

AROUND THE BLOCK

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Next Meeting: August 11, 2022, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message

There Will Be So Much You Don't Want to Miss at the August Guild Meeting!

Challenge Reveal

Who will take home the prizes? I can't wait to vote and see whether the rest of you agree with me. LOL! I'm sure Kerry has more to say about this, but I know this is going to be great!

Bus Trip — The August Meeting —>Is<— the Deadline!

"Go/No-Go" for the bus trip to the Jacksonville QuiltFest on Saturday, September 17 will be decided at the August Guild meeting. **Bring your money (cash or check) for \$60 per person.** You can bring money for a friend who can't make the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, send your money with a friend. If we collect enough money, we'll go. If we don't, we'll give you back your money. Kate Taluga is ready to make the trip a blast if enough of you are ready to pay for a seat.

Save the Date/Sign Up for Jeanne Brenner's Class

Jeanne Brenner will be bringing some options for a class (or two) she'll be teaching. Come let her get your opinion on which will be the most interesting or fun! The class(es) will be on October 8 at Chaires Community Center. Once the selection is made, you'll be able to sign up. Jeanne is a great teacher and this class will be a fantastic bargain — come and see for yourself!

As always, it's a privilege to see all the commitment from our members, especially our officers and chairs. Quilters Unlimited is amazing!

Sue Isaac



Happy Summer!



Challenge Quilts – Reveal at August Program and Quilt Drop off Information

The 2020-2022 “Jazz It Up” Challenge quilt reveal and voting will be held at our August 11th QU guild meeting.

Challenge quilts will be on display at our August meeting. Voting will occur during the social half hour. Come ready to celebrate these “Jazzed Up” quilts and their makers.

Drop Off: Quilts should be dropped off at the meeting location (Temple Israel) **between 3:30 and 5:00** on August 11 (NOTE: earlier than the QU meeting).

Please turn in your finished quilt in a pillowcase with your name written/pinned to it to keep your entry anonymous.

If you have any questions, please contact Kerry Cohen.

Quilter’s Treasure

We got off to a great start at the July meeting. Tickets for the opportunity to win this quarter's Quilter's Treasure will again be available at the Door Prizes sign-up table.

Tickets are \$1 each, or 10 for \$5. There will be a drawing for the lucky winner at the September meeting.

So, please, stop by during the Social Time (6:00-6:30) to check out all the lovely quilt-related items in the hat box.

Jane Jordan, Door Prize Chair



2023 Positions Available

Wanna learn a new position at guild functions? You can serve as a Co-Chair for any of the following positions: Philanthropy, Programs, parties, travel or workshops, or anything you are interested in! We do not want to hold you back. Learning something new or helping out would be great!

President Elect, Peggy Clark

Luncheon and Trunk Show

Friendship Star Quilters invite you to attend a lecture/trunk show and luncheon with National Quilt Teacher Robin Koehler of nestlingsbyrobin. Come enjoy lunch with us, meet Robin and learn about her interesting story with her lecture/trunk show “How Hard Could It Be?”

DATE: Wednesday September 14

TIME: 10:00 - 2:00

LOCATION: St Stephen's Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
2198 N Meridian Rd
Tallahassee FL 32303

COST: \$30

RSVP: Karen Kunz 850-443-4821
Seating is limited

Free to a Good Home!

Please stop by the Free table to check out some of the lovely items donated to the Guild by Barbara Springthorpe, including books, pre-cuts, some yardage, and a few miscellaneous items.

Jane Jordan, Door Prize Chair



More from Our President: A Word on Guild Finances

As you already know, there was no Annual Show at the Museum of Florida History in 2020 or 2021 and there will not be one this year. What we have just learned is that the Museum has been told not to schedule any exhibits for 2023 because the water-intrusion corrections have not been started and it is not known how long they will take.

This affects our finances because the Annual Show was our primary venue for raising money from Opportunity Quilt tickets and the items you made and donated to the Silent Auction. In years gone by, we have brought in approximately \$5,000 from the show each year. So 2023 will be the fourth year in a row that we haven't had this way of bringing money into the treasury. Our dues do not come close to covering all our expenses.

