



AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: May 11, 2023, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting

President's Message

Wow! April showers last month sure did bring lovely May flowers. If you want to see some, take a drive past my house as my husband has done a great job this year. I think he outdid all the other years by a landslide. A little biased? Probably.

Speaking of flowers... do you have any that you purposely put into a quilt? I am not talking of any on the fabric, although I find that small flowers on some is great backing fabric as it is a little easier to hide the little errors in quilting. Hexies gone wild perhaps!

I was out of "Wows and Ahhs" last month when our speaker Valerie presented the program. I can honestly say that the quilts she makes are way over my capability or even in my wildest dreams! Great job.

I hope all members will enjoy the program to be given at our May 11 meeting by Sheila Callahan. She will have a trunk show and follow with great ideas for those tiny bits of fabric that we have saved for whatever reason besides thinking that perhaps this can be used for.....

But as another famous person we know (Martin Luther King, Jr.) said, "I have a dream", and so do I, and this is to create a quilt using the Prismatic Star pattern featured in our August 19th workshop. (In the dream I also filled up the class with our members who have had the same dream). See the announcement about this workshop later in this newsletter.

Remember to be working to finish your Challenge quilt, as June brings the big reveal and then they will be on display at LeMoyne in July.

I am so excited! Oh yeah, that was a song title that has been in my head all day. Ugh!

Until next month keep the bobbin filled and stay stitching,

Peggy Clark, President



Le Moyne Quilt Show, July 11 - August 3

Registration for both show quilts and challenge quilts is now on our website. The last date to register your quilts is June 12; no exceptions will be made beyond this date.

If you are entering a quilt or challenge quilt in the LeMoyne Quilt Show, your quilt does NOT need a sleeve; however, you must submit your quilt in a pillowcase with your name either printed on the pillowcase, or on a label securely attached to the pillowcase.

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

PRISMATIC STAR WORKSHOP — SIGN UP NOW!



The Prismatic Star workshop will be taught by Barb Linares at the Woodville Community Center on Saturday, August 19, 9AM – 5PM. This quilt, designed by Judy Neimeyer, can be made either 68"x68" or 91"x91".

The workshop is limited to the first 15 paid participants. After members have a chance to sign up at the beginning of the May 11 guild meeting, the workshop will be opened to nonmembers. So if you want to sign up but can't be at the May meeting, contact Peggy Clark to make arrangements to sign up and pay before then.

Workshop Fee: \$78.

Each participant is also required to purchase one pattern:

\$35 for the 68"X68" size, OR

\$48 for the 91"X91" size

Information about pre-workshop preparation and fabric requirements will be sent to attendees after the May meeting.

Silent Auction

Thank you to those who have submitted Silent Auction items. As mentioned at previous meetings, Silent Auction items should appeal to a broader audience. Items and baskets do not need to be quilt related. Think arty, embroidery, tote bag; for baskets, spa, movie, coffee & chocolate. Just some ideas.

If you volunteered to do a basket, please let Linda Stright know so she can get a count as to how many baskets we can expect. Let her know at the meeting or see her contact info in the directory.

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.

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

Please bring your May Pinwheels and/or Starshine blocks to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

In June, we are continuing the Half Square Triangle theme and patterns are below and on the guild website with more details. If you prefer to 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

June Block of the Month

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



Starting Point Block: Square in a Square – 12" Block – 3 Colors

Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 2 – 5 1/8" squares

Color 1 = Cut 2 – 6 7/8" squares

Color 2 = Cut 1 – 6 1/2" square

Directions:

Step One: Cut the Background squares and the Color 1 squares on the diagonal once. This gives you two half square triangles (HSTs) from each square.

Step Two: Fold the Color 2 square in half and iron to mark center of the square. Unfold and refold in opposite direction and iron to mark other center line. Unfold.

Step Three: Align a Background HST with long edge aligned with side of Color 2 edge. The crease in Color 2 square should be aligned with the point of the HST. Sew and press to the HST.

Step Four: Repeat Step Three on the opposite side of Color 2 square.

Step Five: Repeat Steps Three and Four with the remaining 2 Background HST on the other two sides of the Color 2 square. Unit should now measure 9" square.

Step Six: Fold the pieced square in half and iron to mark center of the square. Unfold and refold in opposite direction and iron to mark other center line. (This would be the diagonals of the center square) Unfold.

Step Seven: Repeat Steps Three through Five with the Color 1 HSTs and the pieced unit.



