

2014-2015 Officers

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President's Message

August is an exciting month at the Guild, with the "Reveal" of the Challenge Quilts. I can't wait to see them! We have such a creative membership. And how exciting that in addition to their display at Guild Meeting, they will also be exhibited at the Goldstein Library on the main FSU campus. Woohoo!

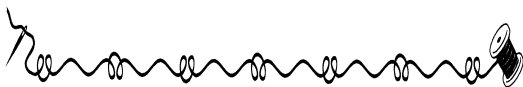
Speaking of our meeting space, and segueing into our relocation to the Social Hall at Temple Israel, I have received very favorable reactions from members. We know there is a bit of fine-tuning needed with things like the microphone volume, and table layout for Committees. That offer is still open for hiring a helper to assist with getting the chairs and tables set up before the meeting. \$10/meeting. And as we start to progress into the time of year with earlier onset of nightfall, I'd like to encourage everyone to bring a flashlight for getting to their cars as we leave.

I'm sure you are curious about what was the reason for the alarm going off just as we were finishing up the July meeting. Apparently, the Special Olympics folks meeting in the gymnasium were told to set the alarm when they left. But we were still there. When our folks started to leave, it triggered the alarm. Several of us called various contact numbers trying to resolve the situation, with little success. The alarm finally turned itself off after about a half-hour. Steps will be taken to address this.

Back to quilting topics, I see that the quilting magazines and e-mail quilting newsletters are starting to display their Winter/Christmas fabrics. Since we suspect that Christmassy-themed items will sell well at the Guild's Boutique, this is timely inspiration. Although, considering the heat these days, if you are more inspired by summery projects, we won't turn down watermelon-themed items like placemats and similar items for summer picnics and drinking iced tea.

I hope you find a way to have a cool summer with some time for quilting.

~ Karen Skinner
2015 QU President





Sit-n-Stitch Groups

A "Sit-n-Stitch" 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 Marsha Walper.

*** Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity, not accepting new members at this time**

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| Big Bend Hospice | McQuilters | Crazy Quilters | Sew Arty | Thimble Buddies * | Sew for Hope |
| 1:00pm - 3:00pm Virginia Lewis | Ronald McDonald House 1:00pm - 3:00pm Carol Harrison | Monticello Library 1:00pm - 4:00pm Barbara Sheats | 3rd Thursday 11:30am - 1:30pm Kathleen Turner | 2nd Friday 9:30am - 1:30pm Wendy Stone | 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9:30am - 3:00pm Cynthia Seyler |
| The Quilting Bees | | Pin Pals * | Patchwork & Prayer | Frayed Edges * | 2nd Saturday |
| Senior Center 1:00pm - 4:00pm | | 1st & 3rd Wed. 1:00pm - 3:00pm Linda Steans | 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursday 6:30pm - 8:30pm Janice Parker | 9:30am - 12:00pm Selena Foo | 9:00am - 4:00pm Connie Beane |
| Southwood Stitchers | | | Southern Comfort | Quilts 'n Books | Havana Sit 'n Stitch |
| Southwood Comm. Room 10:00am - 3:00pm Nancy O'Rourke | | | 1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm Esther Weiner | 4th Friday 10:00am - 12:00pm NE Library on Thomasville Rd. Joy Vo | 4th Saturday 1:00pm - ? Martha Mitchell |
| Midtown Sit 'n Stitch | | | Appliqué Addicts | | EQ Software |
| Sunday Karen Skinner's house 1:00pm—4:00pm Karen Skinner | | | 3rd Thursday NE Library, Thomasville Rd 5:30 - 7:45 pm Mary C. Scott | | 2nd Saturday Feb/April/Jun/Sept/Nov 1:00pm - 3:00pm Margaret Boeth |



Sailboat Quilt from June Program



Thank you to those who made sailboat blocks for the guild's philanthropic children's quilt. Virginia Lewis, Stephanie Guttman, Sharon Pollock, Linda Stright, and Susan Wallace added multiple sailboat blocks to the samples I had at the June meeting and we have one complete quilt top! The pattern and directions are on the guild web site under the Menu "About QU" in the "Workshops & Lessons" section. You can still participate in our second sailboat quilt by turning in blocks at the next guild meeting.

~ Marsha Walper

Thanks to everyone who has made items for the boutiques. We are still in need of items in all price ranges -inexpensive (mug rugs) to higher valued (quilts). If you could make a set of place mats, Christmas ornaments, pot holders, purses or tote bags, quilts, or other items please bring them to the August meeting. We can participate in more craft shows if we get more items in.

