

# AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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*Next Meeting: April 13, 2023, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

## *President's Message*

Happy Easter! May the chocolate bunnies fill your basket. Of course, those bunnies can be on fabric so the calories will be lower to count! Lord knows I need the lower count after the cold and rain, but it does bring on more sewing time. Rags to Bags has been my focus this past month as many bags are needed to give out at the LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival on April 15 and 16. I encourage all to attend as LeMoyne is our Quilt Show sponsor this year in July.

I have heard a lot of great comments about the classes being taught by our talented members. All the attendees that I have heard from can't wait until next year when, hopefully, our member teachers will volunteer again.

Be sure to save the date for the Prismatic Star class on August 19<sup>th</sup>. I am excited and hope you are too. I neglected to tell you that the class is for making a quilt, not placemats or table runners. Sizes of the quilts are 68 x 68 or 91 x 91.

Other great comments I have heard are that in just the few months of this new year, we are doing a good job of welcoming new members and guests. Good job!

Now the "Other" comments....

1. Please do NOT call the R.A. Gray building that houses the Florida Museum asking if there will be a quilt show for any year. We do not want to burn that bridge as we will want to go back there in future years. So please, lose their number!

2. Chairwomen, your time at the guild meeting is limited to less than three (3) minutes. If you need more time, please use the newsletter to get your message out to all members. The time limit will assist in time management to ensure that any guest speaker will have plenty of time without feeling rushed. I apologize for last month as I did not know how to take back the microphone tactfully, but Past Presidents advised me just to "Walk up and say that if we have time at the end of our meeting you can continue". I do not like to do this but I will, as I HATE complaints and will try to keep most people happy and content. Hopefully, I can look into the complaint box in the future and find a happy surprise with it being empty. Yahoo!

If you need to share anything, good or bad, please remember that my information is

in the directory.

Please pray for our members who are recovering from illnesses and cannot be with us at this time.

Keep the bobbin filled and stay stitching,

Peggy Clark, President

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## April Program



Valerie Goodwin

Valerie Goodwin will speak at the April 13 meeting. She is a local mixed media fiber artist and architect whose works of fine art are included in museum and private collections. Most of her work is inspired by a love of aerial views of landscapes and cities. Many of her quilts are based on maps. She will present **MAPPING NARRATIVES USING FABRIC, PAINT & THREAD**, a lecture about how she uses maps to tell the story of a place using fabric, paint, and thread. The focus will be on 3 types of maps: Personal Narrative Maps, Fictional Map Narratives and Political/Sociological Narratives.



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## Upcoming Programs

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.

June: 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!

July: Quilts of Valor will be the topic for July. We will learn about the Quilts of Valor program and the story of a recent local recipient of one of these quilts.

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## It is time to think about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited for the Distinguished Quilter Award

Nominations for Distinguished Quilter are due by June 1. Nomination forms for Distinguished Quilter 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.

In addition to basic contact information, the entry form has three sections to describe the nominee.

1. Outstanding quilting expertise and talent
2. Quilting demonstrations, teaching and/or writing by quilter
3. Local, regional, and/or national quilt shows entered; awards received

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.

### 5. Distinguished Quilter Award Criteria

- a) The Distinguished Quilter 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; has outstanding quilting expertise and talent; shares by demonstrations, teaching, or writing; and enters quilts in local, regional, and national quilt shows.
- b) The nominee may also: serve as an officer or committee chairperson, demonstrate areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other), and show initiative and/or assume responsibility.
- c) The Distinguished Quilter Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than June 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Contact Marsha Walper with questions about submitting nominations.

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## 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.)

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## 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 April Spool and/or Striped Square blocks to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

**In the first three months of 2023, we have created 49 blocks for veteran quilts. Thank you to everyone who has made a block or blocks!**

May's theme is Half Square Triangles and patterns are below and on the guild website with more details.

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

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

Happy Piecing!!

