AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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Next Meeting: November 12, 2026, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive
Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive Times: 6:00 pm Social, 6:30 pm Meeting

President's Message

Winter Is Coming! One of those events that harkens to colder days is the clocks "falling" back an hour. This event occurred early this year, on November 1st, giving everyone an extra hour to sleep or maybe you used it to quilt. Finding time during the upcoming holiday season to work on your quilt projects may be an impossible task. Or maybe you are inspired to finish up all those quilts because they must be given as presents in the next couple of months. The cooler weather creates a wonderful chance to snuggle under a quilt, or work on one if hand quilting or finish bindings.



As the days get shorter and the nights get longer, another advantage to the wonderful autumn season is a chance to see more of our night sky and all the beautiful stars, without having to stay up way past bedtime. Stars are beautiful and the way the sky looks different every night is fascinating. A star quilt has that same magic to appear different depending on fabrics.

If you are a go-getter with lots of free time and have already completed all the 2026 quilting to-dos, you may want to try a new quilt pattern, Southern Stars, free from Fat Quarter Shop. It uses many different fabrics, so no two quilts would look alike, but the stars will twinkle brightly in them all.

https://www.fatquartershop.com/southern-stars-quilt-free-pdf-pattern
Happy Quilting,
Kerry

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November Program

November 12, 2026 — Susan Wallace will be presenting on quilt repair and restoration.

December Program

December 10, 2026 — **Potluck** celebrating our year together. No agenda except Show and Tell and great food!

Thanks!!
Tracy Wade
Programs Chair

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Americana Challenge Quilts



The 2026 Americana Challenge: Celebrating America's 250th is in the books.

All Challenge quilts are safely in my possession. I received notice from the library, and they will display them in November at the Northeast and Eastside branch locations. This is a change from the original Main library location. I will bring them in December to return them to each artist.

I sure hope everyone enjoyed participating in this year's challenge—whether as a quilter or voter. I am excited to run the challenge next year and I have a member who has already volunteered to help! It's going to be a fun one! Quilts will be POPPING!

Carole Gentry

Global Quilt Connection's All Star Sampler Platter



October 25th and 26, members were invited to attend the Global Quilt Connection's All Star Sampler Platter. It was a sampler of 20+ quilt teachers with various techniques. **IN ADDITION.....the live event will be available until NOVEMBER 8th** - so go back to your email from October 21st and click on the link, which will take you to the recording of the entire event!

Let Cheryl Gratt know your favorites and what classes you might be interested in taking!

We do need to remind you and ask you NOT to share this link with anyone who is NOT a current member of Quilters Unlimited. This event was purchased for YOU as a member. It is sort of like not sharing a pattern. This event was offered for a fee...and passing out the link is forbidden by the Global Quilt Connection. This is THEIR living and abusing this request is taking money out of their pockets! Thanks for understanding.

Questions, please call or email Cheryl Gratt

Welcome to All New Members for 2026



On Thursday, November 19th I will be hosting one last social gathering at my house from 6pm - 7:30pm.

Feel free to bring a project (complete or in progress).

There will be beverages and a few snacks but additions are welcome. The year is nearly done but we are just beginning!

My address, phone and email are in the QU Directory. All Members are welcome! RSVP appreciated but not required; sometimes we only know at the last minute.

Joy!
Ann Gaber, Welcome Chair

Friendship Star Quilters – Quilt Show



November Block of the Month: Improv Stitch and Flip Stars

The stars in the sky aren't all alike—they vary in size and color and arrange themselves in constellations, not in a grid or randomly. You can give your quilt stars some of this variety by improvising their construction—within limits!

1. Choose 2 fabrics with strong contrast. I like to use a dark background and light accent just because it seems more star-like.
2. Cut the background fabric into a square at least 1 inch larger than you want the final **unfinished** block.
3. Cut this square into 4 equal squares.
4. Cut the accent fabric into 4 strips roughly as long as the side of the smaller squares and at least an inch wide. These don't need to be exactly the same—see the first picture to get an idea of the scale.
5. Pin the strips to the upper corner of each background square right sides together, making sure it will cover the background corner after you stitch the edge and flip it back. (I always end up having to restitch at least one of these strips.)

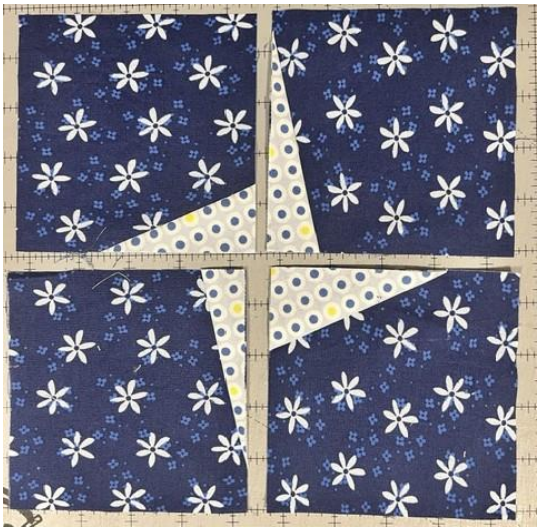


6. Stitch the upper edges of the strips and fold and press them back to cover the corners. (You can trim the seams or not; the stars will lie flatter if you do but you might like the added bulk.)

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7. Trim the excess fabric to square up the corners and turn the squares to create a star in the center.