~ Nancy O'Rourke

Newsletter Info

The deadline for newsletter submissions for the next issue is:

August 25th

Please submit materials to
Selena Foo via email at

qutlhnews@gmail.com

Upcoming Programs ...

August 2015 – Challenge

This is always a great opportunity to hear about the creativity of our members and see their projects. Let's have great participation in the challenge.

QU Workshops Schedule

Becky Goldsmith from Piece o' Cake designs is coming to Tallahassee this September!

Both of her workshops are full, but come join us for her lecture on September 10th at 7:00pm.

Trapunto Workshop in November

Join Pam Doffek at Chaires Community Center on Saturday, November 14th from 10:30am - 4:30pm to learn the beautiful tradition of stuffed quilting. Both hand and machine techniques will be demonstrated. A photo of the sample will be posted on our web site soon. Class fee is \$30. Make your reservation now.

Spiky Leaves Update

Linda O'Sullivan will teach her first Spiky Leaves class on January 9, 2016 at Chaires Community Center. This session is full, but we hope to offer an encore presentation, also in January.

If you would like to be on the waiting list, please contact Jeanne Brenner. Class fee is \$30 for all day class.

We are looking for suggestions of what classes you are interested in and hoping more members will share their knowledge by teaching classes.

Sunsets - Sharon Christianson

Sharon passed away on July 21, 2015, in a most untimely way. Sharon was very active in the Challenge Quilt, in her Sit-N-Stitch, and general quilting. She taught Electric Quilt at the Sewing Party in June. She was also very active in the Tallahassee Civic Chorale, and in costume design/construction for the Tallahassee Little Theater. I ask for you to think or pray supportive thoughts to/for the family.

The family plans to have a "Celebration of Life" gathering later in August. Sharon's eldest daughter said she planned to let me know when and where. At this writing (7/23/15), contact information for mailing condolences was not available, but will be shared when we get it.

Committee Chairs or Teams Needed

The Guild needs volunteers to chair the following Ad Hoc Committees for the remainder of this year:

Publicity
Spring 2016 Opportunity Quilt

Also, the City Hall Committee needs to be reactivated, and a Chairperson is being sought. The Council on Culture and Arts has assured us that they will host us again, and we have indicated a preference for Spring.

Duties for the Ad Hoc Committees are roughly:

Publicity -- coordinate with the Council on Culture & Arts regarding the events the Guild has coming up (e.g., Opportunity Quilt at Railroad Square, Boutiques) using the website form that COCA has; submit articles to the Tallahassee Democrat about our events, maybe in the Limelight or Chronicles)

Spring 2016 Opportunity Quilt -- the quilt is made, but tickets are needed, venues need to be lined up for display of the Quilt (e.g., Springtime Arts shows, Craft Fairs, Saturday Markets, Railroad Square), and coordination needs to be done arranging members to show the Quilt and vend the tickets

Please contact Karen Skinner if you (or a team of you) can perform these tasks.

NEW BOOKS IN THE QU LIBRARY

Thanks to the generosity of our members, there are some new titles available for all of us to check out.

Claire's Cats Volume 2 by Darcy Ashton
English Paper Piecing II by Vicky Bellino

Fabric Postcards by Judi Warren

American Heritage Quilts
By Better Homes and Gardens
256 Fat Quarter Quilt Blocks
by Jeanne Stauffer

Rotary magic by Rodale Press

Learning to Quilt by Lori Yetmar Smith

Quilters Ultimate Visual Guide
by Rodale Press

Thank you to those who shared their treasures with us. These "new" books will be available at the August meeting. If you have any requests, just let me know.

~ Jeanne Brenner
Library Coordinator



Guild Budget Update

The Guild has taken a hard look at our budget this year, proven to be especially necessary with the loss of the Museum Show for 2015, and made quite a few changes to the way we do business. Initially, it looked like we would empty our Checking and eat into our Emergency Reserve by several thousand dollars in the fall of 2016. But with the changes -- much of it due to creative thinking and hard work by many of our members -- things look better.