Our expenses continue: insurance, website hosting, and directory printing, among other things, have to be paid every year. We are using Temple Israel this year for no additional charge (so far) because of the rental fee we paid for 2020. Temple Israel has already told us to expect to pay more, and perhaps significantly more, for 2023. The Fiscal Planning Committee is negotiating with Temple Israel and also researching other locations.

Our biggest expense outside of those listed above is for bringing in nationally known quilt teachers for lectures and workshops. Their fees, travel, lodging, and meals are all going up. Yet, having the chance to learn from such teachers is perhaps the biggest benefit of Guild membership. We hope to continue this tradition at least once each year.

We are incredibly grateful for the good stewardship of officers and chairpersons who have gone before. Because of them, and their good management, the Guild has some savings. We have been using up part of that cushion each year since the pandemic began. We will not exhaust it this year or next, but need to make changes soon in how we finance the life of the Guild.

Meanwhile, please be generous with your time. Taking the Opportunity Quilt to events so we can sell raffle tickets is one way to reduce how much of our savings we'll use this year. But Jeanne Brenner, our Opportunity Quilt chairperson, cannot do this by herself. Please plan to sign up for a shift at Bradley's Country Store on November 19 and/or for other events as we identify them.

Members will receive the actual income, expense, and bank-balance figures by email once the July treasurer's report is done. I will also be bringing a few copies of the financial reports to the August meeting. I will stay after the Challenge Quilt voting and prize awards and will be happy to answer, with the help of our Treasurer, Rachel Smith, any questions you may have on our current status. Please don't expect us to have all the answers going forward at that time, the Steering Committee has not adopted a 2023 budget yet.

Sue Isaac

August 2022 Block of the Month – Four Mile House Star

This month's 12.5" block is another variation on a classic nine-patch star. I'm calling it "Four Mile House Star" because I saw it in a quilt at the historic Four Mile House in Denver. It is a good block for a large-scale print—my layer cake set has several squares with large prints that I hated to cut up into small pieces. It also requires some "creative" piecing to stay within the two 10" square limitation. I used one 10" Kaffe Fassett print square for "Square A" and a solid 10" square for "Square B," and Kona "Snow" for the background fabric.



Materials:

From the layer cake set or other print or solid fabrics:

- two 10" squares, contrasting but complementary; one is Square A and the other is Square B

From the background fabric:

- one 4" x 16" strip

Cutting instructions:

Square A

- one 6.5" square
- three 3.5" squares
- two 3" x 3.5" rectangles (will be used to make one 3.5" square)

Square B

- four 4" squares

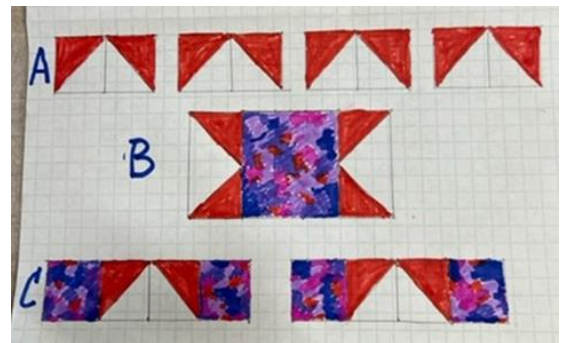
Background Fabric

- four 4" squares

Assembly:

- Sew the 3"x 3.5" rectangles together along the longer side, then trim the resulting piece to 3.5" x 3.5" (This is what I call creative piecing)
- Make eight half-square triangles from the Square B and Background fabric 4" squares. Trim these to 3.5" as shown in [this](#) tutorial.
- Make four half-square triangle pairs with Background fabric on the inside and Square B fabric to the outside (see *illustration A*).
- Sew two half-square triangle pairs to each side of the 6.5" square carefully, so you don't lose your points (see *illustration B*). [This](#) tutorial will show you how to avoid losing the points. Press seams toward the center square.
- Sew one 3.5" Square A fabric square to each end of the other half-square triangle pairs. (See *illustration C*). Press seams toward the outer squares.
- Sew the long sections to the top and bottom of the center square section, points facing toward the center, taking care not to lose the points when you sew these sections together. (See *finished square*.) Press seams toward center.

