

AROUND THE BLOCK

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November 2021

Next Meeting: There is no meeting in November. Next meeting will be December 9, 2021

President's Message

I loved seeing everyone in October. Show and tell was great. Lots of quilts were shown and given to Ann Gaber, our philanthropy chair, for a variety of causes. Keep up the good work and contact Ann if you have a quilt to donate or need materials for a donation quilt.

Many people participated online and those who attended the meeting voted in person. Between the two options we had enough members to elect our new officers for 2022. They are already working hard to move us into a new normal as we continue to navigate the task of returning to regular monthly meetings.

Because our regular meeting day in November falls on a holiday (Veterans' Day), we will not meet this month. That gives us lots of time to prepare our end of year celebration in December. Watch for more details.

We miss those of you who cannot attend meetings yet. Keep taking care of yourself and we hope to see you again soon. Happy Quilting until we meet again.

Lyn Geariety



• 2021 Officers

President: Lyn Geariety **President-Elect:** VACANT **Membership:** Peggy Allen **Secretary:** Kerry Cohen **Treasurer:** Rachel Smith

Immediate Past President: Pam Doffek

• 2021 Chairs, Standing Committees

Annual Show 2021: n/a **Internet:**

Website: Rachel Smith Email: Carol Eskola Social Media: Dawn Griffin Newsletter: Carol Eskola Opportunity 2021: n/a

Opportunity 2022: Jeanne Brenner

Philanthropy: Ann Gaber Programs: Wendy Stone Publicity: Dawn Griffin Workshops: Christine Walsh

• 2021 Chairs, Support Committees

Audiovisual: Michele Hackmeyer Block of the Month: Ellen Fournier Challenge Quilt 2021: n/a Door Prizes: VACANT

Library: Michele Hackmeyer

Show & Tall: Poperta Grapvillo (N

Show & Tell: Roberta Granville (Need

new Chairperson)

Silent Auction: n/a

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

Stitch Some Holiday Happiness

We'll be stitching up pillowcases for Hospice again this year. Do you have holiday fabric that you'd be willing to donate to this effort? If so, please contact Ann Gaber or Dawn Griffin to arrange for dropoff or pickup. Interested in making a pillowcase or two yourself? Ann and Dawn can provide more details, and they will be putting together "kits" with all the fabric you'll need. Their contact information is in our directory.

2022 Officers

Nominations and elections were held online and at the October meeting. The decision was unanimous. These new officers will be installed during the December celebration:

Sue Isaac, president
Peggy Clark, president elect
Peggy Allen, membership VP
Kerry Cohen, secretary
Rachel Smith, treasurer
Lyn Geariety, past president

Congratulations and we anticipate moving forward under your leadership.

It's Time for Dues

Payment for Membership Year 2022 dues are due! To renew your membership for the coming year, you will need to either pay online or by (US Post Office) mail. Send checks made out to Quilters Unlimited to: P.O. Box 12181, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

To renew online, go to the QU website (Quilttallahassee.com) and from the 'Membership' tab, select 'Forms: Join, Pay Dues'. On this page, select 'Dues Payment'. Complete the form. If you have a change to your directory information, please add a note in the comments section. The default setting for 'Membership Dues' type is for the \$30 option which means that you will pick up your directory at a meeting. We will figure that process out early next year. Scroll down and select the 'Submit' button. This will take you to a PayPal site where you can use your credit card to pay your dues. You do not have to set up an account with PayPal to do this. When completed, select to return to the QU website. You should receive a confirmation email to the address you typed into the QU form. The Treasurer and the Membership VP both receive notification when a PayPal payment is made. If you have questions please contact Membership, or Treasurer.

Annual dues for the coming year shall be paid no later than the January meeting. A member whose dues are in arrears after the January meeting shall be dropped from the membership roster.

Peggy Allen, Membership VP

Block of the Month

I was so sorry to miss the October meeting—not knowing when we would start meeting in person I had signed up for a trip to the Crystal Bridges Art Museum in Bentonville with the Gadsden Art Center. It is worth making the trip to see the museum and surrounding wonders of Arkansas.

Since last spring the Block-of-the-Month has featured patterns created by Leila Gardunia as a Year of Scrappy Triangles. They 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 haven't tried them, these patterns are a good introduction to paper piecing.