We use a "Crystal Ball" technique called Cash Flow Projections, whereby you estimate [or use hard data, If you have it] on a month-by-month basis how much money will be brought in, and/or spent, in each budget category (e.g., Opportunity Quilt, Door Prizes). Then all the categories are tallied on that month-by-month basis. This gives a much clearer picture of potential problems over the year than does just looking at the amount we have at any one time, in particular, the beginning of the year. At the beginning, we've just brought in our annual dues, and normally, the proceeds of the Museum Show, so we seem rather "flush". But we typically hit a low in the fall of the year -- and that can be the sticking point. This can be better seen on a new chart that is posted to the Guild's website. Go to Membership > Guild Organization. At bottom of page look for link to Budget Analysis. Or, go to: <http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/guild-organization/budget-analysis/>

So what have we done to correct our course?

| Estimated Change | Action |
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| Increase \$2,000 for 2016 | Raised Dues from \$20 to \$30/ year for 200+ members |
| Shifted ~\$1,000 expense from 2016 to 2017 | Postponed the Sharon Chambers Workshop into 2017; Guild covers cost of lecture, some transportation, lodging, meals; classes covers remainder |
| Income of \$1,200 or more | Initiated fundraising via Classes by taught by Members |
| Income of \$450 or more in | Initiated fundraising via Boutiques at craft fairs |
| Income of \$370 or more | Made arrangements for a Spring 2016 Opportunity Quilt |
| Delete expense of \$50 in | Changed Newsletter Mailing policy such that recipients cover their own |
| Delete expense of \$140/ year | Reduced the number of @quilttallahassee e-mail addresses, dropping those charges |
| Not calculated | Made numerous other changes decreasing or deleting allocations for Door Prizes, Distinguished Quilter Award, President's Gift, Sunshine, Block-of-the-Month, Donation to TRBChurch, Library, Programs, etc. |

What does this mean, simply? Well, we think that in 2015, with an estimated income of about \$9,530 and expenses of about \$11,360, we will only have a budget shortfall of \$1,800 at the end of the year instead of \$6,600. And we should avoid, at the low point, emptying the piggy-bank.

Sew for Hope

Sew for Hope has been very busy the last few months making scrappy blocks. But we still have three bins of scraps left! You know how that works. We have been pleasantly surprised by an increase in volunteers for our Saturday meetings at ARTS After School.

When we dropped off completed quilts at Hope House in July, we found that the stock of twin quilts was totally depleted and medium quilts were down to about eight. A large influx of families has led to this sudden demand. There are 40+ residents over capacity right now at Hope and many of them have youngsters and teenagers with them. So if you have a medium or large quilt that you are working on for Sew for Hope, now would be a useful time to finish it.

Sew for Hope could also use larger pieces of fabric suitable for quilt backing.

And as always, Sew for Hope is deeply grateful for all that the members of QU do for Hope House. You make our work possible!

| Date | Event | Location | Notes |
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| 2015 Guild Schedule | | | |
| Aug. 7 th | First Friday Railroad Square - Opportunity Quilt set-up at 5:30, runs from 6pm to 9pm | Railroad Square Art Park Non-profit area | Need helpers |
| Aug. 13 th | Afternoon -- Class Paper-piecing class by Jeanne Brenner | Temple Israel <i>Social Hall</i> | |
| | Evening ---General Meeting | Temple Israel <i>Social Hall</i> | |
| Aug. 24 th - Oct. 3 rd | Challenge Quilt Display; open to Public | Goldstein Library on FSU Campus | |
| Sept. 4 th | First Friday Railroad Square - Opportunity Quilt set-up at 5:30, runs from 6pm to 9pm | Railroad Square Art Park Non-profit area | Need helpers |
| Sept. 10 th | General Meeting | Temple Israel <i>Social Hall</i> | |
| Sept. 11 th | Becky Goldsmith Workshop | Timberlane Church of Christ | |
| Sept. 12 th | Becky Goldsmith Workshop | Timberlane Church of Christ | |
| Sept. 15 th | Steering Committee Meeting | Temple Israel <i>Chapel room</i> | |
| Sept. 26 th | QuiltFest Bus Trip | | |
| Oct. 2 nd | First Friday Railroad Square - Opportunity Quilt set-up at 5:30, runs from 6pm to 9pm | Railroad Square Art Park Non-profit area | Need helpers |
| Oct. 3 rd | Challenge Quilt "Pick-up" Party; also for all Members; "party/Social"> Noon to 2pm; Quilt pick-up> 2pm to 4pm | Goldstein Library on FSU Campus | |
| Oct. 8 th | General Meeting | Temple Israel <i>Social Hall</i> | |
| Oct. 10 th | Guild Boutique at Pumpkin Fest | Havana, Florida Pumpkin Fest | |
| Nov. 6 th | First Friday Railroad Square - Opportunity Quilt set-up at 5:30, runs from 6pm to 9pm | Railroad Square Art Park Non-profit area | Need helpers |
| Nov. 12 th | General Meeting | Temple Israel <i>Social Hall</i> | |
| Nov. 14 th | Trapunto class by Pam Doffek | Chaires Community Center | |
| | Guild Boutique at Good Shepherd Church | Good Shepherd Church | |
| Nov. 17 th | Steering Committee Meeting | Temple Israel <i>Chapel room</i> | |
| Nov. 21 st | Guild Boutique at Bradley's Country Fair | Bradley's Country Fair | |
| Dec. 4 th | First Friday Railroad Square - Opportunity Quilt set-up at 5:30, runs from 6pm to 9pm | Railroad Square Art Park Non-profit area | Need helpers |
| Dec. 10 th | General Meeting | Temple Israel <i>Social Hall</i> | |
| Dec. 12 th | Guild Boutique at Oven Park | Oven Park | |

