



AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: February 9, 2023, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message

National Sewing Day is February 4th, so let's get busy! Imagine giving a quilt to a granddaughter for her birthday, but she never takes it out of the gift box. She has received the gift of the quilt, but because she has yet to use it, she isn't using it for its intended purpose. In a sense, she hasn't experienced what the quilt is. Neither has she experienced it as the gift you wanted to give her. Let us use our gift of sewing on National Sewing Day to make a quilt for someone who will take it out of the box and use it to keep warm and feel the love with which it was made.

From its beginning through 12/31/22, Quilts of Valor has awarded a total of 333,690 quilts! Know anyone who is a vet? Nominate the veteran to receive a quilt this year. Contact Roberta Granville. Her information is in the directory and! she will gladly contact the veteran for more information.

I want to take my hat off to Sue Isaac for the information she has added to the calendar on QU website. It is on the right side of the page "Bulletin Board". Check it out!

Quilters Unlimited will be having our quilt show at LeMoyne in July, but if you really need a "quilt show fix" you do not have to wait. Get Your Engines Running to check out the following that are within driving distance. Keep in mind the fun and laughs you will have carpooling!

- "Threads of Tradition" by Chautauqua Quilters (February 17-18) at Community Center, 361 N. 10th St., DeFuniak Springs, FL (\$8 cash only) **
- Emerald Coast Quilt Show by Flying Needles Quilt Guild (March 3-4) at N.W. Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, FL (\$10 a day or \$15 for both days)
- "Home Sweet Home" Quilt Show by St. Andrews Bay Quilters (March 17-18), Lynn Haven United Methodist Church, 3203 Minnesota Ave, Panama City, FL (\$7) **

****Note**** please only go to this show on Friday so that you can attend classes given by QU members on those Saturdays (see all the class details later in this newsletter).

A retreat will be held at Wakulla Springs featuring Rita Verroca, "The Grand Dame of Hand Applique" and author of Baltimore Album of Roses. (March 12-14, 15-17, or all of them, 12-17) You can attend daily. Projects are antique baby quilt, patriotic block, and floral block. All this and individual study as well. Contact Cheryl Gratt for more information. Her information is in the directory.

These quilt shows and retreats, along with classes offered/taught by the guild with our own skilled members, will keep you busy and add to your quilting skills.

Enjoy your month and keep in mind those New Year's resolutions to do more for others. Spread that Valentine's Day love to those who can really use it.

Peggy Clark



Membership Dues Payment Deadline Extended

The deadline for paying 2023 membership dues has been extended to the February 9 guild meeting. If your dues are paid through that date (2/9/23), your contact information will be included in the new directory, which will be available as of the March meeting. For complete details on how to pay your dues, please refer to the article on page 2 of the *January* newsletter.

Peggy Allen, Membership VP.

Upcoming Programs

Do you need some inspiration for your new quilting projects? Marianne Clower of Quilt Peddlers will be our featured guest in February, showing and telling us What's Hot in Quilting! She has lots of pictures from the International Quilt Festival in Houston, and comments about trends she spotted there. I hope lots of us will be at our meeting on February 9 to see what Marianne has to show us.

March 9 is the date for the Quilters Unlimited Swap Meet—your chance to “re-home” some of your quilting supplies and find treasures being offered by other guild members. Details are in the accompanying article.

On April 13, nationally recognized fiber artist and author Valerie Goodwin is presenting a program called “Mapping Narratives Using Fabric, Paint, and Thread.” Valerie is featured in the Winter 2023 issue of Quilting Arts Magazine with an article about using fusible scraps and sheer fabric in making collage art quilts.

Ellen Fournier, Program Chair

Why not celebrate February 4th, National Sewing Day, with a marathon day of sewing and eating that box of chocolate you've been hiding?

2023 Challenge Quilt

Challenge rules will be available during the February meeting. \$5/set of rules. All monies come back as prizes in June display/contest. See Pam Doffek.

QU Library

We have books, lots of books! Check out the list of books online under the 'About QU' tab. There are 3 versions of the list, in order by title, author, and category.

Even if you just want to look a few books over but are not sure you want to check them out, send me your list and I'll bring them to the next meeting.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

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 February Bowtie and/or Snowball blocks to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

March'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

March Block of the Month

March's Theme – Strip Piecing

This month blocks will highlight ways to create blocks using long strips. Strip piecing typically uses width of fabric (WOF) strips and multiple sub-units are cut from the WOF to create multiple blocks.

Fabric requirements listed below make 1 block.

Remember to carefully cut your fabric, sew with a scant quarter inch seam allowance, and carefully press your pieces.

