

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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*Next Meeting: January 13, 2022, Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

## *President's Message*

Happy New Year to you and QU!

The beginning of any new year seems like a good time to get organized. Closets, pantries, finances, photos, workout routines, and more can all get a little untidy during the holiday season.

For quilters, getting organized can mean lots of things. Did your mind immediately go to your UFOs or your fabric stash?

Maybe your **calendar** or calendar app could also use some quilterly attention.

- Mark those second Thursdays now with a big "QU"!
- Check your Sit-n-Stitch dates and add them next.
- Put "save the date" on May 13 & 14 in case you decide that you just might want to attend a workshop with nationally known quilt teacher Denyse Schmidt.
- Plan your visit to the City Hall show (and which of your quilts you'd like to see on display there June 28 – Sept 6.)

Organize your quilting **ambitions!** Do you want to finish 2022 knowing that you:

- ✦ Learned a new free-motion quilting motif,
- ✦ Taught a beginner how to sew quarter-inch seams,
- ✦ Worked on a quilt for someone in need of comfort,
- ✦ Made each block of the month,

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### • 2022 Officers

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*Silent Auction:* Linda Stright

*Sit & Stitch:* Terri Smith

*Sunshine:* Wendy Stone

*Welcoming:* Evelyn Gonzalez

### • 2022 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees

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*Fiscal Planning:* President, Pres-Elect,  
Treasurer, 1 Member-at-large TBD

*Nominating:* Michele Hackmeyer

*Parties:* Melanie Hierholzer

*Travel:* TBD

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- ✦ Participated in the guild's Challenge, Silent Auction, and/or Annual Show,
- ✦ Included one of the national shows in your travels?

How will you make those dreams a reality in 2022?

Whatever your plans, please take a few minutes to pay your dues if you haven't already done so. (You can pay with a card on our website at <https://quilttallahassee.com/membership/forms/dues-payments/> or mail a check to P.O. Box 12181; Tallahassee, FL 32317.) Quilters Unlimited is going to have a great year — make plans now to be part of it!

I'm humbled to be starting a year as your Guild president. But I think I'll be along for the ride as much as leading this year, thanks to all the marvelous QU quilters who have stepped up to run committees and other efforts. Take a look at the list of all the officers and committee chairs on page one of the newsletter. It's really encouraging to know we're in this together!

Sue Isaac

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## Honor a Veteran with a Quilt of Valor

One of our local Quilt of Valor awardees wanted to honor his best buddy, a veteran, who happens to live in Utah. I told him of the online registration site, and he submitted the request. Unfortunately, the reply he received was that it would be 6 to 16 months before his request could be fulfilled.

I called a friend who contacted a Quilt of Valor representative in Utah and arrangements were made. I mailed a quilt, the Utah representative contacted the veteran, and that is how Raymond Brown received his Quilt of Valor barely a month after the request was made.

I convey this story for a purpose: there are far more veterans than quilts. Please join in our effort to honor our veterans by making a Quilt of Valor. In July 2022 we will need several which need to be completed by June 2022. Please remember to use red, white, and blue fabrics. No flannel. And the preferred size is at least 60 by 70 inches.

Roberta Granville

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## 2022 Guild Meeting Programs

Wendy Stone and Dawn Griffin have collaborated in developing the QU Meeting Programs for 2022. It has been revised to accommodate the recently added May guest speaker. Check out the list for the entire year, plan to bring a related show and tell item, and assist where you can. Thank you!

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*Want to give a big hug to someone who needs one? Make a quilt or a pillowcase for one of our philanthropy projects.*



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## Block of the Month—Windmill Block

Let's start the 2022 Block of the Month with a low-stress windmill block. Every piece is the same size and the sub-units are identical—all the action is in the layout.

1. From each of two contrasting 10" (layer cake) squares cut 2 rectangles 6 ½" by 3 ½".
2. From background fabric cut 4 rectangles 6 ½" by 3 ½".
3. Using scant ¼" seams, sew a background rectangle to each layer cake rectangle along the long side. Press seam to the dark side.



