

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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

## *President's Message*

Quilters Unlimited is alive and thriving in 2022! I can't take credit, but I'm delighted to tell your stories. Membership and attendance are trending up, so remember your nametag! There are 99 paid members so far for 2022. Attendance was 30 in January and 41 in February. And are you ever busy!

During February four Sit-N-Stitch groups plus one individual enhanced six libraries' story times on the book *Show Way*, that tells how quilts helped slaves find freedom. Thanks to all involved, including Terri Smith who coordinated it for this community service!

Don't forget to bring back those paper-pieced ♥s you've been making (along with your block of the month)! Thanks go to all who prepared and gave amazing demonstrations of heart-patterned blocks! February's meeting also showed us a new project: headbands that take face-mask pressure off health-care workers' ears. Instructions are on the website at: <https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/quilters-unlimited-philanthropy/>.

March 12's program on fidget quilts by Jane Kazmer sounds interesting to me. I'm always up for something new. At that meeting you'll also be able to pick up your directory. Don't miss it!

QU will have a booth at the Woodville Founders' Festival on Saturday, March 14. Thanks, Pam Doffek, for bringing this opportunity to the Guild's attention! If you haven't signed up, please call or text me. There's room for one or two more for each two-hour shift. And while you're there, check out QU's own Nancy Redig's booth Halimeda's Oasis.

Denyse Schmidt, a nationally known quilter/teacher, will be giving her presentation at the Guild meeting in May, followed by two workshops. Details are on the website. **HEADS UP:** *That May 12 meeting will take place at Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Rd. Many of you remember that the Guild met there for a while. Thanks, Sandra Tate, for getting us a great big location.*



Sue Isaac



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## Lecture and Workshops Coming in May

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. She will present a talk entitled *The Thread—My Creative Journey* on Thursday, May 12 at Timberlane Church of Christ at our Quilters Unlimited May meeting. Based on your feedback we have decided to offer her workshops “Cog + Wheel” and “Woven”, both pieced quilts inspired by historic quilt patterns and textiles. If you are unfamiliar with her work, you can see examples of her quilts and read about her at her [website](#).

### **Cog + Wheel Quilt Workshop**

May 13, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Woodville Community Center

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! She will discuss ways to organize your color/fabric selections, and how to vary the layout of blocks to individualize your quilt. She will guide you through cutting and piecing, and we'll have time to discuss how quilts reflect our culture and historic context.



For Quilters Unlimited members the fee for this workshop is \$110, which includes the quilt pattern. An optional acrylic template set can be purchased for \$45.

### **Woven Quilt Workshop**

May 14, 10 a.m. at the Woodville Community Center

The Woven Quilt pattern is a tribute to historic coverlets made in New England mills near where Denyse Schmidt 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 she will 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.

For Quilters Unlimited members the fee for this workshop is \$110, which includes the quilt pattern.

Ellen Fournier, Workshop Chair



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## March Program: Fidget Quilts by Jane Kazmer

Jane Kazmer organized workshops at Westminster Oaks that resulted in numerous fidget quilts being created for memory care residents. She 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.

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## The QU Challenge Quilt is a GO!!

Even with the uncertainty on the annual show at the Museum of Florida History, we WILL have the challenge quilt reveal and QU voting at our July meeting.

Quilts must be completed by the July 14 meeting. Further details on showing will be in future newsletters.

The theme is Jazz It Up. Rules are still on sale for \$5. As always, all monies from the sale of the rules goes to the cash prizes for our winners. Supplies are limited. Remember, we started this challenge in 2020, so if you purchased back then, you are still in.

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.)

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

Kerry Cohen

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## Lanark Village Quilt Show

The Lanark Village Wandering Star Quilters are having a quilt show on Saturday, March 19, at Chillas Hall, 156-A Heffernan Drive in Lanark Village. The show includes a drawing for their "One Fish, Two Fish" raffle quilt, with a portion of the tickets benefitting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association. Handcrafted items are available for purchase and there will be lunch and refreshment concessions.

