



# AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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*Next Meeting: August 10, 2023, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive. 6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

## *President's Message*

Happy Summer! We are in the full swing of the heat of summer, that is for sure. If you do not think so, I would believe you are very busy quilting in your cave. It was a great turnout at the quilt show at LeMoyne Arts. We had a great time at Quilto, especially using chocolate kisses as our markers. There were many laughs and groans (from the people who were one square from winning). I met a few people who are members but do not come to the meetings for several different reasons. Most of them have spouses at home that need assistance. I was glad to hear it wasn't negative reasons. The quilts were amazing. It was a shock to see my quilt hung next to one completed by Linda O'Sullivan! I was assured it was a space issue. LOL! I am looking forward to next year's show. (Never thought I would say that).

The challenge quilts were amazing that were hung at LeMoyne. Thank you to all who participated.

The date for the Prismatic Star class is August 19<sup>th</sup>. I am excited and hope you are too. If you are a real go-getter, you can still get in as you can order the pattern online from Amazon along with fabric and then get cutting. I will get you the class supplies list via email when you register. Sizes of the quilts are 68 x 68 or 91 x 91. Barb promised this will be a fun class.

Roberta Granville has challenged members to see how many lap quilts (40 x 40) for the veterans' hospital we can create and bring to the November meeting. Red, white, and blue are the colors she requested for the lap quilts. All others will be taken to Shands in Gainesville.

Getting into the Christmas spirit yet? Several shops in Tallahassee have their holiday fabric out and ready for your purchases. I want to ask that you use your scraps, extra fabric, or whatever you want to name the leftovers to make a coaster. I am making mine to have holiday fabric on one side and another fabric on the back so when the holidays are over the coaster can still be used for water glasses or pills to be taken. We would like to give them to nursing home patients as a gift so that they are remembered, as many are there due to having no one at home.

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

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## Important: Quilt Show Pick Up Information

Please pick up your quilts at LeMoyne on **Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 6:00 pm.** **There will not be a Saturday pickup.** If you or a friend cannot pick up your quilt on Friday, please make alternate arrangements with Ann Gaber.

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## Watch the Opportunity Quilt Drawing on Facebook

Go to our Quilters Unlimited Facebook page at approximately **5:00 on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** to see the winning ticket for the Opportunity Quilt being drawn!

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## August Program

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.

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## Did You Know...

...that LeMoyne Arts dedicated the display of our quilts to the memory of a former QU member? Charlotte Williams was involved with both the visual and literary arts, and upon her retirement in 1981, she began pursuing these interests more actively. Quilting was her chief interest. Working in conjunction with the Museum of Florida History, she was on the Steering Committee of the Florida Quilt Heritage Project, a five-year program to discover, document, and preserve the history of Florida as expressed through Florida quilts and the lives of the quilters. The project registered more than 5,000 quilts from around the state. Subsequently, Charlotte authored a book published by the University Press of Florida titled, "Florida Quilts." Her book is in our QU library.

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

Please bring your August Dutchman's Puzzle or Friendly Geese blocks to display at the meeting and enter your name for a chance to win a prize.

For September, we will discover the magic of disappearing blocks. This technique starts with a pieced block (usually a simple pattern), cutting the block (usually in half or thirds in each direction), and rotating pieces to create a new pattern/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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## September Block of the Month

### September's Theme – Disappearing Blocks

#### Starting Point Block: Disappearing Nine Patch – 12" Block – 3 Colors



##### Fabric Needed:

Background = Cut 4 – 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " square

Color 1 = Cut 4 – 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares

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

##### Directions:

Step One: This block begins by creating a nine patch block. Layout the nine patch block as follows:

Row 1 – Background, Color 1, Background

Row 2 – Color 1, Color 2, Color 1

Row 3 – Background, Color 1, Background

Step Two: Sew together the squares into rows, pressing towards Color 1 block,

Step Three: Sew rows together to form a nine patch block. Press in one direction.

Step Four: Carefully place nine patch block on cutting mat and make sure it lays flat. Square up block to 13" square (to help, mark center of the Color 2 square to help align ruler.)

Step Five: Cut the nine patch block in half both horizontally and vertically - at the 6  $\frac{1}{2}$ " mark on ruler (easier to move yourself and ruler to other side of cutting mat than trying to move block.) Keep the block pieces in place.

Step Six: Rotate the upper right and bottom left pieces 180 degrees. The Color 2 squares should be pointing outward on those two pieces now.

Step Seven: Sew the two pieces together for each row and press towards Color 1/Color 2.

Step Eight: Sew the two rows together to form the Disappearing Nine Patch block.

#### Next Level Block: Disappearing Hourglass – 12" Block – 2 Colors



##### Fabric Needed:

Background and Color 1 = Cut 2 – 7  $\frac{3}{8}$ " squares

##### Directions:

Step One: This block begins by creating an hourglass block using half square triangles. On the wrong side of the Background 7  $\frac{3}{8}$ " 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  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the drawn diagonal line. Repeat on the other side of the diagonal line. (Make sure you are sewing a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

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Check this by measuring from the drawn line to stitching line.) Press the squares to make sure they lay flat.

