

Around the Block

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Sit & Stitch Coordinator: Susan Voss
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A NEW YEAR FOR QUILTERS UNLIMITED

This is my first opportunity to wish all QU members a Happy New Year. My new year's wish for you all is to give yourself the gift of volunteering.

Make a 17 x 25 inch little quilt for the babies at the hospital. Call the Sit-n-Stitch Coordinator about joining a new group. As we grow in the number of QU members, new sit-n-stitch groups need to be organized. Come to meetings and hear new requests made for help...for example: 6 inch squares to remember the 'babies', a quilt show at a retirement home, quilts for orphan pets from your scraps to name but a few opportunities.

Each new year gives us a new chance for self improvement and improving the community we live in.

The first thing each QU member should do ... is create a name tag (any size and any style). This assists all of us to know your name as well as the senior members (me) who have trouble remembering that new name we heard just last month! The second thing that a new or old QU member needs to do is ask for help when you are having a problem with a pattern or a technique. Ask the person sitting next to you at a QU meeting, call a board member for a referral with your problem. Maybe it is a problem that requires a class for group instruction or a one to one meeting. We are all members of QU for mutual support for each other as well as our community.

I hope that I have inspired you to volunteer and get involved. As you can see by the activities chairpersons list to your left, many committees are now co-chaired. Pick one and work your way through all the varied ways to learn more about how QU works. Start with a small job, such as Sunshine, Show & Tell or another job of your choice and have fun.

LAUGH, LEARN and QUILT

Esther Weiner, President Quilters Unlimited for 2010

Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" group is a group of members who meet weekly, bi-weekly or sometimes once a month. Some groups meet in a member's home on a rotating basis and work on their own individual project. Some groups meet at a specified location and work on a service project. We have several of both of these types of groups in our guild. If you are interested, please call Susan Voss.

Meeting Time	Contact Person
Cover Lovers Tuesday afternoon	Deanne Adams
Second Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Connie Beane
Lafayette Community Last Saturday of month 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Gertrude Shirley
McQuilters Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Ronald McDonald House	Carol Harrison
Big Bend Hospice Quilters Monday 1.00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.	Virginia Lewis
The Quilting Bees Senior Center Monday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Katrina Jackson
Havana Sit-n-Stitch 2 nd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.	Martha Mitchell
Ladies of Leisure Every other Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Topi Henderson
Crazy Quilters Monticello Library Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Barbara Sheats
Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety Thursday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Esther Weiner
Thimble Buddies 2 nd Friday of month 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Wendy Stone
Patchwork & Prayer 1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Janice Parker

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: December 19th

Please submit materials to Selena Foo via email at nativetxn73@comcast.net or call me.

December Birthday? Bring a beverage along with your potluck dish!

Upcoming Programs...

December ~ Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner, gift exchange and quilt show wrap up. Come hungry, come early and bring a potluck dish and a gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. The wrapped or bagged gift should consist of one fat quarter along with a "gift from the heart." The gift from the heart could be anything you chose such as a special poem, recipe, jelly sample, etc.
Please arrive with your dish by 6:00 so that dinner can begin by 6:15.

January ~ We start off right in the new year by learning how to document our quilts, with a lecture by Connie Beane. In addition, Susan Wallace will teach us how to preserve our quilts.

2010 Challenge Quilt Rules

The 2010 Challenge Rules are now available and can be purchased for \$5 at the December QU meeting. The show theme this year is "Garden Party."

Your finished challenge quilt will be due at the September 2010 guild meeting.

Wendy Stone
2010 Challenge Quilt Chair

December Steering Committee Meeting

Just a reminder, there will be no steering committee meeting in December due to the Christmas holiday.

Steering Committee meetings are open to all QU membership. E-mail me at EstherD616@comcast.net if you have any concerns or suggestions you would like to present at the meeting.

Happy Holidays to all – *Esther Weiner*, QU President

News from the Sunshine State Quilters Association

Submitted by Caroline Collins, Tallahassee Area Rep, with information provided by Pat Tribbey, Webmaster SSQA

One happy woman in Winter Haven now owns the SSQA opportunity quilt. See her posing with her quilt on the SSQA website at <http://www.ssga.org/09raffq.htm>

NEW Featured Raffle Quilt

Visit <http://www.ssga.org/raffle.htm> to view raffle quilts available around the state. "Seashore Treasure", the St. Andrew Bay Quilters' Guild is newly featured on the site. Tickets will be sold until February 13, 2010, when the drawing is held at their show in Panama City.

Funds Available for Grants Program

Your group can apply for monetary assistance to hold a Quilt Discovery Day event. Learn more at <http://www.ssga.org/grants.htm>. Up to \$5,000 will be divided among groups who are hosting a Discovery Day between June 2010 and 2011. There may be room for another person on the awards committee. This involves reading copies of the proposals and committing to attend one in-person meeting sometime in April or May for making the awards. Being on the committee does not prevent your group from applying for a grant. Contact chair Pat Arends of DeBary at pada315@aol.com

Board Meeting on Dec. 3

All board members and anyone else interested in the business of SSQA are invited to the board meeting on Thursday Dec. 3 in Windermere, FL. If you cannot attend but have questions, comments, etc, please let any of the board members know (see p. 5 of your SSQA newsletter). Contact Dori at: dorihawks@gmail.com if you are attending.

Quilt Shows

St. Pete - November 6, 2009 – January 10, 2010

The Florida International Museum is hosting a large exhibit from Nov. 6 until Jan. 10. Get details and more info on their website at: www.spcollege.edu/fimuseum or from joanscaffidi@juno.com

Punta Gorda – February 26-27, 2010

Details at <http://www.ssga.org/qltshows.htm>

Symposium! April 6 - 9, 2011

The symposium will be held April 6 to 9 in 2011, somewhere on the west coast of the state. Locations are under consideration...if you have suggestions, please contact Symposium chair Dee Duckworth at dduck53@earthlink.net

Book Review - Stack a New Deck by Karla Alexandra

Pieces from Dori: Check out the next Book Review in the [Fun Stuff section](http://www.ssga.org/fun.htm) (www.ssga.org/fun.htm) of the SSQA web site. Read a good book? Or found a quilting book you can't do without? Share your opinion with members -- send to anotherpat@aol.com

Have fun and check often to see what's new at SSQA.org.

Year-End Reminder

If you donated Pediatric Comfort Quilts or NICU quilts to TMH during the 2009 calendar year and wish to claim as a tax deduction, you need to complete the "Gift in Kind" form and submit to Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare with a postmark date

NO LATER THAN December 31, 2009.

Copies of these forms will be available at the December meeting.

Wendy Stone

Happy Healthy Holidays to All!

Wendy Stone
1827 Chardonnay Place
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December 10th QU Meeting

Don't Forget:

- Completed December Raffle Blocks
- Membership Dues
- \$\$\$ for Challenge Rules
- Library Books
- Handmade Name Badge
- Christmas Gift
- Potluck Dinner Item

December Birthday!
Bring a beverage in addition to
your pot luck dinner item

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