

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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**Next Meeting: February 10, 2022, Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting**

## President's Message

Valentine's Day brings out the poet (or doggerel-writer) in some of us in February. For your enjoyment (or groans): a limerick, a haiku, and a sonnet on quilting, by yours truly. For actual guild information, I refer you to the website with its calendar and so much more, and to the very informative articles in the rest of this newsletter!

Bargello, or modern, or bygone,  
or sequins additional sewn on,  
with love it's always built,  
you can't beat a gift quilt!  
(an item not rivaled by Amazon)

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Sensuous fabric  
Touching the eyes of the soul  
So hard, that first cut!  
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At guild last night you learned a fun technique  
(a small machine can quilt for beds king-size),  
saw show-and-tell of projects quite unique,  
went home with new ideas as your door prize.

You found a way to comfort those in need  
with lap or bigger quilts for those in bed —  
their first (a bunk) or last (hospice decreed) —  
with every stitch you take some joy is spread.

With hue and shade and tint and tone in play,  
you think on contrast, symmetry, and scale.  
Though oft the seam ripper has had its day,  
your vision, once it's bound, does still prevail.

But friendship, more than stitches, holds us near.  
It's quilters, not just quilts that draw us here.

Sue Isaac



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**Nominating:** Michele Hackmeyer

**Parties:** Melanie Hierholzer

**Travel:** TBD

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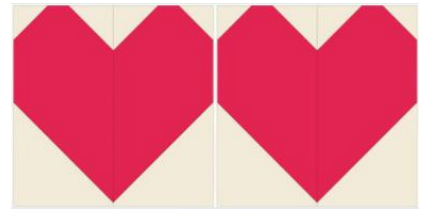
## February Program: I ♥ Quilting

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 you previously made, plan to make or any special quilt tool you like to use! Feel free to bring individually wrapped sweets/treats to share.

*Volunteer demonstrators are still needed to share methods in creating their favorite hearts – such as appliqué, crumb piecing or in the quilting. Please contact Dawn Griffin.*

**Here are some techniques that will be demonstrated.** Members will rotate from one table to another staying about 10 minutes at each table.

**Jane Jordan & Dawn Griffin** – 4" x 4", 6" x 6" & 12" x 12" paper-pieced heart pattern technique of sewing fabrics to a paper foundation to stabilize the quilt block due to unusual geometric shapes, small pieces, or odd angles on a bias.



**Karen Kunz** - English paper piecing (EPP) involves stabilizing fabric pieces with paper before sewing them into intricate designs. It is most effective for shapes that do not have long straight sides, and it will require numerous set-in corners, such as hexagons. Because EPP is done by hand, it makes a terrific on-the-go project.

**Pam Doffek** – Trapunto, from the Italian word for "to quilt," is a method of quilting that is also called "stuffed technique." A puffy, decorative feature, trapunto utilizes at least two layers, the underside of which is slit and padded, producing a raised surface on the quilt.



**Ann Gaber** - Strip method technique using selected prints, sewn together in narrow horizontal bands, and then cut vertically. Bands are shifted up and down next to each other and shortening some as needed to make the shape of a heart.

There will be a table of donated valentine inspired fabric that members can take to create block(s) at home (from the various heart blocks demonstrated at the meeting). These blocks of various sizes could be returned at the March/April meeting. The collected heart blocks will be used to make quilts for guild sponsored activities (silent auction/Sleep in Heavenly Peace, etc.)

For more inspiration, check out <https://www.americanquilter.com/blog/patterns/> for additional heart patterns!



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Don't miss the "freebie" in the classified ads on page 16!

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## February Block of the Month—Courthouse Steps

February's block is a classic pattern known as courthouse steps, housetop, or log cabin. In order to make a 12.5" block from the 10" layer cake squares some piecing of the strips is required. I used a solid 10" square for "square B" to contrast with the Kaffe Fassett print square A.

### Materials:

From the layer cake set:

- two 10" squares, contrasting but complementary

From the background fabric:

- two 1.5" width of fabric strips

### Cutting instructions:

Square A:

- one 2.5"x2.5" square
- two 1.5"x6.5" strips
- four 1.5"x5.5" strips

Square B

- two 1.5"x4.5" strips
- two 1.5"x8.5" strips
- two 1.5"x10" strips
- one 6"x1.75" rectangle,  
cut into four 1.5"x1.75" strips

Background Fabric

- two 1.5" x2.5" strips
- two 1.5"x4.5" strips
- two 1.5"x6.5" strips
- two 1.5"x8.5" strips
- two 1.5"x10.5" strips



### Strip Assembly:

Square A:

- Join the 5.5" strips to make two 10.5" strips

Square B

- Sew a 1.75" strip to each end of the two 10" strips to make two 12.5" strips

**Check the lengths of these strips and adjust as needed.**

### Block Assembly

- Sew a 2.5" background strip to either side of the Square A 2.5" square. Press seams to the square.
- Sew a 4.5" Square B strip to either long side of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 4.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 6.5" Square A strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.