4. Lay out the four squares like this:



5. Using scant ¼" seams, sew together the top-row squares, press seam to the vertical rectangle. Repeat for the bottom-row squares.
6. Using scant ¼" seams, sew top section to bottom section; press seam open.
7. Trim to 12 ½" if necessary.

### Here is a review of the 2022 Block of the Month plan:

I recommend starting with 24 10" squares from a layer cake set or other coordinating prints, plus a couple yards of a neutral background that complements the prints. I have chosen a Kaffe Fassett layer cake in the Emperor colorway, and Kona Snow as the neutral background. Here is a not-so-good photo of my windmill block:



Each 2022 block will be made from two 10" squares plus a neutral background, and they will all finish at 12 ½". By using coordinating prints for the blocks, you will end up with 12 blocks that will coordinate for a 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 10" squares plus background fabric. Some patterns will be very simple, and others will be a more demanding but there will be no applique, no curved piecing, and no paper piecing (thank goodness!)

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Instead of having a drawing for the squares each month, I suggest that each quilter should keep their squares and make a quilt with the finished set or use them for some other quilty purpose.

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, or to make more squares.

Ellen Fournier, Block of the Month Chair

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## Recent Quilt of Valor Presentations

**Dawn Hoch Carrion:** On Monday, November 22, 2021, a Quilt of Valor was awarded to Dawn Hoch Carrion at her home in Kennesaw, Georgia. Dawn served 14 years in the U.S. Army, exiting as a 1st Lieutenant. She served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Her quilt was made and quilted by Susan H. She is shown with her husband, Joseph, who is also a veteran.



**Charles Edward Darnell, Jr:** Charles Edward Darnell, Jr. was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on December 4th, 2021. Mr. Darnell served in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Air Force for a total of 21 years, which included assignment in Viet Nam. After retiring as an E6 Tech Sergeant, he continued to serve his country as a police officer.

His quilt was made and quilted by Julie F. He is shown with his wife, Helen.



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**Melford Johnson:** Retired Colonel Melford Johnson of the U.S. Marine Corps was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on Saturday, December 4, 2021. He served in Viet Nam, flew 640 combat missions, and earned multiple service awards. He retired from service after 35 years. He also served in the Persian Gulf during the Iran Hostage conflict. He is shown with his daughter Leslie.

His quilt was made by Roberta G. and Jeanne B. It was quilted by Sarah P.



QOV information submitted by Roberta Granville.

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## February 10 Program “I ♥ Quilting” – Assistants Needed

Volunteer demonstrators are needed to share methods used in creating their favorite hearts, whether by paper piecing, applique, crumb piecing, trapunto, or in the quilting. See the full description of February's program on pages 6-7, and if you have a special heart pattern and/or technique, be sure to contact Dawn Griffin.

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## From the Philanthropy Chair

Greetings and Best Wishes for 2022. My heartfelt thanks to all who gave time, material, and creative energy to 2021.

Kits are being created for quilt tops with fabrics provided or your own fabric, if preferred. Batting and backing fabrics are available for completed tops from our donated inventory.

You can quilt yourself, as always, or hand off to be quilted by others who have offered their services. If you wish to bind for yourself and/or for others, please let me know.

Please call or text or email Ann Gaber to arrange for Pick-ups and Drop-offs (see directory for contact information).



## 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 **January 29, 2022**.

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.

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



2022 Guild Calendar	
<b>WHERE:</b>	Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A unless otherwise noted.
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
January 13	Quarantine Trunk Show
February 10	"I ♥ Quilting." <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	Guest Speaker: Denyse Schmidt
June 9	"Feeling Groovy": Learn basic ways to ease body stiffness.
July 14	Quilts of Valor presentations
August 11	2022 Challenge Quilt Reveal
September 8	Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna
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.

Jane Jordan has graciously offered to demonstrate her paper-pieced heart pattern creating 6" x 6" & 12" x 12" square patterns. Dawn Griffin will be demonstrating a 4" x 4" paper-pieced heart pattern technique.

