

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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**Next Meeting: August 14, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive
Times: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting**

August President's Message

Time flies when you're having fun!! As the calendar flips over to August, we are flying through the year and heading into the fall, football season and then the "holidays." Some stores are even putting out Halloween decorations.

Last month's Challenge Quilt Reveal was a stunning display of quilts representing all the seasons, from the flowering springtime, the bright summer, the cool fall and then the crisp, cold wintertime. All those wonderful memories, places and weather temps

crafted from fabric and thread!

Here in Florida, August means we still have a lot of hot summer days to get through before we reach those lovely autumn morning temperatures. Our quilt show "A Walk in the Woods" at LeMoyne Arts will open later this month to take us through to the last days of summer and help us look forward to lovely fall days ahead.

August is National Family Fun Month. If a hike in the woods sounds too hot what better way to spend time with the family than exploring the show and viewing all the wonderful quilts our members have worked so hard to create. No matter what the temperature outside, quilting is an activity that brings us together.

August is also Happiness Happens Month. Quilting brings happiness to not only the quilters, but to everyone that views our quilts at shows and to those that receive a quilt to snuggle, especially on the cooler days to come. So maybe happiness doesn't just happen but is created one stitch at a time.

Happy Quilting,
Kerry



Upcoming Programs

August 14, 2025 – Trivia Night and Special Exhibit – Come have some fun as we test our quilting knowledge with some easy and some not so easy trivia questions. We will also have the honor of viewing the artistry of Marsha Walper's wonderful quilts with a special exhibit at the August meeting.

September 11, 2025 – Lisa Barton, Director of the Museum of Florida History, will join us to share about the Museum's quilt collection and talk about appropriate care of these textile treasures.

October 9, 2025 – Our very own Jennifer Darnell will explain the Regency era Huswife and provide directions for creating your own sewing kit just like Jane Austen.

November 13, 2025 – Signature quilts become popular in the mid-19th century. QU's Kerry Cohen will explore the history of this style of quilt and showcase how and why signature quilts might need to be your next quilting project this Thanksgiving.

December 11, 2025 – It's Party Time! Join us at a potluck dinner to celebrate another fabulous year of Quilters Unlimited. We will have a great time chatting with fellow quilters, awarding our Volunteer of the Year and passing the torch to our 2026 Officers.

Block of the Month 2025

Hey "QU Strippers" we did it again last month with an overwhelming response.

I am so proud of each of you! Never before have we had such a great response as this year. Why?

Some say it is so easy, some say it is using up scraps and some think it is "mindless" sewing. Whatever the reason, please keep stripping!

If you are new and want to begin to be a "Stripper" the block is 8 1/2 by 8 1/2 or thereabouts. We will trim them at another time.

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor





2025 Opportunity Quilt Tickets Are Available!

Tickets are on sale for the Opportunity Quilt at every meeting. A drawing for Arabella will be held at the close of the LeMoyne Show. Who will get to take home this gorgeous batik bed cover?!

One for \$2; Three for \$5 - and add your name to a drawing for another three tickets.

Don't forget to sign up to Volunteer to provide Arabella donation/opportunity tickets during the LeMoyne Show. Link to signup: <https://signup.com/go/KesaeDy>.

Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor



Welcome Gathering Rescheduled !!!

Monday, August 18th

From 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

At Ann Gaber's home (in directory)

Newer Members getting to know each other and some of our more established members. Everyone is welcome!

Challenge Quilt Reveal – A Walk in the Woods

Just a reminder that our Challenge quilts will be on display at the LeMoyne Show starting August 21st.

Congratulations to Linda Stright for winning Best of Show with her Challenge quilt based on a photo of her parents.

Cathy Sandmann



Philanthropy News for August



Philanthropy is still in need of a chairperson. It is more fun than you might think. For description of position, it is on the QU website, or you can contact Ann Gaber. I am in the QU Directory.

For the time being it is being managed by Ann Gaber, Evelyn Gonzalez and Jeanne Brenner. And greatly appreciated assistance from Karen Skinner, Wendy Adams and Joann Stock. There are others. Please forgive my omissions! And thank you to all who have been working with the Philanthropy quilts! You have been terrific using our new system of signing kits, tops and quilts in and out. It is still new so it is

being explained below for those not familiar yet.

At our next meeting please come to our tables to turn in your completed tops and completed "comfort" quilts. If your quilt was made from a kit provided by Jeanne or Evelyn, please log back in with them. You will see signs for the clipboards for signing in or out. They are trying to keep track of the kits. If your quilt is not from that group, you can turn it in to Ann Gaber at the table next to Jeanne's.

PLEASE REMEMBER: TOPS WITH LOTS OF PIECING ON THE OUTSIDE BORDERS SHOULD BE EDGE-STITCHED TO KEEP THE SEAMS FROM PULLING APART.

