

# AROUND THE BLOCK

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*Next Meeting: September 8, 2022, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

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## *President's Message*

IS IT FALL YET?

"There's a hint of Fall in the air!" That's what my dear husband of 44 years always says during the heat and mugginess of August, just to tease me. He knows that I'm not willing to admit it's Fall until I don't break into a sweat just checking the mailbox (usually sometime around Thanksgiving).

But I'm looking forward to the guild meeting on September 8, regardless of the sultry summer temperatures. We will be privileged to have our program presented that night by one of the guild's true professional quilters, [Gail Renna](#). I've just popped over to her website <https://quilthaventhreads.com/> and can tell at a glance that it's going to be next-level, custom-quilting information. Prepare to be impressed!

Remember: That fabulous Quilter's Treasure basket will be awarded at the meeting as well!

**Please remember to put a price on items you're bringing to the September meeting as donations to be sold by the Guild at the various events coming up.**

September also brings back-to-school memories. I still respond to the academic-year schedule enough to think it's time to start things, not wind them down. So, if you're like me, it's time to:

- start that new project (maybe make some items to sell at QU events!)
- plan what you're making as gifts for the holidays (*I'm probably far behind some of you on this one LOL!*)
- borrow a book from the QU library for some inspiration
- sign up for a class (or both classes!) with [Jeanne Brenner](#) on Saturday, October 8. Here's the [link](#) to the form where you can get details and sign up.
- or help [Peggy Clark](#) or [Ann Gaber](#) staff the QU table at the Havana PumpkinFest also on Saturday, October 8
- enjoy a good meal and help [Sharon Pollock](#) staff the QU table at the Tallahassee Newcomers luncheon on Wednesday, October 12 (Lunch costs \$15)

and . . . enjoy that hint of Fall in the air!

Happy Quilting!  
Sue Isaac

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## September QU Program: Studio 180 Rulers with Gail Renna

Gail Renna has become an efficient and precise quilter by utilizing special tools called Studio 180 Rulers. She has taught many classes with these and will share her knowledge with us so that we can elevate our skills. Come listen and learn.

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### Call for Volunteers to Present Opportunity Quilt at Arts and Crafts Festivals this Fall

It is time to make a call for volunteers to help with the several festivals and fairs where we can display our beautiful applique Opportunity quilt. Along with selling the tickets to win the quilt, we will have an assortment of fun quilted items for sale to benefit the QU philanthropy efforts. Some are holiday themed, and some are more general in theme but fun and pretty.

Our first event is the **Havana Pumpkin Festival** on Saturday, October 8th. The hours to be filled are from 7:30 am until 6:00 pm, which includes time for setup and for breakdown. The event's live hours are from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm.

Set up includes erecting an awning tent, a table, a banner sign, a quilt stand, and unpacking the quilt and goods for sale. It would be ideal to have 3 or 4 people for the beginning and ending shifts to manage the set up and breakdown tasks. I have made those two shifts slightly shorter since they are more labor intensive.

Otherwise, 2 people per shift should be sufficient, keeping in mind that Ann Gaber will be there for the full day. This way any one of us could step away to eat or check out the festival.

Please sign up at the September QU Meeting or contact Ann Gaber directly to sign up. Feel free to sign up for more than one shift!

#### Shifts

7:30 - 10:00	Peggy Clark	_____	_____
10:00 - 1:00	_____	_____	_____
1:00 - 4:00	_____	_____	_____
4:00 - 6:00	_____	_____	_____

Our second event is **The Newcomers Luncheon** which is on a much smaller scale. It is on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 until about 2:00. Ann will be there early for set up at 10:00 but the luncheon starts at 11:00 so it would be good to have someone else to help with set up.

We will be indoors, so no tent is needed, and 2 tables are being provided. It is up to us to set up the Opportunity Quilt stand and set out our QU information and For Sale Items.

For this event we need 2 or 3 people to work the table selling tickets and wares. It does require buying a ticket to the luncheon which is just \$15.00 apiece. We have been told the lunch is nice, we get to eat first and this might be an interesting group to find out about.



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You do not have to be new to Tallahassee. In fact, many members have lived here a long time but join at retirement.

Shift

10:00 - 2:30 Sue Isaac \_\_\_\_\_

There will be one or two more events in November. More on those later.

Thanks and Joy!

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair

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## Quilter's Treasure

The September meeting Social Time, 6 to 6:30, will be the last opportunity to purchase tickets for this quarter's Quilter's Treasure. Tickets are \$1 each; or, 10 for \$5. A drawing to select the lucky winner will be held during the meeting.