Kerry Cohen

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## May Block of the Month

**May's Theme – Half Square Triangles** - Additional photos of each step are on the QU website under Block of the Month

### Starting Point Block: Pinwheels – 12" Block – 3 Colors



*Half Square Triangles – Two at a Time*

Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 8 – 3 7/8" squares

Color 1 & Color 2 = Cut 4 – 3 7/8" squares

#### Directions:

Step One: On the wrong side of the Background 3 7/8" squares, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner. (This will be a cutting line, so you can use a permanent fabric pen.)

Step Two: Place a Background square and Color 1 square right sides together. Sew a scant 1/4" from the drawn diagonal line. Repeat on the other side of the diagonal line. (Make sure you are sewing a scant 1/4". Check this by measure from the drawn line to you stitching line.) Press the squares to make sure they lay flat.

Step Three: Repeat Step Two with the Background and Color 2 squares.

Step Four: Cut all 8 squares along the drawn line using either scissors or rotary cutter and ruler. Carefully, press open towards Color 1 or Color 2. This is a half square

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triangle unit measuring 3 ½". You can clip off the dog ears on your HST units or leave them.

Step Five: Layout your HST units to create the Pinwheels pattern in rows, placing pieces from left to right.

Row 1 - Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the bottom left; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the top left; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the bottom left; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the top left.

Row 2 - Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the bottom right; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the top right; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the bottom right; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the top right.

Row 3 - Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the bottom left; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the top left; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the bottom left; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the top left.

Row 4 - Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the bottom right; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the top right; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the bottom right; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the top right.

*This is the layout for this Pinwheels block. To reduce seam bulk, the block will be pieced together in rows, instead of piecing the four 6 ½" pinwheel blocks separately.*

Step Six: Sew together the units in row one, making sure to keep the layout correct. Press seams to the left.

Step Seven: Repeat Step Six with rows 2-4, but press rows 2 & 4 to the right.

Step Eight: Sew the rows together keeping the layout and press seams in one direction.

### Next Level Block: Starshine – 12" Block – 3 Colors



Block name and layout from [Blossom Heart Quilts](http://BlossomHeartQuilts.com)  
*Half Square Triangles – Eight at a Time*

Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 2 – 7 ¾" squares

Color 1 & Color 2 = Cut 1 – 7 ¾" square

#### Directions:

Step One: On the wrong side of the Background 7 ¾" squares, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner. Repeat, going from the opposite corners to form an "X". (This will be a cutting line, so you can use a permanent fabric pen.)

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Step Two: Place one Background square and Color 1 square right sides together. Sew

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a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from one drawn diagonal line. Repeat on the other side of the diagonal line. (Make sure you are sewing a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Check this by measure from the drawn line to you stitching line.) Sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the other drawn diagonal line. Press the square to make sure it lays flat.

Step Three: Repeat Step Two with the other Background square and Color 2 square.

Step Four: Cut along the drawn line using either scissors or rotary cutter and ruler. Carefully, press open towards Color 1 or Color 2. This is a half square triangle unit measuring  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". You can clip off the dog ears on your HST units or leave them.

Step Five: Lay out your HST units to create rows A and B, placing from left to right. Layout two rows of each A and B.

Row A - Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the bottom right; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the top right; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the top left; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the bottom left.

Row B - Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the bottom left; Color 2 HST with the background triangle at the top left; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the top right; Color 1 HST with the background triangle at the bottom right.

Step Six: Sew together the units in row A, making sure to keep the layout correct. Press seams to the left.

Step Seven: Sew together the units in row B, making sure to keep the layout correct. Press seams to the right.

Step Eight: Sew the rows A& B together and press in one direction.

Step Nine: Rotate one unit 180 degrees and sew two units together to form the block.

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## Philanthropy Report - April showers bring May flowers. And my oh my how Time flies!

