterns were created by Leila Gardunia as a Year of Scrappy Triangles and are available for free from her website. Follow this link (<https://mailchi.mp/91b3eca58b70/scrappytriangles>) to her site and download the PDF that includes an introduction and all the patterns, plus a link to a paper-piecing tutorial if you are new to it.

These patterns were originally released weekly, and I suggest following that schedule. Since the PDF includes all the patterns you are free to do them on your own timetable and make as many of each pattern as you want. If you make one block each week for 48 weeks you will have enough for a crib-size (48" by 36") quilt. When I made these blocks as the patterns were released, I ended up with over 200, and they have gone into 4 quilts!

There are many pictures on Instagram of these blocks at #Yearofscrappytriangles. You might want to look at some of these to get ideas and see the amazing quilts that resulted from these patterns. I plan to make them again (maybe not as many this time) and will be writing comments, suggestions, and encouragement for Around the Block each month.



When we can start in-person meetings there will be a chance to show and share our blocks and until then I will suggest an Instagram hashtag (#QUyearofscrappytriangles) to use for sharing pictures and comments. In the meantime, here is my first paper piecing hint: Block 2 has a perfect opportunity for fussy cutting piece #1.

I hope lots of you join the Year of Scrappy Triangles and discover (or rediscover) how much fun paper piecing can be.

Ellen Fournier

Member Spotlight: Julie Fredrickson

Even though Julie Fredrickson has only had her long-arm machine since July 2019, she has used it to quilt almost 150 quilts for QU's philanthropic partners! That's an amazing average of just over 8 quilts a month, or two per week.

Julie did not make all of the quilts that she quilted, the "Crazy Colorblocks" quilt shown at the right is one of several that Julie has made for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". She started out volunteering to do some quilting for Sew for Hope, and when the call went out from Bits 'n' Pieces for volunteers to quilt tops made by that sit-n-stitch group, she stepped up to offer her services. It seems that there are always groups that need their tops finished, and they have certainly kept Julie busy during the pandemic.

Julie began quilting after retiring in 2016. She says "I always said I wanted to quilt when I got older. I guess I got older!!"

When Julie isn't sewing or quilting these days, she enjoys gardening, reading, and working jigsaw puzzles. Before COVID, she also enjoyed traveling. Hopefully she (and the rest of us) can once again travel farther than from her living room to the kitchen in the not-too-distant future!



QU Library

Even though we aren't having meetings, your QU Library is still available to you. Look at the list of books by going to the Guild website, under 'About QU' and selecting Guild Library. Please note that the email address listed has not been updated. Book requests should go to mbhackmeyer@outlook.com. (This email address is an update to the one shown in the Membership Directory for the Librarian.) When you find a book that interests you, send the title of the book to me and we can work out a delivery method.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

New to QU Library – March 2021

Quilts from a Gardener's Journal by Debbie Mumm and published in 2003. A lovely book done in a month-by-month journal style. For every month she has included a block for the Garden Glories quilt as well as other small wall quilts or projects. The garden photography is beautiful with notes and comments throughout. The spiral binding makes it very easy to use.



Folk-Art Favorites, Quilts from Joined at the Hip by Tammy Johnson and Avis Shirer and published in 2009. This book contains 12 small projects with a homespun style. Fairly easy patterns with lots of big pieces.

More Vertical Quilts with Style by Bobbie Aug and Sharon Newman published in 2001. Using a wide variety of blocks, the book presents a number of projects with a vertical layout.

Quilt of Valor – Debra Mann

U S Army Staff Sgt E6 Debra Mann was awarded a Quilt of Valor on Feb. 6, 2021. Debbie served 31 years in the military with 11 years active duty and 20 years in the National Guard. She was a psychiatric nurse and well knew the need for and value of the ability to listen and care. Debbie now serves on the Honor Guard at the National Cemetery in Tallahassee.

Debbie's quilt was made by Jeanne B. and quilted by Valera.

Shown with Debbie is Chuck Howell who nominated her and previously received his QOV a few years ago at a Quilter's Unlimited meeting.



Philanthropy Pick Up/Drop Off Info

I would like to announce as the new Philanthropy Chair that everyone in Quilters Unlimited who has fabric or batting to contribute, or who has completed quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, is welcome to call or email me to arrange drop-off or pick-up. This will be available until we meet as a group again at Temple Israel.

I am sorting contributions now, and I will reach out to groups to let them know if I have something which might be useful to them.

Do not hesitate to contact me to let me know your needs.

Ann Gaber



Quilt of Valor – Daniel Robinson

Daniel Robinson was awarded a Quilt of Valor on February 20, 2021 at his home in Perry, Florida. Mr. Robinson served fifteen years in the U.S. Army exiting as a Sergeant E5. He took part in Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and Kuwait. His quilt was made by Linda Stright and quilted by Diane Schultheiss

Daniel is shown holding his quilt with his wife Carol.



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).



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 **March 29, 2021**.

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.

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



2021 Guild Calendar		
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>		
January*	Guild Meeting Cancelled	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
January**	Steering Committee Meeting Cancelled	Temple Israel Meeting Room
February	Guild Meeting Cancelled	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March	Guild Meeting Cancelled	
April	Guild Meeting	

**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.**

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> <i>Cancelled until further notice</i>	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.