Copies of these patterns along with some scrap fabrics will be available at the January guild meeting. After learning any one or more of the demonstrated techniques, use the provided fabrics along with any complementary fabric you have at home to practice making several 4" x 4", 6" x 6" and/or 12" x 12" squares. Bring the finished squares back to the March/April meetings. Completed squares will be sewn together, quilted, and donated towards the QU Show Silent Auction or another guild supported charity.

### **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 – Guest Speaker**

Denyse Schmidt, author, quilt pattern and fabric designer, and creator of custom and couture quilts.

### **June – “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.

### **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 – 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.

**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.

## Philanthropy Photo Gallery

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair, submitted these pictures of quilts recently submitted to our charity partners. Additionally, 57 pillowcases have been taken to Hospice!

### Veterans' Lap Quilts and Hospice

Veteran's Lap Quilt, Jeanne Brenner



Hospice, Carol Eskola



Two more for Hospice by Carol Eskola



Hospice, Roberta Granville



## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Cindy



Loretta





Georgie



Peggy Clark



May McLaren



Carol Eskola





Carol Eskola



Julie Fredrickson



Karen Skinner



Roberta Granville





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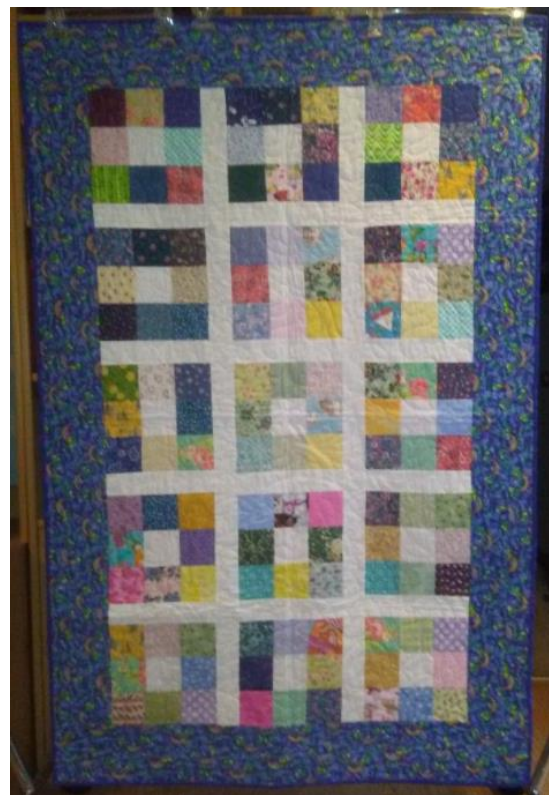
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Two by Linda Woods & Christy Gregg



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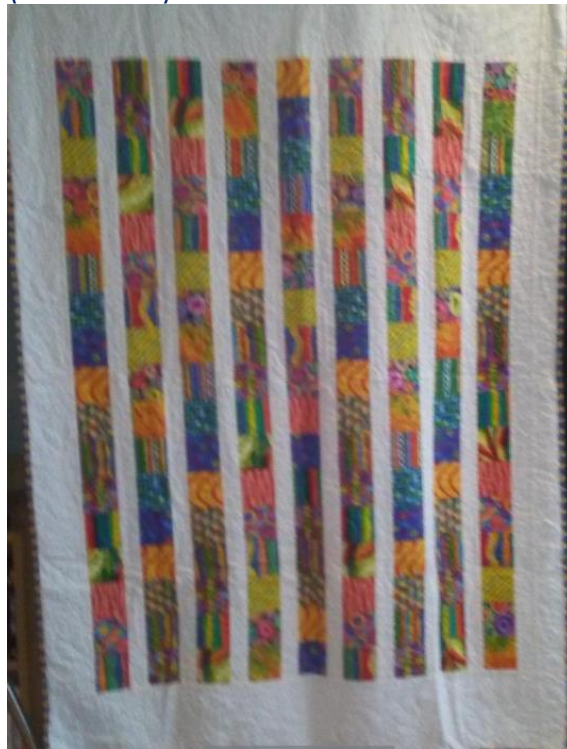
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