Illustrations



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- Trim block to 12.5" if needed.

Ellen Fournier, Block of the Month Chair

Quilt of Valor Presentation

At the July meeting of Quilters Unlimited, a Quilt of Valor was awarded to Jacquelin Brown, who served in the U.S. Army as a Sgt. She served in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and served in Germany as well. Peggy Clark met Jacquelin at The Renaissance Fair when Sgt. Brown came to purchase articles and buy some tickets for our Opportunity Quilt. Jacquelin's Quilt of Valor was made by Quilted Unlimited members and quilted by Julie Fredrickson.



QU Library

We're Back! Now that we are meeting at Temple Israel again, I will begin bringing in a selection of books from our library for you to look at and, perhaps, check out. If you have books that you wish to return, please bring them. You may also email me and request a specific book and I will bring it to the meeting. We have hundreds of books and I encourage you to take advantage of this great resource!

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

Volunteer of the Year Award

It is time to think about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited for the Volunteer of the Year Award. This award gives us a chance to say "Thank You" to an active member for generously contributing time and expertise to Quilters Unlimited.

In addition to basic contact information, the entry form has three sections to describe the nominee.

1. Examples of initiative and/or assuming responsibility & leadership in guild activities
2. Willingness to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs
3. Examples of encouraging member participation in guild-related, community activities

The Award Criteria below is online in the Policies and Procedures:

4. Committee Procedures for Nomination

- a) The Awards Committee shall solicit nominations from active Quilters Unlimited members through forms, published on the guild's web site.
- b) There shall be a nominator and a co-nominator and both shall complete and sign the Nomination Form.
- c) The Awards Committee Chairperson shall not be a nominator or co-nominator. In the case of any tie votes, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.
- d) An Awards Committee member, nominated for an award, shall not participate in discussions or voting pertaining to that award.
- e) The current President is not eligible for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

6. Volunteer of the Year Award Criteria.

- a) The Volunteer of the Year Award will be given to a participating guild member, who: supports the goals and purposes of Quilters Unlimited by promoting knowledge of and interest in quilting and the art of quilting; shows initiative and/or assumes responsibility and leadership; is willing to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs; stimulates participation in guild activities and community-related activities; and gives unselfishly of their time and effort for the benefit of the guild.
- b) The nominee may also: serve as officer or committee chairperson and demonstrates areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other).
- c) The Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than October 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Nomination forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are online at:

<https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>

The nomination form can be completed and submitted on your computer or on paper and must have both a nominator and a co-nominator from the guild.

Nomination Forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are due by October 1.

Contact Marsha Walper with questions about submitting nominations.

City Hall Quilt Show

Remember the show runs from June 29-September 5, 2022. The quilts are luscious and diverse. There are art quilts and traditional piecing, embellishments galore. Enjoy a riot of colors in quilts ranging from fat quarter size to bed quilt.

Lyn Gearity, Show Chair



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

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **August 29, 2022**.

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



2022 Guild Calendar	
WHERE:	Guild Meetings: Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive; 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting.
WHEN	WHAT
June 29 – Sept 5	City Hall Quilt Show
August 11	Challenge Quilt Turn-In, 3:30-5:00, Temple Israel
August 11	Guild Meeting -- 2022 Challenge Quilt Reveal
September 8	Guild Meeting -- Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna
September 29	Steering Committee Meeting, Main Library, Room B, 6:30-8:00 pm
October 8	Class: Taught by Jeanne Brenner, subject TBD, Chaires Community Center
October 13	Guild Meeting – Favorite Scrap Blocks
November 10	Guild Meeting -- “Happy Fall Y’all”
December 8	Guild Meeting -- End of Year Fun and What’s to Come

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 – Favorite Scrap Blocks

Share your favorite quilt block when working with your scraps. Bring a block to show or even a complete quilt.

