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Applause!

We did it. Our guild members successfully opened two shows in August- the City Hall Show and the exhibit at the Museum of Florida History, both of which combined to feature over a hundred unique and stunning quilts. A special shout out to Dawn Griffin and Chary Root for their leadership in spearheading these efforts.

For those who may not have been present at the Museum's ribbon cutting ceremony, here is a recap of my opening remarks:

What more fitting at a history museum than to take a stroll back in time? Thirty years ago:

- Lady Diana married Prince Charles
- Sandra Day O'Connor became the 1st female Supreme Court justice
- A postage stamp cost \$.18
- A gallon of gas cost \$1.38
- Home prices averaged \$78,000. The average household income was \$21,050
- MTV aired on television and Walter Cronkite bid adieu
- IBM introduced the 1st personal computer (now they are in every home and we use them for sewing)
- 3M introduced the Post-It-sticky note
- CNN debuted Headline News. The Iran hostages were released
- The space shuttle Columbia took its first flight
- Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda won Oscars for *On Golden Pond*

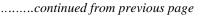
The most popular TV shows were Dallas, Mork & Mindy, M*A*S*H and Laverne & Shirley (there's no accounting for taste).

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Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" is a group of members who meet weekly, biweekly 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 Marsha Walper at 562-0681.

Meeting Time	Contact Person
Second Saturday 9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Connie Beane
Lafayette Community Last Saturdays 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 Jenkins
Havana Sit-n-Stitch 4th Saturday 1:00 p.m.	Martha Mitchell
Ladies of Leisure Every other Thursday 10:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Topi Henderson
Crazy Quilters Wednesdays, 1:00pm - 4:00 p.m. Monticello Library	Barbara Sheats
Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety Thursdays 7:00p.m 9:00 p.m.	Esther Weiner
Thimble Buddies 2nd Fridays, 9:30a.m 11:30a.m.	Wendy Stone
Patchwork & Prayer 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays 6:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	Janice Parker
Sew for HOPE 1st Saturdays 9:30a.m 1:00p.m.	Cynthia Seyler
Sew for HOPE 2nd Tuesdays 1:00p.m 4:30p.m.	Cynthia Seyler
Sew for HOPE 3rd Mondays 9:30a.m 1:00p.m.	Cynthia Seyler
Sew for HOPE 4th Wednesdays 1:00p.m 4:30p.m.	Cynthia Seyler



While many of these events have expired or faded from memory, we have not. QUILTERS UNLIMITED began our continuous collaboration with the Museum and after 30 years, we are still going strong. How many other organizations can boast 30 years of exhibits? Even better, the price of the exhibit has remained the same...FREE!

In 2010 DOC Chief Walt McNeil and Secretary of State Dawn Roberts both spoke of their grandmothers' making comfort quilts for them. While we still make snuggly quilts for our families, we have progressed way beyond the generation of blue haired grannies sewing left over feed sacks. Today's quilts are sold for thousands of dollars and are part of travelling national quilt shows. And yes, we quilters have our own national Museum, thank you very much.

We still possess granny's antique quilts. One example, Flower Garden, is on display in the Museum show. But in addition to the traditional bed quilts, this year's show includes interpretative art quilts, contemporary quilts, quilt clothing, home accessories such as casserole totes, aprons and table runners. There is even a college mascot themed quilt from "the other university". The exhibit is a wealth of color and creativity using cotton fabrics. Bless you, Eli Whitney, for your invention the cotton gin.

Quilters Unlimited is pleased to partner with the City of Tallahassee and the Museum of Florida History. Give yourself a pat on the back and be proud that we can share our creative efforts for the enjoyment of the museum patrons and City Hall visitors. The applause meter is off the scale.

Shelley Bertels 2011 QU President

Upcoming Programs ...

September — Your Favorite Gadgets and Tips

It's time for member participation! Got a favorite gadget? Bring it to the meeting and tell us about it. How about a little tip? Something that helps you work faster or do something easier, maybe a way to put all of those leftovers to good use...Come and tell everyone about it.

October - Barbara Hoagland, Fabric Dyeing

If you have any ideas or would like to suggest a future program subject or presenter, please call or email Michele Hackmeyer, program chairperson.



"BY HAND XVII" QUILTERS UNLIMITED – CITY HALL EXHIBIT JULY 12 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Chair: Dawn Griffin email <u>Griffindd@aol.com</u>
Co-Chair Jennifer Moore email: <u>jennfsulaw@comcast.net</u>.

The City Hall Quilt Show Reception held on Friday August 19, was a success. Thank you to all who provided yummy items for the reception attended and shared your enthusiasm for quilting with the public. We had approximately 65 folks join us!

Exhibitors - Don't Forget! <u>September 13</u> <u>10:00am - 11:00am</u>, Exhibitors must pick up their entries at City Hall. Both Jennifer and I have to return to our day jobs and will be unable to pick up your quilts for you and keep them safe.

