

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: November 10, 2022, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message: A Quilting Thanksgiving!

Did you ever consider all the things there are to be thankful for — just related to quilting? Some of them, our quilting grandmothers couldn't even dream up.

- Rotary cutters, mats, and rulers
- An almost overwhelming variety of thread, fabric, and batting to choose from
- Layer cakes, Jelly rolls, Charm packs, Fat quarters
- Sewing machines with all kinds of frustration-sparing features (needle threading is my favorite)
- Sewing machines with all kinds of features that make our projects turn out better (I suffer from stitch-regulator envy and pivot-stitch envy, but I am grateful for my walking foot.)
- Long-arm quilting machines that can spare our shoulders if we like free-motion quilting
- Professional quilters who can do amazing things with our quilt tops — custom or pantograph
- Pattern designers with endless creativity
- Quilting teachers who innovate techniques and then share them with us
- YouTube videos
- Quilt shows and Show and Tell

Then there's always the freedom to do it our own way – skip all the gadgets and do it the way our grandmothers did! (with beautiful results, just like they had)

But what I'm most thankful for about quilting is QUILTERS! Your friendship and support, especially this year as Guild president, mean the world to me. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

Sue



November QU Program:

“Happy Fall Y’all – Let’s celebrate the season with a little inspiration!”

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). Who doesn’t enjoy shopping at a local farmers market or grocery with a unique market bag? All the oohs and aahs received from fellow shoppers.

The November program is intended to encourage members to show off their homemade bags (whether it is a purse, tote, market bag or to carry your current quilt project) and explain what, who, why inspired them to make it. Prizes awarded to the most inspirational bags!

Please consider making a **market bag** and/or bring non-perishable food items or canned goods that will be donated to Grace Mission (www.gracemission.net) to help those less fortunate.

Get with Ann Gaber if you are need of any decorator weight fabrics for your market bags – she has stacks of amazing fabrics that have been donated to the guild!



In addition, at the meeting please share your favorite fall inspired quilt items that you made in the past or are trying to finish. To get you started, 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 as we are looking to be inspired.

Post-Election – Grab one of those annoying political signs that didn’t get collected and cut a rectangular piece to fit the bottom of your market bag for more support!

Links:



<http://www.bijoulovelydesigns.com/2010/05/market-tote-tutorial.html>

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/maple-leaf-quilt-pattern-4145689>.

Also check out all the amazing and inspirational bag items on Pinterest!

Assistance Appreciated. Please contact Dawn Griffin



Ann Gaber needs your help! The Philanthropy Chair needs another person to help make kits and other tasks as such. We have grown so big with our service projects helping others that this job needs another set of hands. This DOES NOT mean that you will automatically be the Chair in the next year!

Same goes for Programs! Ellen has some great ideas for the upcoming year but could use an extra hand. You would make more friends as well as meeting more quilters.

You can contact either of these members to see exactly what your role would entail. Call them before you say, "I don't think she would want me" or "I don't know how". None of us was born thinking I want to be a Co-Chair when I grow up! Make the call!

Peggy Clark, President Elect

November 2022 Block of the Month – Mother's Favorite

I don't know who Mother is or why this is her favorite, but that is the name this block comes with at allpeoplequilt.com. I altered the pattern slightly to make it work with 10" squares. This 12.5" block has half-square triangle and flying geese blocks and uses two 10" Kaffe Fassett print squares for "Square A" and "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 2.5" WOF (width of fabric) strip
- one 3" x 18" strip

Cutting instructions:

Square A

- two 4 7/8" squares, and cut each in half diagonally (makes 4 triangles)
- two 3" squares
- two 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles
- two 1.5" x 4.5" rectangles