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 methods.* 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: Vacant
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.**

Sunday	Modern Quilt Sit-n-Stitch	2nd Sunday, 3-5 pm	Marsha Walper
Monday	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 9 am-1 pm	Janice Watson
	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
	Bits and Pieces	1 st Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
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	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 rd Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Selena Foo
Saturday	Sew for HOPE St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road	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

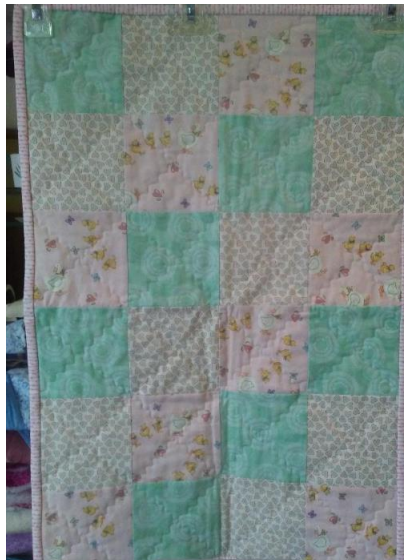
What an amazing month for Philanthropy efforts! Thirty quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, four for Hospice, one for Veterans Laptop, two for Neonatal and seven for Hospice Fidgets. I can only thank you, but I know there is so much love and concern that has gone into these quilts.

Remember, if you need fabric or batting, I have donation materials available. Just give me a call.

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair

Neonatal

Two from Miriam Baldwin



Veterans Laptop

Miriam Baldwin



Hospice

Cindy Gray and Christie Gregg



Detail View:



Three by "Anonymous"



"Anonymous"



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Miriam Baldwin



Miriam Baldwin



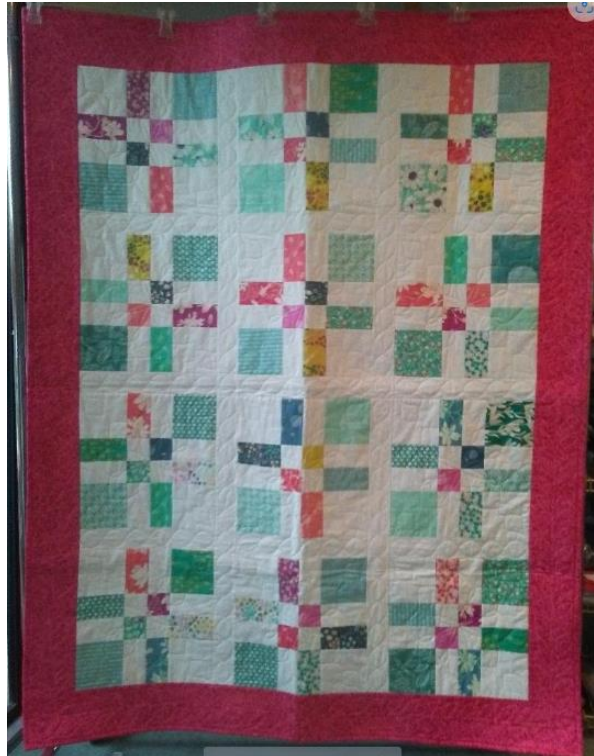
Marty O'Neill and Julie Fredrickson



Peggy Clark



Nancy Teger



Nancy Teger



Marty O'Neill and Julie Fredrickson



Anonymous



Marty O'Neill and Julie Fredrickson



Marty O'Neill and Julie Fredrickson



Marty O'Neill and Julie Fredrickson



Marty O'Neill and Julie Fredrickson



Jeanne Brenner and Kris Klob



Marty O'Neill and Julie Fredrickson



J. Brenner, J. Fredrickson, K. Klob



M. McLaren, J. Fredrickson, K. Klob



M. McLaren, J. Fredrickson, K. Klob



K. Klob, J. Fredrickson



Susan Tatum



Susan Tatum



May McLaren, Julie Fredrickson



Jessica Duke



Susan Tatum



Rachel Smith



Carol Eskola

