

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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**Next Meeting: December 9, 2021, Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting/Party. See article, page 2.**

## *President's Message*

Happy holidays to all. As you read this some are celebrating Chanukkah, others will celebrate Christmas or the Winter Solstice. However you celebrate, enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing many of you at our own end of year celebration on December 9.

As this year draws to a close, I am happy to see it go. We have had more than our share of ups and downs as the pandemic moved through. But we have found a way to meet again, and plans are underway to bring in another guest teacher – stay tuned!

I wish our new officers well as they lead us into 2022. Let's make this the best year yet.

Happy Quilting,

Lyn Geariety



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**Workshops:** Christine Walsh

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**Audiovisual:** Michele Hackmeyer

**Block of the Month:** Ellen Fournier

**Challenge Quilt 2021:** n/a

**Door Prizes:** VACANT

**Library:** Michele Hackmeyer

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## 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 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. Program Room A will be open at 5:30 if you want to bring your items early.

-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 large container of hot water and 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)



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## Workshops Coming in May

I am happy to announce that Denyse Schmidt, author, quilt pattern and fabric designer, and creator of custom and couture quilts, will be presenting a lecture and two workshops May 12 – 14, 2022. If you are unfamiliar with her work, you can see examples of her quilts and read about her at her website, [www.dsquilts.com](http://www.dsquilts.com).

Since we must choose two workshops from among the many she offers, descriptions of available choices are included at the end of this newsletter (pages 8-10). Pictures of the quilt patterns mentioned in the workshop descriptions are there, as well as on her website. Please look at these and let me know what looks interesting. I look forward to hearing your comments at our December 9th meeting or contact me by email with your choices and any questions.

Ellen Fournier, Workshop Chair

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## 2022 Guild Meeting Programs

Wendy Stone and Dawn Griffin have collaborated in developing the QU Meeting Programs for 2022. Check out the list for the entire year which appears on pages 5-6, plan to bring a related show and tell item, and assist where you can. Thank you!

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## Block of the Month—New Year, New Project

Because of covid-related interruptions 2021's block-of-the-month was all online and didn't start until March, but I think it's time for a new challenge! The Scrappy Triangle patterns are still available at <https://mailchi.mp/91b3eca58b70/scrappytriangles> and I plan to finish making them all, but starting in January a new Block-of-the-Month will be published in the newsletter and there will be an opportunity to share our squares at QU meetings.

Each 2022 block can be made from two 10" squares plus a neutral background, and they will all finish at 12 ½". I am using squares from a layer cake that has been languishing in a drawer, so the finished set of blocks should coordinate for a cute crib-size quilt. I will be getting the patterns from various sources but will write each one up to finish at the proper size using just two layer cake "slices" plus background fabric.

Some patterns will be dead simple, and others will be a more demanding but there will be no applique, no curved piecing, and no paper piecing (thank goodness!).

Here are a few comments and suggestions to help you get started:

- Directional prints probably won't work if you want to keep the direction consistent.
- All seams are scant ¼" unless otherwise noted.
- Most squares will not use all of the 10" square fabric, so save your scraps in case of a future mishap.

I confess in advance that this is my first adventure in pattern writing. If something in a pattern doesn't seem right please contact me (fouellen@gmail.com) and we'll figure it out together.

Ellen Fournier, Block of the Month Chair

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## 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

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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.

I will be including updated photos in this year's QU directory. All you have to do is send in a JPG headshot. Send them to me at [margaretallen97@gmail.com](mailto:margaretallen97@gmail.com).

Peggy Allen, Membership VP

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### 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 **December 29, 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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2021 Guild Calendar		
WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
December 9, 2021	Guild Meeting (6:00 social, 6:30 meeting) Celebrating Us!	Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A

2022 Guild Calendar	
WHERE:	Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A unless otherwise noted.
WHEN	WHAT
January 13	Quarantine Trunk Show
February 10	<b>“I ♥ Quilting.”</b> <i>How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count The Ways!</i>
March 10	Fidget Quilts by Jane Kazmer
April 14	By Annie Bags with Mary Stipanovich
May 12	Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna
June 9	Program yet to be determined.
July 14	Quilts of Valor presentations
August 11	2022 Challenge Quilt Reveal
September 8	“Feeling Groovy”: Learn basic ways to ease body stiffness.
October 13	“Strut Your Stuff!” A guild-wide trunk show featuring bags, purses, totes, pouches and other quilty creations. This may inspire holiday gift ideas.
November 10	“Happy Fall Y’all”: Learn to make an easy Maple Leaf quilt block & reusable market shopping bag.
December 8	End of Year Fun and What’s to Come

