



AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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*Next Meeting: September 14, 2023, **Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road.**
6:00 Social, 6:30 Meeting*

President's Message

Happy Fall or what is supposed to be fall! I would like to have fall weather at this point as summer seems to have dragged on and the heat just keeps coming. The fall brings nasty weather in the form of hurricanes and scary times. Be prepared! Be sure you have enough thread to match whatever project that you will be working on. Of course, I mean to have water and other essentials on hand as well. To me, fabric and batting are necessities to have on hand even when we do not have electricity. Hand work always seems to be the relaxing point for me whether it is suffering out a storm, camping or while my husband is driving along the roadway. I am not saying he is a bad driver, just I cannot always be looking at the traffic while I am not in the driver's seat.

I have been able to stay inside and get some quilting finished. The holidays are coming quickly and I will be traveling and when I return it will be too little time to complete all the stuff that will need to be done. There always seems to be much more to get done then than any other time of the year. A few things for our guild projects such as the lap quilts for veterans and coasters for patients in long term care!

Last month I stated that many people had a great time at LeMoyne Arts whether it was looking at the quilts that were submitted, Quilto, volunteering, or being the lucky winner of the Opportunity Quilt. LeMoyne was very happy to have us and our fabric arts. Be sure to visit during their Holiday Show and remind them that you visited during our quilt show.

The Prismatic Star class was a fun day for those who attended (not many). This will bring about some changes in the way we will be doing classes/workshops in the future. We do want to learn new and fun ways to quilt along with being easier than the way taught by our grandmothers, without having to dip into funds of the guild. I am always looking for new techniques to make my craft a lot more fun.

Be sure to note: OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE AT TIMBERLANE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Keep the bobbin filled and stay stitching, Peggy Clark, President

Important: September Meeting Change of Location

We are unable to meet at Temple Israel in September. Instead, our September 14 meeting will be at the Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road. This is a one-time change of location; subsequent meetings will be at the Temple.

The Lucky Winner of the Opportunity Quilt!



Pat Keen won the 2023 Opportunity Quilt, Jazzy Garden. Pat was so excited to win the quilt, she couldn't wait to get it home.

Thank you again for all your hard work!

QU Library

There will be no library at the September meeting. Please hold returns until October. Requests for books can be submitted by email and will be brought to the October meeting.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

Upcoming Programs

F. Scott Fitzgerald assures us that "Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall," and I hope we don't have to wait too long for some of that crispness! Even if the weather lags behind, the calendar is telling us it's time to start new projects. I hope our fall programs inspire you to try something different. The October and November programs have been switched to accommodate travel plans.

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 quilters can learn new ways to think about their color choices and might be tempted to venture outside their safe zones! Please note that the September meeting will be at Timberlane Church of Christ on Timberlane School Road.

October: 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.

November: 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.

December: Annual holiday party!

Come to the Show!

Friendship Star Quilters' Challenge Quilts have been hung at the Quilt Peddler for your viewing and voting pleasure!

Stop by the Quilt Peddler and cast your vote! Quilt Peddler is located at 2915 Kerry Forest Pkwy, Suite 605, Tallahassee, and the quilts will be on display from August 26 through September 29. Open 10 to 6 Monday–Friday and Saturday 10 to 4.

Please join us for our Wine and Cheese Reception on Saturday, September 16, 2023, 4 to 6 pm. Bring family and friends to admire the creative efforts of our members and to vote for their favorite quilt.



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

First, I want to thank everyone that has made blocks so far this year. We will be able to make quite a few quilts from our 2023 Block of the Month blocks.

We will not have the block of the month display/collection at the September meeting.

Please bring your September Disappearing blocks to the October meeting for a chance to win a prize.

For October, we will conquer the daunting Inset and Y Seams. Blocks using inset or y seams create patterns with pieces that do not have the seams end at the same point, or the seams do not intersect at 90-degree angles. While sewing these seams requires more steps, block construction is not outside of a beginner's skill set. The patterns with more details are on the guild website at the link contained in the next section. 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

October Block of the Month

Detailed instructions are available on the website at this link: [October 2023](#)

October's Theme – Inset Seams and Y Seams

Starting Point Block: Nebraska Pinwheel – 12" Block – 4 Colors (Inset Seams)

Next Level Block: Eight Point Star – 12" Block – 3 Colors (Y Seams)



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.
- 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.

Is This Yours?

This bag and its contents were found at a recent Guild meeting. If it is yours, please contact Peggy Clark – contact information is in the directory.



Have a Safe, Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Quilts of Valor

Lt. General Robert Milligan served 39 years with the U.S. Marine Corps. Twice stationed in Vietnam, he welcomed the opportunity to use his leadership abilities. Like many other veterans, he would willingly serve his country again. He is shown in his home in Tallahassee on July 31, 2023. His quilt was made by Frayed Edges and quilted by Sharon P.



On July 30, 2023, Edward Sheffield was awarded a Quilt of Valor at the VA Hospital in Lake City Florida. Edward was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Captured while serving in Korea, he was a Prisoner of War for over three years and was held in both Korea and China. He is shown with his wife, Jamie, and Roberta. His quilt was made by Frayed Edges and quilted by Julie F.



Philanthropy Notes!

It might seem strange given the hot weather but for those of you looking ahead to Christmas projects I will bring Christmas-themed fabric donations to the next QU meeting. I will also bring some pillowcase kits and some quilt sandwiches.

Thanks to all for last month's quilts: 20 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and 6 for Big Bend Hospice.

Joy, Ann Gaber, Philanthropy Chair

Late Breaking News – Q.U. and Global Quilt Connection: Chance to Sample Quilt Teachers



The live link to this event will be sent to you by email on September 15.

Meanwhile, you can see all the teachers and the titles of their presentation on our website at <https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/workshops-and-lessons/>



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 **September 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	
September 14	Guild Meeting – Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road
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.**

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	Marion Millet
	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.