Jail Project - "Stitch-n-Time" Group

The quilting group at the Leon County Jail, working under Officer Donna Guy, has been undergoing lots of changes. Due to construction, the group has moved to another area in the jail and has reduced the number of sewing crew from 18 to 12. But that doesn't slow down this busy group. They just delivered 40 lap quilts and 70 walker caddies to Centre Point and 40 quilts to the Growing Room Day Care Center. Now they are working on chair pads for the wheelchair patrons at Pyramid and lots more quilts! Some of their quilts will be appearing on the sheriff's web site soon (lcs.leonfl.org)

The program still needs colored thread and they are also looking for larger pieces of fabric suitable for backing on medium and full quilts.

Two graduates of Stitch-n-Time have received sewing machines from Sew for Hope and another graduate has received quilting supplies.

We are still visiting the jail once a month to provide assistance. If you are interested in visiting, you will need to fill out a brief background check form. Ask Peggy Clarke or Judy Rainbrook for the form. We are also still looking for someone to be a phone contact for the women who are interested in continuing to work for Sew for Hope once they are released. This person would stay in touch with these women to find out if sewing resources are needed and to let Sew for Hope know. IF you are interested, please talk to Judy or Peggy.

The continued support of QU is deeply appreciated and makes a difference in these women's lives.



Voting Results on Newsletter Mailing Policy

Members voted at the July Guild Meeting whether to institute the following policy:
Members desiring a mailed newsletter must provide a letter-size stamped self-addressed envelope at least 30 days in advance of the publication date.

70 ballots were received, of which 90% voted yes. The Steering Committee then voted on an effective date for the policy, that being the October 2015 Newsletter.

Since the Newsletter normally is published the first week of the month, this translates into the envelopes needing to be in the Membership Chair's hands by around the 3rd day of the month (beginning in September).

There are several ways to achieve this:

Do this one month at time.

Provide several months' worth of envelope at once [but do keep track of when you will need to provide more].

Alternatives include:

Picking up the Newsletter at the meeting.

Have a "Newsletter Buddy" who has internet access print you out a copy.

For future reference, the Policy has been posted to the Policies section of the Guild's website:

<http://quilttallahassee.com/membership/policies/>



DOOR PRIZES

July Door Prize Winners

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cynthia Seyler | Iris Garcia |
| Roberta Granville | Jennifer Moore |
| Judy Rainbrook | Diane Higgenbotham |
| Mickie Johnson | |

Special Christmas in July Drawing

Jennifer Cooley

Congratulations ladies! Everyone, please wear your name badges so you can enter each month's drawing. We look forward to seeing you.

~ *Miriam Baldwin and Kris Klob*
Door Prize Chairpersons



It's time for the Quilt Challenge Reveal!

The theme of this year's Challenge is For Every Quilt There Is a Season, and the Challenge Team has encouraged participants not only to create a quilt representing their favorite season but also to try one or more new techniques in making it. Our program will give Challenge participants an opportunity to talk about designing and making their quilts, what they new or different techniques they tried--and what they might do or do differently next time.

Quilts are to be turned in between 6:00pm - 6:30pm before the August meeting, so voting can begin at 6:30 during our social time and run until 7:15. This will give the Team time to count the votes and prepare the awards during the program.

Please plan to come early and support those who took the Challenge!



Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee
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August 13th QU Meeting

Don't Forget Your

- Challenge Quilts
- Library Books
- Handmade Name Badge
- Show 'n Tell



Dates to Remember

- August 13 Guild Meeting, 7:00pm @ Temple Israel's Social Hall
- August 25 Newsletter Deadline
- September 10 Guild Meeting, 7:00pm @ Temple Israel's Social Hall
- September 25 Newsletter Deadline

Meeting Location

Meetings are held at the
 Ruby Diamond Social Hall
 Of Temple Israel
 2215 Mahan Drive
 The social half-hour starts at 6:30 p.m.
 The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