### January – Quarantine Trunk Show

### February – “I ♥ Quilting.” *How Do I Love Thee Let Me Count The Ways!*

Is it all the amazing fabrics, the comfort you feel working with fabric or permission to make a creative mess? In recognition of National Heart Month share any heart-inspired quilt items during show and tell. Volunteer demonstrators are needed to share methods in creating their favorite hearts – such as paper piecing, appliqué, crumb piecing, trapunto or in the quilting. Please contact Dawn Griffin.

### March – Fidget Quilts by Jane Kazmer

Jane will share samples of fidget quilts, discuss how to make them and explain the importance of providing this form of sensory stimulation to members of our community.

### April – By Annie Bags with Mary Stipanovich

Mary is a whiz at creating bags, totes and wallets utilizing the By Annie patterns. Come see her creations and learn about future classes so that you can create one for yourself or as a gift.

### **May - Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna**

Gail Renna will introduce us to Studio 180 Rulers and the wonderful projects that you can create with these tools.

**June – Program yet to be determined.** Submit any ideas to Dawn Griffin.

### **July - Quilts of Valor presentations**

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.)

### **August - Challenge Quilt Reveal**

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### **September – “Feeling Groovy”**

You have probably spent most of the Covid-19 pandemic finishing those UFOs, creating charity quilts, learning new techniques, or even finally cleaning out / organizing your quilt room. After all this fun, now you are paying the price with nagging stiffness in your body. In recognition of National Yoga Month, learn some basic and wonderful ways to ease the stiffness so you can enjoy many years of quilting. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a 6’ strap (or sew two 2.5” strips of fabric together) and be ready to feel marvelous! Assistants appreciated; please contact Dawn Griffin.

### **October – “Strut Your Stuff!”**

A guild wide trunk show featuring bags, purses, totes, pouches and other quilty creations. We all have a great bag, purse or tote, especially the one of a kind type that we make with our beautiful quilt fabrics. Now is the time to come strut your stuff and show us your favorites. We also want to see your crafty creations such as sewing machine covers, thread catchers, organizers, etc. You may just walk away with some last-minute holiday gift ideas.

### **November – “Happy Fall Y’all.”**

Nothing says fall quite like warm savory beverages, trees ablaze in color and a nip in the air (and let’s not forget less humidity). Share your favorite fall inspired quilt items that you made in the past. Using your fabric scraps, consider creating the Easy Maple Leaf Quilt Block Pattern and decorate your own reusable market shopping bag. *Have different patterns to share – please feel free to contribute your ideas and method.* Check out <http://www.bijoulovelydesigns.com/2010/05/market-tote-tutorial.html> and <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/maple-leaf-quilt-pattern-4145689>. Please contact Dawn Griffin.

**December - End of Year Fun and What’s to Come.**

## 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	Selena Foo
	Bits and Pieces @ Temple Israel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:00 – 4:30 pm	Jeanne Brenner
<b>Saturday</b>	Sew for HOPE St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road	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.

## Denyse Schmidt Workshops List

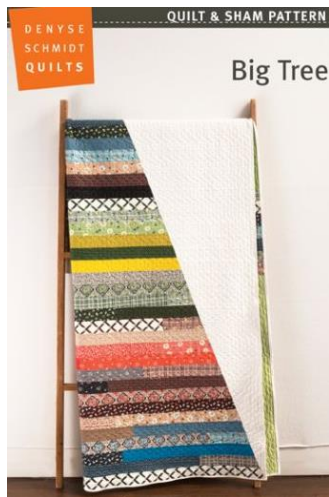
As noted on page 2, review the following list, and let Ellen Fournier know which two are your favorites.

▫ *A Different Stripe (Intuitive Piecing)*

Join Denyse for a hands-on day of sewing and fun, as she shows you how to improvise her A Different Stripe quilt pattern. The motto for this class is “sew more, think less” – learn to trust your intuition, build your creative confidence, and streamline your patchwork process! You’ll easily produce enough blocks for a crib or throw-size quilt and go home armed with momentum and inspiration to apply to all your patchwork projects.



