



# 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

Happy Independence Day! Hope you enjoy celebrating with family and friends.

Because our philanthropy leader would be unavailable for a short time, I obtained some philanthropy quilt kits and materials in case anyone needed them. I had no clue how many opportunities there are available and how much the guild has. There are pattern kits ready for hospice, fleece for Linus project quilts, and bags of coordinating fabrics waiting for a quilter with a pattern just right for Sleep in Heavenly Peace or Hospice. There is also a roll of batting for finishing those quilts. I do not have all of the fabrics and kits available, but a handful of each ready to be taken on. Call/text/email/whatever when you decide which project you want to tackle. We can arrange to meet and get a project to you.

We are still waiting to hear from Temple Israel on their reopening plans. I have contacted them again recently to let them know that we provisionally have a guest teacher who was rescheduled for September, and we need to know how to plan for that. Hopefully plans will come together soon.

In the meantime, happy quilting.

Lyn Gearity

Quilters Unlimited President



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**Library:** Michele Hackmeyer

**Show & Tell:** Roberta Granville (Need new Chairperson)

**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

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## Upcoming Programs

*All programs are currently on hold until further notice.*

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### Block-of-the-Week

Block of the Month Chair Ellen Fournier presented us with a challenge this year to make not only a block of the month, but a block of the week. The "Year of Scrappy Triangles" patterns for paper piecing all 53 of the designs (with #53 being a "bonus week") were created by Leila Gardunia and are available for free from her website. Follow this [link \(https://mailchi.mp/91b3eca58b70/scrappytriangles\)](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.

So how many of these six-inch squares have you completed so far? I discovered that the process of making these quickly became habit forming, and seventy blocks later I had enough to make a 42" x 60" quilt top. Once I quilt and finish this, it will find a home with someone in the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project.

So why not join me in making enough of the weekly blocks to make a charity quilt? I put quite a dent in my stash of blue scraps with this one, and I had lots of fun doing it in the bargain.

Carol Eskola

Newsletter Editor



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### Quilt of Valor Presentations

Two additional Quilt of Valor presentations have been completed since our last newsletter.

#### Andy Stone

Thomas "Andy" Stone, First Sergeant E8, was awarded a Quilt of Valor on May 25, 2021. Andy served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 24 years assigned to numerous locations including the Middle East, Israel, Spain, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

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*(Quilt of Valor – Continued from page 2.)*

His quilt was made and quilted by Debbie Cutright, and he is pictured below with his quilt.



Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of July



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(Quilt of Valor – Continued from page 3.)

Richard Duley

Richard L Duley was awarded a Quilt of Valor on June 3, 2021. Richard was a Chief Warrant Officer II in the U.S. Army, He served in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot and was able to rescue the crew of a downed helicopter. Presently he is active with the local American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans Organization. Richard's quilt was made by Roberta and Jeanne B. It was quilted by Sarah P.



All QOV information was submitted by Roberta Granville.





## 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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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **July 28, 2021**.

Please submit materials to our Newsletter Editor via email at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). To receive a newsletter by mail, contact the editor 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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## Special Report: Intrepid Quilters Take Iowa by Storm

Exclusive report from Linda Stright, who says "It was a blast!"

All Iowa Shop Hop June 2021

The adventure starts with our friend, Barb, who was a former quilt shop owner in Tampa. She heard about AISH and watched it grow over the years. It has been on her bucket list for a long time. She divorced last year and decided this was the year to do AISH. She invited some friends to join her and 3 of us signed on. The All-Iowa Shop Hop happens from June 1 to July 31 and this was their ninth year.



We decided 2 weeks would give us time to do all 86 shops. In our favor, the number of shops participating this year had dropped from 93 in previous year. Many, many hours went into planning and our travel route. It all had to work with shop hours. Not all shops had special hop hours or were not open on weekends, or Monday or Tuesday. All that was taken into account in the planning. We flew into



Des Moines on Sunday June 6; after settling into our big honking rental SUV we visited 4 quilts shops before calling it a day. We set a time limit in each store, Barb would blow her train whistle when time was up. Most of the time it was ignored! Our first full day we visited 11 shops. Most shops were fairly close together. We set a lofty pace the first few days to see how it would go. And could we do it? By day 5 we had visited 40 shops and were one day ahead of our schedule!



We called ourselves the Tallahassee Lassies, had Florida like headbands and developed a following along the way from our posts on the AISH Facebook page. People wanted to know where we were from and why would we come to Iowa! We got that reaction many times. We started hearing about another IA group of hoppers called the Shop Hop Sisters, aka the Orange Ladies. We finally were able to meet



them. They have projects they challenge themselves to and play games, like bingo and dice rolling that also involves the shop owners. They are buying specific for a project, unlike random like us. We had fun talking to them in several shops before parting ways. We had several husbands hopping with their wives and when we would announce our presence in a shop and if the wife was there, she'd say "oh, my husband is following you on FB. Let me go get him so he can meet you." Pictures would be taken and telling of our story would happen. What a hoot!

As we continued our adventure, we were able to relax and enjoy lunches at several recommended restaurants instead of snacks in the car. Driving distances between shops got longer. We only had several 50-to-90-minute drives between shops. We saw much of what Iowa has to offer. Lots of corn fields, soy bean fields, pig barns, wind turbine fields. Iowa is not flat, there were many rolling hills and beautiful vistas. We took many scenic highways, some dirt roads included, but





we never got lost! Thanks to our excellent navigator, Debbie and driver Barb, oh, and GPS! And Karen was the best hotel reservationist!



The AISH is divided into six regions and we were making a counter clockwise route with zigs and zags from Des Moines. By day nine we were finishing the North Central region with one region to go and a few in the Des Moines area and two days ahead of schedule! We enjoyed

many Iowan fares, to name a few, Dutch Letters, a flaky pastry with an almond filling (yum!), tenderloin sandwiches, homemade pie at several restaurants, ribeye and other steaks and loose meat sandwiches by MadeRite, we didn't care for those. We enjoyed the friendly Iowan hospitality wherever we were and the shop owners and staff were welcoming, friendly and very helpful. We collected a free 4 1/2" square from each shop, signed up for in-store drawings and got our passports stamped. The passports are turned in and all kinds of many wonderful prizes will be drawn in August. It was an incredible adventure!



We finished on our second Thursday, day 12, our 86<sup>th</sup> shop at Crazy Redhead Quilting in Newton IA and had a blast with Laura and her staff. They were too willing to help in our celebration!

Whoo hoo!

12 days, 86 shops, 2,439 miles and we came home friends!



Winterset Quilt Museum, where they were changing exhibits and so graciously allowed us to look around. We met Maryanne Fons, who works & lives there.



Some friendly folks!



Madison County Covered Bridge



<b>2021 Guild Calendar</b>		
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
<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 <i>Cancelled</i>	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
January**	Steering Committee Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>	Temple Israel Meeting Room
February	Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>	Social Hall @ Temple Israel
March	Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>	
April	Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>	
May	Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>	
June	Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>	
July	Guild Meeting <i>Cancelled</i>	

*\*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.**

<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	Jane Kazmer
<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 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> <b><i>Meeting again as of 5/1/2021.</i></b> <b><i>Vaccinations are required to attend a Sew for HOPE meeting.</i></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10 am - 2 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.