There are some lovely items in the Treasure, so, please, stop by to check it out.

Jane Jordan, Door Prize Chair

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## Friendship Star Quilters Luncheon and Trunk Show

If you have RSVP'd and paid for a seat, don't forget that the lecture/trunk show and luncheon with National Quilt Teacher Robin Koehler of nestlingsbyrobin is Wednesday, September 14 at St Stephen's Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall. The address is 2198 N Meridian Road, and the fun begins at 10:00. This is a "sold-out" show!

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## September 2022 Block of the Month – Frame It Up

September's block offers choices—a checkerboard frame around a big center square to showcase a large print (version 1) or a center of half-square triangles (version 2). I used one 10" Kaffe Fassett print square as "Square A" and a coordinating solid for "Square B," and Kona "Snow" for the background fabric.

### Materials:

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

- one 10" square print for the center (Square A)
- one 10" square print or solid for the frame (Square B)

From the background fabric:

- Enough fabric to make ten 2.5" squares
- Two 5" squares (only for version 2)

### Cutting and assembly instructions for both versions:

Make Strips for the Frame :

- Cut ten 2.5" squares from Square B and ten 2.5" background fabric squares.
- Sew together the squares to make four strips—two 4 alternating square strips and

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two 6 alternating square strips.

### Cutting and assembly instructions for version 1:

- Trim the large print 10" square to 8.5" square.
- Sew a 4-square strip to each side of the large square. (Make sure a background fabric square is on the top on one side and on the bottom on the other side.)
- Sew a 6-square strip to the top and bottom (make sure to reverse the order on the top and bottom—see the finished block) • Trim to 12.5" if needed



### Cutting and assembly instructions for version 2:

- Cut two 5" squares from Square A
- Using these and the background fabric 5" squares make four 4.5" half square triangles. (Instructions in [this](#) video, sorry about the ads.)
- Sew these half-square triangles into an 8.5" square using your choice of design—diamond, pinwheel, whatever appeals to you.
- Sew the 2.5" square strips onto this square—see the instructions for version 1.



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## Jazz It Up Challenge 2020-2022

A big "jazz hands" thank you to the quilters that completed a challenge quilt during this three year challenge era: Lyn Gearity, Marion Millet, Peggy Clark, Sue Isaac, Marsha Walper, Karen Kunz, Darlene Pricher, Dawn Griffin, Linda Stright and Loretta Veenstra.

We had a fabulous time at the August meeting with ten quilts in the competition and all of them were beautiful works of art.

The winners were: Best of Show - Marsha Walper with Jazzy New York Beauty; Best Traditional Quilt – Sue Isaac with Starlight Without, Candlelight Within; Best Art Quilt – Linda Stright with Jewel of the Flowers; Best Interpretation of Theme – Peggy Clark with Jazz in Mardi Gras; The Cat's Meow – Marion Millet with Toucan; and The Bee's Knees – Loretta Veenstra with Me Like Shiny.

If you missed the reveal or just want to take a second look, photos of the quilts will be on the QU website under the Challenge section.

Thank you to everyone that bought the rules, helped with setup, or voted to create a "jazzy" good time!

Kerry Cohen



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## 2023 Challenge Quilt Chair needs your Tubes-Pam Doffek

As I prepare for a great challenge quilt for our show at LeMoyné Arts July 11- August 3, 2023, I need YOUR help. I need your empty paper towel tubes (not toilet paper tubes). I can take them during our September and November meetings. OR you can drop them at my house (see the directory) OR you can arrange for me to rendezvous at a mutual location. Let me know, and let's be tubular.

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## QuiltCon 2023—The Quilters Unlimited Connection

The Modern Quilt Guild has announced that Denyse Schmidt is one of the judges for QuiltCon 2023, its upcoming convention, along with Sarah Bond and Karen Hampton. Many Quilters Unlimited members got to meet Denyse when she spoke at our May meeting and taught two workshops here. QuiltCon 2023 will be held February 23-26 at the Atlanta Convention Center at AmericasMart. Denyse told me she will be there as a vendor as well as judge if her new fabric line is done in time so we will likely have an opportunity to visit with her there.

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## Quilt of Valor Presentation

Guy Royce Edwards was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home in Sneads, Florida on July 30, 2022. Drafted into the military in 1957 Mr. Edwards served 26 1/2 years in the U.S. Air Force and was a technical sergeant at the time he retired. His career took him to many countries around the world and he earned numerous ribbons and awards. He is shown with his quilt which was made by Roberta G. and Jeanne B. and quilted by Julie F.



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## *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.



