

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: January 12, 2023, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1!!!!!! Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It is another new year and time to think about those resolutions that we seem to make each year, as well as the possibilities awaiting us in the coming months. As the resolutions seem like bees buzzing around in our minds.... so what are yours? Same as last year? Such as, lose the five or ten pounds (that you have said for the past several new years), finish the UFOs (aka WIP), keep your sewing area organized & neat (mine - Ha, Ha!). Never, ever include a fabric diet such as the one that Edie Frasier, Past President of QU in 2012, talked about! I still laugh about that comment when I look at fabric and deciding which project I just had to have it for.

I want to thank Susan Voss for the numerous times she invited me to join our guild, and Martha Tilden and Louie Toupe for their kindness to a new member, as without it, I probably would not have come back to other meetings. Please treat a visitor and new member as though you are a friend they can't get enough of. Kindness works.

Back to resolutions, please make/add one more to your list: challenge yourself to do more for others (quilt-wise) in the upcoming year.

In Stitches,

Peggy Clark, President



Congratulations to Julie Fredrickson, 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award

Julie bought her longarm quilting machine in 2019 for the sole purpose of quilting the quilts for various charitable organizations. She kept a quilting journal and documented quilting over 400 quilts for charities such as Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Hospice, Sew for Hope, Quilts of Valor, lap quilts for veterans in hospitals, and Silent Auction pieces for the guild. She is active in Bits & Pieces and has encouraged others to join and become involved.

If something needs to be done, Julie quietly steps forward, a smile on her face, and does it. She does not look for acknowledgement or praise, but simply sees a need and fills it. Because Julie does not charge for quilting, members are able to produce more quilts for charity. Julie's workmanship is beautiful and her willingness to volunteer her time and talent is impressive. She is an asset to both the guild and her community.

Marsha Walper, Awards Committee

Let's keep the tradition going...

Since 2015 Quilters Unlimited has provided a quilt to the Tallahassee Museum to use as a fund raiser at the annual Markets Days event. In the year just ended, close to \$1000 was raised over the first weekend in December to help support their programs.

We are especially grateful to Marianne Clower of The Quilt Peddler for donating her services to machine quilt our tops for the past several years.

With the clock ticking down to next December it is time to see if anyone has a quilt they would like to donate- finished or not. If you do, please let me know as soon as possible.

If no one is ready to part with a quilt, then we need to decide on a pattern and get started making a new one. If you would like to take the lead in this or be involved in any way, there are lots of opportunities to use your skills to help support one of our local treasures. A group project is a great way to get to know other members.

Jeanne Brenner



Membership Dues Payment Deadline

Payments for Membership Year 2023 dues are now due! Annual dues for the coming year must be paid no later than the end of January. A member whose dues are not paid after the end of January may be dropped from the membership roster. To renew your membership for the coming year, you will need to either pay online or by mail. Send checks made out to Quilters Unlimited to P.O. Box 12181, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

To renew online, go to the QU website (Quilttallahassee.com). From the 'Membership' tab, select 'Forms: Join, Pay Dues'. On this page, select 'Dues Payment'. The Submit button will take you to Square's secure website. You do not have to have a Square account to use its functions. You will receive a confirmation email from Square.

The default setting for 'Membership Dues' type is for the \$30 option. You will be able to pick up your directory at a meeting. Scroll down and select the 'Submit' button. Note: If you want the QU Directory mailed to you, indicate this in the Comment Section. You will need to pay an additional \$2.00 for the mail service.

If you have a change to your directory information, please add the change in the comment section note. This year, phone numbers will include area codes. If your area code is not 850, please add your area code in the comment section.

You should receive a confirmation email to the address you typed into the QU form. The Treasurer and the Membership VP will both receive notification when a Square payment is made.

We will be including updated photos in this year's QU directory. If you did not have a photo taken at a meeting or wish to use another photo, please send in a JPG headshot to me at margaretallen97@gmail.com.

If you have questions, please contact the Membership Vice President or the Treasurer. Peggy Allen, Membership VP.

2023 Challenge Quilt

RULES ARE AVAILABLE !!!! The first flush of rules for the 2023 Challenge were available during our Celebration of Us party last month. BUT there are still plenty to be had.