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## City Hall Quilt Show is June 29-September 5, 2022

It's great to be back in "show biz." By the first week in March online applications should be available. An email blast and an announcement at the guild meeting will go out as reminders when we are live. Remember you need a dowel with eye hooks on the ends to hang your quilt. Flat slats do not work well. Remember that it is a small space and queen size quilts don't hang well on dowels.

May 6 is the application deadline and quilt drop off will be at my house on June 25. If anyone would like to help transport the quilts to city hall on the 28th it would be greatly appreciated. COCA handles the publicity for this show and they will arrange the quilt hanging process.

Lyn Geariety, Show Chair

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## Quilt of Valor Presentations

**Wilbur L. Rentz:** Wilbur L. Rentz, a retired Master Sergeant of the U.S. Air Force was awarded a Quilt of Valor on January 26, 2022. Mr. Rentz served 26 years, having joined the service December 1, 1941. He served in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. His quilt was made and quilted by Julie F. The picture shows from left to right: Wilbur Rentz, wife Ann, son Bill, and daughter Shirley Neel. Mr. Rentz is 102 years old.



**Michelle Carter:** Michelle Carter, who served 17 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, was awarded a Quilt of Valor on February 18, 2022 at her home in Tallahassee. Michelle served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, exiting the Corps as a Staff Sergeant E6. Michelle's quilt was made and quilted by Julie Fredrickson.

QOV information submitted by Roberta Granville.

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## The 38th Annual Opportunity Quilt

Jazzy Gardens is an adaption of the Piece o' Cake pattern Aunt Millie's Garden. It is a hand applied and hand quilted undertaking. More than 20 QU members donated their fabric and sewing skills to create the opportunity quilt for the 38<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.

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 38<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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## Mirror, Mirror -- March Block of the Month

March's block has bilateral symmetry—the right side is a mirror image of the left side. It uses half-square triangles made two at a time. This technique shows up often in quilting blocks, [here](#) is a link to a video tutorial. I used two 10" Kaffe Fassett layer cake print squares for "square A" and "square B," and Kona "Snow" for the background fabric.

### Materials:

From the layer cake set or other print fabrics:

- two 10" squares, contrasting but complimentary

From the background fabric:

- one 5" width of fabric strip (there will be some left over)

### Cutting instructions:

Square A **and** Square B:

- two 4"x4" squares
- two 2"x3.5" rectangles

Background Fabric

- four 4"x4" squares
- four 3.5"x5" rectangles



### Half-square Triangle Assembly:

- Pair the A and B 4" squares with background 4" squares. Turn the background square wrong side up (if there is a right and wrong side) and mark a diagonal line along the back. Sandwich the A and B squares right sides together with the background squares, with the background square on top.
- Sew a scant ¼" seam **along each side** of the drawn line. Cut along the line, open the half-square blocks, and press seams open.
- Trim the blocks to 3.5" using the 45° line on a quilting ruler. Align the 45° line with the seam of the half-square triangle unit and trim down to 3.5", making sure each fabric is exactly ½ of the square. (See the [tutorial](#) if you want a visual demonstration.)

### Block Assembly

- Pair the A and B rectangles and sew together, right sides facing, along a long edge. Press open to make a 3.5"x3.5" square. Press seam open.
- Sew a 5"x3.5" background rectangle to either side of the squares you just made. Make sure the A and B pieces are horizontal. Press seams to the inside.
- Sew the Half-square triangle units together in strips, then sew the strips together, as shown (Figure 1). Press seams in the opposite direction for each strip so they will nest together.

