

Quilter's Unlimited of Tallahassee

Around the Block

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2015

President's Message

Relax and Enjoy

Last month I wrote about the importance of accuracy. This month I want to write about the importance of relaxing and enjoying this hobby. That means not fretting over small mistakes and imperfections. Are your seams not quite perfectly matched? Do you have a few points that are cut off? Unless you're making something to be submitted for a juried and judged show, I say don't sweat the small stuff. Lay the block or quilt top on your bed and go to the far side of the room. Does the flaw really stand out from that distance? This is a hobby and it's supposed to be fun. My motto is "I don't make art, I make blankets." I know some folks will argue that everything we do is 'art', but my point is that I make things that I want to be used, thrown on the bed or sofa, and thrown in the wash. As long as what I have made is used and enjoyed, I'm not going to worry about minor imperfections.

So go have some fun!

Michele Hackmeyer, President

Sew many quilts, sew little time!

Dates To Remember

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June 12, 2014 -- Guild Meeting -- "Fruit Basket Turnover" -- a "get acquainted/games & fun" event

June 26, 2014 -- Steering Committee Meeting

July 10, 2014-- Guild Meeting; Quilts of Valor & Philanthropy Quilts

July 10, 2014 -- Deadline for Museum Show application; deadline for LeMoyne Show application

July 26, 2014, 10:00am -- Quilt turn-in for LeMoyne Show at LeMoyne

August 1, 2014 -- LeMoyne Show Opening Reception

Newsletter Updates: 25th of each month

The QU Quilt Show at Lemoyne

Attention Makers of Beautiful Quilts

Applications for the Lemoyne Quilt Show, happening this August, must be submitted by the June 12 Quilters Unlimited guild meeting.

Forms are available to download on our website (a link is in the upper right corner of the home page) or at the May 8 QU meeting.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the grand opening reception at The Lemoyne Center for the Visual Arts in downtown Tallahassee on August 1.

Help make this show a memorable event with your participation!

If you have not already completed a form, just bring 2 photos of your work and the dimensions and we can fill out a form together.

August is almost here! Let's have fun.

June Block of the Month - Florida Crossties

The May blocks, "Deep Peace", were won by Caroline Collins. Thanks to all who made the block designed by Katheen Turner. Janet Pearce's "Florida Crossties" is our June Block of the Month. Go to the QU website www.quilttallahassee.com then click on Activities & Projects. From there, go to 2014 Block of the Month (BOM) to find Janet's instructions and a photo of her quilt. This is a very simple, beginner level block that you can create in just an hour. Peruse your stash and find some black, garnet and gold scraps for this block. Have fun with it and adorn the center black square with an FSU logo, if you wish. Bring your block to the June meeting, and put your name in the basket. You may win them all and be on your way to a great one of a kind quilt. Call Wendy or Martha if you need help (see directory).

QU Museum Show “Starry, Starry Night” 2014 Update!

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Applications DUE:	Thurs 6/12/14 Midnight
Challenge Quilt Contest:	Thurs 8/14/14 (Guild meeting)
Quilt Drop-off (Museum):	Sat 8/23/14 10:00 am til noon
Opening Night Reception (Museum):	Thurs 9/11/14 5:30-7:30 pm (Guild meeting)
Museum Show:	Friday 9/12/14—Sunday 10/19/14
Silent Auction ends & Opportunity Quilt Drawing	Sun 10/19/14
Quilt Pick Up (Museum):	Sat 10/25/14 10:00 am til noon

See Website for Complete Museum Show Guidelines

2014 Team:

OPEN – Coordinate Volunteers

Hatti Pennie - Museum Show Co-Chair (Chair 2015)

Margaret Boeth - show reception, (coordinates reception with museum staff and reminds QU members to bring tasty treats).

Marsha Walper and Pam Doffek - ribbons for Best of Show – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each category and youth entries and first time show entries.

Sue Isaac - count the votes submitted by the public during the show for each for each category and Best of Show.

