

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

President's Message

Spring is in the air! Or at least pollen sure is! What a great time to stay inside and quilt, sew or just look at your fabric stash and think of the many things you can do with it. I would just look at the fabric and begin to think of another project to start and possibly end up as a UFO that I will be looking at in 2024. Enough of that kind of thinking as I am trying real hard to keep my New Year's resolutions by clearing up UFOs, not creating more.

I have had a lot of feedback on the classes being taught by our talented members. All good comments thus far and I'm sure it will remain that way into the future. I would like to attend all of them, but life has another thing in mind when it comes to my calendar. I write something in my calendar and after that if anything comes along I just am good about saying that I have something else on that day. The first thing on it gets me! I will make it to one of the classes in March, and of course, I'm saving the date for the Prismatic Star class on August 19th. I am excited about learning new stuff.

There is a job that each of you can take on at our meetings that is easy and without cost. It is finding a new member and asking them to sit with you or you move to sit with her. It is a great way to meet a new quilter and make a new friend. We were all new to the guild at one time or other, so please help make our guild a great experience and having a "I can't wait until next month attitude" instilled into every member. This is for all members, new and ones who have been members for a number of years. (Notice that I didn't say 'old members')! Enough with the cliques around the room. Boo as a kindergartner would say to that.

Keep the bobbin filled and stay stitching,

Peggy Clark, President



Swap Meet Is Almost Here

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. Please reserve a table [here](#) and look through your fabric and equipment for things you are ready to part with. 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](#).
- ❖ 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.

I'm looking forward to buying some treasures and selling some, too!

Ellen Fournier, Program Chair

March is National Quilting Month!

Upcoming Spring Programs

April 13th: 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 11th: 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.

June 8th: The big reveal of challenge quilts! Have your quilt ready to show or come and be awed by what your fellow guild members can create!

Ellen Fournier, Program Chair

Le Moyne Quilt Show, July 11 - August 3

Registration for both show quilts and challenge quilts is now on our website

Last date to register your quilts is June 12, no exceptions will be made beyond this date.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Kunz or Pam Doffek. (contact information is in the Guild directory)

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's as easy as BOM-2-3.

Please bring your March Rail Fence and/or Roman Coins blocks to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

If you prefer to participate and make blocks for charity, please use red, white and blue fabrics.

April's theme is Tube Piecing 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

April Block of the Month

April's Theme – Tube Piecing - Additional photos of each step are on the QU website under Block of the Month

Starting Point Block: Spool – 12" Block – 3 Colors



Fabric Needed:

Color 1 = Cut 1 - 5" x width of fabric strip

Background & Color 2 = Cut 1 – 2 ¾" width of fabric strip

Directions:

Step One: Sew the Color 2 and Background strips together. Press towards Color 2 strip. This unit should now measure 5" wide.

Step Two: Lay the Color 1 strip on top of the Color 2/Background unit and sew on both edges to form a tube. (It helps to sew these long seams in opposite directions to keep from stretching your fabric in one direction.) Press the tube to make sure it lays flat.

Step Three: Lay the tube lengthwise on your cutting mat with Color 1 side up. Using

the corner of a 6 ½" square ruler (or larger), align both of the 6 ½" marks on the bottom stitching line, making sure to have enough room past your selvage. Note – the 6 ½" marks are NOT aligned with the edge of the fabric, but with your stitching.

Step Four: Cut along the side of the ruler to remove the selvage edge.

Step Five: Turn over your tube so the Color 2/Background side is up. Realign your ruler with the 6 ½" marks on the bottom seam and fabric's cut edge aligned with the edge of the ruler. Cut along the fabric side of the ruler. You should now have one cut triangle unit.

Step Six: Repeat the process, flipping and turning the tube so the cut edge is always aligned with the edge of the ruler opposite your rotary cutting hand. Remember to align the 6 ½" marks on the ruler to the stitching line. Cut until you have 4 triangle units (you won't need to cut the whole tube). Two should be from opposite sides of the tube.

Step Seven: Open up your triangle units gently undoing the stitch at the point if needed. Press the seam towards Color 1 on the units with the Background next to Color 1 and press towards Color 2 on the opposite units. Units should measure 6 ½" square.

Next Level Block: Striped Square – 12" Block – 4 Colors



Fabric Needed:

Color 1 = Cut 1 – 2 ¾" x width of fabric strip and Cut 1 – 1 5/8" width of fabric strip

Colors 2 & 3 = Cut 1 – 1 5/8" width of fabric strip

Background = Cut 3 – 1 5/8" x width of fabric strips

Directions:

Step One: Sew the Color 1, 2 and 3 1 5/8" strips to a Background 1 5/8" strip. Press towards to Color strip. These units should now measure 2 ¾" wide.