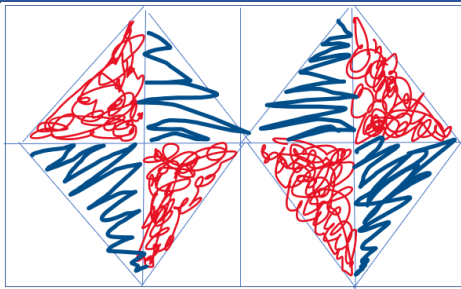


Figure 1

- Sew the horizontal strips to the top and bottom of the half-square triangle section. Make sure the pattern that is on top is also on the bottom, to emphasize the mirror effect (Figure 2).



Figure 2

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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## Friendship Star Quilters – Challenge Quilt Display

Friendship Star Quilters will be holding their 3 Crayola Crayon Challenge reveal at the Quilt Peddler from February 28 thru March 31, 2022.

You are invited to attend the wine and cheese reception Friday, March 11 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Shop hours are 10 to 6 Monday to Friday and Saturday 10 to 4. Address is: 2915 Kerry Forest Parkway, suite 605, Tallahassee.

Stop in to admire our creative efforts and vote for your favorite challenge quilt.

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## A donation has been made to QU of a Pfaff 16.0 Freestyle Quilter.

We would like to loan it to someone who would be willing to quilt some of the charity quilts as a volunteer effort (i.e., Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Big Bend Hospice, Veteran Lap Quilts, Quilts of Valor, etc.). It would also be available to that person for personal use.

The tension does present some problem where it is fine for a while and then gets very loopy on the back. One of our members has tried to resolve this problem with, sadly, no luck. We are hoping someone else might be willing to try and figure out why the tension does not hold. A full spec sheet and manual can be provided along with some notes about bobbin solutions I found online.

Basic specs are: 8.25" x 16" throat, main table is about 36" x 30", and extension table is 36" x 30".

To discuss, please refer to the QU Directory for contact information for Ann Gaber.

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*Psssst... There's a great buy in the Classified Ads on the last page for all you Singer Featherweight owners!*

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## QU Library

We still have hundreds of books available to be checked out. The list of books can be viewed by using the links on the Guild Library page, [Guild Library \(quilttallahassee.com\)](http://quilttallahassee.com). The list is presented in three different versions, in order by title, author, and subject. Just email me, [mbhackmeyer@outlook.com](mailto:mbhackmeyer@outlook.com), and let me know what you want and I'll bring it to the next meeting or we can work out a rendezvous.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

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## Make a Healthcare Worker Happy with an Ear-Saving Headband!



We have a new opportunity for QU members to help healthcare workers by making headbands to keep their masks' elastic bands off of their ears. QU member Janet Taylor's sister (left) and nieces, who work in healthcare, love the comfort of their headbands.

Janet has put together written instructions for making these stylish headbands. The instructions are available on the QU website at the link provided below. You only need 1 Fat Quarter (makes two); batting; ½ inch elastic; 4 buttons (2 of 1 inch; 2 of ½ or ¾ inch).

Janet will be our contact person with our local hospitals to offer these ear-saving headbands to our local healthcare workers.

[Microsoft Word - Making an Ear Saving Headband.docx \(quilttallahassee.com\)](http://quilttallahassee.com)

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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 **March 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.