Linda Dozier - Opportunity quilt tickets, Opportunity Quilt Photograph

Frayed Edges Creative Team - Opportunity Quilt

Deon Lewis – Challenge Quilt and Ribbons

Dawn Griffin – 2014 Museum Show Chair ([\(850\) 509-6103](tel:8505096103) / Griffindd@aol.com)

CHALLENGE QUILT FOR 2014

CHALLENGE QUILT DEADLINE APPROACHING

The first deadline for Challenge Quilts is drawing near! Everyone who intends to show a challenge quilt at the August judging and then enter it in the Museum quilt show **must** submit an application and photo by the June 12 QU meeting online, or to Show Chairs Dawn Griffin by mail or in person. Application and photo instructions are on the QU

website: www.quiltallahassee.com.

Even if you have not completed your quilt, you should take a photo of your progress and submit it. Then completely finish your quilt by the August 14 QU meeting. Quilts entered in the Challenge will be decided June 12 by those who have submitted applications and photo.

Thanks to all who have participated by purchasing guidelines and completing quilts. I can't wait to see them in August! Any questions? Call me at 294-3055 or email cdlewis@velocityonline.net --Deon Lewis, Challenge Chairperson

2015 Chairperson Volunteers Information

A link to the pdf-file list of the Volunteers has been posted to the Website on the "Guild Organization" page (under Membership & Organization grouping)..

Please chat with these people about being on their Team and helping them and the Guild.

Upcoming Programs

In June we will have a fun program all about getting to know our fellow quilters.

In July the program will focus on philanthropic quilting. Bring your favorite project to share and take this opportunity to tell the guild about the organizations you like to quilt for.

****Mark your Calendars****

Saturday September 27 ~ JAX QuiltFest Bus Trip

"It's Not All Black and White"

Cost per person is \$30.00
(Bus Transportation \$20 + \$10 Show admission)

Sit Back & Enjoy the Ride!

To reserve your spot - Purchase tickets from Joy Vo at the June meeting.
Or send a check to her by mail (See the QU directory).

"Free Stuff" Table at Guild Meetings

We all like to find free stuff and it's nice to have a place where we can pass on things we no longer want. At recent meetings we've had a wide variety of items offered, so with the next meeting we'll have a table set up at the back of the room for this. Members may bring items they would like to give away and put them on that table. However, anything left at the end of the meeting must be taken home by the member who brought it.

Reminder: If you took a leaf kit for the 2015 Opportunity Quilt, please remember to bring it to the June meeting, finished or not. For those who brought theirs in May, a big 'Thank you.' So remember, bring in the leaves. Betty Rinkel, 2015 Opportunity Quilt chairman.

Betty Rinkel

Workshops

Time for the BIG reveal for the Lynne Hagmeier workshops:

Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Guild meeting, Lynne will share 50 or so quilts and stories from Kansas Trouble first fabric line to her most current. I'll have workshop samples a bit later in the summer. Both of the workshops are from her new projects/book.

Friday, November 14, 2014 – Double Take Stars

Saturday, November 15, 2014 – Windmills on the plains

Workshops are \$60 each, payable with PayPal on the QU website or by cash or check at the Guild meetings.

Workshops are held at Timberlane Church of Christ (where we have our Guild meetings) from 9 AM to 3 PM. Since the class begins at 9, please arrive with your sewing gear around 8:30 so you can be set up and ready to begin at 9 AM. It is suggested you brown bag lunch as lunch time can be brief. If you would like to bring a treat or good thing to eat and share with the group, these are always enjoyed, and appreciated. The Guild provides coffee in the morning. Water and ice is available at the Church.

A word about a future guest and hope for your UFOs, Sharon Schamber, who is scheduled for Fall 2016 won Best of Show at the recent Road to California quilt show. She started her winning quilt in 2002, put it away and didn't pull it out until 2012. That's 10 years in the UFO bin! After 2 years of her meticulous work, victory for her and her quilt. Some things do get better with age J

Barbara Wiggins

Funny advice from 1949 that Mona Snowden shared with QU during the May program.

ADVICE FROM A SINGER SEWING MANUAL, 1949

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do... Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade. When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag full of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.

From Martha Tilden

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 .

