

AROUND THE BLOCK

QUILTERS UNLIMITED OF TALLAHASSEE

Volume 42, Issue 6

June 2025

**Next Meeting: June 12, 2025, Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Drive
Times: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting**

President's Message

This is a month of celebrations! Last month, we gave flowers to mom, but on June 15th make sure and celebrate all the dads with Father's Day. And the day before, June 14th, take a moment to honor the ol' red, white and blue on National Flag Day. This was the date of the adoption of the first flag of our country in 1777, colloquially attributed to be sewn by Betsy Ross.

The US Army also celebrates its birthday on June 14th, with 2025 marking their 250th birthday.

The song, Grand Old Flag sums up the glory and reverence in the chorus...

"You're a grand old flag,
You're a high-flying flag,
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave."

Our home of the free is all due to the brave men and women past, present and future of our armed forces.

Quilters Unlimited is honored to recognize several veterans and their families at our June meeting with a special presentation of Quilts of Valor. This program is one of the most important we will host all year. Many of you who participated in the blocks of the month in the past two years helped piece together blocks for these special quilts. These quilts are such a small way to give back to our veterans, so please join us on June 12th as we present quilts to those who fought for our freedom and our grand old flag.



Happy Quilting,
Kerry

Marsha Walper Celebration of Life Service

The QU Family lost a beloved member in May 2025. A Tribute to Marsha Walper is posted on the QU website along with a loving tribute by one of her Bits & Pieces friends:



<https://www.quiltallahassee.com/shows-travel-galleries/galleries/marsha-walper/>

For those of you who wish to attend the Celebration of Life Service, it will be held:

June 21st at 1:00 pm
Faith Presbyterian Church
2200 N. Meridian Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Marsha will truly be missed, and our deepest sympathy goes out to her family.

Upcoming Programs

June 12, 2025 – Quilts of Valor Presentation – Join Quilters Unlimited in honoring and celebrating our veterans as they are awarded a Quilt of Valor.

July 10, 2025 – Annual Challenge Quilt Reveal – It's time for unveiling of the quilts in our "A Walk in the Woods" Challenge. Come to view the quilts up close and cast your ballot to award prizes to our quilt makers and hear the inspiration behind their creations as we reveal who made each quilt.

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.

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!

Pick some up, sign out how many and bring back the stubs and money. Easy as we can make it!

Pic of "Arabella" is on the QU Website.

Bring a few dollars to buy tickets for the Opportunity Quilt, \$5 for three tickets gets your name in a drawing for three more.

Keep those tickets flowing for Arabella, our Opportunity Quilt.

She's a gorgeous piece of work!

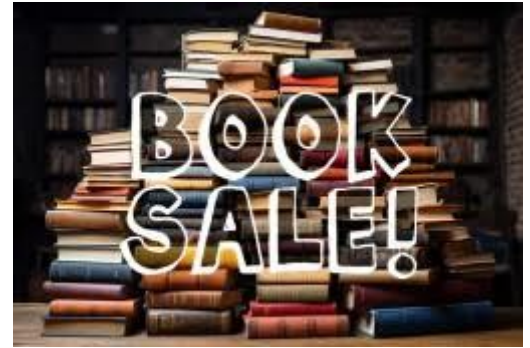
Peggy Clark & Janet Taylor

QU Library Inventory Reduction

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

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



Hospice Says Thanks...

Big Bend Hospice is very grateful and sends a hug and big thanks for the purple squares you all have been creating. They are beautiful and highly appreciated. (I received the hug for the second batch brought over in May.)

Should you have more purple fabric to use, go for it. We can deliver to Hospice anytime.

Janet Taylor



Challenge Quilt – A Walk in the Woods

Still plenty of time to join the quilt challenge!

Quilts are due completed at the July meeting.

Contact me via email or at the meeting.