Starting Point Block: Rail Fence – 12" Block – 3 Colors



Fabric Needed:

Background, Color 1 & Color 2 = Cut 1 – 2 ½" x 26" strip

Directions:

Step One: Sew Color 1 strip to Background strip. Be careful on long seams to sew straight and at a scant quarter inch. Press towards Color 1. Strip now measures 4 ½" wide.

Step Two: Sew color 2 strip to the background strip. Press towards Color 2. Strip now measures 6 ½" wide.

Step Three: Carefully layout strip on cutting mat and cut strip into 4 - 6 ½" squares.

Step Four: Layout a unit with the Color 1 strip on the left vertically. To the right of that unit, layout another unit with the Color 1 strip on the top horizontally. Sew together and press towards the vertical strip.

Step Five: Layout a unit with the Color 1 strip on the top horizontally. To the right of that unit, layout another unit with the Color 1 strip on the left vertically. Sew together and press towards the vertical strip.

Step Six: Layout the units with the Color 1 outside vertical strip on top and Color 2 outside vertical strip on bottom and sew together. Press.

Next Level Block: Roman Coins – 12" Block – 4 or 5 Colors



Fabric Needed:

Colors 1-4 = Cut 1 – 1 ½" x 31 ½" strip

**Note in photos below Color 2 and Color 4 fabrics are same*

Background = Cut 2 – 2" x 12 ½" strips

Directions:

Step One: Sew together Color 1 and Color 2 strips. Press to Color 2.

Step Two: Sew together Color 3 and Color 4 strips. Press to Color 4. (Strips should now measure 2 ½" across.)

Step Three: Sew Color 3/4 strip to Color 1/2 strip. Press in same direction as other seams. (Strip should now measure 4 ½" across.)

Step Four: Carefully layout strip unit on cutting mat and cut at 10 ½" increments. (3- 4 ½" x 10 ½" units)

Step Five: Sew the two units together on the 10 ½" length, keeping the same fabric placement. Press in same direction as other seams.

Step Six: Sew the third unit repeating the same fabric placement as previous two units. Press in same direction as other seams.

Step Seven: Carefully layout strip unit on cutting mat and cut at 3 ½" increments. (3-3½" x 12 ½" units)

Step Eight: Layout out all three Strip Units in same direction with strips horizontal. Rotate Strip Unit 2 180 degrees.

Step Nine: Sew Background strip to right hand side of Strip Unit 1. Press to Background. Repeat with Strip Unit 2.

Step Ten: Sew Strip Unit 2/B to right hand side (background) of Strip Unit 1/B and press to Background.

Step Eleven: Sew Strip Unit 3 to Strip Unit 1/B/2/B. Press to Background.

Swap Meet Information and Guidelines

"Regrets—I've had a few" or so sang Frank Sinatra in My Way. You may feel the same way about some of your quilting acquisitions, but the Quilters Unlimited Swap Meet is your chance to turn your mistakes into someone else's lucky find!

At the March 9 meeting you can sell your surplus or unloved quilting and craft supplies (or anything else that you think would appeal to Guild members) and shop for bargains from your fellow quilters. Here are guidelines for participating in the swap meet:

- ❖ Table rentals cost \$10 for a whole table, \$5 for half of a table. You can reserve a table on the Quilters Unlimited website or at the February meeting.
- ❖ Tables can be rented by individuals or groups.
- ❖ If you rent half of a table, please bring something (painters' tape, a ping pong net, etc.) to subdivide the table.
- ❖ On the night of the Swap Meet you can come into the meeting space at 5:45 to set up your items.
- ❖ Please bring a sheet or something to cover up the merchandise until the business segment of the meeting is completed.
- ❖ There will be no sales until the Swap Meet begins.
- ❖ Sellers are responsible for making change for their sales.
- ❖ All items that are not sold must be removed from the meeting space at the end of the evening.

Ellen Fournier, Program Chair



Don't Miss Out — Classes taught by Guild members are coming right up!

IMPRESSIONIST QUILTS – STRIP BY STRIP — taught by Leslie Cohen



February 18, 2023

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Woodville Community Center

8000 Old Woodville Highway; Tallahassee

This class will teach you how to make a quilt inspired by an impressionist painting of Van Gogh using ripped fabric strips instead of paint strokes. Leslie created this technique for a fabric challenge in 2017 and the result was amazing! She will share with you how to interpret the impressionist technique with fabric and create your own original work of art.

Leslie will provide a supplies and equipment list upon registration. If you have questions about the class please contact her at her email address in your directory.

