



# AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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*Next Meeting: June 8, 2023, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

## *President's Message*

Wow! A big Kudos to our President Elect, Janet Taylor, who facilitated the meeting in May due to my surgery which fell just a few days before. Thank you also for the kind words in the cards and goodies, especially the chocolate. (You do not have to wait for surgery or illness to give me chocolate). At this time, I am still using the Knee Roller to get around as not allowed to put weight on my foot/ankle yet. The roller was generously loaned to me by Gwen Alexander, one of our guild members and Bits and Pieces quilter.

It is now June and the "great reveal" of the Challenge quilts at our meeting. Be sure to read the guidelines on how to bring your quilt to the meeting. I will just consider mine as a donation this year as I have not been able to get mine finished at this time. Maybe next year! I always get excited to see all the thoughts and workmanship that goes into the process of the challenge. We have a great, talented group.

It is now time to allow quilters other than QU members to sign up for the Prismatic Star class. Please let your family and friends know that they, too, can learn something new. More information is contained later in this newsletter.

Half of the year is almost over..... At this time it is also a time to think of how you would like to serve your guild in the next year. First thing is to pray of what you would like to do, discuss with your husband if you have one, and then discuss with Janet Taylor about your "yes".

In Stitches,

Peggy Clark, President



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## Time to Turn in Your Challenge Quilt

Attention all Challenge Quilt Participants!! Your Challenge quilts are due for turn-in (and subsequent voting) between 5:30 and 5:45 before the regular guild meeting on June 8. Bring them to me in a pillowcase (with your name pinned on the outside) at the end of the hall after you enter.

The rest of guild will enter at 6 for viewing.

Re-read your rules for other requirements. You may enter a challenge quilt into the July exhibit at LeMoyne until June 12. All challenge quilts need an online form submitted. For questions, contact me, Pam Doffek.

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## 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. Registration is now open to non-members.

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.

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## Thank You!

On Sunday, May 21st, I was given a gift from many anonymous quilting friends to help replace the many items that were lost when three trees destroyed my master bedroom and sewing studio. I am totally humbled by your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The rebuild has started, and hopefully in three months I will be sitting in a new studio, set up and ready to quilt again.

Karen Kunz



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## LeMoyne Quilt Show: Important Dates!!

Reminder, the deadline for submitting an application for a challenge quilt and/or a quilt for the quilt show is **JUNE 12th**.

Please bring any items that you have for the LeMoyne Gallery Shop to the guild meeting on **JUNE 8th**. We want to give LeMoyne as much time as possible to display and sell the items.

Silent Auction items and quilt turn in is **JUNE 23 and 24 from 10-5**. Please remember that your quilt needs to be in a pillowcase and your name must be clearly attached to both your quilt and pillowcase. You do not need to have a hanging sleeve on your quilt for this show.

Opening night for the show is **July 11 at 5:00 pm**. Quilters Unlimited members are asked to bring **finger foods/desserts** for the event. Mark your calendars for this special event!

If you have any questions, please call Karen Kunz or Pam Doffek (our numbers are in the directory).

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## 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 bags, wall hangings, and 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. Please turn in your items to Karen Kunz or Pam Doffek, as Linda will not be at the June meeting.

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

Please bring your June Square in a Square and/or Monkey Wrench blocks to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

In July, we are conquering the Quarter Square Triangles and two variations of the Ohio Star block. The 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

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## July Block of the Month

### July's Theme – Quarter Square Triangles

#### Starting Point Block: Ohio Star – 12" Block – 3 Colors (2 QSTs at once method)



#### Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 4 – 4 ½" squares and 2 – 5 ¼" squares

Color 1 = Cut 1 – 4 ½" square

Color 2 = Cut 2 – 5 ¼" squares

#### Directions:

Step One: This method begins by making half square triangles (HSTs). On the wrong side of the Background 5 ¼" 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 square right sides together. Sew a scant ¼" from the drawn diagonal line. Repeat on the other side of the diagonal line. (Make sure you are sewing a scant ¼". Check this by measuring from the drawn line to stitching line.) Press the squares to make sure they lay flat.

Step Three: Cut squares along the drawn line using either scissors or rotary cutter and ruler. Carefully, press open towards Color 2. This is a half square triangle unit measuring 4 7/8". You can clip off the dog ears on your HST units or leave them.

Step Four: On the wrong side of two of the HSTs, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner perpendicular to the seam. (This will be a cutting line, so you can use a permanent fabric pen.)

Step Five: Place HST units with diagonal line atop the remaining HST units with the Color 2 and Background fabrics opposite on the two HSTs. (Color 2 touches Background on both sides.) The seams of the HSTs should nest. Sew a scant ¼" from the drawn diagonal line. Repeat on the other side of the diagonal line. Press the squares to make sure they lay flat.

Step Six: Cut squares along the drawn line using either scissors or rotary cutter and ruler. Carefully, press in one direction. You now have two QST units from each HST unit, 4 total, all measuring 4 ½" square.

Step Seven: Layout your 4 ½" squares and QST units to create the Ohio Star pattern in rows, placing pieces from left to right.