Bring your \$5 to the monthly meeting and get your choice of a fabric covered tube with the rules inside. All funds collected go to prize distribution at the June QU meeting, display and voting.

YES the rules say May 2023, but based on LeMoyne's quilt turn-in date for the July Exhibit, we can do the voting in JUNE. So mark your rules appropriately.

Questions? Contact me in person or via the electronic means of your choice (phone, email or text.) I'm in the directory.

Pam Doffek

Thank You QU Members –

You are AWESOME! At the December meeting/Celebration of Us party, we collected 20 market bags, 19 filled with canned goods and blankets. They were delivered to Grace Mission on Tuesday December 13 and will be distributed to folks in need.

Dawn Griffin



Philanthropy Activity for 2022 and a few words looking to 2023

Many wonderful quilts and pillowcases were completed and delivered to our project contacts in 2022. Those that were routed through me included:

- 27 Neonatal Quilts
- 217 Quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- 6 Quilts for Sew for Hope
- 22 Quilts for Big Bend Hospice
- 15 Quilts of Valor/Veteran Laptop Quilts
- 23 Fidget Quilts for Tallahassee Hospice
- 46 Pillowcases for Big Bend Hospice

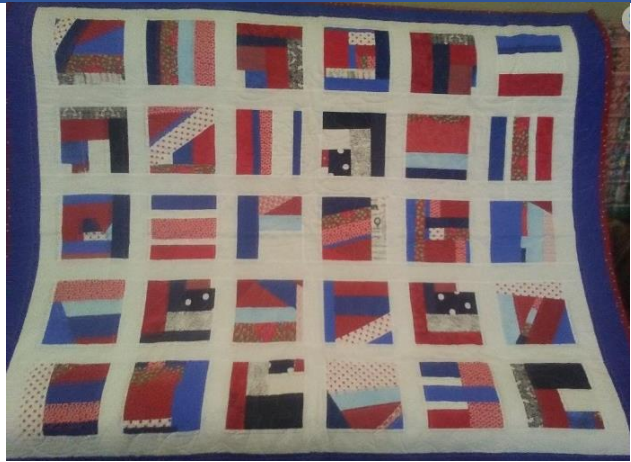
You produced many more quilts for charity in addition to these, of course. Also, throughout the year, donations of sturdy cloth are directed to anyone interested in making pet beds, as well as scraps for stuffing. The completed beds are not routed through me.

In addition, I estimate we have at least 40 tops made by many of you which are waiting to be made into sandwiches ready to be machine quilted which gives us an amazing start in 2023. I very much appreciate the offers of help in making the sandwiches and in sorting fabric donations into kits for tops. I will be calling to set up times to work on the various processes. Some of you have already met with me. Your assistance and suggestions have been a great help!

Starting with our January QU Meeting, I will be bringing kits and bundles of like-themed or seasonal-themed fabrics to help with your charity projects. This will start with anything I have in the Valentine's theme! I might have just what you need to complete a sweet loving quilt for a child.

Some photos from our last donation are included on the next page.

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair



Sleep in Heavenly Peace Update

Many of you have made lovely fun quilts for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bunkbed project.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace volunteers built and installed 250 bunkbeds in 2022. This got 500 children off of sleeping on the floor. The total number of builds since 2018 is 1,050. More builds are being scheduled for 2023.

Some of you have heard John Cousins speak about this project and know how dedicated he and his volunteers are.

The kids like knowing the quilts are handmade for them. Thank you for all of your work and imagination that you have put into these quilts!

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair

2023 Programs – What’s Coming in the New Year!

January: New Year's Resolutions—How Quilters Unlimited Can Help You Achieve Your 2023 Quilting Goals! Whether it is learning new techniques, meeting new quilting friends, or helping our community, you can do any or all of these through Quilters Unlimited. At our January meeting you will be introduced to (or reminded of) all the ways in which your quilting guild is there for you.

February: Marianne Clower of Quilt Peddlers is going to tell us **What’s Hot in Quilting!**

March: Do you have fabric, quilt books, tools, or patterns that seemed like a good idea at the time but just never quite worked for you? Your mistake might be just what someone else is looking for. We will have a swap meet in March to help find homes for your errors in judgment—there will be details at the January meeting and in February's newsletter.

