



AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

President's Message

First the rain, now the heat. What a great time to enjoy the air conditioning in your car as you drive to LeMoyne Art Center to the fabulous quilt show. There will be many fun things happening this year at the show beginning with the opening night with the finger foods brought in by our members. I am still trying to decide what to bring that does not need silverware to eat. What about you? What are you bringing? Might be time to check out a new recipe!

I am excited that we will be **finally** giving away the Opportunity Quilt! Yahoo! We still need YOU! Yes, you! We need some volunteers to be at the table to sell tickets for this quilt as folks view the quilt show. It is easy to sign up to do this; just go to the QU website and the directions are on the front page. Pick a time that is convenient and fits into your schedule. Bring something to work on while you are there. Bring a friend to assist and have fun. Don't forget that Linda O'Sullivan will be giving a presentation. Looking forward to that as well.

While you have your calendar out writing the time of the show, be sure to save the date for the Prismatic Star class on August 19th. You will need to sign up soon as we have some prep work before the actual class to do as this is a two-day class that Barb is willing to teach in ONE. I am excited about learning new stuff. Never know enough about the art of quilting. As soon as you register, I will give you the class supply list. See our website for more information.

I attended a workshop this month along with others who serve on the Steering Committee entitled "Building Healthy Quilt Guilds". The main thing I took away from the ZOOM meeting was for all of us to be kind to one another while showing respect for others' input and thoughts. You may hear of ideas that feed into yours but were afraid to say anything, but now is the time to say, do and learn with respect and kindness to one another. Most of all remember the Golden Rule, to treat others as you want to be treated.

The year is half over and it is time to think of what position you would like to take up for the upcoming year.

Keep the bobbin filled and stay stitching, Peggy Clark, President

LeMoyne Quilt Show: Important Dates!!

Reminders of important dates for our quilt show at LeMoyne:

OPENING NIGHT: July 11th, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Don't forget that Guild Members are providing hors d'oeuvres (finger food items, please) for the event. We will also have homemade lemonade available for the event. LeMoyne will provide adult beverages for purchase.

MUFFINS & MIMOSAS: July 15th, 11:00 - 12:00

LeMoyne Members \$5.00

Non-Members \$10.00

ARTIST TALK WITH LINDA O'SULLIVAN: July 20th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

LeMoyne Members: Free

Non-Members: \$5.00 donation

LAST DAY OF QUILT SHOW: August 3rd

QUILT PICK UP: August 4th & 5th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Steering Committee Positions for 2024

It is time to recruit volunteers for the 2024 open positions. These are not difficult, and just a little time each month will smooth the way for our 129 (and growing) members to be organized and to promote the "why" of our highly productive Guild. YOU have a gift to share.

There are openings in various slots. You don't need to spend your own money, just some time. Help is needed in technology, philanthropy, guild events, and meeting agendas. I have the list!

See me to join up at July's meeting!

Here to help,

Janet Taylor, President-Elect

Celebrate Our Independence!



July Program

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.

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

Please bring your July Ohio Star blocks to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

For August, we tackle flying geese units with two ways to piece the flying geese and two blocks featuring them. 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

August Block of the Month

August's Theme – Flying Geese



Starting Point Block: Dutchman's Puzzle – 12" Block – 3 Colors (Flip Method/One at a Time)

Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 16 – 3 ½" squares

Color 1 and Color 2 = Cut 4 – 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles

Directions:

Step One: On the wrong side of the Background 3 ½" squares, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner. (This will be your sewing line, so do not use permanent pen).

Step Two: Place a Background 3 ½" square in lower right corner of Color 1 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangle, right sides together with diagonal line going top left to

bottom right and align fabric edges. Stitch on diagonal line (ideally stitch just to the outside of the drawn line to allow for pressing fabric.) Before pressing, clip the corner seam allowance, leaving only ¼" (use ruler and rotary cutter or scissors).

Press towards Background fabric. Unit should still measure 3 ½" x 6 ½".

Step Three: Repeat Step Two with remaining Color 1 rectangles and Color 2 rectangles.

Step Four: Place a Background 3 ½" square in lower left corner of Color 1 rectangle

unit, right sides together with diagonal line going top right to bottom left and align fabric edges. Stitch on diagonal line. Before pressing, clip the corner seam allowance, leaving only $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press towards Background fabric. Unit should still measure $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ". This is now a flying geese block.

Step Five: Repeat Step Four with remaining Color 1 units and Color 2 units.

Step Six: Align all the geese units with the geese pointing to the right. Place Color 1 unit to the right of Color 2 unit and sew the two units together. Make sure your point of the flying geese block is not in your seam allowance. Press towards the Color 1 unit. 2-geese unit should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Step Seven: Repeat with remaining geese units in same alignment, for total of four 2-geese units.

Step Eight: Align one 2-geese unit with geese point up. To the right, align another 2-geese unit with the geese pointing to the right. Sew units together and press towards the Color 2 unit. Repeat with remaining two 2-geese units. Finished unit should measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Step Nine: Align 4-geese units with geese point up and to the right, one unit below the other. Rotate the bottom unit 180 degrees so the geese point to the left and down. Sew units together and press up. The Dutchman's Puzzle block should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



Next Level Block: Friendly Geese – 10" Block* – 4 Colors (No Waste/Four at a Time)

Quilt block design from A Quilting Life

<https://www.aquiltinglife.com/tips-for-flying-geese-blocks/>

Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 1 – $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square and 12 – $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Color 1, Color 2 & Color 3 = Cut 1 – $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square

Directions:

Step One: On the wrong side of the Background $2\frac{7}{8}$ " squares, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the opposite corner. (This will be a cutting line).