Next Level Block: Monkey Wrench – 12" Block – 3 Colors*

Fabric Needed:

Background = 1 – 6 7/8" square, 1 – 5 1/8" square, 1 – 3 7/8" square, 2 – 2 5/8" square

Color 1 & Color 2 = 1 – 6 7/8" square, 1 – 3 7/8" square, 1 – 2 5/8" square

Directions:

Step One: Cut the 6 7/8" squares, 5 1/8" squares and 3 7/8" squares on the diagonal once. This gives you two half square triangles (HSTs) from each square.

Step Two: Take one 6 7/8" HST from Color 1 and Color 2 and trim down to a 5 1/8" HST using the 45 degree angle on a ruler.

Note: Both HST from the Background 3 7/8" squares will be used in this block, but only one HST from each Color 1 and Color 2 3 7/8" square will be used.

Step Three: Sew a Background 2 5/8" square to each Color 1 & Color 2 2 5/8" square. Press towards Color 1 or Color 2.

Step Four: Sew together the pieced units into a four patch, with the Background squares at the top left and bottom right and the Color 1 unit at the top right. Press in one direction. Pieced units should measure 4 3/4".

Step Five: Sew the Color 1 3 7/8" HST to the four patch unit, using the four patch piecing to center the point of the HST. Press towards the HST.

Step Six: Sew the Color 2 3 7/8" HST to the opposite side of the four patch unit. Press towards the HST.

Step Seven: Sew the Background 3 7/8" HST to the other two sides of the four patch unit, using the four patch piecing to center the point of the HST. Press towards the HST. Pieced unit should measure 6 1/2".

Step Eight: Align your pieced unit so Color 1 HST is in top right corner. Fold the pieced square in half and iron to mark center line. Unfold and fold in opposite direction and iron. Unfold square.

Step Nine: Repeat Steps Five through Seven using the 5 1/8" HSTs. The pieced unit should measure 9" square once all four HSTs are added.

Step Ten: Align your pieced unit so Color 1 HST is in the top right corner. Repeat Steps Five through Seven using the 6 7/8" HSTs.

*Note: Block can be made with 2, 3 or 4 colors. If using 2 colors, cut the same for Color 1 as Background requirements listed. If using 4 colors, use Color 1 & 2 requirements listed to cut for Color 3 and Background.

QUILTER'S TREASURE

Opportunities to win a new Quilter's Treasure will be available at the May, June, and July meetings. Tickets will be available for purchase during the social time prior to the meetings, costing \$1.00 each, or \$5.00 for ten tickets. The drawing for the winning ticket will be during the July meeting.

This collection features a wool batting, beautiful fabrics, a well-designed organizer, a cone of thread, a book of 1,000 block patterns, and more to be revealed next month. Many thanks to Peggy Clark, Janet Taylor, Karen Skinner, and Ann Gaber for their help choosing the items for this Quilter's Treasure collection.



While signing up for a Door Prize, check out this new Quilter's Treasure collection!

Philanthropy Donation Report for April and News of What is to Come in May

Oh, my goodness what an amazing month April has been! Nine quilts were made for Big Bend Hospice. Forty quilts were made for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. And one quilt was made for Veteran Laptop Quilts. A few photos are included.

I have two charming kits for Veteran Laptops. Please ask about them at the next Bits and Pieces sit 'n stitch or the next QU meeting.

I will also bring a couple of the edge-to-edge quilt-as-you-go kits. These are easy and fun plus I have more flannels for backing and edge-to-edge fabrics at home. You can create your own combinations!

I also have quite a lot of batiks from a recent donation earmarked for Sleep in Heavenly Peace or Hospice. For those of you who like scrap quilts I have lots of small pieces for you to select from.

Jeanne Brenner and I are creating some new kit designs using some of the recently donated fabrics from Wendy Adams. Thank you, Wendy! We hope you will try and enjoy them. And thank you to all of you who been taking on more of the quilting be it long-arm, short-arm, freestyle or regular arm-wrestling machines.

Finally, I would ask for someone or two someones to consider co-chairing with me for the rest of this year. It would be training in a sense to take over the position next year. There are a lot of donations which might make this a position for two people to manage. Any questions about the Philanthropy Chair position are welcome. I am in the directory. Call, email, text, throw a rock at my window.

Joy,

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair









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 **May 27, 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	
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 Show
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.**

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.