Cathy Sandmann



Pam Doffek teaches “Expanded Convergence” on July 19

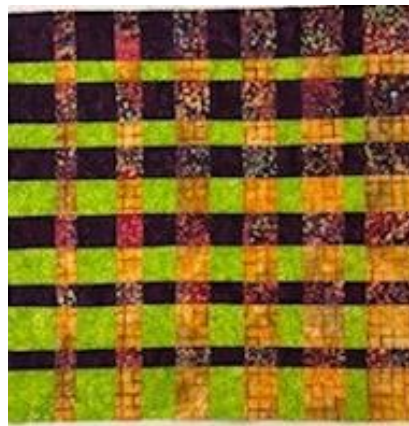
Pam Doffek will teach “Expanded Convergence” on Saturday July 19 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Bradfordville School House Community Center, 6808 Beech Ridge Trail, Tallahassee, 32312.

“Expanded Convergence” takes the basic principles of Ricky Timm's “Convergence” technique and expands them to larger sizes, accounting for various sizes of strips; some bigger to make the sewing easy. Students can work with any fabric square sizes from 18” X 18” to 36 X 36”. Supplies list upon paid registration.

Class fee: \$10 to offset community center registration fee. Pam has shown examples before and will in subsequent QU meetings. Samples of student work from class are shown below.



Lyn Geariety – Jan 2025



Lain Stowe – Jan 2025

Register online by clicking [HERE](#) or call Cheryl Gratt. Registration deadline: July 11, 2025



Membership News

Welcome, new members Phyllis Brooks, Gail Hill, Janice Gunter, and Toni Tardo!

We look forward to getting to know you and your quilts.

Ellen Fournier

LeMoyne Quilt Exhibit 2025 – Pam Doffek & Karen Kunz

Here are the BIG dates to remember:

QUILT APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 13 by 5 p.m. Link to application: <https://www.eventeny.com/events/vendor/?id=28544> Details on QU webpage: <https://www.quiltallahassee.com/shows-travel-galleries/2025-lemoyne-arts-show/>

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.

As of May 25th only 3 of 52 slots have been filled. 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.

SILENT AUCTION: August 21 - September 19 Marty O'Neill, chair:

There is room for 16 items which can include: quilts and other items of general interest to the public, purses, table runners, wall hangings, etc. We want to have at least 12 baskets of varied products and/or excursions that entice people to buy tickets to win a basket of food, pleasure or personal needs or hobbies. Limited space mandates that quilts be 48 inches in length/width. To date, Marty has commitments for 5 items.

It would be helpful if when submitting items, you provide a "starting bid" since you know the time and costs of materials.

The participant who brings in the most money for a *single* donated item will receive their QU dues (2026) gratis. The Sit N Stitch group that brings in the most money for a group donation will receive a \$20 gift certificate, given to the contact person named in the directory, to use at one of your upcoming Sit N Stitch sessions.

You can give Marty your items at any upcoming QU 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.

CHALLENGE QUILTS: Cathy Sandman, chair

Rules packets are still available for quick quilters. Quilts should be completed by the July meeting, and an entry form needs to be completed for the LeMoyne show. Cathy is collecting quilts at the July meeting and they should be labeled and in a pillow case.

LeMoyne Quilt Exhibit 2025 (continued)

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.

Any questions contact: Pam Doffek or Karen Kunz

LeMoyne Gallery Shop

Quilters and Crafters, it is time to show off your creativity! We need 30 to 40 small items for the LeMoyne Gallery Shop. The sale of these items helps LeMoyne offset the cost of putting on our show.

Plan to make one of a kind or maybe 2 or 3 of an item. The items do not have to be quilt related, if you make jewelry, do bead work, make cards, paint or make pottery, to name a few other crafts, those items will be appreciated also.

Quilty items can include pin cushions, mug rugs, placemats, needle books, potholders, “quilted” cards, wallets, pouches, or small wall hanging.

Put your thinking cap on and create some lovely items for the LeMoyne Gallery Shop.

I will be collecting items at the QU meetings.