Square B

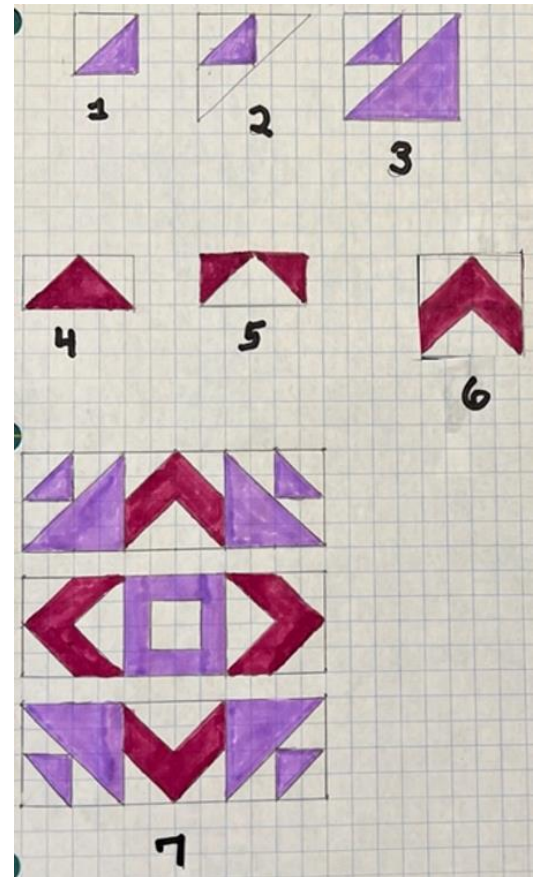
- four 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles
- eight 2.5" squares

Background Fabric

- nine 2.5" squares
- four 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles
- two 3" squares
- four 2 7/8" squares, cut in half diagonally (makes 8 triangles)

Assembly:

- Create the center by sewing 1.5" x 2.5" rectangles (Square A fabric) to either side of a background fabric 2.5" square. Sew 1.5" x 4.5" rectangles to the top and bottom of this unit, creating a 4.5" square.
- Corner Triangle Squares
 - Make four half-square triangle blocks using the 3" squares from Square A and the background fabric, using [this](#) method. Press the seam allowance toward the Square A fabric side and trim to 2.5". (Diagram 1)
 - Sew two background fabric 2 7/8" triangles to either side of each half-square triangle block to make four pieced large triangles. Press the seam allowances toward the background fabric. (Diagram 2)
 - Sew a pieced large triangle to each Square A fabric large 4 7/8" triangle. Press the seam allowance toward the Square A fabric and trim to 4.5" square, if necessary. (Diagram 3)
- Flying Geese Units
 - Mark a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the Square B 2.5" squares and the remaining 8 background fabric 2.5" squares.
 - Create eight flying geese units with the 2.5" squares and 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles, using [this](#) method. There are four units with background fabric corners and four units with fabric B corners. (Diagrams 4 and 5)
 - Sew flying geese units together as shown in Diagram 6.
- Assemble as shown in diagram 7, pressing seams in the upper and lower strips to the corner triangle squares and in the middle strip to the center square. Press horizontal seams away from the center.
- Trim block to 12.5" if needed.



Quilters Unlimited Celebration of Us Potluck Dinner - Thursday, Dec. 8th

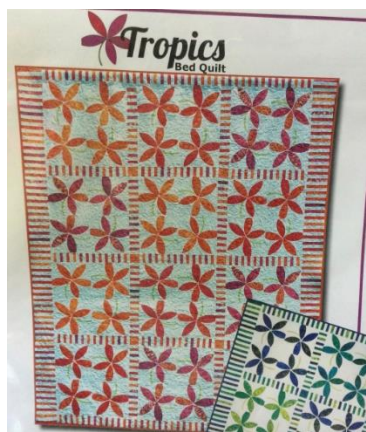
This is the time to get together, eat, and socialize, marking the end of the year. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to me on the sign-up sheet that we will have at the November QU Meeting. Or you can contact me directly by phone, text, or email (I am in the Directory).

The sign-up sheet will include space for you to indicate what you plan to bring to the potluck. If you do not know at this time what you would like to bring it is ok. Perhaps it will inspire! Appetizers, Main Dishes, Side Dishes, Salads, Desserts

Please remember we cannot bring any shellfish (shrimp, crab, etc.) or pork (bacon, ham, pulled pork, etc.) into Temple Israel. Meat and dairy may not be in the same dish (no cheeseburgers) or served on the same plate, but any meat other than pork and any kind of dairy are welcome.