Come to us as well to pick up quilts to quilt either on your standard sewing machines or on your long-arm machines. We try to label the quilts which we have cut batting and backing for clearly for these two categories of sewing machines. We can also provide quilts to bind when quilted ones are turned into us. Sometimes they need to be trimmed first. If you do not have any use for the trimmed materials, please turn them into us. We can use them in future kits or for binding.

If you are interested in helping with our franken-batting efforts where we fuse larger leftover pieces from our large batting rolls to pair with our tops, please contact Ann Gaber. Also, if you would like to help create kits for tops made from our donated fabrics, you can contact Ann. I have a notebook of fun smaller quilts (size 40-ish inches by 60-ish inches) we can work from.

Joy,
Ann

LeMoyne Quilt Exhibit 2025 – Pam Doffek & Karen Kunz

Here are the BIG dates to remember:

LeMoyneArts

QUILT DROP OFF: August 15 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and August 16 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. You may have a friend drop off your quilts.

OPENING RECEPTION: August 21, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. BRING FINGER FOODS BY 4:45

MUFFINS, MIMOSAS AND QUILTO: August 23, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ARTIST TALK: September 4, 6 p.m. Sue Isaac will update a lecture on “Modern Quilts”

QUILT PICK-UP: September 22 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and September 23 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. You may have a friend pick up your quilts.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER to provide donation/opportunity tickets during the exhibit. Link to signup: <https://signup.com/go/KesaeDy>

If no one signs up, no tickets will be sold. LeMoyne staff are not responsible for taking ticket donations.

There are only 2 shifts of 3.5 hours/day. We only need 1 person per shift. At special events (opening, gallery talk and QUILTO) extra slots have been added.

You MAY bring something to work on while you sit and volunteer.

Any questions contact: Pam Doffek or Karen Kunz

Silent Auction: August 21 - September 19 Marty O’Neill, Chair

If you committed an item for the Silent Auction, please give to Marty no later than August guild meeting. If you are unable to bring your item, she is happy to meet up with you to get your donation. You can contact Marty via email or by cell.



City Hall Show – Take Down Day

The CITY HALL SHOW has been a beautiful success.

Take down day is August 5th at 9 am and the quilts will be driven to Janet Taylor's home in PineyZ. You are welcome to stop by for your quilt by arrangement or pick up your quilt at the August 14th meeting. If you need me to hold your quilt for pick up later, please let me know. (Some of you have already done that.)



Thank you to those who participated, either as a quilt entry or an observer/admirer. This was an exceptional show which contributed to the knowledge and appreciation of quilting in the greater Tallahassee community.

Janet Taylor

Round Robin Group



August meeting, you should receive your container.

Let's look towards our Christmas meeting to show off our finished projects.

Teresa B

Door Prize Table – Are you available to help?

Teresa will be out of town for the August meeting and is requesting a volunteer to sit at the Door Prize Table.

Teresa will provide any necessary supplies. If you are available to cover at the August meeting, please text or email Teresa Bostwick.



Teresa's information is in the directory.

2026 Officers Needed

The 2026 Nomination Committee is still looking for volunteers for the elected positions of President, President-Elect and Membership Vice-President.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please let me know. Here is a quick recap of officer position descriptions. More details about the duties can be found on our website in the By-Laws or the Position Notebooks.



The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Steering Committee. In consultation with the other officers, the President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President may appoint Ad Hoc Committees as needed.

The President-Elect shall assist in such duties as the President may direct and shall serve in the absence of the President. The President-Elect shall chair the Nominating Committee.

The Membership Vice-President shall serve in the absence of the President and President-Elect, keep a current list of membership, collect all membership dues, and publish the Membership and Information Directory for distribution.

Officers for the upcoming year shall be solicited by a Nominating Committee. A nominee must have been a member of the organization for at least one year and must give prior consent to the nomination.

Thanks!

Kerry Cohen

Membership Report

Let's welcome new members Pam Mallard, Lisa Daws, Roseanne Reanier, and Juanita Sapp. We now have 22 new members in 2025; please invite your quilting friends who haven't discovered Quilters Unlimited and encourage them to join!



Here are our mid-year membership statistics:

- As of July, there are 141 paid members of Quilters Unlimited.
- At the end of 2024 there were 160 members.
- 22 new members have joined this year.
- 41 members from last year have not renewed their membership.
- 111 Directories have been distributed, 16 by mail.
- Monthly attendance has averaged 59 members. The number of guests has ranged from 1 to 5.

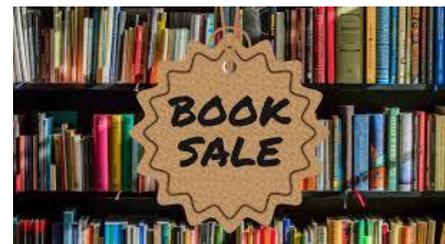
Just a reminder that we have Quilters Unlimited Pins for sale. They have our logo and are great for pinning on your nametag! The cost is \$5 and Michele Hackmeyer will be selling at the library table.