Row 1: Background square, QST unit with Color 2 at right and left, Background square.

Row 2: QST unit with Color 2 at top and bottom, Color 1 square, QST unit with Color 2 at top and bottom.

Row 3: Background square, QST unit with Color 2 at right and left, Background square.

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Step Eight: Sew together the units in Row 1 and Row 3, making sure to keep the layout correct. Press seams to the Background squares.

Step Nine: Sew together the units in Row 2, making sure to keep the layout correct. Press seams to the Color 1 square.

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

### **Next Level Block: Ohio Star – 12” Block – 4 Colors (QST standalone method)**



#### Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 4 – 4 ½” squares and 1 – 5 ¼” square

Color 1 = Cut 2 – 5 ¼” squares

Color 2 = Cut 1 – 5 ¼” square

Color 3 = Cut 1 – 4 ½” square

#### Directions:

Step One: Cut the 5 ¼” squares on the diagonal twice. This gives you four quarter square triangle units (QSTs) from each square.

Step Two: Place the Color 1 QSTs with the 90 degree angle at the top right. Place a Color 2 or Background QST on top of each Color 1 QST right sides together. Sew along the right side and press

towards Color 1. You now have half square triangle units.

Step Three: Sew together each Color 1/Color 2 HST to a Color 1/Background HST along the long edge. Press towards the Color 1/Color 2 HST. You now have quarter square triangle units, 4 in total, that measure 4 ½” square.

Step Four: Layout your 4 ½” squares and QST units to create the Ohio Star pattern in rows, placing pieces from left to right.

Row 1: Background square, QST unit with Color 2 at bottom, Background square.

Row 2: QST unit with Color 2 at right, Color 3 square, QST unit with Color 2 at left.

Row 3: Background square, QST unit with Color 2 at top, Background square.

Step Eight: Sew together the units in Row 1 and Row 3, making sure to keep the layout correct. Press seams to the Background squares.

Step Seven: Sew together the units in Row 2, making sure to keep the layout correct. Press seams to the Color 3 square.

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

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## Upcoming Programs

How can 2023 be almost half over? It seems like I just put away holiday decorations! Here is a rundown for Quilters Unlimited programs for the rest of the year.

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.

August: Soldier Quilts—Quilts made by soldiers in the 18th and 19th centuries. You will be awed by the artistry and craftsmanship in these quilts created from heavy woolen uniform fabric and ornamented with beads, braid, and buttons.

September: Debbie Sutherland from Bernina will talk to us about color—how she makes decisions about what fabrics to carry in her shop, how she advises customers who ask for help in choosing colors, and how color trends evolve in the quilt fabric industry. Even the most experienced quilter can learn new ways to think about their color choices and might be tempted to venture outside their safe zone!

October: Modern quilting—some of us love it and others not so much, but it has become a major segment of the quilting world. Sue Isaac is presenting a program on modern quilting, including examples of modern quilts made by local quilters, and will explain what makes a quilt modern.

November: Pincushions! All about those tiny but necessary tools—just about the only ones you can make yourself. There will be examples of pincushions and a charming but simple pattern, and a discussion of what makes a good pincushion. Members are encouraged to bring pincushions they have made and to share their thoughts on what they love, or don't, about them.

December: Annual end-of-year party!

Ellen Fournier, Program Chair

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## June 2023 Philanthropy Notes

Greetings to all! I have been amazed at the number of quilts turned in and it is great to see the ideas and designs you have created. Very fun and beautiful quilts indeed.

I am still looking for one or two members to volunteer for the philanthropy chair for next year. One criterion is space to keep the donations. It is perfect for someone with an unused guest room. Keep in mind that you would almost always have to store fabrics even if you are moving fabrics into people's hands quickly. This is because new donations keep coming in. I also keep a large roll or two of cotton batting which I cut to order for the charity quilts upon request.

It also requires many loads to be washed. Gladly many of the members volunteer to help with this. In most cases, there are large enough pieces in the donations to serve

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as backing. Making up the components of a quilt sandwich is a big part of the job because members keep making wonderful tops!

It also helps to have a knack for putting together simple kits for members to take and assemble.

One tremendous payoff for me has been meeting so many of you. It has been a delight and an inspiration.

Please call me to discuss and ask questions, and thanks for considering this position.

Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair



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## Quilts of Valor

Ned Hill was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home in Tallahassee on April 23, 2023. Ned was a sergeant in the Airborne Division of the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam where he was injured. Ned earned a bronze star and purple heart among other citations. His quilt was made by Roberta G. and friends and quilted by Sara P.



John Haynes, Retired Major, United States Marine Corps, was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on May 17, 2023. Major Haynes served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He enlisted at a young age and served 30 years. Among his citations and honors are a Silver Star and Purple Heart. His quilt was made by Linda O and quilted by Sarah P.





## 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 **June 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	
June 8	Guild Meeting
June 12	LeMoyne Show Application Deadline
June 15	Steering Committee Meeting, Main Library Rm B
June 23-24	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 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.**

<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.