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- Sew a 6.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew an 8.5" Square B strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.

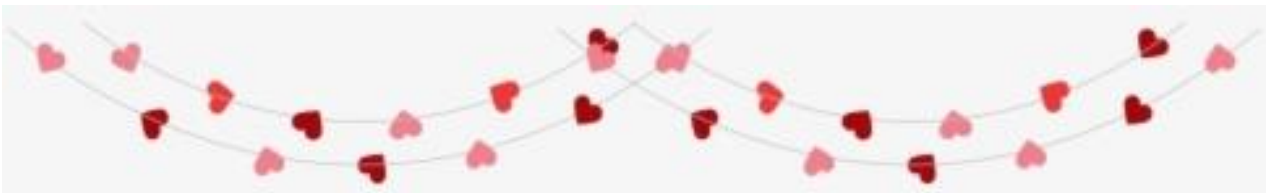
***The block should measure 8.5"x8.5" at this point. This is a good place to adjust if needed.***

- Sew an 8.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 10.5" Square A strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 10.5" background strip to the "background strip" sides of the square you just made. Press seams to the outside.
- Sew a 12.5" Square B strip to the long sides of the rectangle you just made. Press seams to the outside.

*The block should measure 12.5"x12.5" at this point. Trim to adjust if needed.*

Ellen Fournier, Block of the Month Chair

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## 2020-2022 QU Challenge Quilt

The QU Challenge Quilt rules are still on sale. Supplies are limited.

The theme is "Jazz It Up". Cost is \$5. As always, all monies from the sale of the rules goes to the cash prizes for our winners. This will provide you the rules and "secret" details of this year's challenge. Please remember to keep the secret details of the challenge to yourself, but I will assure everyone that the possibilities are limitless.

The challenge is open to all QU members who purchase the rules. This time, two-person team quilts will be allowed. (Both members must purchase rules.) Novice to Expert, Traditional to Art Quilters...if you quilt, you can participate!

Quilts must be completed by the late summer timeframe (exact meeting date determined after museum show dates are confirmed). Remember, we started this challenge in 2020, so if you purchased back then, you are still in.

If you have any questions, just email, call or see me at the meeting.

Kerry Cohen

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## Recent Quilt of Valor Presentations

**Augustine Clark:** Augustine Clark, a 20 year veteran of the U.S. Army, was awarded a Quilt of Valor at her home on January 22, 2022. A retired lieutenant colonel, Augustine was assigned to bases throughout the U.S. as well as being deployed to Honduras, Haiti, Ecuador, Peru, and Kuwait.

Her quilt was made by Janet Pearce, Teri Cheney, and Dana Miller.

Augustine is pictured with her husband, Charles Clark, Jr.



**Charles Clark Jr:** Charles Clark Jr, also was awarded a Quilt of Valor on January 22, 2022. A U.S Army veteran, Charles served for 16 years exiting as a Sergeant First Class, He took part in the first Desert Storm and was called up for the second Desert Storm.

His quilt was also made by Janet Pearce, Teri Cheney, and Dana Miller.

Charles is pictured with his wife, Augustine.



QOV information submitted by Roberta Granville.

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**In Memoriam – Charles Edward Darnell, Jr:** We reported in our January newsletter that, on 12/4/2021, Charles Edward Darnell, Jr. of the Marines and the Air Force was awarded a Quilt of Valor. We have learned that Mr. Darnell passed away in January, and we extend our condolences to his daughter, Karen Murphy, and his wife, Helen. Karen commented that it was “unbelievable that just a month ago we had this wonderful presentation for my dad. We didn’t even know he was sick then. Now I hate to say, he’s gone.”

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## Are you interested in meeting and sewing with some of your fellow guild members?

Bits and Pieces and the Big Bend Hospice sewing groups are meeting on February 10 (the afternoon of the guild meeting) at the Dr. B. L. Perry Library conference room from noon to 4 PM. We will be working on lap quilts for the kids receiving bunk beds from Sleep in Heavenly Peace and for local hospice patients.

Experienced quilters, those learning the ropes and everyone in between are welcome to join in the fun. If you can bring your machine, please bring the usual sewing needs, scissors, thread, pins, extension cord... If your machine is too heavy to tote, there will be opportunities to iron, cut, and assist those who are sewing. Or if you prefer, you may bring your own project to work on.

Masks are requested.

The Dr B.L. Perry library is located at 2817 South Adams just south of Orange Ave. across from the US Post Office. There is free parking and a drop off point by the front door.