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Big Bend Hospice	Sew for Hope	Crazy Quilters	Sew Arty	Thimble Buddies *	Sew for Hope
1-3 pm Virginia Lewis	2nd Tuesday 1-4:30 pm Cynthia Seyler	Monticello Library 1-4 pm Barbara Sheats	3rd Thursday 11:30 am-1:30 pm Kathleen Turner	2nd Friday 9:30-11:30am Wendy Stone	1st Saturday 9:30am-1pm Cynthia Seyler
The Quilting Bees	McQuilters	Pin Pals *	Patchwork & Prayer	Quilts `n Books	2nd Saturday
Senior Center 1-4 pm Nancy O'Rouke	Ronald McDonald 1-3 pm Carol Harrison	1st & 3rd Wed. 1-3 pm Linda Steans	1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm Janice Parker	Panera, Thomasville rd. 4th Friday, 10:00 am	9 am-4 pm Connie Beane
Southwood Stitchers			Southern Comfort 'Sew'sciety *		Havana Sit'n Stitch
Southwood Community Room Mondays 10:00-3:00 pm Nancy O'Rouke			1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays 7-9 pm Esther Weiner		4th Saturday 1 pm Martha Mitchell
* Sit-n-Stitch at full capacity					Lafayette Community Last Saturday 2-5 pm Gertrude Shirley

Small/Medium/Long-arm Machine Quilter's group

The group is open to both (1) machine and/or frame owners; and (2) those who are interested in acquiring the machines/frames. New members are welcome!

Next Meeting: This group has elected to begin meeting on a quarterly basis (although interim meetings may be scheduled if something special pops up). Accordingly, the next meeting will be in July, possibly on the 16th. Please refer to the Bulletin on the Guild's website, or the Newsletter for updates

If you have questions or wish to be put on the group's e-mail distribution list, contact Karen Skinner (see directory for contact details).

QU Leon County Prison Project Update

By Judith Rainbrook

On March 20th, four members of QU went to visit the Officer Donna Guy and the women participating in the Leon County Jail Sewing Group. We brought a cartload of material and supplies, including many pre-cut blocks donated by Sew for Hope. The response from the women in the program was very heart-warming. In addition to their displaying for us a number of quilts that they were working on, we had an animated discussion with a young woman who is about to be released to encourage her and her mom, an accomplished seamstress, to become involved in QU once she was out on her own again.

Afterwards, we received two emails from Officer Guy. The day of the visit, she wrote:

The ladies talked for a good half-hour after you and the other QU ladies left. Thanks again. It meant a lot to them that each QU member spoke to each of them and noticed what they were doing. The ladies in the program were just amazed at the fact that the QU women spoke to them and showed them some good techniques to use. This really helps with bringing in ladies. It helps with their morale and lets them know they do have a good skill. Thanks again. Hope to see you again soon.

The next day, she wrote:

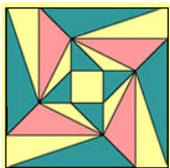
The women loved the material. The majority of them took all the patterns and most of the material was something we could use. The ladies were like little kids at Christmas with the sounds they were making. Michelle, who wanted to join the Quilters Guild, is a good sewer and loves to learn new things. Her mother is a sewer and I advised her to get her mother involved. Thanks again for all your help. See you next time.

We set up another visit on May 16th but no one signed up at the last QU meeting. I think my clipboard didn't make it past the first table. Anyway, if you are interested in visiting the program in June, I will be getting dates from Officer Guy and will have them at the next meeting. The visit will be on one of the two weeks AFTER the QU meeting. If you have an interest, feel free to email me now at dragonpc@earthlink.net and I will let you know when a date is decided.

Things the prison project could use most at the moment:

- colored thread
- coordinated pre-cut fabric squares 3 inches or larger
- fabric marking pencils
- pin cushions

Thanks to all who have brought in items to help or shared their time to reach out to the women in the project! It makes a real difference in their lives.



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Submit Info for Newsletter!

**The deadline for newsletter
submissions is**

25th of the Month

**Please submit materials via
email at
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