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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>	Guild Meetings: Leroy Collins Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Room A unless otherwise noted; 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting.
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
February 28 – March 31	Challenge Quilt Display, Friendship Star Quilters Guild, at The Quilt Peddler, 2915 Kerry Forest Parkway, Suite #605 (See March newsletter for details.)
March 10	Guild Meeting -- Fidget Quilts by Jane Kazmer
March 11	Wine & Cheese Reception at The Quilt Peddler for Friendship Star Quilters Guild's Challenge Quilt Show, 4:00-6:00
March 12	Woodville Founders' Festival, 8:30-4:30. See website for full details & address. Link: <a href="http://quilttallahassee.com">Woodville Founders' Festival (quilttallahassee.com)</a>
April 14	Guild Meeting -- By Annie Bags with Mary Stipanovich
May 6	Deadline for applications for the City Hall quilt show
May 12	Guild Meeting -- Lecture, Denyse Schmidt, quilt designer and author <i>at Timberlane Church of Christ</i> , 3569 Timberlane School Road
May 13	Workshop -- Denyse Schmidt Cog and Wheel Quilt, Woodville Community Center, 10:00 - 4:30
May 14	Workshop -- Denyse Schmidt Woven Quilt, Woodville Community Center, 10:00 - 4:30
June 9	Guild Meeting -- "Feeling Groovy": Learn basic ways to ease body stiffness.
June 25	Drop off quilts for City Hall Exhibit – further details including time TBD.
June 29 – Sept 5	City Hall Quilt Show
July 14	Guild Meeting -- Quilts of Valor presentations
August 11	Guild Meeting -- 2022 Challenge Quilt Reveal
September 8	Guild Meeting -- Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna
October 13	Guild Meeting -- "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	Guild Meeting -- "Happy Fall Y'all": Learn to make an easy Maple Leaf quilt block & reusable market shopping bag.
December 8	Guild Meeting -- End of Year Fun and What's to Come

#### **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.

- 2022 Officers  
*President:* Sue Isaac  
*President-Elect:* Peggy Clark  
*Membership:* Peggy Allen  
*Secretary:* Kerry Cohen  
*Treasurer:* Rachel Smith  
*Immediate Past President:* Lyn Geariety
- 2022 Chairs, Standing Committees  
*Annual Quilt Show 2022:* Karen Kunz  
*Annual Quilt Show 2023:* Sue Isaac  
*Internet-Website:* Rachel Smith  
*Internet-Email:* Carol Eskola  
*Internet-Social Media:* Tara Goodman  
*Newsletter:* Carol Eskola  
*Opportunity 2022:* Jeanne Brenner  
*Opportunity 2023:* Jeanne Brenner  
*Philanthropy:* Ann Gaber  
*Programs:* Dawn Griffin & Wendy Stone  
*Publicity:* Tara Goodman  
*Workshops:* Ellen Fournier
- 2022 Chairs, Support Committees  
*Audiovisual:* Michele Hackmeyer  
*Block of the Month:* Ellen Fournier  
*Challenge Quilt:* Kerry Cohen  
*City Hall Show:* Lyn Geariety  
*Directory:* Peggy Allen  
*Door Prizes:* Jane Jordan  
*Library:* Michele Hackmeyer  
*Show & Tell:* Roberta Granville  
*Silent Auction:* Linda Stright  
*Sit & Stitch:* Terri Smith  
*Sunshine:* Shelley Woodyard  
*Welcoming:* Evelyn Gonzalez
- 2022 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees  
*Auditor:* Pam Doffek  
*Awards:* Marsha Walper  
*Fiscal Planning:* President, Pres-Elect, Treasurer, 1 Member-at-large TBD  
*Nominating:* Michele Hackmeyer  
*Parties:* Melanie Hierholzer  
*Travel:* TBD

## 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 9 am-1 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	Day, 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.

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## Philanthropy Photo Gallery

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

### Neonatal

Three by O'Neill, Taylor, and Clark



Three by Marty O'Neill



### Hospice Quilt and Pillowcases

Carol Eskola



Peggy Clark (1<sup>st</sup>), Carol Eskola (remainder)





## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Six by Roberta Granville (piecing & binding) and Julie Fredrickson (quilting)





McLaren, Fredrickson, Brenner



Peggy Allen



Unknown



Kris Klob



Brenner, Fredrickson, Klob



Brenner, Fredrickson, Klob



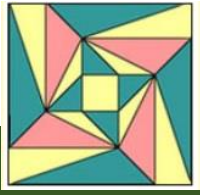
McLaren, Fredrickson, Klob



Karen Skinner







## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

### For Sale

#### Featherweight Extension Table

Sew Steady clear extension table for a Featherweight sewing machine. Original price \$109, asking \$70. Please contact Karen Kunz for more information.



#### 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.

***ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH A SALE OR SERVICES ARE BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.***