Step Two: Sew the Background/Color 1 unit to the Background/Color2 unit with the background strips alternating with the color strips. (It helps to sew these long seams in opposite directions to keep from stretching your fabric in one direction.) Press towards Color 2. Unit should measure 5" wide.

Step Three: Sew the Background/Color 3 strip to the Color 1 2 ¾" strip. Press towards Color 1. Unit should measure 5" wide.

Step Four: Lay the 3 strip unit on top of the 4 strip unit and sew on both edges to form a tube. (The Color 1 strips should be together.) Press the tube to make sure it lays flat.

Step Five: Lay the tube lengthwise on your cutting mat with 3 strip side facing up and the Color 1 strip at the top. Using the corner of a 6 ½" square ruler (or larger), align both of the 6 ½" marks on the bottom stitching line, making sure to have enough

room past your selvage. Note – the 6 ½" marks are NOT aligned with the edge of the fabric, but with your stitching.

Step Six: Cut along the side of the ruler to remove the selvage edge.

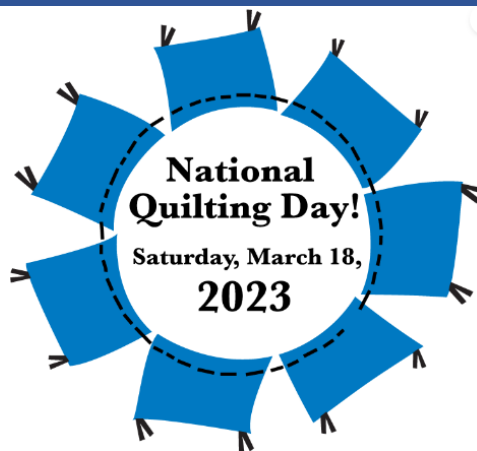
Step Seven: Turn over your tube so the 4 strip side is up. Realign your ruler with the 6 ½" marks on the bottom seam and fabric's cut edge aligned with the edge of the ruler. Cut along the fabric side of the ruler. You should now have one cut triangle unit.

Step Eight: Repeat the process, flipping and turning the tube so the cut edge is always aligned with the edge of the ruler opposite your rotary cutting hand. Remember to align the 6 ½" marks on the ruler to the stitching line. Cut until you have 4 triangle units with the Color 1 at the triangle points. (You will get 3 triangle units with Color 1 at the base of the triangle. These will not be used for the block.)

Step Nine: Open up your triangle units gently undoing the stitch at the point if needed. Press towards Color 3. Units should measure 6 ½" square.

Step Ten: Align the 2 units with the wider Color 1 to the top left. Align the 2 units with the wider Color 1 to the top right. Sew together and press both units in same direction.

Step Eleven: Rotate one unit 180 degrees so Color 1 is on the bottom outside corners and sew together. Press in one direction.

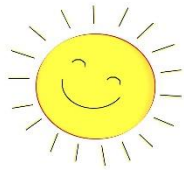


Quilt of Valor Presentation

Daniel DeVeny was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home in Crawfordville, Florida on Sunday January 29, 2023. Daniel served 31 years in the U.S. Army ending his career as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. He served in Iraq and Afghanistan and received numerous awards and citations including the bronze star.

Daniel's quilt was made by Roberta G and friends. It was quilted by Sarah P.

Daniel is on the right in the photo. On the left is his neighbor, Leroy Coker, who is also a veteran.



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 **March 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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on Facebook & stay connected. <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	
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 Geariety

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

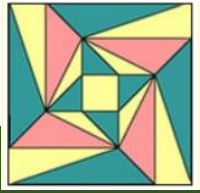
Travel: TBD

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
	Leon County Senior Center at the Woodville Library	1 st and 3 rd Thursday, 9:30- 11:30 am	Janie Watson
	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.



CLASSIFIED ADS

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

*Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.
See Directory for Specific Contact Information*

Items for Sale

Longarm for Sale

Gammill Premier 18"

Stitch Regulator

12 foot pivot access table with attached overhead light bar

Original owner - purchased in 2008 – personal use and donation quilts

Heavy duty locking casters for ease of movement

Laser light for pantographs

Channel locks – horizontal and vertical

Zipper leader system

Stand alone bobbin winder

Ruler base

Selling to upgrade to computer quilting system

Buyer is responsible for disassembling, moving, and reassembly

\$9,500

Classified Ads -- Instructions

Only Guild Members can list items for sale, for services, or "free-to-a-good-home". How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. Briefly describe the item and asking price.

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH A SALE OR SERVICES ARE BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.