April: Please mark your calendar for this meeting! Nationally recognized fiber artist and author Valerie Goodwin will be presenting a program called “Mapping Narratives Using Fabric, Paint, and Thread.” Her gorgeous quilts will inspire you to think about different ways to tell your own story through quilting.

May: Another meeting you won’t want to miss—Sheila Callahan will present a trunk show and lecture with novel ideas for those tiny bits of fabric that seem too small to use but are too precious to toss.

Details about the rest of the year will be here soon! There will be a show and a party, plus lots of reports from the rabbit holes some of your guild members have fallen into.

Ellen Fournier, Program Chair

Learn How to Embellish Your Quilts with Beads!

This class, taught by Sharon Pollock, will cover choosing beads that are compatible with your quilt style, the best way to secure them, at what stage of construction to add them, and how to take care of your beaded quilt. The class will be 9am-noon on January 20 at Sharon's home (see directory for address). **Sign up at the Guild meeting!**



Introducing the 2023 Block of the Month...It's as Easy as BOM-2-3

For 2023, we will create blocks to strengthen or reinforce piecing skills using shapes and techniques of most quilt block patterns. It will be as easy as BOM-2-3.

Each month has a theme and two block patterns. The "Starting Point" block will showcase the technique in a simple block pattern. The "Next Level" block will build on that same technique with slightly more difficulty.

It's easy to participate...whether you can make one block in the year or two blocks each month, you can join in on the fun! You can make the Starting Point block, the Next Level block or both. This year, you can make the blocks to keep or make blocks to donate to charity. *If making blocks for charity, we request you make the blocks in red, white and blue fabrics as we will use these for veteran quilts.*

Bring your January Three Piece Patience and/or Log Cabin blocks to the display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

February's theme and patterns are below and on the guild website with more details.

If you have any questions, ask me at the guild meeting or call/email.

Happy Piecing!!

Kerry Cohen

February Block of the Month

February's Theme – Piecing – Clipped Corners

This month blocks will highlight clipped corners in block construction. Remember to carefully cut your fabric, sew with a scant quarter inch seam allowance, and carefully press your pieces.

Starting Point Block: Bowtie – 12" Block – 2 Colors

Fabric Needed:

Color 1 = Cut 2 - 6 ½" squares and 2 - 3" squares

Background = Cut 2 - 6 ½" squares

Directions:

Step One: On the wrong side of Color 1 3" squares, draw a line diagonally. (This will be your sewing line, so do not use permanent pen).

Step Two: Place Color 1 3" square in lower right corner of Background 6 ½" square, right sides together with diagonal line going right to left and align fabric edges. Stitch on diagonal line (ideally stitch just to the outside of the drawn line to allow for pressing fabric.) Before pressing, "clip" the corner seam allowance, leaving only ¼" (use ruler and rotary cutter or scissors). Press towards Color



1 fabric. Unit should still measure 6 ½" square. Repeat with second Color 1 3" square and Background 6 ½" square.

Step Three: Sew Color 1 6 ½" square to the clipped corner unit, making sure the Color 1 corner is placed on bottom right of unit and Color 1 square is sewn to right hand side.

Press towards Color 1 square. Unit should now measure 6 ½" x 12 ½".

Repeat with second clipped corner unit and Color 1 square.

Step Four: Layout both 6 ½" x 12 ½" strip in same direction and rotate bottom strip 180 degrees to form bowtie pattern. Sew together and press.

Next Level Block: Pack of Snowballs – 12" Block – 3 Colors

Fabric Needed:

Color 1 & Color 2 = Cut 8 – 2 ½" squares

Background = Cut 4 – 6 ½" squares

Directions:

Step One: On the wrong side of each Color 1 and Color 2 2 ½" square, draw a line diagonally. (This will be your sewing line, so do not use permanent pen).

Step Two: Place Color 1 2 ½" square in lower right corner of Background 6 ½" square, right sides together with diagonal line going right to left and align fabric edges. Stitch on diagonal line (ideally stitch just to the outside of the drawn line to allow for pressing fabric.)



Rotate unit 180 degrees and place another Color 1 2 ½" square in the lower right corner and stitch just outside the diagonal line. Before pressing, "clip" the corner seam allowances, leaving only ¼" (use ruler and rotary cutter or scissors).