Please everyone check your entry in the Directory to make sure all the information is correct, especially that the phone numbers are in the right place. If corrections are needed, please let Ellen Fournier know by email, message, or conventional mail.

QU Library Inventory Reduction

The QU Library inventory reduction effort continues. There will be another batch of books for sale. \$2 each, cash only.

The books have been organized by topic or category and this month will include books on paper piecing and embellishments.



All other books are still available to be checked out. Send me your request and I'll bring it to the meeting for you.

Michele Hackmeyer, QU Librarian

2025 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.
5. 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 Janet Hughes with questions about submitting nominations.

Quilt of Valor – Additional Photographs

We have some additional photographs from last month's Quilt of Valor newsletter item honoring Royal Logan, James Hoorman, and Timothy Holeda. Be sure to read last month's write up regarding these veterans. We applaud each of our veterans for their service!



LAST CALL - Bus Trip to Quiltfest Jacksonville

The trip will take place:

Saturday, September 20, 2025



Participants will be meeting at Walmart by Costco at 7 AM to depart at 7:30 AM. We will arrive in Jacksonville at the Prime Osborne convention center between 10 and 10:15 AM. We will be boarding the bus to return to Tallahassee at 3:30 PM with an arrival time back in Tallahassee between 6 PM and 6:15 PM. Bus is equipped with a restroom however we are allowing enough time for a rest stop along the way.

Fee: \$65.00 and that includes your bus fare, driver tip, and show admission. Lunch is on your own. The fee must be paid by the close of business at our August meeting.

Refunds: Refunds are no longer available so it will be necessary to find someone to buy your seat.

Non-QU members will be invited to join our trip to help fill the seats that are still available. For additional questions or to reserve your seat, please contact Christine Walsh.

Thanks,

Christine

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is **August 28, 2025**.

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.

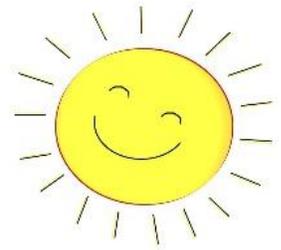
Still have problems? Email our Membership VP at membership@quilttallahassee.com.

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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Guild Calendar

2025	What/Where
Guild Meetings are at Temple Israel unless otherwise noted.	
Jun 4 – Aug 4	QU Quilt Exhibit, City Hall Art Gallery
Aug 14	Guild Meeting
Aug 21 – Sep 20	2025 Quilt Exhibit LeMoyné Arts
Sep 11	Guild Meeting
Sep 20	Bus Trip to Quiltfest Jacksonville
Oct 9	Guild Meeting
Nov 6	Steering Committee Meeting, TBD
Nov 13	Guild Meeting
Dec 11	Guild Meeting

2025 QU Steering Committee

Position	2025
President	Kerry Cohen
President-Elect	<i>Vacant</i>
Membership VP	Ellen Fournier
Secretary	Janet Taylor
Treasurer	Peggy Clark
Awards	Janet Hughes
Block of the Month	Peggy Clark and Janet Taylor
Challenge Quilt	Cathy Sandmann
City Hall Show 2025	Janet Taylor and Peggy Clark
Door Prize	Teresa Bostwick
Equipment	Michele Hackmeyer
Internet/Website	Sue Isaac
Library	Michele Hackmeyer
Newsletter/Email	Darlene Pricher
Opportunity Quilt 2025	Peggy Clark and Janet Taylor
Opportunity Quilt 2026	<i>Vacant</i>
Past President	Janet Taylor
Philanthropy	<i>Vacant</i>
Programs	Kerry Cohen and Darlene Pricher
Publicity/Social Media	Tara Goodman
Quilt Show 2025	Karen Kunz and Pam Doffek
Quilt Show 2026	<i>Vacant</i>
Silent Auction	Marty O'Neill
Sit-n-Stitch	Jeanne Brenner
Sunshine	Shelley Woodyard
Travel	Christine Walsh
Welcoming	Ann Gaber
Workshops	Cheryl Gratt

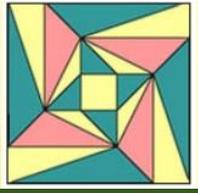
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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 Jeanne Brenner 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	1 st Tuesday, 11 am - 3 pm Eastside Branch Library 1583 Pedrick Road	Teresa Miller
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
	Patchwork & Prayer	1st, 3rd, 4th Thursday 6:30 - 8:30 pm Crawfordville	Judy Stricklin
	Appliqué Addicts	3rd Thursday 11 am - 1:45 pm Northeast Branch Library	Selena Foo
Friday	Frayed Edges*	Weekly, 9:30 am – 12 pm	Loui Tope
Saturday	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
	Second Saturday	Saturday after guild meeting, 9 am - 4 pm	Connie Beane

*** Group is currently at maximum capacity.**



CLASSIFIED ADS

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

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

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.