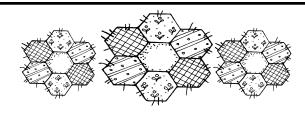
Don't forget to make your

September Block of the Month!

Once again, great participation at the August meeting for our Raffle Block of the Month drawing. Thanks to all who made such fun and well done blocks!

The block for September is Evergreen Tree.....suggested colors are blue and white, however several people last night said they had already made this block in Fall colors, greens, etc. So go for it, and our next month's winner will have a veritable varied (Say that 3 times, fast!!!) forest of Evergreen Trees!!! See you next month,

Mona Snowden
2011 Block Raffle Chair



MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Yes, It's that time again!

Dues for 2012 are due. They are \$20.00 for the year, \$22.00 if you would like the directory mailed to you. If you would like to be included in the 2012 directory, your dues must be paid no later the October guild meeting. You can pay either at the regular guild meeting or by sending a check, made out to Quilters Unlimited, through the US mail to: Quilters Unlimited, c/o Geni Rains, P.O. Box 4324, Tallahassee, FL 32315-4324.

Also please remember to have your picture taken for the 2012 directory at the September or October guild meeting. We'd love to put a face with your name!

Sit-n-Stitch Update

We have different Sit-n-Stitch groups, which meet weekly, biweekly or once a month. Some groups meet in members' homes on a rotating basis and work on their own individual projects, while other groups meet at a specified location and work on service projects.

There are some QU members in the Killearn and Killearn Lakes areas, who are interested in starting a new group(s), which would meet in members' homes.

Please contact Marsha Walper if you are interested in joining a new Sit-n-Stitch group. You can help determine the meeting times and even the name of the new group(s).



Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is: September 24th

Please submit materials to Selena Foo via email at

qutlhnews@gmail.com

Upcoming Project

Do you have any orphans? In quilt terms, an orphan block is one that is left over from a project or a block that didn't fit in. Don't have an orphan? Make a block for this project. Any size or any color and any technique can be used.

In September and October please bring at least one of your orphan blocks to donate to a Philanthropic project.

Quilts of Valor

Many thanks to those of you who donated Quilts of Valor. We'll be mailing off 12 beautiful quilts. Each of these quilts will brighten a serviceman's days and convey our caring for the service and sacrifice our armed service personnel provide.

Book Sale

Visit the Hot! Hot! Hot! half price book sale at the library table on September 8, 2011.

From the Travel Desk ...

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The bus to QuiltFest in Jacksonville is full and we have three on the wait list. We will meet at the back food court entrance of the Tallahassee Mall at 7:30 AM on Saturday, September 24, and will leave promptly at 8:00 AM. We will be back around 6:00 PM. The cost is \$28.00, which includes the show entrance. Please call me if you wish to be added to the wait list.

This is a fun trip and there are lots of beautiful quilts and lots of wonderful vendors.

Happy Trails,

Marilyn Kelley

My Wife . . . The Quilter

She learned to quilt on Monday.

Her stitches were so fine.

She forgot to thaw out dinner,
so we went out to dine.

She quilted miniatures on Tuesday, she says they are a must. They really were quite lovely, but she forgot to dust.

On Wednesday, it was a sampler, She says the stippling's fun. What highlights! Oh, what shadows! But the laundry wasn't done.

Her charm quilt was on Thursday, green patches, blue and red.

I guess she really was engrossed; she never made the bed.

It was wallhangings on Friday, in colors she adores, but she never seemed to notice the crumbs on all the floors.

I found a maid on Saturday!
My week is now complete.
My wife can quilt the hours away;
the house will still be neat.

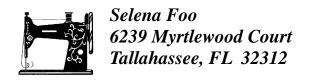
Well, it's already Sunday.
I think I'm about to wilt!
I cursed, I raved, I ranted The MAID has learned to Quilt!!!

~ Author Unknown

LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch Reminder to ALL:

You are very welcome to attend the LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch. The group meets from 2:00pm until 5:00pm on the last Saturday of each month at the <u>LaFayette Park Community Center</u>. This is a great opportunity for new members to get to know some other member. Remember, if we don't utilize this facility, we will lose the privilege of using it. The Lafayette Park Community Center is the perfect place to sandwich and baste your next quilt. There are plenty of tables and lots of space. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marsha Walper.

Upcoming dates are: September 24th & October 29th

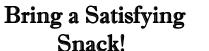


September 8th QU Meeting

Pon't Forget Your:

- ✓ \$\$\$ for Membership Dues
- ☑ Library Books
- ☑ Block of the Month Blocks
- ☑ Hand made Name Badge
- ☑ Orphan Blocks

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY!





Dates to Remember

September 8	Guild Meeting, 7:00pm
September 13	City Hall Quilt Show Quilt Pickup
September 24	Newsletter Deadline
September 24	LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch
October 13	Guild Meeting, 7:00pm
October 22	Newsletter Deadline
October 29	LaFayette Park Sit 'n Stitch

Meetings are held at Timberlane Church of Christ, 3569 Timberlane School Road. The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY! Bring a Satisfying Snack!