Step Three: Cut the squares along the drawn line using either scissors or rotary cutter and ruler. Carefully, press open towards Color 1. This is a half square triangle unit measuring 7". You can clip off the dog ears on your HST units or leave them.

Step Four: Layout the hourglass block as follows:

Row 1 – Color 1 at bottom right, Color 1 at top right

Row 2 – Color 1 at bottom left, Color 1 at top left

Step Five: Sew together the squares into rows, pressing towards Color 1 block.

Step Six: Sew rows together to form a hourglass block. Press in one direction.

Step Seven: Carefully place hourglass block on cutting mat and make sure it lays flat. Square up block to 13 ½" square (use center seam to help align ruler.)

Step Eight: Cut the block in thirds both horizontally and vertically - at the 4 ½" and 9" marks on ruler (easier to move yourself and ruler to other side of cutting mat than trying to move block.) Keep the block pieces in place.

Step Nine: Rotate the center "4 Patch" pieces 180 degrees. The 4 patch colors should be touching the opposite color fabric now.

Step Ten: Rotate the outside corner pieces 180 degrees. The four corner pieces should have a small HST on the outside corner.

Step Eleven: Sew the pieces together for Row 1 and Row 3. Press towards the outside pieces.

Step Twelve: Sew the pieces together for Row 2 and press towards center piece.

Step Thirteen: Sew the rows together to form the Disappearing Hourglass block. Press towards Row 1 and Row 3.

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## 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award

It is time to think about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited for the Volunteer of the Year Award. This award gives us a chance to say "Thank You" to an active member for generously contributing time and expertise to Quilters Unlimited.

The Entry Form has contact information and three sections to describe the nominee:

1. Examples of initiative and/or assuming responsibility & leadership in guild activities
2. Willingness to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs
3. Examples of encouraging member participation in guild-related, community activities

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.

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- 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.

**6. Volunteer of the Year Award Criteria.**

- a) The Volunteer of the Year 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; shows initiative and/or assumes responsibility and leadership; is willing to help with routine tasks and unexpected needs; stimulates participation in guild activities and community-related activities; and gives unselfishly of their time and effort for the benefit of the guild.
- b) The nominee may also: serve as officer or committee chairperson and demonstrates areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other).
- c) The Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than October 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Nomination forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are online at:

<https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>

The nomination form can be completed and submitted on your computer or on paper. The form must have both a nominator and a co-nominator from the guild.

Nomination Forms for the Volunteer of the Year Award are due by October 1.  
Contact Marsha Walper with questions about submitting nominations.





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## Upcoming Programs

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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## Quilts of Valor

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.



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Lewis B. Wilson III was awarded a Quilt of Valor at his home on July 1, 2023. A U.S. Marine Corp Corporal, Lewis was in charge of the evacuation of U.S. Troops and materials from Viet Nam in the spring of 1975. He is shown with his wife Kathy. His quilt was made by Roberta G and Jeanne B and quilted by .Sarsh P



Retired U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Rick Stanford was awarded a Quilt of Valor on July 1, 2023 at his home. Rick served 23 years as a Marine. A veteran of the War in Viet Nam, Rick was awarded a Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Navy Achievement Medals. He is past commander of VFW Post 3308 in Tallahassee. He is shown with his wife Cissi. His quilt was made by Linda O. and quilted by Julie F.



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A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Norman Thagard at his home on July 1, 2023. Dr. Thagard was a U.S. Marine Captain fighter pilot in Viet Nam who flew 166 missions there. He is better known as a NASA astronaut and America's first cosmonaut having flown 5 times into space. At one time he held the record for number of days (144) in space, He is shown with his wife Kirby. His quilt was made by Linda O. and quilted by Julie F.



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## Comments on Philanthropy Projects in August - It's a Mixed Bag!

Hello to all the QU's and thank you for taking so many quilt sandwiches to quilt at the July meeting. It takes a while to do the quilting but not to worry. It is cool - enjoy. I am preparing more and will bring them to Bits & Pieces as well as the next QU meeting. Or let me know if you want to pick one up from me at my home.

I will be bringing a few pillowcase kits for Hospice and possibly for some hospitals to the next meeting. If anyone would like to help me create the kits, please call me to schedule a time. They are quite fun to create. And remember the instructions are in the Projects section of our website. You probably have some leftovers in the right proportions to create and make pillowcases from your own stashes.

I would also like to ask if anyone would like to help me sort the fabric donations. It is a basic color and size sort and can even go so far as grouping combinations of color and prints to make up piecing kits for quilts and for pillowcases. I am working on quilt kits with instructions including fabric measurements. This is another thing that someone might volunteer to help with. I have something for every type of brain play, I guess!

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

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## Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **August 28, 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	
Aug 3	Last Day of Quilt Show at LeMoyne Arts
Aug 4	Pick up Quilts at LeMoyne Arts, 12:00-6:00
August 10	Guild Meeting
August 24	Steering Committee Meeting, Leon Cty Library
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	Marion Millet
	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.