Thank You,

Linda Strait



2025 Distinguished Quilter Award Nominations



It is time to think about nominating an active member of Quilters Unlimited
for the
Distinguished Quilter Award

Nominations for Distinguished Quilter are due by **July 1**. Nomination forms for Distinguished Quilter are online at: <https://quilttallahassee.com/activities-and-projects/awards/>. The nomination form can be completed and submitted on your computer or on paper and must have both a nominator and a co-nominator from the guild.

In addition to basic contact information, the entry form has three sections to describe the nominee.

1. Outstanding quilting expertise and talent
2. Quilting demonstrations, teaching and/or writing by quilter
3. Local, regional, and/or national quilt shows entered; awards received

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. Distinguished Quilter Award Criteria

- a) The Distinguished Quilter 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; has outstanding quilting expertise and talent; shares by demonstrations, teaching, or writing; and enters quilts in local, regional, and national quilt shows.
- b) The nominee may also: serve as an officer or committee chairperson, demonstrate areas of expertise in guild (programs, writing, other), and show initiative and/or assume responsibility.
- c) The Distinguished Quilter Nomination Form is due to the Awards Committee Chairperson no later than July 1st of each year. The form is available on the QU website.

Contact Janet Hughes with questions about submitting nominations.

City Hall Show

The City Hall Show is upon us. After a three year hiatus, our quilts will be on display once again. Who would like to organize the 2028 show? Let us know!

City Hall will host our entries from June 4 to August 4. **The RECEPTION is on Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 6:00 to 7:30pm.** Do come out and be with COCA representatives for a quilt celebration.



To those who have submitted quilts, these can be picked up at the August meeting, or simply contact me for a special hold or a different time. I certainly have enjoyed the process of bringing our quilts to the Tallahassee public, government, and arts community.

Janet Taylor

Round Robin Group



Just a reminder to all Round Robin persons ... bring your completed 1st border blocks for exchange.

Teresa B

2026 Call to Arms – Nominating Committee and Officers Needed



As the year moves along, it is time to start thinking about 2026. We need to form a nominating committee to present a slate of nominees for 2026 Officers.

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or as a 2026 officer, please let me know.

Here is a quick recap of officer positions and requirements from our by-laws. More details about the officers' duties can be found on our website.

- The elected officers of this organization shall be the President, President-Elect, Membership Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- The officers shall be elected to serve for one year. No officer may hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.
- No officer shall hold more than one office at a time, although an officer may chair a committee in conjunction with an office.
- 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

Bus Trip to Quiltfest Jacksonville

This trip is a great opportunity to get out of Tallahassee and go have some real quilting fun! This quilt show, in the past, has provided an exhibit of several hundred quilts to oogle over and a shopping area full of wonderful vendors and from what I'm reading, this year's show won't disappoint. There are also several food vendors for you to get a bite to eat and enjoy some lunch.



You'll be able to relax on a beautiful comfortable bus and enjoy the ride to and from show. There will be opportunities to participate in some on board games as well as have the opportunity to win some door prizes.

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 available up to the close of business of the July meeting. After that, 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 have not been requested at the close of our June meeting. QU member wishing to bring a guest does not have to wait until June to put their guest's name on the list.

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

June 26, 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



Follow and "Like" Quilters Unlimited of Tallahassee
on Facebook & stay connected.

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

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
Jun 12	Guild Meeting – Program: Quilts of Valor Presentation
Jun 19	City Hall Show Reception
Jul 10	Guild Meeting – Program: Challenge Quilt Reveal
Jul 17	Steering Committee Meeting, Main Library
Aug 14	Guild Meeting
Aug 21 – Sep 20	2025 Quilt Exhibit LeMoyne 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

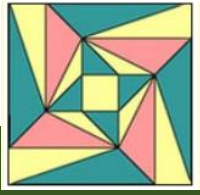
If you are interested in a vacant position, please contact Kerry Cohen. Thank you!

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.