We have kits made up to give out at the next QU meeting, April 13th. Please come by the Philanthropy table and take one or two. Many of them are to be sewn in the Quilt-as-you-go method and thus are very easy to manage with a standard sewing machine.

We will also have some quilt sandwiches (pieced top, batting, and backing fabric) to be basted as you wish, and machine quilted. Check the dimensions to be sure it is manageable for your type of machine. Several members have offered to bind so you could hand off a quilted sandwich and have time possibly to quilt another.

We have also received a very nice donation of quilt pre-cuts: jelly rolls and charm packs as well as more detailed design pre-cut kits. Some are large enough that they could be divided into two or three smaller quilts. You are welcome to any of these on the condition they be made into quilts for charity. Please speak to Jeanne Brenner if

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you are interested in one of these.

Here are figures for the first quarter of 2023 of quilts completed by various individuals, teams, or bees. And I know there are many more donated directly.

January 2023: 16 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 3 to Big Bend Hospice plus 6 pillowcases, and 4 to TMH NICU (Neonatal intensive Care Unit).

February 2023: 20 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and 6 to TMH NICU.

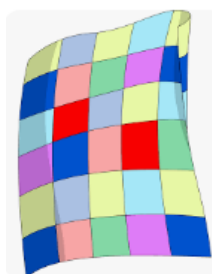
March 2023: 47 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 1 to Hope Mission, 4 to TMH NICU, 2 to Big Bend Hospice, and 1 to Laptops for Veterans.

A few photos are included below for inspiration.

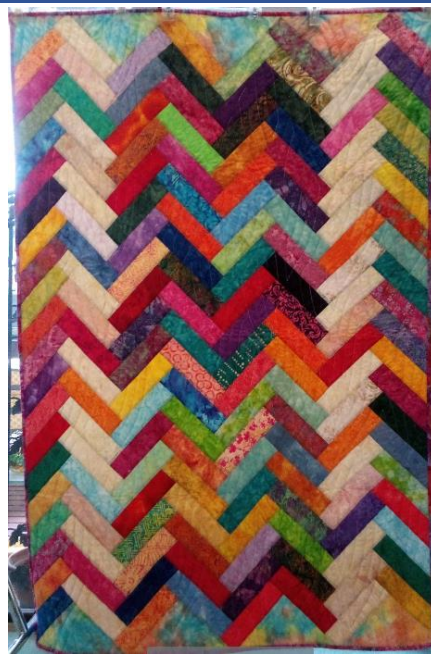
My deep and heartfelt thanks to all of you!

Joy,

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair







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## Quilt of Valor Presentation

On Saturday, March 24, 2023 James Nathan Kelley was awarded a Quilt of Valor in Dothan, Alabama. Nate served in the Alabama Army Guard and then in the U.S. Navy. He served as a hospital corpsman and was stationed in Lebanon, Libya, and with the NATO Expeditionary Force. He left the service as an E3.

Nate is shown with Peggy Clark. His quilt was made by Roberta G. and friends and quilted by Linda F.







## 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 **April 27, 2023**.

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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<b>2023 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>
2023	
April 13	Guild Meeting
May 11	Guild Meeting
June 8	Guild Meeting
June 12	LeMoyne Show Application Deadline
June 13	Steering Committee Meeting
June 23	Quilt Drop-Off for LeMoyne Shown
July 11	LeMoyne Show Opening Event
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

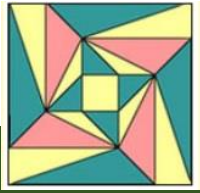
## Sit-n-Stitch Groups

"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.**

<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
	Sew Darn Happy	Monday after QU Meeting 1:00-3:00 pm	Dawn Griffin
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bits and Pieces	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 11-3:00 Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Jeanne Brenner
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pin Pals	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00-3:30	Terri Smith
<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> Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts @ NE Library	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur 11 am-1:45 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: *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

Contact me with any questions.

Thanks so much,

Linda Robbins

#### 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](mailto: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.**