We have lovely centerpieces created by many of you and we have most of the supplies needed. But I could use some assistance with the beverages, set-up, and clean-up. Some of you have already said you would like to help. Please remind me who you are, and I will set up a group email meeting with you and the others who volunteer.

Ann Gaber



QUILTER'S TREASURE

The highlight of this quarter's Quilter's Treasure is a gorgeous queen-size quilt kit from Hancock's of Paducah, which features beautiful batiks to complete the top and binding. There are also some very nice rulers, assorted fabrics, threads, and more. Tickets, \$1 each, or 10 for \$5, will be offered at the November and December meetings. The drawing for the lucky recipient will be held at the December meeting.

Congratulations! to Karen Kunz, the winner of the Quilter's Treasure at the October meeting.



Jane Jordan, Door Prize Chair

Challenge Quilt 2023-Pam Doffek, Chair

Congratulations!! I'm chairing the Challenge Quilt for our 2023 show at LeMoyne Arts. The theme is "Metamorphosis: Transformations". I will have "kits" with rules included to hand out at our end of year celebration on December 8th and subsequent meetings until May 2023. (Deadline is June 2023 guild meeting.) It's only \$5.00 for the rules. Checks and cash accepted, no credit cards. BRING YOUR MONEY, it's going to be fun!

Philanthropy Report

At the November QU meeting I will start bringing what I call **Quilt Sandwiches**. They are not edible, but they are delectable. They include a pieced top, batting and backing ready for one of you to layer, baste and quilt.

Please consider taking one home to machine quilt!

I will also have a variety of fabrics available for bindings and some binding strips already made up. If you would prefer not to do the binding, you can return the quilted quilt to me. I will pass it on to those who prefer to help with that part of the assembly.

And those of you who love to do the binding, please let me know.

Joy,

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair

Come Enjoy Friendship Star Quilters Quilt Show!

Mark your calendars to attend:

What: Friendship Star Quilters Quilt Show

When: Friday, Nov 4, 12-6 & Saturday, Nov 5, 10-4, 2022

Where: Holy Comforter Episcopal School, 2001 Fleischmann Road, Tallahassee FL

- Beautiful Quilts
 - Opportunity Quilt
 - Opportunity Baskets
 - Boutique
 - Assorted Vendors
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Don't Forget:

Quilters Unlimited Quilt Show at LeMoyne Arts

July 11 - August 3, 2023

Applications starting Feb/March

Application Deadline: May 8

Limit 1 quilt and 1 challenge quilt per person

Silent Auction opening night, donations needed, also think about Opportunity Baskets (spa, coffee, chocolate etc.)

Donations also needed for LeMoyne's Gift Shop (pin cushions, jewelry, small wall hangings, table runners, art quilts, placemats, coasters, etc.)

Quilt of Valor Presentations

A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Shirley Combass at her home in Tallahassee on October 9, 2022. Shirley served 27 years in the U.S. Army and activated National Guard Reserves from 1986-2013. She was a First Sergeant E8 upon exiting the army. Shirley's quilt was made by members of Quilter's Unlimited and quilted by Julie Fredrickson. Shirley is shown with her friend, Glen Keyes, holding her quilt.



Earl Harris was awarded a Quilt of Valor on Friday, October 14, 2022 at his home in Greenville, Fl. Mr. Harris was a U.S. Marine, then in the U.S. Army, and the Army National Guard. He served 22 years, retiring as First Sergeant E5. Among his postings were Russia, Hong Kong, Somalia, Alaska, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. Mr. Harris's quilt was made by Susan Tatum and quilted by Linda Britt. He is shown with Barbara Jones, who nominated him for a Quilt of Valor.





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 **November 25, 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
November 10	Guild Meeting -- "Happy Fall Y'all"
November 17	Steering Committee Meeting, Main Library
December 8	Guild Meeting -- End of Year Fun and What's to Come

October – Favorite Scrap Blocks

November – "Happy Fall Y'all"

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.

* The November meeting for Bits and Pieces differs from the usual “1st Tuesday”. Instead, the November meeting will be on November 15th from 11-3.