Step Two: On a Color 1 square, place a Background $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square in upper right corner and a Background $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square in lower left corner, right sides together with drawn diagonal lines going from top right to bottom left. The corners of the Background squares will overlap in the center of the Color 1 square. Make sure the drawn diagonal line is aligned over the two squares to form one long line. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the 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

stitching line.) Press the squares to make sure they lay flat.

Step Three: Cut along the drawn line using either scissors or rotary cutter and ruler. Carefully, press open towards Background fabric. The two units now are a Color 1 half square triangle with two smaller Background half square triangles.

Step Four: Repeat Steps Two and Three with the Color 2 and Color 3 squares.

Step Five: On a Color 1 unit, place a Background $2\frac{7}{8}$ " square in HST corner, right sides together with drawn diagonal line going from HST corner to between the Background two HSTs. The corners of the Background square will overlap the Background HSTs. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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 along the drawn line. Carefully, press open towards Background fabric. Each unit is a Color 1 flying geese unit measuring $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". (If desired, trim off dog ears.)

Step Seven: Repeat Steps Five and Six for remaining Color 1, Color 2 and Color 3 units, resulting in 12 flying geese units (4 each).

Step Eight: Align a Color 1 flying geese unit horizontally and pointing down. Place the Background $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to the right of the Color 1 unit and sew together. Press towards Background square.

Step Nine: Align the Color 1/Background unit with Color 1 on left and pointing down. Place a Color 1 flying geese unit to the right with the point up and sew together. Press towards Background square. Unit should measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ ". This is the center row of your Friendly Geese block.

Step Ten: Align a Color 3 and Color 2 flying geese unit with geese pointing to the left and Color 2 unit to the right of Color 3 unit. Sew the two units together along the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " side. Make sure your point of the flying geese is not in your seam allowance. Press towards Color 3. Repeat for remaining Color 2 and Color 3 flying geese units. Units should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Step Eleven: Align a Color 1 flying geese unit to the right of the Color3/Color 2 geese unit with all points to the left. Sew together and press towards Color 2. Repeat with remaining Color 1 flying geese unit. Units should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Step Twelve: Align a 3-geese unit pointing left and place a 2-geese unit to the right of it, pointing up. Sew units together and press towards 3-geese unit. Repeat with remaining 3-geese and 2-geese unit. Units should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ ". This is the top (geese point left and up) and bottom (rotate so geese point down and right) rows of your Friendly Geese block.

Step Thirteen: Sew rows together and press in one direction. Block should measure $10\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

**Note: This block is based on math divisible by 5, so does not easily calculate for a 12" finished block. It is presented for a 10" finished block.*

If you want a 12" finished block, add 1 1/2" strips around the block.

Alternately, to create a 12" finished pieced block, cut the Background 12 – 3 5/16" squares and 1 – 2 15/16" square and the Color 1-3 cut 1 – 6 1/8" square; however, the block will be slightly off-size from 12 1/2" square.

Help Find Our Opportunity Quilt a Good Home!

The QU LeMoyne Arts Quilt Show runs from July 11 to August 3. Come see all the beautiful quilts and help the guild by volunteering.

Volunteers greet visitors, answer any quilt/guild questions and take donations for tickets for our opportunity quilt. A notebook is on hand to guide you through your responsibilities. Bring a friend and/or project to make the time fly by.

Most days have 3 shifts: 11 am -1:30 PM, 1:15 - 3:45PM, 3:30 - 6 PM. Volunteers may use the reserved street parking in front of the gallery during their shifts. Alternatively, you may park behind the education building, or at the Tunnicliff gate on Call Street, or at Capital City Bank.

It is easy to sign up on line.

1. Click this link <https://signup.com/go/yWbacGh>
2. Enter your email address: (You will not need to create an account.)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots — SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.
4. *Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone.*

Or contact me and I will sign you up. I live in a dead zone and use a landline, so no text messages... Please call or email me.

Thank you for your support!

Jeanne Brenner



Upcoming Programs

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

July 2023 Philanthropy Notes

Month of June

We contributed an estimated 40 quilts to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We also donated 3 quilts to Hospice.

Month of July

Thus far we have 3 quilts for Hospice and 16 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace which are about to be delivered. There are many more in process, which is so exciting! Thanks to all of you!

I will have a tall sign on the Philanthropy table at the July meeting, marking the location of quilts ready to be quilted. The "kits" for these include a completed top, a batting cut 4" larger, a backing cut another 4" larger, and a binding fabric. Please look them over and find one that tickles you.

Also, Hospice very much appreciates the pillowcases we make for them. I would ask all of you to look to your stashes, especially your leftovers, that coordinate nicely to make these. The instructions are on the website. I will also be making kits as I have done the past.

Joy, Ann Garber, 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 **July 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	
July 11	LeMoyne Show Opening Event, 5:00-7:30
July 11-Aug 3	QU show at LeMoyne Arts: Metamorphosis (Transformations)
July 13	Guild Meeting
July 15	Muffins, Mimosas, and Quilto – LeMoyne Arts, 11:00-12:00
July 20	Artist Talk with Linda O’Sullivan at LeMoyne Arts, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Aug 3	Last Day of Quilt Show at LeMoyne Arts
Aug 4 & 5	Pick up Quilts at LeMoyne Arts, 11:00-5:00
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.