8. Stitch together the squares and trim to the desired size.



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December Block of the Month: Putting It All Together

It's time to gather up all the improv blocks you have made and turn them into a quilt top, If you don't have enough, you can find a block that you enjoyed making and make a few more or improvise your own design! I had to make two more blocks to get enough for this future cat mat.



Ellen Fournier
Block of the Month

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Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **November 28, 2026.** 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.

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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https://www.facebook.com/QuiltTallahassee/

Guild Calendar

2026	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted. 6:00pm Social / 6:30pm Meeting	
Nov 12	Guild Meeting – Susan Wallace Quilt Repair and Restoration
Nov 17	Steering Committee Meeting 6:00pm at Main Library
Dec 10	Guild Meeting – Potluck Celebration

2026 QU Steering Committee

Position	2026
President	*Vacant*
President-Elect	*Vacant*
Treasurer	Kerry Cohen
Membership VP	Sue Isaac
Secretary	Janet Taylor
Auditor	Linda Robbins
Awards	Janet Hughes
Block of the Month	Ellen Fournier
Challenge Quilt	Carole Gentry
Door Prize	Wendy Adams Joanne Stock
Equipment	Michele Hackmeyer
Internet/Website	Sue Isaac
Library	Michele Hackmeyer
Newsletter/Email	Darlene Pricher
Opportunity Quilt 2026	*Vacant*
Opportunity Quilt 2027	*Vacant*
Past President	Kerry Cohen
Philanthropy	Ann Gaber and Co.
Programs	Tracy Wade
Publicity/Social Media	*Vacant*
Quilt Show 2026	*Vacant*
Silent Auction	Dawn Griffin Hanneke Hoxworth
Sit-n-Stitch	Peggy Clark
Sunshine	Shelley Woodyard
Travel	TBD
Welcoming	Ann Gaber
Workshops	Cheryl Gratt

Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of quilters who meet regularly to work on service projects, learning and practicing quilting techniques, or working on members' individual projects. Some groups meet in members' homes on a rotating basis and others meet at specified locations. If you are interested in joining a sit-n-stitch group, please call Peggy Clark or call the group's contact person. Phone numbers are available to Guild members in the Quilters Unlimited Membership Directory. Members are encouraged to form new sit-n-stitch groups to match their quilting interests.

Monday	Quilting Bees @ Senior Center	Weekly 9 am - 1 pm	Janice Watson
	Southwood Stitchers	Weekly 10 am - 1 pm Southwood Community Center	Jane Kazmer
Tuesday	Bits and Pieces	1st Tuesday, 11:15 am – 3:30 pm Fellowship Presbyterian Church 3158 Shamrock St. S, Tallahassee	Teresa Miller
Tuesday or Thursday	Rags2Bags	Tuesday 10 am – 2 pm OR Thursday 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm Faith Community Outreach Center	Evelyn Gonzalez
Wednesday	Pin Pals*	1st and 3rd Wednesdays Killearn area, 1:00 - 3:30 pm	Teri Smith
Thursday	Sew Arty	3rd Thursday 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Bernina Connection Bring your own lunch.	Marion Millet
	Appliqué Addicts	3rd Thursday 11 am - 1:45 pm Northeast Branch Library	Selena Foo
	Frayed Edges*	Weekly, 9:30 am – 12 pm	Loui Tope
Friday	Sew for HOPE	1st & 3rd Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Bring your own lunch. St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2198 N. Meridian Road	Sandra Tate, Judy Rainbrook
Saturday	Second Saturday	Saturday after guild meeting, 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane
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**** Group is currently at maximum capacity.***

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Items for Sale or Free, by Guild Members.
See Directory for Specific Contact Information

2006 Husqvarna Viking SE Limited Edition-Designer Diamond

Contact Diane Fogarty (look up in the QU Directory)
Excellent condition
-- $1200 –

My friend Carolyn wants to sell her mom's (passed away at 100 yo) 2006 Husqvarna Viking SE Limited Edition-Designer Diamond. It has an exclusive sensor system used for 80 hours' worth of sewing. It is an advanced computer driven sewing, quilting and embroidery machine and has a 3D touch screen, sensor system that auto senses fabric thickness, 1000 Stitch library, with internet updates available. It has all the hardware, including hoops, power cord, foot pedal, accessories, including extra feet, bonus software and all manuals for the machine and embroidery attachment. Comes with travel cases. It is in excellent condition and has been serviced every year since owning it. It was purchased for $6,000 and she is selling for $1200.

Also available:

-Horn sewing machine cabinet which the machine fits in. Dimensions open 48"Wx19.5"Dx30.5"H...24"wX19.5"Dx30.5"H closed. It has a working manual air-lift mechanism, typical of 2006 models and is in excellent condition. $200

-Folding Fabric Cutting Table-58.75"wx36"Dx29.75"H(folding side panels to 12.25" wide) It is adjustable and perfect for sewing, crafting, etc.and has 6 casters with 4 locking wheels. Excellent condition. $250(On sale presently at Home Depot for $499.99)

All prices are negotiable. Contact Diane Fogarty for more information



Carole Gentry, Longarm Quilting Specialist

Look up Carole's contact information in the QU Directory or via Facebook at:

facebook.com/LollipopLLC

Classified Ads -- Instructions

Only Guild Members can list items for sale, for services, or "free-to-a-good-home". How to request an ad? Email your ad/notices to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@quilttallahassee.com. Briefly describe the item and asking price.

Your item will be posted for only one month per email submission.

ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND PROBLEMS WITH A SALE OR SERVICES ARE BETWEEN THE BUYER AND SELLER.