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SASHIKO – BY HAND — taught by Pam Doffek

March 18, 2023

9:30 am – 12:30 pm



Woodville Community Center

8000 Old Woodville Highway; Tallahassee

Sashiko (pronounced: Saa-She-Koh, not Sash-eye-ko) is an antique Japanese hand embroidery technique used by peasant and lower class workers to provide warmth to clothing and decoration at the same time. It was traditionally done on 2 layers of indigo (dark) fabrics with a thick thread and no “batting”. Sashiko history and patterns will be discussed in class. I’ve taught this class since 2004 and its resurgence and adaptation to quilting are heartening as it’s a very flexible technique.

Kits with fabric, thread, needles, and patterns will be included in the class fee. The class project will be an 18” X 24” sampler of patterns suitable for a pillow, table centerpiece or incorporation into an apron or other piece of clothing.

A student supply list will be provided with class payment.

\$30 per class, or \$50 for both classes (see Sashiko – By Machine; same day, 1:30–4:30) (Fees include kits.) Sign up at a Guild meeting.

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SASHIKO – BY MACHINE — taught by Pam Doffek



March 18, 2023

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Woodville Community Center

8000 Old Woodville Highway; Tallahassee

Sashiko CAN be done on a domestic sewing machine, all you need is a straight stitch machine that can vary the stitch length. Although we will work on 2 layers of fabric (no batting) the machine technique expands well to projects made with lightweight batting, embellishment on clothing or quilting on a layered quilt. Alternative use of non-cotton threads and

decorative stitches as well as Sashiko machines will be discussed but not done in class.

Kits with fabric, patterns and water-soluble stabilizer will be included in the class fee. The class project will be a 12" X 18" oval placemat. Students will provide their own binding/finishing technique outside of class. The class will require a machine that minimum does straight stitch and walking foot (optional).

A student supply list will be provided with class payment.

\$30 per class, or \$50 for both classes (see Sashiko – By Hand; same day, 9:30–12:30) (Fees include kits.) Sign up at a Guild meeting.

SERENDIPITY BLOCKS REDUX — taught by Pam Doffek



March 25, 2023

10 am – 4:30 pm

A repeat of Pam's popular Serendipity Blocks pattern, with a twist: pre coordinated/color theory bags of fabric!!

Serendipity Blocks is Pam's adaptation of a Log Cabin block construction. BUT, it uses all kinds of fabrics with no need to rotary cut or premeasure during construction. It appeals to the Type A as well as the free-spirited quilter/top maker. The squares can be made into any size, but 10"–15" are the best. We will make 12" – 14" blocks in class which will make a wonderful 24" x 36" quilt top

suitable for the center of a larger quilt, or add borders to make it bigger. Instructions and a demonstration of my "2-Trips/1-Quilt" method for assembling any kind of square blocks with only 2-trips to the ironing board are included as well as several handouts on quilt dimensions.

A bag of fabric, pre-coordinated for various colorways (monochromatic, complimentary, analogous in several colors), instructions and handouts are included in the class fee. Ironing boards, cutting mats and some square rulers will be provided.

Students should bring a machine that does straight stitch (no zigzag or other stitches required, making this a great class for Featherweights and portables).

A complete supply list will be included with payment.

\$30 per class (Fee includes fabric bags and instructions.)

Philanthropy News

Hello to all of you who are working on lovely things for the various projects.

We had about 16 quilts for to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 3 quilts to Hospice and 6 pillowcases to Hospice in January. These represent so many hours of love-invested work!

We have about 50 quilt tops waiting to be quilted so please jump in and take on one or two. They are not as hard to do as you might think.

Also, I could use some help putting together the quilt sandwiches for those tops.

Joy,

Ann Gaber







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 **February 24, 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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2023 Guild Calendar	
WHERE:	Guild Meetings: Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive; 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting.
WHEN	WHAT
2023	
February 9	Guild Meeting
February 18	9 am – 2 pm, Class: Impressionist Quilts, Strip by Strip, Woodville Community Center
March 9	Guild Meeting
March 16	Steering Committee Meeting, 6:30, Main Library
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 LeMoyne 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, Christine Walsh

• **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

"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
	Sew Darn Happy	Monday after QU Meeting 1:00-3:00 pm	Dawn Griffin
Tuesday	Bits and Pieces	1 st Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
Wednesday	Pin Pals	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00-3:30	Terri Smith
Thursday	Sew Arty	3 rd Thursday 11:30 am-1 pm	Stephanie Rubanowice
	Patchwork & Prayer	1 st , 3 rd , 4 th Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 rd Thur 11 am-1:45 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: *Frayed Edges*. This is due to physical limitations -- no more room in members' home or no more parking space available.