## 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 **September 28, 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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<https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/>



<b>2022 Guild Calendar</b>	
<b>WHERE:</b>	Guild Meetings: Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive; 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting.
<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
June 29 – Sept 5	City Hall Quilt Show
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

### **October – Favorite Scrap Blocks**

We all have them. Some of us hoard them. A few may consider it a curse of quilting while others just say it comes with the territory. We are talking about scraps. There are many ways to use them in quilts ranging from quick strip piecing to more labor-intensive applique. We all need ideas to keep our piles and boxes from growing too large. Share your favorite quilt block when working with scraps. Bring a block or two 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.bijoulvelydesigns.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 Gearity
- **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 Gearity  
*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.**

<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	Janice Watson
	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
	Bits and Pieces	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
<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	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur 6:00-7:45 pm	Selena Foo
<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

### Philanthropy Report for August 2022

Hello! Goodness! Even in the heat of a Florida summer and travel plans galore I can report at least 25 quilts (that I know of) completed for Hospice and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Thanks to Sew 4 Hope for shifting some of their efforts from their main focus to SHP. I know there are many of you contributing in your own quiet ways. Deepest gratitude to all.

I want to speak to one of our newest efforts which is termed Fidget Quilts. Included in photos this month are three and last month six or seven and that many again in the month before. All of these have gone to the local Hospice office for distribution to the five counties they service. They feel these lap quilts provide a calming influence on patients with agitation or just nervous hands. More have been donated to Westminster Retirement Community's aging population with varying types of dementia. This is a new effort chaired by Carol Eskola who has been receiving donations of interesting things such as short zippers, big buttons, big beads, ribbons, laces, velcro, etc. enough to start a cottage industry. But she could use some help making the quilts! I would suggest strongly that anyone interested but puzzling what sorts of things to create visit the newsletter photos for the last 3 months to see the fun ideas she has come up with. Also, please ask her for guidance and materials. This can be done with things at hand, or she can provide materials to you.

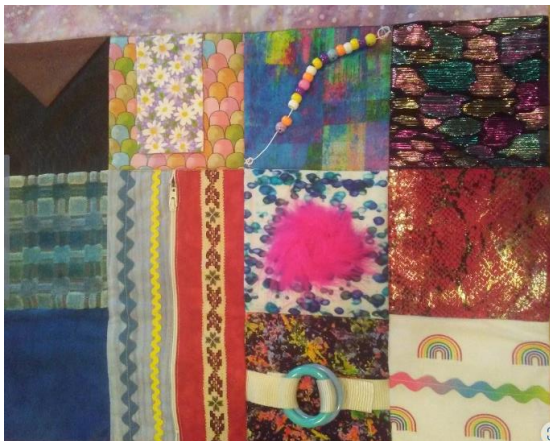
Thanks to all of you who give a bit of yourselves for those we do not know.

Sincerely,  
Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair

P.S. from Carol Eskola: Don't forget to check out the pattern and list of ideas located on our website at [this](#) link!

## Photo Gallery

### Fidget Quilts

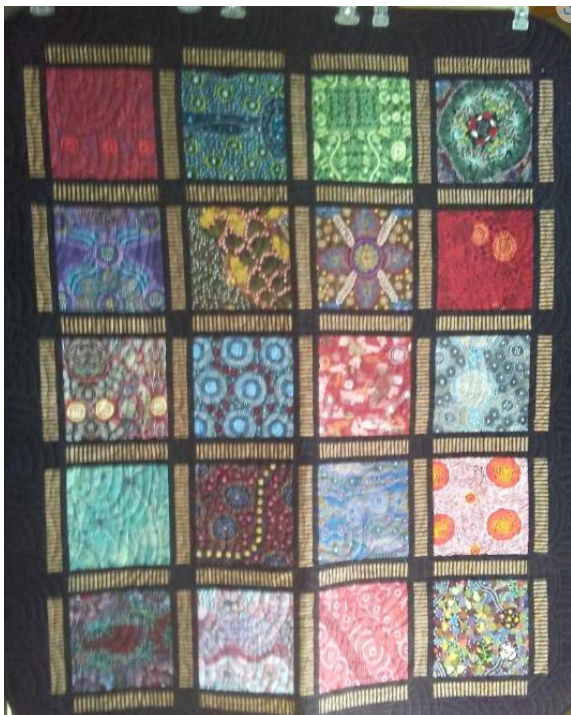




## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

J. Brenner, J. Duke, D. Griffin

Carol Eskola



Marty O'Neill & Christy Gregg



Marty O'Neill & Julie Fredrickson