Week 33 is as far as I've gotten, and I took a few pictures to illustrate one of my "problems" with paper piecing—it is not very pretty while you are working on it. Once I choose my fabric and start cutting I begin to doubt the choices. (Overthinking is another paper-piecing "problem.") Usually I keep going, but then when everything is sewn but not trimmed it really strikes me as ugly. Finally, after I trim it to a 6 1/2" square the block looks good, or at least okay.



Here is a picture of three stages of the paper-piecing process, showing non-identical blocks:

Fabric pieces, laid on the printed side of the pattern for illustration purposes,

All pieces sewn to the pattern, ready for the final trim, and

All trimmed, ready to add to the stack.

I hope you are enjoying paper piecing these blocks and are looking forward to making a quilt (or a few) with them. There are so many ideas for half-square triangle quilts on Pinterest that I am eager to try out with my squares.

Ellen Fournier, Block of the Month Chair



QU End of Year Celebration and Officer Installation

YES!! There will be an end of year celebration of US, Quilters Unlimited. The Sew Therapy group will be handling the event. So here's the deets (that's hip talk for "all the details"):

This is a social event, so other than new officer installation, the program is enjoying and sharing with each other.

- -MEMBERS: Bring yourself and some finger food of your choice (sweet or savory, but remember this is probably supper for us, not a tea party.....) and the serving utensil(s) for it. Make item(s) so they can be individually served/retrieved and people don't have to grab into or dig into something. Do not count on electrical outlets, so nothing that requires constant warming. Some suggestions: individual canapes, deviled eggs, meat/cheese/veggie platters, pre-warmed meatballs with tongs to serve, pigs in a blanket, cheddar cheese savory biscuits, individual bags of chips/pretzels.....the list is endless. Brush off those recipes and let's celebrate Us and QU.
- -MEMBERS OPTIONAL: Water container, coffee cup if you don't want plastic or paper.
- -QU/SEW THERAPY IS PROVIDING: Set up. Paper plates, plastic utensils, cold and hot drink cups, napkins, plastic tablecloths for serving tables, hand sanitizer. There will be hot coffee (Keurig cups, regular and decaf), a thermos of hot water and an assortment of teas, sugar and substitutes and non-dairy creamer. A pitcher of water, but there is a water fountain and water bottle filler just outside Program Room A where the party will be. Clean up.

No need to RSVP nor let me know what you are bringing, it's pot luck, it always works. Call, text or email me if you have questions.

Pam Doffek (deets in the directory or your contacts list if we're really close)



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 **November 28**, **2021**.

Please submit materials to our Newsletter Editor via email at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. To receive a newsletter by mail, contact the editor 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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2021 Guild Calendar			
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	
November 3, 2021	Steering Committee Meeting Start time: 6:30	Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A	
November 11, 2021	No Guild Meeting – Library closed due to holiday		
December 9, 2021	Guild Meeting (6:00 social, 6:30 meeting) Celebrating Us!	Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A	

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
l	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	Selena Foo
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 nd Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner
Saturday	Sew for HOPE New Location – St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road Meetings are on hold.	1 st & 3 rd 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 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.

Philanthropy Photo Gallery

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair, submitted these pictures of quilts recently submitted to our charity partners

For Cats' Sake: Silent Art Auction

The members of our "Frayed Edges" Sit-n-Stitch group donated several quilts to this auction, which supports Feline Advocates of Leon County (FALC). FALC advocates for and "re-homes" homeless cats and kittens in Leon County. They run two adoption centers, Fat Cat Café and Fat Cat Books. The pictures were submitted by Loui Tope.

Made & quilted by Julie Fredrickson Made & quilted by Linda Dozier of Frayed Edges

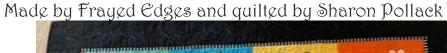




The next two were made by Frayed Edges and quilted by Julie Fredrickson.









Quilts for Neonatal Unit, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Veterans Lap **Quilts**

Correction: The maker of the tops for the two quilts below for Sleep in Heavenly Peace were incorrectly attributed in October's newsletter. The correct stitcher was Marsha Meale. (See top, page 10.)

Marsha Mgalg, Julig Fredrickson, and Kris Klob for SHP





2 for SHP by Peggy Clark





Neonatal and SMP by Linda Robbins





For SHP by Shelley Woodyard



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For SHP by Lyn Geariety, Julie Fredrickson, and Kristin Klob



2 for SMP by Kerry Cohen





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Veterans Lap Quilt by Kerry Cohen



4 for SMP by Carol Eskola



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