Children in the library’s reading project will come to visit us after our meeting to see just what quilts are-a tie-in to the book *Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson. If anyone would like to stay and participate, please do.

Our next sit and stitch meeting will be at the Eastside library on Tuesday, March 1 from 11 to 3:30.

We are bouncing from one location to another and deciding on future dates as we go. Hope you can join us at one or both of these planned gatherings!

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## The 36th Annual Opportunity Quilt

Jazzy Gardens is an adaption of the Piece o’ Cake pattern Aunt Millie’s Garden. It is a hand appliqued and hand quilted undertaking. More than 20 QU members donated their fabric and sewing skills to create the opportunity quilt for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital City Quilt Show. Several events have postponed this event...namely the outbreak of Covid and continued roof leaks at the Museum of Florida History.

This quilt will be exhibited at all guild meetings until a new Capital City Quilt Show actually starts. Please stop by to see the craftsmanship of our members.

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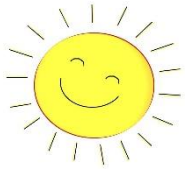
Tickets are available for a donation of \$2.00 for one or \$5.00 for three at the meetings and at the show. A drawing for an extra

3 tickets will happen at any meeting where more than 10 tickets are purchased. The winning ticket will be drawn on the last day of the 36<sup>th</sup> show.

It has been a pleasure to have this residing in in my closet, but it needs to go to a home where it will be enjoyed.

Jeanne Brenner, opportunity quilt chairman

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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!

Shelley Woodyard

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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **February 26, 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.

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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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<b>2022 Guild Calendar</b>	
<b>WHERE:</b>	Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A unless otherwise noted.
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
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

**February – "I ♥ Quilting." *How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways!***

**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**

(Note: pending the Museum Quilt Show dates, the July and August programs may be reversed.)

**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	Time and Place Currently Vary – Check with group's contact for details.	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, 17 more pillowcases have been taken to Hospice! A message from Ann follows below.

Thanks to all who contributed these lovely quilts and pillowcases! My apologies for any errors in identifying the makers.

I attempt to attach a note naming the piecer, the quilter, and the binder, to each quilt as it is received. However, if you could write that information and attach it to the quilts you turn in, it would be helpful.

Jeanne Brenner has prepared 4 cool kits for strip attachment to fleece or flannel that are at my house, and I have made up some kits as well in case anyone would like a ready-to-go project.

Joy,

Ann Gaber

### Neonatal

Two by Clark and Taylor



### Veteran Lap Quilts

Hawker and Tate



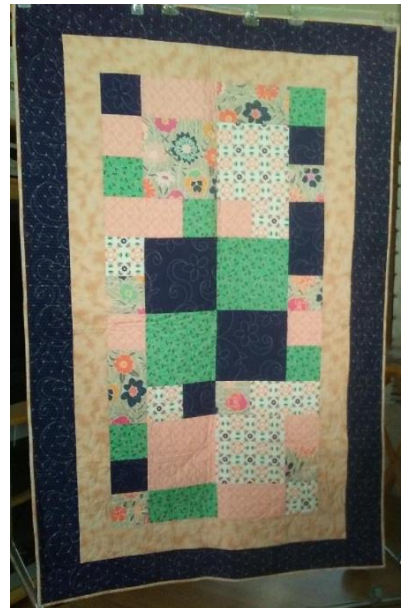
Two by Brenner, Fredrickson, and Klob





## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Six by Granville, Fredrickson, Granville (piecing, quilting, binding)





Meers, Fredrickson, Hawker, Dickerson



Meers, Fredrickson, Dickerson



Two by McLaren, Fredrickson, Klob



Griffin, Fredrickson, Klob





Joseph, Fredrickson, Klob



Klob, Fredrickson, Klob



Jeanne Brenner



Jeanne Brenner



Two by Kate Taluga



Peggy Clark



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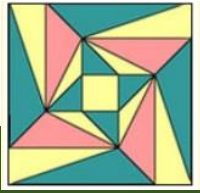
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Be sure to join us on February 10<sup>th</sup> for “I ♥ Quilting.”

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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*Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.  
See Directory for Specific Contact Information*

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### Free Items

#### Q-Snap Floor Frames

Connie Beane is looking for homes for TWO **FREE** Q-Snap floor frames for quilting. These lightweight (10.5 pounds) PVC frames, which are still in their original cartons, measure 28"x39"x31" high. Ribbed PVC clamps tighten the quilt in the frame. Snap one of these up by contacting Connie Beane by email or phone, as listed in the membership directory.

#### Classified Ads -- Instructions

**Only Guild Members can list items for sale, for services, or "free-to-a-good-home".** How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor at [newsletter@quilttallahassee.com](mailto:newsletter@quilttallahassee.com). Briefly describe the item and asking price.

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

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