▫ *Big Tree (Piecing)*



Strength, stability, resilience, and continuity – the rings of a tree tell a story. The beauty of this quilt lies in the layering of texture, pattern, and rich color with a bold, graphic shape. Combine and contrast various prints to show your unique visual story! In this pattern-based workshop, Denyse will guide you through the process of working with long strips and show you how to easily build the tree shape, and finally how to trim out the large shapes needed for the quilt top.

▫ *Cog + Wheel Quilt-Along Workshop (Piecing)*

Inspired by a quilt pattern from 1902, Cog + Wheel hurtles us back to the industrial age with a playfully bold graphic that rolls right on any bed.

Spend the day with Denyse making your own version of her Cog + Wheel quilt pattern! We'll discuss ways to organize our color/fabric selections, and how to vary the layout of blocks to individualize your quilt. Denyse will guide you through cutting and piecing, and we'll have time to discuss how quilts reflect our culture and historic context.



▫ *Free-Wheeling Single Girl (Piecing with Improvisation)*

Learn to improvise Denyse's best-selling (and beloved) Single Girl pattern. Learn how to bypass the repetitive tracing & cutting of dozens of pattern pieces and transform the patchwork process into an in-the-moment creative flow. This simple technique will have you stitching up Single Girl blocks quickly and easily





and change your perspective about any quilt pattern! You'll receive hands-on guidance and instruction in creating your FWSG, including options for overall composition and finishing your project at home. This workshop is suitable for advanced beginner, intermediate, and experienced sewists.

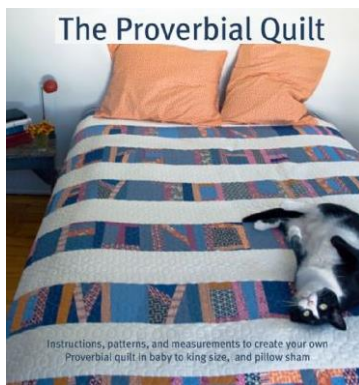
▫ *Hills 'n' Hollers (Needle-Turn Applique)*

Spend the day with Denyse Schmidt making your own version of her Hills 'n' Hollers quilt pattern. We'll discuss ways to organize your color/fabric selections, and how to vary the layout of hills and rows to individualize your

quilt. Denyse will demonstrate ways to baste, and the needle-turn appliqué technique, and we'll look at options for ways of organizing your color/fabric choices. Mostly we'll have a lovely, lively day of hand-stitching and fun!



▫ *The Proverbial Quilt (Piecing with Improvisation)*



The Proverbial Quilt is inspired by early "talking" quilts. These quilts often featured quotes from the Bible, or commemorated public events. Denyse's version is an amalgamation of proverbs and fortunes from cookies, and the original pattern includes the entire alphabet so you can "customize, personalize, editorialize, or memorialize. You can even (if you must) dispense advice. And they can sleep on it." Long before Denyse created this pattern, she made her first Proverbial Quilt and improvised all her letters. During this workshop,

she'll show you how easy it is to create your letters this way. It's so much faster, and tons of fun! Come prepared with an idea of what you want to "say" with your finished project, and she'll get you started! Or create the phrase as shown on her pattern: "When we are flat on our backs, the only way to look is up. Find release from your cares, tomorrow is another day".

▫ *Woven Quilt (Piecing)*

Denyse's Woven Quilt pattern is a tribute to historic coverlets made in New England mills near where she grew up and woven by hand around the US. The graphic effect of this pattern can be softened or accentuated by fabric choices – choose two solid fabrics close in hue or value for a quieter effect, or strong complimentary colors for maximum impact. You can also make this pattern in a range of print fabrics. Your choice! In this workshop Denyse will

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guide you through color or fabric choice/placement and show you the most efficient methods of making the sections that compose Woven. You won't complete your quilt top in the workshop, but you'll be well on your way to doing so once you get home.

### ▫ *Hawaiian Style (Needle-Turn Applique)*

The women of the Hawaiian Islands developed a uniquely bold style of quilting characterized by large, stylized botanical motifs. In this 3-hour workshop, you'll get started on a pillow-sized square featuring a fun Hawaiian-style motif and get plenty of practice toward mastering Denyse's favorite needle-turn appliqué method. She'll guide you through working with a simplified version of the motif featured in her second book, *Modern Quilts, Traditional Inspiration*, cutting and basting your motif, and teaching you the meditative and portable method of needle-turn appliqué. Plan on making a pillow or wall-hanging size block 24 inches square.