Press towards Color 1 fabric. Unit should still measure 6 ½" square.

Repeat for each Background 6 ½" square.

Step Three: Rotate combined unit 90 degrees so Color 1 corners are at upper right and lower left corners. Place Color 2 2 ½" square in lower right corner of Background 6 ½" square, right sides together with diagonal line going right to left and align fabric edges. Stitch just outside the diagonal line.

Rotate unit 180 degrees and place another Color 2 2 ½" square in the lower right corner and stitch just outside the diagonal line.

Before pressing, "clip" the corner seam allowances, leaving only ¼" (use ruler and rotary cutter or scissors).

Press towards Color 2 fabric. Unit should still measure 6 ½" square.

Repeat for each Background 6 ½" square.

Step Four: Place one unit with Color 1 at upper right and lower left corners and one unit with Color 2 at upper right and lower left corners and sew together. (Color 1 corner should be next to a Color 1 corner when sewing.) Press. Unit should now measure 6 ½" x 12 ½". Repeat.

Step Five: Layout both 6 ½" x 12 ½" strip in same direction and rotate bottom strip 180 degrees to form pattern. Sew together and press.

QU Directory Photos

I will be taking member photos for the directory at the January meeting. If you have not had your picture taken yet, please see me. I will be set up next to the check-in table.

Thanks,

Michele Hackmeyer



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 **January 28, 2023**.

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/>



2023 Guild Calendar	
WHERE:	Guild Meetings: Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive; 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting.
WHEN	WHAT
2023	
January 12	Guild Meeting
January 18	Steering Committee Meeting, Main Library, Meeting Room A, 6:30 pm
January 20	9 am – noon, Class: Adding Beads to Your Quilts; home of Sharon Pollock
February 9	Guild Meeting
February 18	9 am – 2 pm, Class: Impressionist Quilts, Strip by Strip, Woodville Community Center
March 9	Guild Meeting
March 18	9:30 am – 12:30 am, Class: Sashiko by Hand, Woodville Community Center
March 18	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm, Class: Sashiko by Machine, Woodville Community Center
March 25	10:00 am – 4:30 pm, Class: Serendipity Blocks Redux, Woodville Community Center
April 13	Guild Meeting
May 11	Guild Meeting
June 8	Guild Meeting
July 11-Aug 3	QU show at LeMoyné Arts: Metamorphosis (Transformations)
July 13	Guild Meeting
August 10	Guild Meeting
September 14	Guild Meeting
October 12	Guild Meeting
November 9	Guild Meeting
December 14	Guild Meeting

- **2023 Officers**

President: Peggy Clark

President-Elect: Janet Taylor

Membership: Peggy Allen

Secretary: Deborah Kelly

Treasurer: Rachel Smith

Immediate Past President: Sue Isaac

- **2023 Chairs, Standing Committees**

Annual Quilt Show 2023: Karen Kunz

Annual Quilt Show 2024: Sue Isaac

Internet-Website: Sue Isaac

Internet-Email: Carol Eskola

Internet-Social Media: Tara Goodman

Newsletter: Carol Eskola

Opportunity 2023: Jeanne Brenner

Opportunity 2024: Jeanne Brenner

Philanthropy: Ann Gaber

Programs: Ellen Fournier, Gail Renna

Publicity: Tara Goodman

Workshops: Cheryl Gratt

- **2023 Chairs, Support Committees**

Block of the Month: Kerry Cohen

Challenge Quilt: Pam Doffek

City Hall Show: Lyn Gearity

Directory: Peggy Allen

Door Prizes: Jane Jordan

Equipment: Michele Hackmeyer

Library: Michele Hackmeyer

Quilter's Treasure: Jane Jordan

Silent Auction: Linda Stright

Sit & Stitch: Jeanne Brenner

Sunshine: Shelley Woodyard

Welcoming: Evelyn Gonzalez

- **2023 Chairs, Ad Hoc Committees**

Auditor: Pam Doffek

Awards: Marsha Walper

Fiscal Planning: President, Pres-Elect,

Treasurer, immediate Past Pres, one other

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 Jeanne Brenner.**

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.